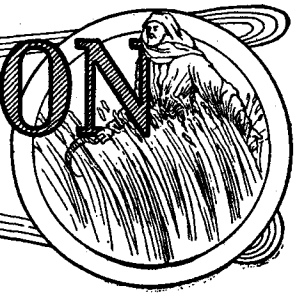


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## IS SOUND DOCTRINE ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION?

In the first paragraph of a first page article which appeared in the WORKER of January 11, last, we made the following statement:—

"In matters of faith and doctrine, the belief and practise of which involves our temporal interests, and the most 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."

In the words quoted we thought we were expressing a truth so evident as to be recognized and assented to by all, and in language too plain to be misunderstood. But not so. Not long after the article referred to was published, we received a letter from an eastern city in which the writer took exceptions to our statement, alleging that we therein affirmed that an absolutely correct doctrine was *essential to salvation* in the extreme sense that no one can ever be saved while believing and practising doctrines in which there is *any* error. We think that such an interpretation of our words was quite unwarranted, and we *know* that we are innocent of holding such opinions.

Our position on this question is this: The belief and practise of an absolutely perfect system of doctrine is *not* necessary or essential to salvation in the sense mentioned. If it were some of the most godly and useful men the church has ever numbered in her membership would be rejected from heaven. Men whom God has used mightily for the upbuilding of his work and the advancement of his truth in the earth, would at last be debarred from his presence to share the fate of the lost. Luther, and other reformers of the sixteenth century, as well as men of both earlier and later times who have suffered and died for the cross of Christ, would have no hope, because they had not all the light, and therefore clung to some doctrines that were not in harmony with truth. But we believe they will be saved. Then, too, many Christians who all their lives observed Sunday as the Sabbath will wear bright crowns in the kingdom of God, and even some who have never heard the name of Christ will join in the glad song of redemption and sing his praises in the earth made new, as witnesseth the following paragraph from "Desire of Ages," page 638:—

"Those whom Christ commends in the judgment, may have known little of theology, but they have cherished his principles. Through the influence of the divine Spirit they have been a blessing to those about them. Even among the heathen are those who have cherished the spirit of kindness; before the words of life had fallen upon their ears, they have befriended the missionaries, even ministering to them at the peril of their own lives. Among the heathen are those who worship God ignorantly, *those to whom the light is never brought by human instrumentality, yet they will not perish.*

Though ignorant of the written law of God, they have heard his voice speaking to them in nature, and have done the things that the law required. Their works are evidence that the Holy Spirit has touched their hearts, and *they are recognized as the children of God.*" This truth is also taught by Paul in Rom. 2:13-15.

Those here mentioned, as well as the persons before referred to will be saved, not by virtue of their ignorance or of the false doctrines which they held, but because with honest, consecrated hearts they conscientiously walked in all the light they had and served, worshiped, and did the will of God according to their best knowledge, and God accepted their sincerity of purpose and honest motive.

But the fact that under certain conditions and circumstances salvation is possible to those who have not a correct or full knowledge of the truth, does not argue that sound doctrine is of little importance, or that a correct knowledge thereof and obedience thereto, *is never essential to salvation.* In the days of Noah faith in the doctrine of a coming flood was essential to salvation, and its rejection sealed the doom of the world. That wicked generation listened to the solemn warning for a hundred and twenty years and rejected it. They were without excuse, and suffered merited punishment. The fate of Ninevah depended upon its attitude toward the preaching of Jonah. It repented and was spared.

Acceptance of the doctrine that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah foreshadowed their sacrifices, and whose coming was foretold by their prophets, was essential to the salvation of Israel, and millions of the chosen people will be forever lost because they rejected it, and because they still deny that Christ was he. While yet among them the Saviour said, "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." John 8:24.

We are now approaching another and final crisis in the history of the world and the third angel's message is being heralded to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Are its doctrines, both theoretical and practical, essential, or can the people be saved as well without as with a knowledge of them? If they are not essential, then what possible excuse can we offer for the tremendous efforts we are making at the sacrifice of home, comfort, money, and in many instances, of health and life, to carry them to the world? We believe that they are all essential. Satan is working as never before to deceive and destroy souls. To this end he is filling the world with false and delusive doctrines to accept which is fatal, and against which the truths of the third angel's message are the only safeguard and protection.

In 2 Tim. 2:18 we read as follows: "Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is passed already; and *overthrow the faith of some.*" Here we learn that a wrong understanding of a purely theoretical doctrine, which

might not be supposed to have any effect upon the heart and life, led to the overthrow of faith, nevertheless. And in 2 Tim. 4:3, 4, we read, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth [sound doctrine], and shall be turned unto fables."

Ignorance of the truth, or sound doctrine, or refusal to accept it, even though it may not in itself directly affect the moral nature, opens the way for, and is sure to result in the retention or reception of fatal errors.

A knowledge and belief of the doctrine of a soon coming Saviour is to this generation essential to salvation for the reason that only those who are looking and waiting for him will make the necessary preparation to meet him in peace. See Matt. 24:37-44, 48-51; Heb. 9:28.

A correct understanding of the state of the dead is also essential, for the reason that those who believe that the dead are conscious will surely, in the near future, fall a prey to Spiritualism. Concerning this we read in "Early Writings," p. 87 the following:—

"I saw that the saints must get a thorough understanding of present truth, which they will be obliged to maintain from the Scriptures. *They must understand the state of the dead;* for the spirits of devils will yet appear to them, professing to be beloved friends and relatives who will declare to them *that the Sabbath has been changed*, also other unscriptural doctrines. They will do all in their power to excite sympathy, and will work miracles before them, to confirm what they declare. *The people of God must be prepared to withstand these spirits with the Bible truth that the dead know not anything.*" P. 88. "*Unless we are prepared for it, we shall be ensnared and overcome.*" Every Spiritualist in the world is such because he does not understand or does not believe the Bible doctrine that the "dead know not anything." Knowledge and belief of that doctrine was therefore essential to their salvation, and is now the only safeguard against that fatal deception.

The doctrine of the true Sabbath is also essential because it is the only thing that will save the people of this generation from the fatal mark of the beast, against which the most awful punishment is decreed.

This principle of essentiality, as illustrated by the Scriptures cited and our comments on the doctrines mentioned, inheres in all our doctrines, and in all Scriptural doctrines in general. Hence the command to preach the gospel in all the world, and the message of Rev. 14, "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

There is not a religious error in the world that would not have been prevented, or that would not now be cured by the true doctrines of Scripture, if they were universally accepted.

The true doctrine of the true God, if known and cherished, would banish heathenism from the earth, and the true knowledge of the heavenly sanctuary, the priesthood and mediation of Christ, and of justification by faith, would leave Rome not only a widow, but also childless.

Let every Seventh-day Adventist heed the admonition, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." 1 Tim. 4:16.

In closing we again affirm the statement with which this article begins, and believe that our readers will agree with us. No one in these days can afford to remain in uncertainty concerning matters of faith and doctrine. Those who do will attract the deceiver, and are in great danger of falling a prey to his delusions.

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending March 30, 1912. Total number of bound volumes, 4,193; Watchman, 2842.

### CANVASSERS' LETTERS

SOME time ago you asked me to write of some of my experiences while canvassing. I have delayed doing so, but will now relate one experience that is still precious to me.

Does the Lord take care of his people? In answer to this, let me state the following:—

In Pennsylvania the nights are very warm and the farmers have large barns and straw stacks; in West Virginia the nights are chilly and there are very few barns and straw stacks. In Pennsylvania I slept in barns and straw stacks many times, while in West Virginia I did not sleep out one night during the whole summer.

One evening about eight o'clock, I began looking for a place to stay overnight, but was repeatedly turned away. I walked on. After a while I could neither hear nor see sound nor sign of a habitation. The night was chilly and the moonlit dewdrops began to sparkle on the grass. I came to a fork in the road and did not know which to take. I listened several minutes but not a sound reached my ears. I made desperate attempts to convince myself that I could crawl into a fence corner and live it out until morning, but the glittering dew forbade. I thought of the heavenly Father who loves his servants, and falling upon my knees laid the situation before him. I arose and looked about as though expecting something strange to happen in answer to my prayer. Forcibly came the thought, "wait upon the Lord." I sat down on the bank and waited about a minute when far down in a little hollow a dog barked three times, then all was still again. Immediately I started in that direction. Fifteen minutes later I came to the house, called the people up (it being about eleven o'clock), and they gave me the softest and warmest bed I found in West Virginia. The next morning I took an order for "Great Controversy," and later delivered it to them.

Throw yourself on the mercy of the Lord and "all will be well."

J. A. WINEMILLER.

### KENTUCKY

I AM sure all will be interested to know about the progress of the canvassing work this week. Brother Lucas and I worked seventeen hours last week and together took \$36 worth of orders. He is only sixteen years old, and this is his first experience in the work. In about twelve hours he took \$25.50 worth. He has worked a part of two days this week and took \$13.50 worth of orders. The other three of the company arrived last night. All were of good courage and are now ready to go out in the morning to tell the message to others. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world in this generation. We have many things to praise the Lord for, and our prayers are needed now more than ever before that these workers may have success and courage to stay in the work till the Lord comes.

H. E. BECK.

ABOUT one week before the institute was held at Grove church I decided to turn from the broad path and unite with the God-fearing people. I went to the institute and it not only encouraged me but it helped me to consecrate myself to God so that I may be of more use in distributing the printed page to the many yearning hearts that long for instruction.

On Wednesday I arrived at Owensboro, and I then got a glimpse of the field to which I had been appointed. On

Thursday morning I got up early to begin my first day's work in the field. At the end of the day I had worked seven hours and had taken \$13 worth of orders. This encouraged me very much. The next day I worked five hours and took \$12.50 more. This convinced me that the angel of the Lord had gone before me and prepared the way. With the help of God I am determined to stay with the work until it is finished. I earnestly ask the prayers of God's people that in the end I may have many stars in my crown.

J. V. LUCAS.

#### TENNESSEE RIVER

I WANT to write and tell you how wonderfully the Lord has blessed me in my work since the Bookmen's Convention. Although my health has been very poor, I have stuck to the work right along through the bad and cold weather. I have sold several books in town which have created some interest, and I pray that they will lead some to see the precious truth. There are two young men in town who bought "Story of Daniel," "Seer of Patmos," and "Scriptural Evidences." They became much interested and went to their minister with questions on some points. He said that he could explain them, and that he would preach a sermon on the subject. But that has not satisfied them.

I made my delivery in the country and delivered every one of my books, took twelve orders for "Bible Footlights," and could have sold more "Seer of Patmos" and "Story of Daniel" if I had had them with me. One man, who met me on the road as I was returning Friday, wanted to buy one. There is a great deal of work to be done here. I trust the Lord to help me to do it. Pray for me while my prayers are uttered in behalf of the work in the Publishing House.

JOS. SAMUEL MOORE.

I HAVE been looking forward to the time when I could see some of my brothers and sisters in the work if not *all* of them. This desire has been partially realized. My sister Rebecca has started out with me in the work, and I don't think she began it just as an experiment, but I think she entered the work to stay by it, God being her helper. She is enjoying the work thus far. Pray for her. This is her first experience with the world.

I am glad to say the work is still very encouraging here. I had a lady call to me while passing down the street recently, saying "Come in. I want another of those books, ["Daniel and the Revelation"] I must have one for my father. I thought I would give him mine but I can't part with mine. I will get another for him."

About a month ago a lady sent me word to come to see her. I had sold her "Daniel and the Revelation" in the half morocco binding last summer. She wanted it right away so I delivered it to her next day and then sent our Bible worker to her but I hadn't seen her since, so I wondered what she wanted. On calling to see her, she said, "I was going to California and I felt I could not leave the city without seeing you and telling you what a blessing these things have been to me." She praises the Lord for sending me to her with that book. She said it was in answer to prayer. The morning I visited her house with my book she had just been up stairs praying for light and help, and was desperate. Her fingers were loaded with diamonds, but all the glitter and wealth did not give her joy and peace. She was very unhappy. Now she is very happy because she has learned of this blessed truth, and she says these things have given her more joy and comfort than anything else that has ever come into her life. She was at church yesterday and intends joining soon. The lady with whom she boards came with her and I think she will join also.

She has gotten several interested, and fourteen are now taking readings at her house weekly as a result of that day's work.

Another lady was at church yesterday who is preparing to join us as a result of another book I sold last summer on one of those very hot days. Her heart is full of praise for this wonderful truth that has come to her.

I go out in the highways and hedges and find these precious jewels, sell them a book, get them interested, then send our Bible worker to them and she through God's Word polishes them up so they shine, and then they become a part of the building. Who else would like to have a part in searching for jewels? There is a great reward promised.

Memphis.

MAMIE MOORE.

Miss Mary Sharpe has recovered her usual health and is able to take up her regular duties again in the bindery.

Bro. W. D. Wilcox, our faithful night-watchman, is still on the sick list. During his temporary absence Bro. R. S. Shepard is acting in his stead.

Bro. Geo. Lovell, our driver, met with an accident a few days ago and is confined to the house. During his absence Bro. C. E. White of the bindery force, is looking after our deliveries.

Eld. T. H. Jeys, Business Manager of the Oakwood School is spending a few days with us studying the methods in vogue in our bindery and pressroom.

Prof. A. W. Spaulding was an office visitor this week. He is in Nashville attending the Southern Educational Conference.

Bro. J. R. Hames, one of our faithful colporteurs who has been handling the *Watchman* in the river towns for a number of years past, is spending a few days in Nashville. He reports that the flood conditions in the vicinity of Hickman and Memphis have reached a serious stage, and the high water is one of the reasons which brings him to Nashville at this time.

The Nashville Concert Band composed mainly of employees of the Publishing House, gave a very interesting musical program at the schoolhouse on Tuesday, April 2nd. A large number were present and the entertainment was greatly enjoyed by all.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.  
R. Hook, Jr., Gen'l Mgr.

## Periodical Department

### THE WATCHMAN

THE PRESENT TRUTH EVANGELIZER.

OUR Health and Temperance Special for May (ready April 10th) will be brimful of good things. A health message, a temperance message, a gospel message, in fact a three-fold message will be given. Here is a part of what 300,000 people will enjoy.

Every one not familiar with the patent medicine curse of this country should read our leading editorial "Counterfeit Cures." It will deal with the shameful practise which defrauds the public out of millions of dollars by the sale of patent medicines that are agencies of death. Do not take another drop of patent medicine until you read this article.

"The Temperate Life, or the More Excellent Way," by Dr. D. H. Kress, is an earnest plea urging us back to the simple life, simple diet, fresh air, country walks, etc. This article sets forth in a clear way the lasting benefits of the temperate life.

"London's Breathing Spaces," by Dr. G. H. Heald, shows

how even fresh air, the freest gift of God to man, is not infrequently denied the multitudes in our crowded cities.

"The Bible as a Health Instructor," by Dr. David Paulson, shows how simple health principles are God-given because they were plainly set forth in the Bible more than thirty centuries ago. Men get into trouble when they depart from the Word of God along health and temperance, as well as along other lines.

"A Health Reform People," by L. A. Hansen, gives a clear outline of the original purpose of God with reference to the physical well-being of man. The article shows clearly how many people have departed from this design. Because of this a reform in the living habits of the people has become a necessity. Hence Seventh-day Adventists have a definite health reform message which is due to the world in this physically degenerate age.

Every lover of temperance should read and give to his neighbor to read, the letter written by Eld. E. L. Maxwell, of Louisiana, to a saloon-keeper in that State. The saloon-keeper sent Elder Maxwell advertising matter soliciting his liquor trade. In replying to the solicitation Elder Maxwell sets forth some very striking reasons why he did not care to become his customer. Do not fail to circulate this article widely.

Lack of space will not permit us to speak in detail of other articles. We might add, however, that Prof. P. T. Magan, our popular writer on the Turkish Question, will continue his series on "Hurriet and How it Came About." A. L. Manous will also write on "Remember May 19," outlining one of our Lord's great prophecies, an admonition to be temperate and watch.

You will be interested in the following letter from an enterprising missionary worker.

"Dear Watchman: Find enclosed \$25.00. Please send the *Watchman* to fifty persons each for six months. Will you please select the names?"

Did we select them? We certainly did.

Remember this is our Health and Temperance Special, and is gotten out in the interest of our sanitarium work and health principles in general, and of our Nashville Sanitarium in particular. The Nashville Sanitarium needs the support of every one, and as this campaign is set on foot for its benefit we solicit your earnest co-operation in the wide distribution of this special issue. We call upon all our people to rally to the support of the Nashville Sanitarium and assist in scattering this and all our good magazines far and wide while there is yet time.

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### THE ARMY BOOK FUND

READ the following letter recently received at the publishing house office and see if it is not worth a fifty cent book of stamps.

Company "B," 14th United States Infantry,  
March 28, 1912.

Dear Friend and Comrade:—

Your letter of recent date received yesterday, also the book, entitled "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," under separate cover, for which I wish to extend the thanks of the company to you. It is now in our library, and I am sure it will be appreciated and read by every member of our company.

I also request to be informed as to where I can obtain a copy of this book for my personal library and the cost of the same. I desire to purchase one as I believe it contains matter concerning religion that every one ought to know.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely your friend,

ALBERT J. HAAS.

First Sergeant Company "B," 14th U. S. Infantry.

Do you believe the book mentioned contains some things about religion that every one ought to know? If so send a book of stamps to the Southern Publishing Association 2123 24th Ave., N. Nashville, Tenn., and help us to place one of our books in every company library in the United States army. Remember 3,000 books are needed. Let us send you a self-addressed label if you have a clean copy of "Daniel and the Revelation," or "Great Controversy," you want to give away.

B. N. BROWN.

## Kentucky Conference

### IMPORTANT CALL

"SAY not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4: 35.

These words should come to every Seventh-day Adventist with a great deal of force. Everywhere we turn our eyes we see that the harvest is ripe. The unrest that exists today among the people of the world, and the rapid fulfilment of the prophecies tell us that what we do to warn the world of Christ's second coming must be done quickly.

Our missionaries in foreign lands are laboring hard and under trying circumstances to give the message to those who are in darkness. As they go out from place to place the cry is heard, "Send some one to tell us the story of Jesus." In order for those who have the work in charge to respond to such requests, they must have more money; and we who are at home should appreciate the call and give of our means so that those who are longing to know the truth may hear the Word.

Our conference voted at the last camp-meeting to raise fifteen cents a week per member for the work of missions. Now I am very anxious to see this fund increase rapidly, and I trust that we will make a real sacrifice in order to swell the offerings so that our missionaries will see that we have an interest in the work they are doing. In our own conference we hear the calls from every part of the State asking that we send some one to preach the truth. I know that it rejoices your hearts to hear of souls desiring to learn the message. Now the important question is, have we all been paying a faithful tithe? I tell you with sadness that there has been a great falling off in our tithe in the last few months. Will we not now decide to be faithful in giving God his own? We would not take our neighbor's money without his consent, and we can not afford to use the Lord's money for our own benefit. *Can we?*

"Instruction has been given me that there is a withholding of the tithe that should be faithfully brought into the Lord's treasury for the support of ministers and missionaries who are opening the Scriptures to the people, and working from house to house. The work of evangelizing the world has been greatly hindered by personal selfishness. . . . Money is needed in order that the work done all over the world may be carried forward. Thousands upon thousands are perishing in sin, and a lack of means is hindering the proclamation of the truth that is to be carried to all nations and kindreds and tongues and people."—*Vol. 9, p. 52.*

Let us not hinder the Lord's message here in Kentucky any longer. May the Lord help us to be faithful stewards, so that when Jesus comes he will say to us, "well done."  
B. W. BROWN.

## Louisiana Conference

SINCE my last report I have visited the Mansfield, Ringgold, and Hodge Churches, and Brother Pebworth at Athens, La.

At Mansfield a few sisters are holding up the light of truth, and doing all in their power to rightly represent it. Excessive rain prevented any public effort being made at this place, but interesting studies were conducted with a few friends who were able to get together. It was a pleasure to meet Brother Sligh who for a number of years was in charge of a Methodist College here, but is now an earnest believer in the message and is devoting his life to the colporteur work. He will labor in Baton Rouge this summer.

The brethren at Ringgold are of good courage. They are planning to build a church this summer and to have a church school next winter. If a few more Adventists would locate there, a school could be conducted with but little burden to its patrons.

Bro. Geo. Pebworth has been holding up the light of truth at Athens, La., for a long time. Our visit was a great pleasure to us, and we trust we will be able to visit the place again when the weather is better.

The company at Hodge has been sadly diminished in numbers by death and apostasy; but there are several who still hold to the truth and we expect to see some from this place in the kingdom. Sister Mattie Rosberry, of Hodge, will no doubt soon connect with the Nashville Sanitarium to finish her course in nursing.

Brother Frank is visiting the church at Jena this week, and will later join the writer in tent work before camp-meeting.

Several times attention has been called to the fact that although the writer is nearly all the time in some other part of the State engaged in conference work, his permanent address, is Hammond, La., and all letters from him are dated "Hammond, La." This has no doubt led many to suppose that I am at home when the letters are written. Therefore letters asking for assistance in various matters on very short notice have been sent to Hammond and been forwarded from there to some distant part of the State, and of course are many times so late the request can not be granted. I can not keep all the brethren informed in advance concerning all my movements, nor can I hurry the U. S. mail service; therefore some disappointment will continue, unless ten days time is given me in which to make necessary arrangements.

"\$6,000 tithe and \$2,000 for Missions" is our motto for 1912.

E. L. MAXWELL.

## HINDERED BY AN EPIDEMIC

THE girls who expected to go to work in Shreveport after the institute, which closed March 3, have not been able to do so on account of the epidemic of meningitis prevailing there.

Brethren Wilson and Brown went to the oil country in the northern part of the same parish, but were also obliged to retire from the field for the same reason.

We hope the weather will soon be good and the epidemic abate so that they all can go on with their work.

S. F. REEDER.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### TITHE

Hope Villa .....	\$ 3 00
Hammond .....	10 00
Individual .....	20 92
Jennings .....	4 70
Jena .....	9 95
New Orleans .....	379 44

Total .....\$ 428 01

### OFFERINGS

Harvest Ingathering .....	\$ 33 20
\$300,000 Fund .....	14 00
Miscellaneous .....	3 00
Missions .....	19 10
Religious Liberty .....	11 16
Sabbath-School Donations .....	99 98
Weekly and Missions .....	2 25

Total .....\$ 182 69

L. B. SPEAR, Treasurer.

## THE NEW ORLEANS S. D. A. CHURCH

### Its Organization, Opportunities, and Problems

THIS letter is to answer the many inquiries of those who have seen our request in the *Review and Herald* for a large quantity of papers and tracts in many languages.

The population of New Orleans includes people of almost every nationality. Seven nations are represented in the membership of our church.

The work of educating and training all the members to become efficient workers is carried on systematically. We study the Testimonies each week to learn *what* and *how* to do. In organizing the missionary society, committees were appointed to take charge of the various lines of work.

The Medical Missionary Committee is composed of nine persons who are qualified to care for the sick. It serves the church by instructing its members in all that pertains to healthful living. It also ministers to the sick, and distributes reading matter on health and temperance subjects to those not of our faith.

The Visiting Committee does pastoral work. Persons qualified for this work visit those who for any reason can not attend church services, look after their needs, and report to the church.

The Correspondence Committee has a wide field, and a large number are engaged in mailing out papers and writing letters. All the other committees co-operate with this one. Every day literature is mailed to persons in the navy, to men in the army, and to people in different states.

The Young People's Society has charge of the ship work. This seaport has thirty miles of wharves. Thousands of ships come and go, freighted with precious souls. Reader, imagine the scene. See that worker with papers printed in only one language to distribute to a crowd made up of many nationalities, and having so often to say "I have nothing in your tongue." At public places such as hospitals, old people's homes, and prisons as many as two hundred hands are sometimes held out for papers. We hear them sometimes say, "You never give *me* one," but what can we do when we have only fifty or a hundred copies to distribute among so many. Each of our seventy-seven members is zealous to warn the people of his own race, and it is beautiful to see the love and harmony that prevails in such a cosmopolitan church. The secret is, they are all in Christ.

## SERIOUS PROBLEMS TO SOLVE

1. We have only one French and two English Bible workers in this large city of more than three hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants.

2. How shall we provide our workers with literature for people of so many nationalities?

3. The room at the mission building will seat sixty-five persons if the chairs are placed close together, and the twenty or more children are crowded into the hall. How can we invite the public to attend our meetings? Many say they want to come as soon as we have larger rooms or a church building. There is a church building for sale that will seat three hundred people for which we have offered \$4,000 cash, and we are praying for means with which to close the deal.

We have now answered all the questions received. Address further inquiries, and send all literature to Press Committee S. D. A. Church, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

## A SCHOOL WANTED

I SEE very little in the WORKER from our isolated Sabbath-keepers, so will write a line myself and tell you something about our situation.

We are very much interested in the self-supporting schools.

We live too far from any kind of school for our children to walk back and forth, and it seems impossible for us to sell out and move nearer to one. We have therefore decided to offer part of our land to help some one start a self-supporting school where we are.

There are a number of other families near by who have children who can not go to school because of the distance they would have to walk, and they have asked me to open a school in my home. Therefore I think a school would soon be well attended. We are the only Sabbath-keepers in the whole community round about. Will not some one help us?

Hico, La.

MRS. T. B. PILGRIM.

## Mississippi Conference

## MERIDIAN

THE writer met with the Meridian Church Sabbath, March 30, and conducted the ordinance service. The members of the Meridian Church, though few in number, are of good courage and are very liberal in making offerings for missions.

They are also interested in their neighbors, and very much desire that workers be sent them to help them give the message to the people of the town.

## LAUREL

From Meridian we went to Laurel and found the company there of good courage. We expected to hold a baptismal service at this place, but unfavorable weather would not permit.

We were made very sad on arriving there by learning that our dear Bro. L. R. Walters, who had recently embraced the truth and was awaiting baptism, had just died and been buried. Brother Walters was a strong believer in the truth and a devoted lover of the third angel's message, and we have confidence that he will come forth in the first resurrection.

Brother Walters will be greatly missed by the little company at Laurel, for he was faithful and so dearly loved the Sabbath-school.

## ELLISVILLE

We spent one night with Brother McEachern's family at Ellisville. Brother McEachern being a member of the conference committee, the time was spent in talking over conference matters with him.

## HATTIESBURG

We had the privilege of spending a few hours with Bro. W. E. Cooper at Hattiesburg. He had just moved to the place, and is anxious that some one shall be sent there to labor.

## JACKSON AND VICKSBURG

From Hattiesburg we came to Jackson and after spending two days in the office looking after conference business, passed on to Vicksburg where Brethren Wolff and Miller were holding a canvassers' institute for colored workers. We enjoyed our short stay with them very much. It is very encouraging to see how the colored people are taking hold of the book work and pushing it among their own people. The colored canvassers sold over \$4,000 worth of our books last year in Mississippi.

## RIDGELAND

Last Sabbath, April 6, we spent with the school family at Ridgeland and conducted the ordinance services for them. It was good to be there.

The interest in Jackson is still growing, and the message is being advanced in that city by the efforts of the faithful workers there.

We are planning to hold a tent meeting in Jackson as soon as the weather will permit. We expect to have two tents in the field this year.

How many of the May number of the *Watchman* are you planning to sell?

W. S. LOWRY.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

## TITHE

Meridian .....	\$ 45 97
Pine Grove .....	5 35
Hatley .....	5 21
Individual .....	1 00
Jackson .....	119 54
Conference Church .....	57 58

Total ..... \$ 234 65

## OFFERINGS

Ingathering .....	\$ 3 00
Second Sabbath Offering .....	3 26
Weekly Offering .....	1 50
Nashville Sanitarium .....	100 00
Religious Liberty .....	3 05
Loma Linda .....	4 00
Sabbath-School Offerings .....	40 47

Total ..... \$ 155 28

BEULAH M. CALLICOTT, Treasurer.

## Tennessee River Conference

THE return of pleasant weather finds our workers full of hope and courage. Brother Charles Lowry reports a good opening for meetings at Plant, about three miles from Hustburg.

Brother A. H. Jones who has just visited Johnsonville reports two there desiring baptism and three or four others who will be ready soon, he believes. Brother Jones also held some meetings at Hustburg with a good and increased attendance, throughout. About fifty were out the first night; the last night there were probably three times that number. Brother Jones believes that judicious and faithful work at

this place will result in greatly strengthening the church there.

Brother Dart, assisted by Elder Washburn and Brother Wolff is holding an institute with the colored workers in Memphis. We feel confident that the colporteur work will receive a great impetus in this field as a result of the several institutes held.

Plans will have to be changed somewhat for the work in Jackson, due in part to the decision of Elder Washburn to leave for the city of Boston about the 1st of June. We had hoped that inasmuch as the proposed transfer, which was at his own request, was not made by the middle of April or the first of May, it might be postponed long enough to permit of his holding a tent effort before leaving; but it seems that this is not to be.

We all feel very reluctant to part with Brother Washburn, and shall follow him to his new field with our interest and our prayers. This is one of the benefits of our transfer system, it serves to keep us from becoming as narrow and selfish as we otherwise would.

We have not yet learned whether or not we shall be able to secure the help we have been endeavoring to obtain for Nashville. The matter is in hand however, and everything possible is being done to get the needed help as soon as possible. We trust our people in Nashville will be patient with us just a little longer.

The outlook for the Nashville Sanitarium is very encouraging indeed. At the Union Conference in January it was decided to get out a special health edition of the *Watchman* to be circulated in the interests of the Sanitarium. The paper is now on the press and will be ready in a few days. It is hoped that all our people in this conference will take hold with a will to help in giving this number of the *Watchman* the widest circulation possible. The papers will be ready by the tenth and should be ordered through the Tract Society. Some will sell this number of the *Watchman* and give all the profits to the Sanitarium. This will benefit the institution in two ways, first it will bring in some much needed funds; and second, it will help in advertising its advantages as the *Watchman* will have an attractive and readable four-page advertisement of the Sanitarium printed upon a good quality of tinted paper. Everybody ought to feel a burden to let their neighbors know as much as possible about our Sanitarium. Many of them need its benefits, and the institution needs increased patronage to enable it to do the work for which it was called into being. C. P. BOLLMAN.

#### HAZEL ACADEMY ITEMS

THE musical program given by the literary society last evening after Sabbath, was largely attended. Although the school is a mile from the village and the roads are not good, between three and four hundred of our neighbors and friends were present. Gospel filled songs, rendered as choruses, quartets, duets, etc., were alternated with appropriate piano and violin selections, and temperance readings.

The program was prepared without any loss of time from school exercises. We believe it will open the way for personal work, as there seems to be but little prejudice among the people of the community.

The grape-vines ordered have been received and planted, but through a mistake the blackberries have not yet come.

We hope to raise a good supply of vegetables for canning and winter use this year. This will not only be economical but also will help the students pay their way in the school.

A few find it necessary to leave before school is out this spring, as the cold, wet, winter has not permitted the early preparation of the soil, and they must help in getting ready for crops.

A good interest is manifested in school work. Four students expect to finish tenth grade work this year, and several expect to finish eighth grade studies.

Brother Dart will be with us for a few days before the close of school to give instruction to those who expect to enter the book and magazine work.

We have a large number of applications from young women who wish to work at the school during the summer, but there is still opportunity for a young man. Who knows of some one who would be glad to pay his way by working this summer? Address Hazel Academy, Hazel, Ky.

#### CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending March 30, 1912

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W F Nance ....	CK	14	26	\$43 50	\$8 75	\$52 25	\$12 00
F J Willey .....	BF	19	20	22 50		22 50	
S S Guilford ....	BF	26	25	34 50	2 50	39 85	
M L Ivory .....	BF	51	15	22 50	1 50	24 00	6 00
G W Brown 2wks	BF	67	16	19 00	8 00	27 00	8 00
I W Peavy .....	BF	94	38	57 00	6 75	63 75	4 50
Perthia Hampton	GP	7					1 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
Curtis Pound ...	BF	32					52 00
Lillian Farney ...	BF	4	3	3 50		3 50	
D C Ray .....	PFF	26	6	9 00	1 00	10 00	
C R Millar .....	PFF	19	19	30 00	2 10	32 10	
J V Lucas .....	BF	17	22	32 50	3 50	36 00	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
C W Brown ....	BF	7	3	3 00	1 00	4 00	1 00
M B Wilson .....	BF	7	3	3 00	75	3 75	75
C Burchard .....	BF	34	12	14 00	10 50	24 50	50
Neva Reeder ....	BF	31	8	10 00	6 75	16 75	
J Harzman .....	PFF	19	10	16 50	2 25	18 75	
Laura Sibley ....	BF	10	12	15 00	50	15 50	50
Johnnie Gifford ..	BF	10	12	15 00	50	15 50	50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
W H Haddon ..	BF	8	5	6 00			
H C Balsbaugh ..	GC	37	16	40 75	2 20	42 95	2 00
A L Saxon .....	BR	42	39	116 00	7 75	123 75	14 45
Virgil Smith ....	BF	43	33	33 00	6 75	39 75	2 00
L A Frye .....	CK	37	3	3 00	2 25	5 25	
J S Frye .....	BF	39	11	11 00	2 75	13 75	

SUMMARY							
Alabama Conf ...	278	140	199 00	27 50	226 50	31 09	
Kentucky Conf ..	98	50	75 00	6 60	81 60	52 00	
Louisiana Conf ..	118	60	76 50	22 25	98 75	3 25	
Mississippi Conf	206	107	209 75	21 70	225 45	18 45	
Tenn River Conf	No Report						

Totals ..... 700 357 \$560 25 \$78 05 \$632 30 \$105 20

#### MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending March 30, 1912

Agent	ALABAMA	No.	Value
Mrs N C Truman .....		50	\$5 00
Mrs G E Peters .....		20	2 00
Totals .....		70	\$7 00

RELIGION is the best armor that a man can have, but it is the worst cloak.—Bunyan,



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### OUR SANITARIUM

THOSE of our people who have never been to the Nashville Sanitarium can not appreciate what a blessing it is to have such an institution within easy reach. Of course those who desire first-class service, in the way of the best rooms, private bath and toilet, etc., will have to pay good prices; but under the new management prices have been revised in a way to bring within the reach of practically everybody all the really essential features of the Sanitarium.

Medical attendance, board, and treatments in the bath-rooms are the same regardless of the rates charged. Under the new order of things these essentials can be secured at a surprisingly low rate by those who do not require the attention of special nurses, are not in need of office treatments, and who do not demand a room to themselves.

In his management of the Food Factory, Brother Knox set the rank and file of our people to eating Health Foods to an extent never before known among us; he is now doing the same thing for the Sanitarium, by leading many who before knew little about the Sanitarium to form the Sanitarium habit, just as he has induced a great many to form the Health-Food habit. These are good habits to form, for they tend to better health and longer and happier life.

If you are at all interested, write to the Nashville Sanitarium, Station 5, Nashville, Tenn., for full information as to rates, etc. Even if you are not yourself interested you probably have neighbors who need just what they could get at the Nashville Sanitarium. You owe it to them to let them know about it. Please to do it at once.

This is *our* Sanitarium, that is, it belongs to the people of the Southern Union Conference, and not to any individual or small group of individuals; it is part and parcel of the cause in this field. Let us all esteem it a privilege to rally to its support, feeling assured that in so doing we are rendering service to the Master under whose providence this institution was established.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

INQUIRIES from leading temperance workers in the United States and Canada about the *Temperance Instructor* are quite frequently received by the publishers. Many of these say they chanced to see a copy, and desire to know more about it. The *Temperance Instructor* is rapidly growing popular amongst the best temperance people everywhere. Why not? Is there any better temperance paper issued?

Space will not permit the recording of the many instances where the *Temperance Instructor* has reformed drunkards, caused men and boys to give up the use of tobacco, changed

homes from places of poverty and misery into abodes of peace and plenty, turned apparent defeat into victory in county and state elections, and brought the people to a knowledge of the gospel for this time. Many of these could be cited, and they represent the work that the *Temperance Instructor* is to do. We ought to have people in every community circulating the *Temperance Instructor*. It is a most effective "entering-wedge" to other gospel work which must follow in the near future. What is being done to circulate this special number in the Southern Union Conference?

"The Darkness of Millennial Dawn" is the title of a new tract that has just come to our desk. It is written by Eld. John Quinn and is a clean-cut and concise Bible treatise on the main doctrinal features of Millennialism, laying bare the deceptive nature of this teaching.

This tract will be welcomed by our brethren everywhere and should be scattered by the millions. Price postpaid 2 cents.

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WE recommend to our churches generally, and especially to those in our large cities, a careful study of the report of the New Orleans Church which appears in our Louisiana column this week. The brethren in that city are manifesting a commendable zeal in their energetic efforts to get the truth for these times before its many thousand resident inhabitants and the thousands more who visit it by ship from foreign ports. Organized systematic effort, prompted and sustained by genuine love for souls, would enable all of our churches to do more and better work for the Master, and would at the same time be in more ways than one a blessing to their individual members. Nothing else develops talent, ability, confidence and enthusiasm as much as personal experience continued to the point of success.

After this report was in type, we discovered that it had been published in last week's *Review and Herald*. But as some of our people do not take that paper, we decided to let it go through the WORKER too. To our New Orleans brethren we would say, Be of good courage, for your work will be rewarded.

### OUR RESPONSIBILITY

"THE coming of Christ is near and hasteth greatly. The time in which to labor is short, and men and women are perishing. . . . The Lord can not commend the people who, professing godliness, professing to believe in the soon coming of Christ, leave the cities unwarned of the judgments that are soon to fall on the land. Those who do this will be judged for their neglect."—Mrs. E. G. White.

"There is a world to be warned of the near approach of the end of all things, and what we do, we must begin to do immediately, or the blood of souls will be upon our garments."

"God help us to put on the armor, and to act as if we were in earnest, as if the souls of men and women were worth saving. . . . There is a time coming when those who have wasted their time and opportunities will wish they had sought him."—Mrs. E. G. White.

By request a report from the Hazel Industrial Academy, Hazel, Ky., will be found this week in the Tenn. River Conference department, instead of in "Our Schools" department, as heretofore.