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

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## KEEP PEGGING AWAY

MEN seldom mount at a single bound  
To the ladder's very top;  
They must slowly climb it, round by round,  
With many a start and stop.  
And the winner is sure to be the man  
Who labors day by day;  
For the world has learned that the safest plan  
Is to keep on pegging away.

You have read, of course, about the hare  
And the tortoise — the tale is old —  
How they ran a race, it counts not where,  
And the tortoise won, we're told.  
The hare was sure he had time to pause  
And to browse about and play,  
So the tortoise won the race because  
He just kept pegging away.

A little toil and a little rest,  
And a little more earned than spent,  
Is sure to bring to an honest breast  
A blessing of glad content.  
And so, though skies may frown or smile,  
Be diligent day by day;  
Reward shall greet you after a while  
If you just keep pegging away.

—Nixon Waterman.

## THE GLORY THAT IS COMING

WHAT glories and bliss are in store for the people of God! The millions of faithful ones who have fallen asleep in Jesus, from righteous Abel until now, are soon to hear the voice of the Son of God as it shall sound from pole to pole and from east to west, summoning them to life and immortality. The aged and infirm, those who long toiled in life's thorny way; the maimed, the deaf, the blind, to whom life was but a succession of griefs and disappointments; the youth and middle-aged; the darling child wrested from the loving care and embrace of fond parents by the merciless hand of the destroyer—all will meet in the beautiful city on high. In joyful anticipation we exclaim, "Praise the Lord."

There we shall see as we are seen, and know as we are known. 1 Cor. 13: 9-12. "We shall know each other there." We shall be satisfied, when we awake, with his likeness. Ps. 17: 15. In his presence is fulness of joy, at his right hand there are pleasures forevermore. Ps. 16: 11. "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it." Isa. 25: 8. "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and

gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isa. 35: 10.

"Thus saith the Lord: A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children, refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border." Jer. 31: 15-17.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful." Rev. 21: 1-5.

"And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity." Isa. 33: 24. "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying." Isa. 65: 17-19.

Yes; we may comfort one another with such precious promises and glorious prospects. Soon earth's long, dark night of sorrow will be past, and the bright morning of eternity will burst upon the faithful. Shall we who pen and read these lines be there? We may by divine grace—and only thus. —J. M. Hopkins.

ONE reason we do not pray better, I suppose, is that we are afraid of being answered. It is a very serious thing to pray; because we may be taken at our word. We must consent that God should order the answer. For instance; I pray in the morning that God will make me very useful to-day; it is a hazardous prayer. I may be taken at my word. Within an hour I may be called to very great usefulness, that will take a hundred dollars from my bank account. Now, if I don't want to take that money, if it is called for, I have made a mistake in my prayer. Let us say what we mean.—Alexander McKenzie.

PRAY HARDEST when it is hardest to pray.—Brent.

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending May 18, 1912. Total number of bound volumes, 4,090; *Watchman*, 11,439.

#### COLPORTEURS' LETTERS—ALABAMA

I HAVE not done very much this year, but I am of good courage in the work of the Lord. I was going along the other day when a white man overtook me on his place and wanted to know my business. I told him that I was a colporteur and that I had some good books. He listened while I gave an exhibition to one of the hands on his place, and when I got through he gave me an order for "Bible Foot-lights." Then he said all of the colored people on his place ought to get one of the books, and told one man that he would lend him the money to pay for his book if he didn't have it when the books were delivered. I know the Lord is with the faithful workers. Pray for me that I may be one of them.

I. W. PREVY.

#### KENTUCKY

I AM glad to be able to testify that the Lord's mercies are still being showered upon me. May I, and every one else engaged in this work, give a faithful account of every talent God has entrusted to our care. We can never reach a plane too high for advancement, or cancel the great debt of love we owe our Saviour. Oh, for deeper consecration and a more tender interest in the souls of sinful humanity!

CURTIS POUND.

As I have not written to the *WORKER* before, I take this opportunity to do so. I have been in the book work about six weeks and I am enjoying it very much. The Lord certainly has been with me or I would not have done even as well as I have. Everything looks gloomy in the canvassing work, but the Lord will open the way if we will only let him. When I came to this place I expected to meet Brother Chenault, but he was not here. I arrived Sunday morning and began work the next day. It was raining and I worked until near noon before I took an order. But I was not discouraged in the least. I worked all that week, trusting in the Lord for guidance, and took \$27.50 worth of orders, for which I praise the Lord. I believe there are honest souls here in Dyersburg. Pray that they may come out of the world and into the fold of God. Pray for the work at this place, and especially for the ones who have charge of it.

JESSE R. ALLEN.

Sr. Mary Allen writes: "My courage is good and I still love the book work. The more I work the more I see the need of true, consecrated workers to carry this message. I have met with a few who are truly hungering after the truth. I have had some blessed experiences in my work which have watered my soul with the dews of heaven, and given strength to press on amid trials, difficulties, and opposition. I have the assurance that the Lord will lead me if I will let him."

Jesse Allen writes: "In my delivery some of the people did not have the money Monday, so I had to make another delivery Friday, and some of them did not have the money then, so they borrowed it of their neighbors in order to get the book. This indicates that they are interested.

"I think I did exceptionally well. I am of good courage and trust that I will continue in that state."

Bro. C. H. Chenault writes: "Before noon Monday I de-

livered seven 'Daniel and the Revelation' and could have delivered more. One man gave me dinner and paid full price for his book besides. An old lady at the same place almost shouted as I gave the canvass, and then followed me to the next house where I took two orders. She then asked me to return and preach that night, but I told her that I was not a preacher."

KNOWING that our brethren in the Southern Union are always interested in a report from Bro. A. F. Harrison, I will quote from a letter received from him from Addington, Okla., dated April 30. "We are having a splendid institute at this place, and expect to see at least ten or fifteen go out in the field from here. Some are planning to leave next week. I expect to leave this place for an institute in North Texas, and will spend Sabbath in Fort Worth or Dallas. I tell you, Brother Hook, we are doing our level best to raise up all the workers we can this year. I feel confident that we will have at least fifty good reliable canvassers for the summer who will leave our schools at Keene and other places when they close. The work is in good shape, and we are going to do our best to raise our amount to \$90,000 this year. We ask your prayers that we may be able to do it.

"My household goods arrived in Keene two days before I left there, and I had a few days hard work helping my wife put things in order. It made her smile to think I had all that heavy lifting to do instead of her."

THE *Southwestern News Letter* has just reached our desk and as usual it is full of good things. This is a special issue, and is called the "Student's Number." Brother Pierce in closing has this to say:—

"In closing this 'Student's Number' we know of no better way than to quote the following, written by the principal of one of our larger training schools:—

"The 'scholarship plan' has proven a great blessing to our young people in the past. The premium offered is an inducement worthy of consideration. It has inspired many to enter the canvassing work, who, after giving it a fair trial, have made efficient and successful workers. There is nothing like working on a systematic plan and toward a fixed goal. This is why the young person who works on the scholarship plan sells many more books than the person who simply works away at it during the same period of time. As the spur increases the pace of the horse, so a special inducement quickens the pace of the canvasser.

"Every year since the scholarship plan has been introduced, the number who have taken hold of it has more than doubled. The prospects for a large training class in the Academy this year, are brighter than ever. Many of our best students are planning to enter the list, and I shall be greatly mistaken if some do not break all previous records this summer. Begin as soon as school closes, finish your work, and rest afterward. Do not allow any worldly consideration to draw you into other channels. The student who earns a scholarship year after year and works his way through school in this line of work, is always sure of two things when graduation day comes: He is sure of position and of success—which are two very desirable things to be assured of on that auspicious occasion."

OUR office building is progressing nicely and we are now prepared to announce that the opening exercises will be held Sunday, June 16. A cordial invitation is extended to all our people in the vicinity of Nashville to attend this meeting. Eld. S. E. Wight, chairman of our board, will be present and deliver the dedicatory address.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

R. Hook, Jr., Gen'l Mgr.

**ARMY BOOK FUND:**

It has been some time since I have given a report concerning the Army Book Fund. This silence does not mean that the work has stopped. On the contrary it is going almost faster than the writer can keep up with it. This week saw one hundred "Daniel and the Revelation" going out to as many army posts in various parts of the world. This makes a total of over three hundred books since last October. Many letters of interest are being received which I wish you could read. Here is an extract from one written by an old soldier who retires next month after giving his life to the service. "I want to take this book with me into retirement. Where can I get a copy? I will gladly pay all expenses." We have been pouring out an ever increasing flood of light upon the world for over half a century, and yet there are millions who would be only too glad to "pay all expenses" for our books. Let us give them samples. A fifty cent book of stamps will materially help along this work.

The infantry branch of the service, consisting of 30 regiments of 12 companies each, or approximately 45,000 men, has almost been supplied, only five more regiments remaining in this branch to be furnished with books. Who will help finish the work in this portion of the service by June 30? If this is accomplished I will be six months ahead of "my schedule."

Send all money to the Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. Clean copies of "Daniel and the Revelation" or "Great Controversy" are wanted. Send for self-addressed labels to the undersigned, care of the Publishing House.

*Formerly of the U. S. Army.*

B. N. BROWN.

**Kentucky Conference****CONFERENCE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS**

PLANS for the summer's work have been outlined by the conference committee, and some changes which seemed to be best for the work have been made.

It has been decided by the committee to conduct two tent efforts this season. One tent will be pitched in Louisville, with Brother Lindsay in charge. A tent master will assist him, and Sr. Anna Hörnung will continue to do Bible work and assist in visiting the people. The other tent will be pitched at one of the places where there is now a demand for meetings, with Bro. Wm. H. White and Bro. and Sr. A. O. Dow in charge. Brother White comes to us from the Columbia Union Conference where he has labored for three years. Brother and Sister Dow have been doing colporteur work in our conference since last November. Sr. Marie Wirth will continue Bible work in Lexington for the present.

As these workers enter upon their summer campaign they need the prayers of each Adventist in the state. Please bear in mind that the success of the work out in the field depends upon how much we seek the Lord. I believe this should be the best year for saving souls that we have ever experienced. Let all the people throughout the conference begin now to plan for the coming conference and camp-meeting which will be held August 8-18. The place where the meeting will be held has not yet been fully decided, but will be announced in a few weeks.

B. W. BROWN.

*Look for joy in the Word, not in the world.—Moody.*

**LAWRENCEBURG**

I AM enjoying the work very much. God has wonderfully blessed me in my preparation and also in my work while here. I have been in this city nineteen days, and have secured \$161 worth of orders.

I will relate one experience which I had here the first week. While canvassing in the vicinity of Ninevah, I met an old gentleman by the name of Waterfield, who after I showed him through my book, "Bible Footlights," subscribed immediately. Afterward he related a peculiar dream which he had in 1866. He dreamed that he was on a stream of water walking with two other men. It was a very dark night and they could not see before them. So he suggested that they should each lie down on the water. He laid down but his companions did not. Then he saw a bright light across on the other bank, and a man who appeared to be "Jesus of Nazareth" immediately came from that light, walking on the water. "He had a book in his hand which he showed me, and it was illustrated just as your book is with the beasts of Daniel and Revelation in it. After showing me his book he put it under his arm and said, 'I must be about my father's business,' and walked off." I told him I was born in the same year he had this dream, and was sure I had sold him the very book which he had seen in his dream, and he thought that I had brought the very same book also.

I praise the Lord for such astonishing experiences.

W. P. ETHINGTON.

**Mississippi Conference****RIDGELAND**

THE tent meetings at this place are still going on with some interest, and a great deal of opposition. We can not yet tell what the result will be, but we hope there will be some who will obey the Lord by keeping all of his commandments.

Did you read our last tithe report in the WORKER? The amount was less than \$100. Do you not think that was a small tithe for the Mississippi Conference for a month? Was your tithe included in that report? I fear some are robbing God by withholding their tithe. Are you one of them? Answer the question each of you. W. S. LOWRY.

**NOTES**

It gives me much pleasure to pass along to others the encouraging reports of our workers in Mississippi.

Last week Bro. A. L. Saxon, one of our faithful colporteurs, who is canvassing the lumber camps in Southern Mississippi, made us a visit, and related some very interesting experiences in connection with his work. He has sold several copies of the Special Watchman. He composed a couplet entitled, "The Evolution of a Pork Sausage," the illustration of which appears on page 289 of the Watchman:—

The hog eats the snake, the snake eats the frog,  
the frog eats the gnat.

When you eat pork sausage you get all of that.

At one place Brother Saxon was asked to preach at a local church, and he was glad to embrace the opportunity to present some points of the third angel's message.

Bro. C. H. McColrey, who is canvassing in Noxubee County, relates some very encouraging experiences. He, with Bro. C. R. Canada, is canvassing in the boll weevil district; but their courage is good, and they are faithfully scattering the printed page in a needy field.

Sr. Ida Harrel, of Jackson, is not a regular colporteur, but during the past few weeks she has sold several copies of

our large books to some of the wealthy families of that city. We are praying that the Spirit may water the seed sown, and that it may yield an abundant harvest.

Sr. Ethel Warren, of Natchez, who is our Bible worker there, tells of her courage in the Lord, and her determination to press forward in this closing message. She says: "Natchez is quite a Catholic stronghold, but there are some honest souls, and by the help of the Lord I want to take the light of the third angel's message to them."

My sister, Nannie May Smith, and I went out Tuesday morning with the Special *Watchman*. The Lord was certainly with us, and we enjoyed the experience.

This afternoon I received a letter from Bro. J. H. Rhodes, of Columbus. Enclosed in it was a money-order for seven dollars, part to apply on the Harvest Ingathering fund and the remainder to pay for the Special *Watchman*. Brother Rhodes is more than eighty years of age, and to know how faithful he is in distributing our books and papers should certainly encourage younger people to make a greater effort.

The work in Mississippi has made very rapid progress, especially the past two years, and we are glad to see these signs of the soon coming Saviour. It does my heart good to read the letters which come to the office each week from our faithful colporteurs.

We ask the prayers of all our brethren throughout the Southern Union for the work in this needy field.

PARIZETTA SMITH,  
Sec. Mississippi Conference.

## Tennessee River Conference

### CLARKSVILLE

I SPENT Sabbath and Sunday with Brethren Clark and Hampton, two students from Hazel Academy, who have just begun work in Montgomery County with "Bible Footlights."

I enjoyed my visit, finding them full of courage and enjoying their work very much. One of them said, "I enjoy this work better than anything else I ever did in my life."

Monday I went out with Berdon Hampton. The book was shown to a family of colored people, but no order was taken. A preacher was present who said he had a large book called "Bible Readings" that contained all there was in this "Bible Footlights" and that he did not therefore need a copy. Another woman entered and I gave her a canvass, not only to interest her, but as a further effort with the preacher, as a second canvass sometimes succeeds when the first one fails. She refused, and I again appealed to the preacher, telling him that this book was small and more easily handled than a large book, and that the readings it contained would make him good skeleton sermons from which to preach. "All right," he said, "I will take one as it is a small book and I can carry it with me."

At the next house the lady treated us very nicely, but did not order a book. She referred us to her married son, who she was sure would buy one.

At the next house we secured an order without any trouble, and at the next we sold a "Gospel Primer." Then we came to a widow who was hard of hearing and so asked a neighbor lady who was with her to answer our knock. We asked for the lady of the house, and were ushered into the parlor where we saw both of the women. The lady of the house soon asked what denomination published the book, and I told her the Seventh-day Adventists. She then asked about Elders Kilgore and Lowry. She had heard them preach. Both women gave their order for the book.

The next house was where the woman's son above referred

to lived. The mother had phoned to them about us, and they had decided that they did not want a book. The housewife met us at the door and said there was no need of showing the book as they did not care for it. She invited us in, however, and after a few moments conversation said dinner was ready, and invited us to dine with them, and as we were hungry we accepted the invitation. After dinner I said to the man, "While we are resting, we might as well look at the book." After looking through it he said he would never read it, and so there was no use getting it.

I told him that good books were always a good investment, and closed with the remark that as he had been so kind as to give us dinner, we would allow him a discount on the book. He asked the price of the cheapest binding. I told him that he could have it for seventy-five cents and he gave me his order.

The next was a poor colored family that would gladly have taken a book but was not able. Then we came to a mineral spring where there was a hotel. The landlady gave us seats, then took the book, looked at a few pages, and asked the price and time of delivery. On being told she gave her order.

I then asked permission to see some carpenters who were repairing the building. She said they were busy and would not buy. Then she invited us to go and see the springs, and sent one of the men to show us where they were. Taking advantage of this I showed him the book, and secured his order.

At the next house we were unsuccessful in securing an order. It was then time to leave the field to catch my train.

In five hours we had secured seven orders, and sold a "Gospel Primer," the whole being worth \$8.75. By the close of the day Brother Hampton raised it to \$14.

C. F. DART.

### TWO GOOD EXPERIENCES

Sr. Mary Allen is canvassing Dyersburg, Tenn., for "Bible Footlights." The place has recently been canvassed with Russell's works which have aroused considerable opposition and prejudice against book agents, and she has had quite a time of it. This morning's mail brings a letter from her in which she relates two very interesting experiences, as follows:—

"I learned where the Methodist minister lived, and had him look through my prospectus. He gave me an order without my soliciting it, and told me to tell the people that he said it was good. He then gave me a recommendation saying that it contained nothing dangerous. He said he had a "Best Stories" that some one gave his children, and he had preached three of the best sermons from it that he had ever preached in his life. One was "Lucifer Cast out of Heaven." He knew it was an Adventist book."

The other experience was with a lady at Newbern who is a member of the Christian Church. "I met her first at a neighbors, and she laughed at me all the time I was canvassing the lady of the house. When I finished I asked her if she would give an order, but she said that I could not interest her in such a book."

"A few days later, I came to her home. She invited me in and had the money in her hand to pay for the book. She said she could not dismiss the memory of those symbols and prophecies from her mind since the day she heard them explained. But as soon as she learned who published it she said she did not want it. She then got the Bible and we studied it for an hour. She then said that everything was so true, as far as she had read, that she could not doubt; but she did not give an order. So I left the matter with her and the Lord."

"In about three days she sent a message to the lady I was boarding with to tell me to be sure to order her a book. Of course I went to see her, and she met me at the door with a welcome hand shake, and said, 'You didn't forget me. I am glad you came back. I have been burdened and praying over this ever since I first saw you. I am now willing to give up everything and read anything that will shed light upon the Bible.'

"When I left she asked me to remember her in my prayers, even saying that if the Adventists were right she wanted to be one of them. The expression of her countenance indicated that she was in real earnest and hungry to know the truth of the message."

Dear fellow colporteurs the Lord says, "These reports should find a place in our papers; for they are far-reaching in their influence."—*Canvassers' Manual*. Page 39. Let us have more of them. C. F. DART.

### INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE CANVASSING FIELD

I HAVE just handed in my report for the WORKER, and it is a record breaker for the year. Look at it!—over \$700 worth including the magazines, besides more than \$160 worth of subscription books delivered. The average value of orders taken is ninety-five cents an hour. This is something to praise the Lord for.

Bro. U. Bracy heads the list for orders and value—49 orders, value \$67.60. Bro. C. H. Chenault for time—57 hours. Sr. Sina Clark for average value per hour—\$1.37, and Bro. J. S. Moore for value delivered—\$68.50, or 90%.

Brother Moore has just finished a successful delivery in Marshall Co., Ky. He is now at home in Springville, Tenn., for a few days, after which he will go to Jackson to canvass Madison County for "Bible Footlights."

Sr. Emelia Roberson is canvassing in Nashville for "Desire of Ages." She was told one day that there was no need of seeing a certain woman because she was a Catholic. She went however, and secured her order for the best binding.

Brother Sykes is making quite a delivery in Stewart County, and is having good success.

Jesse Allen says the people do not charge him anything for lodging. He is of good courage and intends to remain that way. C. F. DART.

### HAZEL ACADEMY

It was my privilege to be at the Hazel Industrial Academy during the closing days of the school year. This was my first visit there, and I certainly enjoyed it. I am well pleased with the situation. The location is ideal for a school of this kind, and the bright happy faces of the students were inspiring. Their intelligent countenances indicated that not only will this conference soon have some more substantial workers, but that some will fill places in foreign fields. Three went from the school to work as colporteurs in our own field.

The principal is the "right man in the right place." The faculty is composed of earnest, consecrated Christians who are doing all they can to make the school what it should be. The management and discipline is excellent.

If there are those who should, but are not patronizing this school, I fear they little realize what they are missing.

The closing exercises were the best I ever attended. The songs and essays, and in fact the entire program preached the message. It was free from anything light or frivolous, or intended merely to make a show.

Another thing to the credit of the school is that the students took little, if any, time from their studies to drill on the program. How much better this is than for students to spend

much of their time for several weeks before the close of school in preparing to act a part in a program designed to make a show or create a laugh. Time is too short and life too valuable to be spent in such ways, and I am glad the Hazel Academy has placed itself on record as being above such things. C. F. DART.

## General

### BACK TO THE WORLD

IN 2 Tim. 3:1-5 the following description of conditions that will exist among professing Christians in the last days is recorded: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

This prophecy has long been fulfilling, and the conditions predicted may be seen upon every hand. Churches that once were separate from the world and held aloft the banner of righteousness, manifesting in the lives of their members the principles of holiness, have hauled down their colors and are turning back to the world. Some have already so far retraced their steps that, except for the profession they make, their members could not be distinguished from other members of society. And this retrograde movement continues worldward with increasing speed, and like an avalanche rushing down the mountain's side, threatens to carry everything religious to destruction with it.

Perhaps the most recent and conspicuous worldward movement among the various religious bodies, has been the late controversy in the Methodist Church over the question of discipline. Heretofore such amusements as dancing, theater-going, card-playing, horse-racing, and all forms of gambling have been prohibited by it. But for some time a more liberal sentiment has been growing up among its clergy and laymen, and at the recent general conference of that church, held at Minneapolis, many of its leading ministers strenuously urged that the ban be removed from all these prohibited amusements, games, and pleasures, and that the individual be left free to act in all such matters according to his own conscience. It was urged that such a course was necessary to save the church, because enforced abstinence from such things was depleting its membership and keeping many away who would otherwise enter its fold. When the question was put to vote, May 18, 446 delegates cast their ballots in favor of maintaining the old discipline, and 369 voted to amend so as to remove the barrier between it and the world. Thus it is seen that nearly one-half of the Methodist Church is in favor of opening its doors and inviting the world to come in without change of raiment.

Truly Babylon "is fallen, is fallen" and the voice from heaven is saying "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." But while we are giving this message and are astounded at the conditions existing among other peoples and churches, it will not be amiss to examine ourselves and see whether we, both as individual members and as a church, are free from the sins that are working the ruin of other denominations that once walked in the fear and favor of God. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."

### DRESS REFORM MOVEMENT

At a recent meeting of the Home Economics Association of Cincinnati, Ohio, an organization of society women, the following resolution was offered by its president, Miss Isabel Neave, and unanimously adopted:—

*"Resolved, That as far as possible we standardize our dress along lines of appropriateness, comfort, health, and simplicity, in order to set the proper example in this matter."* The report says that, "Some of the things condemned by the association as evils which have fastened on Cincinnati girls and women to an alarming extent are high heels, low-necked waists . . . sleeves above the elbow, paint and other cosmetics, veiling, and gause hose for street wear."

This is good, but not good enough. The high heels, paints and cosmetics, and veils should be entirely prohibited anywhere and everywhere, and the other things mentioned should be strictly confined to the private apartments of the wearers. We wish all women, and men too, would use their influence to abolish these popular but immodest styles of dress which make the wearers subjects of rude comment and criticism, and attract to themselves the attention of the vulgar and baser sort of both sexes. Christian women should heed the Scriptural injunction to "adorn themselves in modest apparel."

### WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT. No. 1

THE third angel's message began to be proclaimed about sixty-five years ago. There were few believers, and very few laborers. There were no schools, publishing houses, or health institutions. In fact there was no organization.

The following will show something of the growth of the message from that time till the present:—

The first local conference was organized in Michigan in 1861. There were six in 1863, 13 in 1873, 26 in 1883, 35 in 1893, 78 in 1903, and 106 in 1910.

The first union conference was held in 1894; there were 13 in 1903, and 23 in 1910.

The first mission was opened in 1864. In 1873 we still had but one. In 1883 we had 3, in 1893 we had 11, in 1903 we had 48, and in 1910 we had 87.

We had 30 laborers in 1863, 134 in 1873, 300 in 1883, 460 in 1893, 2,704 in 1903, and 4,346 in 1910.

We had 123 churches in 1863, 239 in 1873, 680 in 1883, 1,151 in 1893, 2,120 in 1903, and 4,346 in 1910.

There were 3,500 Sabbath-keepers in 1863, 5,875 in 1873, 17,436 in 1883, 37,409 in 1893, 69,072 in 1903, and 104,526 in 1910.

The tithe for the same dates was \$8,000, \$30,687.49, \$96,418.62, \$350,690.56, \$648,030.54, \$1,338,689.65. A grand total of \$14,817,295.26.

In 1863 the tithe was \$2.20 per capita and increased each decade until in 1910 it was \$12.81.

It was not until 1874 that any effort was made to raise money for missions, \$5,000 being raised that year. It was \$34,000 in 1883, \$108,936.10 in 1893, \$137,315.67 in 1903, and \$458,943.70 in 1910. A total of \$3,654,677.45.

Our Sabbath-schools have also been a great help in raising funds to advance this work. In 1879 the donations amounted to \$1,584.12. In 1883 they were \$3,500. Increasing by the decade \$37,936.11, \$55,823.85, \$138,037.72, or a total of \$1,312,452.77.

"Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?" "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts."—*A. J. Haysmer, in the Gospel Herald.*

### THE POINT OF VIEW CHANGES AT DEATH

No matter how wealthy a man may be, and how earnest his pursuit of wealth may have been, when death comes he is never glad or proud of his conquest in that field; he will talk about that money, dispose of it in a will, and all that, but it is merely a care, the performing of an irksome duty; there is no satisfaction about it. He may speak with pleasure of some good he has done with it, but the chances are that the greatest satisfaction he has at that supreme moment is that he had helped some one. I have never heard of a rich man's expressing any satisfaction at the last for having founded colleges, built churches, or made other such gifts; but many and many, at the crucial moment, have thanked God that they had not defrauded widows and orphans, or that they had led cleanly lives.—*F. W. Fitzpatrick, in January Life and Health.*

### PERNICIOUS LITERATURE

ALL observant persons traveling by the earlier morning trains or trams, chiefly patronized by the office boys and business youth of the city, says a recent writer in Melbourne *Herald*, must have noticed the class of literature which they mainly affect. It belongs in very great measure to that sensational order in which the astute criminal is a match for quite half a dozen thick-headed detectives, who blunder along on false clues from the first page to the last, if the criminal hero, as a slight concession to the fitness of things, does not hand himself over to his pursuers in the final chapter.

This is a fairly modern order of "penny dreadful," and is more insidiously dangerous than the older form of melodramatic, battle, murder, and sudden-death type, because the mind perpetually dwells upon and becomes familiarized with some form or other of crime, and the sympathies are almost entirely with the criminal. This class of mental pabulum may be harmless enough where the average normal power exists of dissociating the world of imagination from the world of reality; but all are not so happily constituted.

We have, however, the emphatic declaration of the celebrated detective Pinkerton, to the effect that the constant study of this class of writing is answerable—especially among the weaker minded—for a very large percentage of the criminal element in large cities. The detective, in fact, goes so far as to say that the dissemination of this form of literature should be made a punishable offense.

Suggestion is being more and more recognized as a very potent factor. A very severe indictment is brought against demoralizing literature by an able English writer in a recent article on "The Psychology of Crime." He maintains that "the quality of thinking determines consciousness, and consciousness determines character." Hence, habitual dwelling on vice and crime causes an infection of the general consciousness, and an eruption here and there of crime.

In these days, when the physically baneful cigarette is receiving so much attention, it might not be amiss to consider, in the interests of impressionable youths, the moral aspect of the unrestricted sale of an unhealthy type of popular literature.—*Australian Boy's Paper.*

### WANTED—TEN EXPERIENCED COLPORTEURS TO GO TO EUROPE

IN response to urgent calls from China, India, Argentina, Brazil, Central America, and the West Indies, the General Conference Committee recently took the following action:—

*"Voted, That the Publishing Department of the General Conference be authorized to secure ten experienced bookmen and arrange with them to go to the Foreign Mission Seminary*



next autumn to take a course of special training, preparatory to going to foreign fields."

The circulation of the printed page is coming to be more and more one of the strongest factors in opening up our work in mission fields and establishing it on a sure foundation. In many of the foreign fields there is already a constituency from which native workers can be drawn, but they need leaders to direct and develop these workers, and it is to the home field they look for such leaders.

During the past three years men have been sent from the home field to take charge of the colporteur work in South Africa, Argentina, Chile, Peru, India, Mexico, Spain, and Cuba. Some of these men, especially those who went to the Spanish-speaking countries, have been leading the world in the sales of our literature.

In Mexico John L. Brown in 29 hours took 113 orders, amounting to \$264. A little later a young man in Argentina in 28 hours took 122 orders, value \$322. And now a report comes from Cuba, where the work is just being started, that Bro. George Sandborn in one week took orders amounting to \$289. During the first two years that Bro. G. H. Clark was in South Africa, he and his colporteurs sold \$50,000 worth of literature in that field.

These experiences show that we have already passed the experimental stage in the colporteur work in the mission fields.

The figures given in these reports are all North American currency. Best of all, hundreds are accepting the truth through reading this literature. We are already beginning to see the fulfilment of the testimony which says that "in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."

We feel sure that this call will appeal strongly to many who read it. We invite correspondence with any who are willing to respond, "Here am I, send me." N. Z. TOWN.

*Sec. Gen. Conference Publishing Department.*

## COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending May 18, 1912

### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

| NAME                | Book | Hrs. | Ords. | Value | Helps   | Total   | Delivered |
|---------------------|------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-----------|
| W F Nance ....CK    | 3    |      |       | \$    | \$ 2 50 | \$ 2 50 | \$        |
| S S Guilford ....BF | 40   | 10   | 12 50 |       | 2 25    | 14 75   |           |
| A J Rice 2wks .BF   | 75   | 13   | 13 00 |       | 1 75    | 14 75   |           |
| R Roberts .....BF   | 46   | 36   | 38 00 |       | 17 60   | 55 60   |           |
| M L Ivory .....BF   | 50   | 11   | 16 50 |       | 1 25    | 17 75   | 2 75      |
| Geo W Brown ...BF   | 38   | 4    | 4 50  |       |         | 13 50   |           |
| Perthia Hampton BF  | 7    |      |       |       |         |         | 3 60      |
| F J Willey .....BF  |      |      |       |       |         |         | 76 00     |
| Fred Kirkwood .BF   |      |      |       |       |         |         | 34 50     |

### KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

|                      |    |    |       |  |      |       |  |
|----------------------|----|----|-------|--|------|-------|--|
| Latitia Steele ...BF | 14 | 12 | 12 00 |  |      | 12 00 |  |
| Curtis Pound ....BF  | 34 | 19 | 26 50 |  | 1 50 | 28 00 |  |
| Verna Pound ....BF   | 34 | 21 | 30 00 |  | 1 00 | 31 00 |  |
| Edna Scott .....BF   | 26 | 29 | 41 00 |  | 50   | 41 50 |  |
| Milton Jones ....BF  | 5  | 5  | 2 00  |  |      | 2 00  |  |
| Sister Greenfield BF | 1  | 2  | 2 50  |  |      | 2 50  |  |
| Annie Rhodes ...BF   | 16 | 31 | 31 00 |  |      | 31 00 |  |

### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

|                     |    |    |       |  |       |       |       |
|---------------------|----|----|-------|--|-------|-------|-------|
| T S Sligh .....BF   | 37 | 19 | 19 00 |  | 18 80 | 37 80 | 1 25  |
| G Jorgenson ...PP&F | 46 | 2  | 5 00  |  | 2 25  | 7 25  | 22 70 |

### MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

|                   |    |   |      |  |      |       |       |
|-------------------|----|---|------|--|------|-------|-------|
| A L Saxon .....BR | 51 | 3 | 8 00 |  | 4 50 | 12 50 | 46 50 |
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|----------------------|----|----|--------|------|--------|-------|--|
| Mrs W A TimmonsBF    | 3  |    |        | 50   | 50     | 4 50  |  |
| C G Parkins ....BF   | 47 | 53 | 55 00  | 2 50 | 57 50  | 2 50  |  |
| Virgil Smith ....BR  | 45 | 46 | 89 00  | 7 00 | 96 00  | 9 00  |  |
| H C Balsbaugh ...GC  | 35 | 11 | 27 00  |      | 27 60  | 2 60  |  |
| Mrs L A Fry ....CK   | 36 | 3  | 4 50   | 2 50 | 7 00   | 2 50  |  |
| W H Haddon ....BF    | 5  | 2  | 2 00   |      | 2 50   | 1 50  |  |
| E P Campbell ...PG   | 40 | 53 | 109 50 |      | 109 50 |       |  |
| Emily Billups ...BF  | 25 | 6  | 9 00   | 2 25 | 11 25  | 32 25 |  |
| Anna Watts ....BF    | 25 | 4  | 6 00   |      | 6 25   | 7 50  |  |
| Lettie Linyear ...BF | 34 | 37 | 43 00  |      | 43 00  |       |  |
| Loletta Parks ...BF  | 34 | 46 | 56 50  |      | 56 50  |       |  |
| Luella Hill .....BF  | 46 | 45 | 67 50  | 2 00 | 69 50  | 2 00  |  |
| Louise Jackson .CK   | 10 |    |        | 2 50 | 2 50   | 8 50  |  |
| M A Murphy ....BF    | 40 | 24 | 30 50  | 1 25 | 31 75  | 1 25  |  |

### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

|                     |     |    |        |       |        |       |  |
|---------------------|-----|----|--------|-------|--------|-------|--|
| Ulysses Bracy ...BF | 54  | 49 | 66 50  | 1 10  | 67 60  |       |  |
| C H Chenault .D&R   | 57  | 42 | 55 50  |       | 55 50  |       |  |
| S L Clark .....BF   | 51  | 32 | 48 00  | 1 25  | 49 25  |       |  |
| Berdon Hampton BF   | 41  | 33 | 44 50  | 2 00  | 46 50  |       |  |
| Sina Clark .....BF  | 27  | 24 | 36 00  | 1 00  | 37 00  |       |  |
| Mamie Moore .D&R    | 24  | 17 | 32 50  |       | 32 50  | 11 00 |  |
| Sr Roberson ...DofA | 25  | 16 | 30 00  | 2 05  | 32 05  |       |  |
| R H Hazelton ...BF  | 35  | 24 | 24 00  | 1 25  | 25 25  | 1 00  |  |
| Hattie Hyde ....BF  | 19  | 17 | 23 00  |       | 23 80  | 2 50  |  |
| Clara Brigham ...BF | 31  | 21 | 23 00  |       | 23 50  | 2 00  |  |
| J R Allen .....BF   | 37  | 19 | 22 00  | 1 25  | 23 25  |       |  |
| Vera Dortch ...PP&F | 30  | 10 | 16 50  | 3 00  | 19 50  | 3 50  |  |
| Rebecca Moore ...BF | 39  | 13 | 14 00  | 2 90  | 16 90  | 1 00  |  |
| Mrs Mary Allen BF   | 49  | 13 | 13 00  |       | 13 00  |       |  |
| Mollie Hurdle ...BF | 14  | 8  | 10 00  | 1 00  | 11 00  | 9 50  |  |
| J S Moore .....BF   | 46  | 1  | 1 00   | 9 00  | 10 00  | 68 50 |  |
| Anton C Willmangc   | 18  | 2  | 7 00   | 1 50  | 8 50   | 3 00  |  |
| Eugene Sykes .PP&F  | 50  |    |        |       |        | 48 00 |  |
| Irregular .....     | 180 | 66 | 151 00 | 15 75 | 166 75 | 14 00 |  |

### SUMMARY

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|---------------------|-----|-----|--------|-------|--------|--------|--|
| Alabama Conf .....  | 259 | 74  | 84 50  | 25 35 | 119 85 | 116 85 |  |
| Kentucky Conf ....  | 130 | 119 | 145 00 | 3 00  | 148 00 |        |  |
| Louisiana Conf ...  | 83  | 21  | 24 00  | 21 05 | 45 05  | 23 29  |  |
| Mississippi Conf .. | 476 | 243 | 507 50 | 26 35 | 533 85 | 120 60 |  |
| Tenn River Conf .   | 727 | 407 | 617 50 | 44 35 | 661 85 | 164 00 |  |

Totals .....1675 864 \$1378 50 \$120 10 \$1508 60 \$424 74

## MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending May 19, 1912

| Agent                | No. | Value   |
|----------------------|-----|---------|
| ALABAMA              |     |         |
| C C Cross .....      | 350 | \$35 00 |
| KENTUCKY             |     |         |
| Milton Jones .....   | 82  | 8 20    |
| L Steele .....       | 13  | 1 30    |
| LOUISIANA            |     |         |
| Chester Hurst .....  | 7   | 70      |
| Brother Noise .....  | 6   | 60      |
| MISSISSIPPI          |     |         |
| A L Saxon .....      | 10  | 1 00    |
| Grace Holt .....     | 27  | 2 70    |
| TENNESSEE RIVER      |     |         |
| Memphis Church ..... | 287 | 28 70   |
| W J Keele .....      | 131 | 13 10   |
| Irregular .....      | 75  | 7 50    |
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### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THE commencement exercises of the Nashville Sanitarium Training School for Nurses will be held on the grounds of the institution Monday evening, June 10. The graduating class is composed of the following members:—

Webb R. Scarborough,

Delbert E. Jones,

Verna E. Watts,

Iva P. Kitchens.

An appropriate program is being arranged for the occasion, and a pleasant and profitable time is expected.

These faithful young people have worked hard and endured many trials while pursuing their studies and fitting themselves for their chosen work and place in the one great cause of the church.

We wish that many more of our young people, numbers of whom have no settled purpose in life, or have chosen worldly avocations, would open their ears to the Master's call for workers, and with pure hearts, clean hands, consecrated lives, and holy motives prepare themselves to act some part in the Lord's work, and devote all their time and energy to his service until there is nothing more to do.

The Lord's work is great, and in it there is room and a place for every converted person whatever his talent may be, and however great or small. For truly consecrated, reliable, and qualified men and women, men and women who are loyal to God, to truth, and to principle, there are opportunities in every department and branch of the work, and the supply will never exceed the demand. But those who wish to take part in it will have to do so soon, for the work will ere long be finished and their services will not then be needed.

### A NEW TRACT

THERE came to our desk a few days ago, a new prophetic tract by John N. Quinn, entitled, "Is the End of the World at Hand?" Tracing down the different lines of prophecy in a lucid and convincing way, and calling attention to the various specific signs which indicate by their fulfilment the proximity of that culminating event, the author shows clearly that it is near, "even at the door," and that it must take place during the lifetime of persons now living. The tract contains sixteen pages, with illustrations and diagrams, and may be had for seventy-five cents per 100, or two cents per single copy. Address S. W. Van Trump, 13 Sycamore Ave., Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

### DOES IT PAY?

EVERY Seventh-day Adventist should secure a copy of the little pink circular "Does it Pay" No. 4, recently issued by the *Signs*. All the incidents given in the circular show that our good pioneer missionary paper is certainly accomplishing its work. The *Signs* surely does bring people into the truth. Its plan of covering the points of truth in six months' series, going over the message each time, is making it a most effective preacher of this great three-fold message. Ask your church elder or missionary secretary for one of the circulars, and see what is being done. It most emphatically pays to circulate the *Signs*. Let us rally to the new series soon to commence and see that all those in whom we feel an interest are supplied with these "Truth for To-day" numbers—25 in all. The publishers ask only 65c each in clubs of five or more, and they will mail them to separate addresses. Orders should go to your tract society.

### A FEW OF THE INCIDENTS GIVEN IN THE CIRCULAR

"Am happy to say that I have seen some good results from the distribution of the *Signs* and tracts. One instance: I mailed copies of the *Signs* and tracts, followed by a six months' subscription to the *Signs* to my old professor, who is now an eminent lawyer and judge, requesting him to pass them on to others. Have just been informed that a series of meetings is wanted at that place. The people have never heard a Seventh-day Adventist minister preach."

One six-months' subscription, accompanied with tracts, does the work.

"I am almost seventy-eight years old. I have been only a few months trying to live present truth. My wife and I are trying to keep up with the 'Bible Band.' We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, and we thank him every day for it. We thank him, too, for the *Signs*, and for the words of inspiration we find there."

"A few days ago I was handed a copy of your paper by Benjamin Newman, and as I have perused it, I have thought of other friends who, I think, would welcome the instruction it gives. I have studied your subscription rates, and decided to send you a \$5.00 bill to pay for four new yearly subscriptions, a list of which I enclose."

"Enclosed please find \$1.75 postal order, for which renew my subscription to the *Signs* weekly. I esteem it as much as my necessary food. It was the leader to my hope of salvation. With many thanks for your trouble."

THERE are at present only ten countries that might properly be termed mission fields, in which Seventh-day Adventists have not entered. These are Arabia, Assam, Borneo, Cyprus, Eastern Sudan, Madagascar, New Hebrides, New Britain, Siam, and West Central Africa. We expect to open a mission in the New Hebrides very shortly, which will leave but nine fields unentered. In all other generally known mission fields we have stations established.

### STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

"It is no dream, great Comforter,

But very truth to me,

That all earth's strengthless, fainting ones

May be made strong in Thee.

The years have taught me many things;

But none so sure as this,

That shelter, solace, joy and strength

Are always where God is."