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

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## THE OLD-TIME RELIGION

By that is meant a religion that begins with an unmistakable penitence, and a sincere repentance that can be satisfied with nothing less than the experience of forgiveness and salvation. An altar work that means more than a profession, and a devout consecration of the soul to the love and service of God for all time. To mince matters or modify the conditions of salvation to anything less than a clear and conscious experience of regeneration is to deceive the penitent and to pervert God's scheme of redemption into a mere human invention. It is giving the sinner a stone when he needs bread, and imposing upon him a sham and a fraud. Sin can not be rated as a mere infirmity. It must be represented as it is; an awful disorder that has depraved man and separated him from God, and worked out ruin and disaster for his soul. Every man who thinks truly knows that he is a fallen creature, and that until the grace of God interposes for his salvation he continues to fall. And it must be made clear that outside of a saving faith in Jesus Christ there is no salvation. Our guilty sin-loving souls must come under the cleansing power of Christ's atoning blood. Morality is praiseworthy, but morality is not regeneration. Culture is noble, but no human culture can open the pearly gates of salvation. It may not be a pleasing duty to lift the gates of hades and show the sinner the doom of impenitence, but it is in the Book—and the Book is the minister's authority and chart. When Dante inscribed over the gateway of his inferno the words, "Ye knew your duty, and ye did it not," he simply preached the truth which the minister put into his message.

For a good many years Methodism has been modifying the terms of salvation. There has been a greater solicitude to increase the names on the church roll than to bring men to a deep and heart-felt penitence for sin. The awful effects are numberless. The prayer meeting has become mechanical and uninspiring; the class meeting has gone out of fashion; family prayer and private devotion have fallen into desuetude, and the majority of men, and numbers of women, have stopped going to church.

There are movements projected to arouse a new interest. There are ponderous methods of evangelism; there are evangelists who carry with them all kinds of expensive accessories, and the crowds hear them, but there is little of the "old-time religion." In saying this we disclaim all connections with the "moss-backs" and the "back numbers." We are not clamoring for the unseemly performances, nor the extravagant and sensational exhibitions which some times attended revivals in the past, but for a repentance that is deep and genuine, and for a conversion which knows by blessed experience that God, for Christ's sake, forgives sin. A general and genuine revival that will get down to the roots of men's lives and make them sing the almost forgotten stanza, "I can but perish if I go, yet I'm resolved to try; for if I stay away, I know I must forever die," is what we need and must have. A revival that will send a thrill of deep religious inquiry throughout the community; a revival that will

set the church on fire with spiritual zeal; a revival that will compel men to stop and think and start them to pray, and make them miserable until they go to Christ and find him. A penitence that does not make a man miserable may well be called in question. A repentance that does not end in a cheerful and unconditional surrender to Christ does not amount to much. It is the repentance not to be repented of which starts the old-time fire and brings about the "old-time religion," which is good enough for us all, and which is the only religion that is good enough for anybody if he wants his religion to bring him into full and final salvation.

And we trust that we will not be accused of harsh and unjust criticism when we say that this kind of revival must begin with the church. Is it not a sad fact that many of our members make religion a mere side issue? Is it not true that few make it the main issue? Judgment must begin at the house of God. If the members do not illustrate and exemplify real religion in their lives and conduct, it is a waste of energy to invite sinners to salvation. It is a great battle cry to declare for "a revival in every church, and twenty-five thousand accessions to the church." That would make a very inspiring showing in conference statistics, and suggest a handsome increase in the assessments. But put it this way and see if it will not sound better: "A revival of pure and undefiled religion in every church, and a membership that will not dally with sin, nor compromise with the devil. A membership that has religion and knows it by an unmistakable experience. A revival that includes us preachers and all the members in greater consecration, a more willing and abounding service, and a steadfastness in piety that abstains from the very appearance of evil. That is what Christ is asking for and what he expects from his church, and yet we live so far off and in so low a spiritual level that he is disappointed in us every day. O, for a revival that would make the nation feel that the kingdom of God is at hand. — *The Methodist Protestant.*

To this conception of genuine Christian religion and experience we give our unqualified endorsement. It is the only kind and quality of religion that is able to save the soul, and the only way of preaching it that will bring repentance to the sinner's heart. But as the writer realizes the words "old-time," as applied to both religion and the manner of preaching it, is coming to denote antiquity as well as quality, and that in other churches beside the Methodist. It would not be at all inconsistent or out of order for Seventh-day Adventists to consider the former days and pray earnestly for a revival of "the old-time religion" and religious experience.

"We are never to get above the simplicity of the work. It is a power in its simplicity. A consistent life, a fervent zeal, a meek and quiet spirit, mingled with a heart overflowing with love for perishing souls, is Bible religion."

A CHRISTIAN'S life is the world's Bible.—*Moody.*

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending June 1, 1912. Total number bound volumes, 3,501; *Watchman*, 10,636.

#### COLPORTEURS' LETTERS — TENNESSEE RIVER

I AM glad to say that this is a busy time for me. Trying to see as many people as possible before they get away for the summer, and making two deliveries per month since the institute, I hardly have time to write anything for the *WORKER*. I never saw people so much stirred as here of late, since we have had so many terrible things happen. It has opened the eyes of many to the times in which we are living, and many are now ready to read and investigate. So these things have worked out to the glory of God.

A lady last week sent me word to bring her book as she had the money and was anxious to begin on it, though it wasn't to have been delivered for two weeks or more. I am selling to so many Sunday-school workers. One Sunday-school worker, who had taken a special Bible course, said when I went to her, "I have been wanting that book for two or three years and I am going to have it." She spoke of several of her friends to whom I had sold, who had told her of the book. I canvassed a Presbyterian minister who has attended our tent-meeting and taken Bible readings, and he was very much pleased with it, and said he would get one later; that he couldn't just now as he was paying for a set of books; and he wished me success.

I saw an old lady at a house where I canvassed. She didn't seem to care much about what I had to say, but it happened a few days later that I had to deliver a book at the place where she boarded. She was visiting where I saw her, and she told them when I came she wanted to see me, and there was another old lady there who wanted to see me, too. Both of them bought the book, "Daniel and the Revelation" for cash. She said after she left the place where she first saw me that she was impressed that I wasn't just an ordinary book agent, but perhaps had light for her. She asked me questions. I didn't enter into a discussion, but said, "I think we will have to have a Bible study on that subject." So she holds me to that and won't let me off, but keeps after me to come and study with them and says there are four of them just anxiously waiting for me to come. I wanted to send her a Bible worker instead, but no, no one will do but myself. I would have gone before this, but with the sick to visit and my work, I have been kept so busy that I couldn't; but I intend to go soon. The daughter and husband of the lady where she boards let us have their lot for our tent one season, and they both came near taking their stand for the truth. This might be the means the Lord will use of yet bringing them in. Some are continually coming into the truth here. My courage is good.

MAMIE MOORE.

I AM enjoying my work fine. I have many encouraging experiences. Russell's books and papers have been sold and scattered here. I canvassed a lady who had three of his books, but she said "I like your book best," and ordered it. I canvassed another lady who said they were Scientists, so she would not order it. I gave her a little tract and she said she would give it to her mother. So I went on, and it had been some time when I heard some one calling. So I went to meet her and she told me to come back to the house as her mother wanted to see the book. I went back

and her mother ordered it and wanted it right away. I delivered it and she was glad to get it. I praise the Lord every day for giving me an humble part in this last message of mercy. I want to be faithful to the end and win the heavenly prize.

REBECCA MOORE.

MY interest has been especially in the business men of Memphis. By visiting them regularly each month I have won confidence in a few that has caused them to open their hearts to me as they say they have not to any other gospel worker or minister, even their own minister or priest. I am now giving Bible studies to some who have inquired of me for salvation. One man walked from the heart of the city to our home to be with us in prayer-meeting, a distance of one and a half miles.

While some are being drawn, others are becoming bitter. One young man, a Catholic, who I have been trying to win by love, treated me very kindly but said he had decided to buy no more *Watchman* as it was making a fight against Catholicism. I told him I felt very sorry that he was offended, but as he was a Catholic and the *Watchman* Protestant, they were of necessity in opposition to each other, but that truth was truth and should be carefully studied. After visiting with him in a brotherly way and showing him through the Special Health Number, he bought it. I have given special attention to the Jews with the Health Number, and have placed one or more in most every Jewish store or office. I think this issue an excellent one, and wish it could be in every home. I have assisted in getting it in many homes, and placed it in the hands of about 800 persons while trying to help others also.

I am always of good courage in the Lord. I know my Redeemer liveth. From the appearance I believe there are a few persons that are thankful that I am laboring in Memphis.

WM. J. KEELE.

FROM a letter from Bro. R. L. Pierce, Manager of our Fort Worth Branch, we quote the following interesting news item:—

"Am glad to report that while we are behind in actual sales as compared with last year at this time, yet the boys are forging right ahead in taking orders. We are now running about \$4,000 a week for the Union, and as there are five weeks to be reported in May, we expect our report will pass the \$20,000 mark. As soon as all of the students get out, we look for the weekly summary to go considerably higher than it is at present. Brother Harrison writes there will be about twenty-five or thirty go out from Keene.

"Brother Collison stopped here a short time this morning on his way to Oklahoma. Their report for last week jumped to \$1,660. By the way, from a letter just received from Brother Adams, a new record seems to have been established in Oklahoma. Brother Adams says:—

"Bro. Jake Funkhouser, a young man under twenty years of age, has put in the best report that Oklahoma has ever had so far as I know, having taken \$237.85 worth of orders last week. He is supposed to be down there in a burnt out district too. I take it as another evidence that nothing can be done against the truth, but for it."

"In the larger part of our territory the crop prospects are still the most promising that they have been for several years, although several localities are now needing rain. Oats and wheat are especially good, while cotton and corn are late."

THERE has been a splendid demand for the June *Watchman* and the third edition is completely exhausted. Our July number will be equally as good, and we believe will have a much larger circulation. Orders should be placed early and thus avoid disappointment.

BRO. Roscoe Gray, one of our pressroom workers, is visiting for a few days at his old home in Bowling Green, Ky.

BRO. A. J. Frank, foreman of our bindery, with his family, left Nashville the evening after the Sabbath for a month's stay with his parents in Northern Michigan. Brother Frank has worked faithfully the past two years without any vacation, and we feel sure that this rest will do him much good and enable him to return to his work refreshed in body and mind and better able to take up his duties.

Miss Mary Sharpe has returned from Atlanta.

Mrs. Mary E. Shelden, stenographer in the Book Department, has returned from Battle Creek, Mich.

ELD. W. W. Eastman, Manager of the Book Department, has just returned from a trip through the Southwest and reports splendid prospects for the book and magazine work in that field.

OUR new office building is fast nearing completion and our Book Department has begun to move in. The other departments will migrate the latter part of next week.

An interesting program has been arranged for the opening exercises and we shall be glad to see as many of our people present as possible. The Managers of our Branch offices are expecting to attend and we look for a very pleasant meeting. As we look back over the work we feel to praise God for his manifold blessings both in the office and in the field. What has been accomplished has been done by his help, for without him we could do nothing. Book orders are coming in rapidly and our Book Department is being taxed to its capacity.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,

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

## Kentucky Conference

### FORD CHURCH ORGANIZED

No doubt the readers of the WORKER have read with interest Brother Lindsay's report of the meetings at Ford. The interest in this place was started by the reading of our good books and papers that have been put out by some earnest workers. A call came for meetings to be held there, and it was arranged for Brother Lindsay to respond.

When he arrived the church which the interested ones had planned to use was closed against them because some had begun to observe the Sabbath. Accordingly Brother Lindsay began to hold cottage meetings, and continued them for two weeks. Then the way opened for them to secure the Presbyterian church where the meetings continued for about three more weeks. It was my privilege to associate with Brother Lindsay the last few days of the meeting, and I was indeed glad to see a nice company of believers, numbering fifteen, who were ready for church membership. Sunday, June the second, we gathered on the banks of the Kentucky River, right on the grounds where Daniel Boone fought his famous battle, and sixteen souls were buried in baptism. After this service we went to the church where we proceeded to organize a Ford Seventh-day Adventist Church, with eighteen members. Three of these were from Richmond, and were glad to have a place to call their home church, as they were isolated.

A large congregation was present the night of the organization and the Spirit of God was present to carry the truth home to the hearts of the people. One sister took her stand for the truth at this last meeting, but was not received into the church. There are two or three more who are keeping the Sabbath that did not unite with the church. This church

has been fully instructed in all points of the message and has accepted every phase of it. I was pleased to see the earnestness manifested by all. We received some tithe from them while there and the Sabbath-school offering for the Sabbath that I was present amounted to \$2. This is as it should be. I will say that the members of the Ford church are the best people in that vicinity, and they have come into the message by families, there being five men in the number.

We are truly glad for what has been done. Surely God has blessed Brother Lindsay in this effort, and I will say that he has done good thorough work. We feel confident that the Ford Church will grow and be a beacon light for God.

B. W. BROWN.

### OWENSBORO

THE work in Owensboro and Daviess County is progressing slowly, but surely. We were delivering books last week, and although not as successful as we had wished, we know that if God's blessings rest upon the work we have done that much good will be accomplished. We are so thankful for the precious promises that the Lord has given for our encouragement, and we know that his promises are sure if we only obey and believe. We have delivered nearly 200 copies of "Bible Footlights" in this city and county since coming here, and we ask your prayers in our behalf that we will not falter in the work, and that many will learn to love and keep all the commandments of God. CURTIS POUND.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

ATTENTION is called to the reports of Miss Anna Adams and Miss Effie Nelson who have been selling the Special Health Number of the *Watchman*. The Lord has surely blessed these workers with success, and their efforts to distribute the printed page have availed much.

Miss Adams has visited twenty-four small towns in this State, and has sold 1,350 magazines in four weeks, putting in eighty-nine and one-half hours. Miss Nelson has only worked three weeks, but her success has been equally good. She visited sixteen towns in the State, and sold 800 magazines in 75 hours. Surely the cause of present truth has been advanced by the silent messenger being scattered throughout the conference.

We were pleased to have visits last week from Brn. C. R. Millar and D. C. Ray, who have just completed successful deliveries at Lawrenceburg. Although their books arrived several days after the delivery was due, yet the Lord blessed them in delivering the books, only one or two orders being lost.

We received an encouraging report from Bro. Warren Judson, who is working in Johnson County with "Daniel and the Revelation." He reports working 46 hours and taking orders for \$70.25 worth of this book. Other reports like this are received daily, and Kentucky expects to sell double the number of books she sold last year.

During the month of May our colporteurs delivered over \$1,200 worth of subscription books, and we are expecting some new workers to join our ranks within a few days. So the prospect is very bright for the progress of the work in Kentucky.

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

F. C. BRUCE.

LOVE is always exercising self-denial without tasting its bitterness, and almost without ever thinking of it.—*Tersteegen*.

## Louisiana Conference

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY, 1912

	TITHES
Conference Church .....	\$ 3 20
Hope Villa .....	10 20
Hammond .....	14 70
Individual .....	41 60
Jennings .....	4 72
Lake Charles .....	29 40
Shreveport .....	75 75
Welsh .....	13 60
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$193 17</b>

	OFFERINGS
Harvest Ingathering .....	\$ 1 95
\$300,000 Fund .....	10 00
Miscellaneous Missions .....	6 00
Missions .....	5 17
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 23 12</b>

LAST month our tithes and offerings amounted to \$642.23, lacking only a few dollars of being three times as much as the above report shows. Let us verify the promises of God, brethren, and receive a blessing by bringing *all* the tithes and offerings into his storehouse.

A letter received from Brother Van Kirk not long ago says that the Graysville school is in need of funds. Did you make a pledge to this school at camp-meeting last summer? Have you paid it yet?

L. B. SPEAR.

## Mississippi Conference

### NEWS ITEMS

OUR work in Mississippi is moving at a very encouraging rate. The work in Jackson is making splendid progress. Eld. J. A. Morrow and wife and Sr. H. C. Balsbaugh are kept busy doing Bible work. We expect that there will be tent-meetings opened up here very soon.

Our workers in the field send encouraging reports all along the line. One colporteur reports \$162 in orders this week. This same brother gives some interesting experiences in connection with his work. He says, "One little experience illustrates the experiences of the week's work. In canvassing a man I came to that part that speaks of the change of the Sabbath. He said, 'Do you know how it is that we keep Sunday, the first day of the week, instead of Saturday, the seventh day?' I said, 'Why did you ask me such a question?' He said, 'If I am wrong I want to get right.' I said, 'Yes I know why we keep Sunday.' I sold him 'Bible Readings' and 'Daniel and the Revelation.' I don't believe I ever had such a direct question asked me before. I was glad I could answer his questions and had the ammunition to supply his needs."

One Bible worker writes thus: "Our work is prospering in Natchez. Last Thursday night we had quite a large crowd out to our Bible study and all seemed to enjoy the meeting. Brother Stewart seems to be taking such an active part in the work which is quite an encouragement to me.

"We are going to reorganize our Missionary Society and I hope to be able to send you an order for tracts before many weeks. One young man who is not a Sabbath-keeper, said he would give twenty-five cents to start on.

"Another thing I must tell you is that our Sabbath-school is

growing, and our donations are almost twice as much as they were for the whole of last quarter, and we still have three Sabbaths."

Another colporteur says: "During the past week the Lord has helped me to get orders from some of the hardest cases in this neighborhood; for this I am very thankful. I know it is the Lord helps me for I can hardly realize that I have these men's orders."

Eld. S. E. Wight made a pleasant call at this office this morning. His report of the work in the Southern Union was very encouraging. He told of some changes which will help us along that are soon to take place.

We are truly grateful for any change that will advance the work in this Southern field. We wish Elder Wight God's blessing in his new field of labor.

Elder Lowry has gone to Nashville to be present at a Union Conference meeting.

Brother Miller is out in the field visiting and assisting the canvassers this week. He writes very encouragingly of the work in general.

MISS PARIZETTA SMITH.

## Tennessee River Conference

### TREZEVANT

ON Sabbath, June 1, we met with the Sabbath-keepers at Johnsonville, Brother Lowry, accompanied by the entire resident membership of the Hustburg church, meeting us there. We found three applicants ready for baptism—two sisters, both adults, and a young brother about sixteen years old. After a short service at the home of Brother Taylor we repaired to the bank of the Tennessee River, and in its waters buried in baptism with their Lord these three precious souls.

One of these new members accepted the Sabbath through reading "Bible Footlights." The book had been in her home for three or four years, but remained unread until about eight months ago. As the result of reading since then, she began keeping the Sabbath, and prayed for some one to come and give her more light. The others were not interested in the message until Brother Boyce and the writer conducted a short series of meetings there last winter. Such instances as the above should give renewed courage to our colporteurs. Although the book lay on the shelf for three years it at last brought forth fruit. Some one sold this book about the time work was begun at Hustburg. There are two others who we feel sure will be ready for baptism soon. We hope the readers of the WORKER will remember these new Sabbath-keepers in their prayers.

A. H. JONES.

### NOTES

BRO. J. S. MOORE is now at Jackson, Tenn., and has begun work in Madison County with "Bible Footlights."

BRN. ANTON C. WILLIMAN and Eugene Sykes expect to begin work in Gibson County about the middle of June. They will make headquarters at Trenton.

I have just started two brethren to work at Gallatin, Tenn. Bro. W. L. Cutchville, of the Rock City Sanitarium, with "Bible Footlights," and Bro. Ernest Clift, of this State—a student from the Beechwood Academy, Indiana, with "Coming King."

I am now at Newbern, visiting Brn. C. H. Chenault and Jesse Allen. They will soon be through the portion of Dyer County that was not overflowed. The flooded district will hardly do to canvass this season. Thousands of people are left homeless and penniless, and have been supported by the government.

This week finds Bro. Stanley Clark at the head of the list—\$68 worth of orders. He reports fifty-two hours work. Isn't that good? Suppose all had put in fifty-two hours each, the report would have been very near double what it is. We know that all can not put in this much time, but can not some of us improve on the time? Let us try anyway.

C. F. DART.

## Missionary Volunteers

### TRAINING THE YOUTH TO BE WORKERS

TRUE education is missionary training. The sons and daughters of God are called to be missionaries, called to the service of God and their fellow men; and to fit them for this service should be the object of education.

This object should ever be kept in view by Christian parents and teachers. We know not in what line our children may serve. They may spend their lives within the circle of the home; they may engage in life's common vocations, or go as teachers of the gospel to heathen lands; but all are alike called to be missionaries for God, ministers of mercy to the world.

The children and youth, with their fresh talent, energy, and courage, their quick susceptibilities, are loved of God, and he desires to bring them into harmony with divine agencies. They are to obtain an education that will help them to stand by the side of Christ in unselfish service.

Our children stand, as it were, at the parting of the ways. On every hand the world's enticements to self-seeking and self-indulgence call them away from the path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord. Whether their lives shall be a blessing or a curse depends upon the choice they make. Overflowing with energy, eager to test their untried capabilities, they must find some outlet for their superabounding life. Active they will be, for good or for evil. Let the youth be impressed with the thought that they are not their own. They belong to Christ. They are the purchase of his blood, the claim of his love. They live because he keeps them by his power. Their time, their strength, their capabilities, are his, to be developed, to be trained to be used for him.

Time is short. Workers for Christ are needed everywhere. There should be a hundred earnest, faithful laborers in home and foreign mission fields where now there is but one. The highways and byways are yet unworked. Urgent inducements should be held out to those who ought now to be engaged in work for the Master.

The signs which show that Christ's coming is near are fast fulfilling. The Lord calls upon our youth to labor as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth. He speaks to our young men, saying, "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Those who will go forth to the work under God's direction will be wonderfully blessed. Those who in this life do their best will obtain a fitness for the future immortal life.

The Lord calls upon those connected with our sanitariums, publishing houses, and schools to teach the youth to do evangelistic work. Our time and energy must not be so largely employed in establishing sanitariums, food stores, and restaurants that other lines of work will be neglected. Young men and young women *who should be engaged in the ministry, in Bible work, and in the canvassing work* should not be bound down to mechanical employment.

However large, however small your talents, remember that what you have is yours only in trust. Thus God is testing you, giving you opportunity to prove yourself true. To him you are indebted for all your capabilities. To him belong your powers of body, mind, and soul, and for him these powers are to be used. Your time, your influence, your capabilities, your skill,—all must be accounted for to him who gives all. He uses God's gifts best who seeks by earnest endeavor to carry out the Lord's great plan for the uplifting of humanity, remembering always that he must be a learner as well as a teacher.

Success in any line demands a definite aim. He who would achieve true success must keep steadily in view the aim worthy of his endeavor. Such an aim is set before the youth of to-day. The heaven-appointed purpose of giving the gospel to the world in this generation is the noblest that can appeal to any human being. It opens a field of effort to every one whose heart Christ has touched.

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteneth greatly." And a world is to be warned.

With such preparations as they can gain, thousands upon thousands of the youth and those older in years should be giving themselves to this work. Already many hearts are responding to the call of the Master Worker, and their numbers will increase. Let every Christian educator give such workers sympathy and co-operation. Let him encourage and assist the youth under his care to gain a preparation to join the ranks.

There is no line of work in which it is possible for the youth to receive greater benefit. All who engage in ministry are God's helping hand. They are co-workers with the angels; rather, they are the human agencies through whom the angels accomplish their mission. Angels speak through their voices, and work by their hands. And the human workers, co-operating with heavenly agencies, have the benefit of their education and experience. As a means of education, what "university course" can equal this?

With such an army of workers as our youth rightly trained might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come,—the end of suffering and sorrow and sin! How soon, in place of a possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where "the righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever"; where "the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick," and "the voice of weeping shall be no more heard."—Mrs. E. G. White.

### DUTY THE KEY-NOTE IN ETHICAL CULTURE

THE millions pitch the tune of human conduct too low. They ask, "Will it give me pleasure?" "Will it pay?" "Is it good policy?" The consequent moral degradation is appalling. But duty is the key-note of every grand life. Conscience stands for duty, for it is our capability to feel duty impulses. Find right, choose right, do right, enjoy right, are the mandates of conscience. As the needle points to the pole, so conscience prompts each one to do duty as he understands it. Here all vital moral culture has its root. From infancy to age, the greatest thing in education is so to foster the ethical impulses that they shall become practically imperative in controlling human conduct. The noblest work of God is a man who, from principle and from habit, does what he deems is right. The highest work of the educator is the development of such men and women.—Baldwin, in *Christian Education*, Nov.-Dec., 1911.


**General**


**A LETTER FROM INDIA**

It has been some time since I have written anything for the little WORKER, which finds its way across the seas to our home away down in South India. We certainly enjoy the weekly visits of the little paper. It seems to us just like a letter from home.

Although we are far away from you, and our field of labor lies on the opposite side of the earth, yet we watch with the keenest interest every move and change that is made in the Southern Union Conference, and especially are we interested in the onward march of the message there in the Southland.

It certainly is marvelous when we stop and think for a moment of what the Lord has done, and of how he has worked during the last few years in the South. We do not have to look very far back to the time when the whole of the South was one mission field, just as South India is to-day, and the workers could easily be counted on ones fingers. In those days such things as publishing houses, sanitariums, treatment rooms, schools, etc., which we now recognize as being such a great help to the work there, were not to be found.

I can remember very well (and I am not very old, either) when the first efforts along the printing and publishing lines were made by us in the South. Such enterprises were then looked upon by many as a kind of experiment; but look now and see what the Lord has done. Look at the record of the Southern Publishing Association for the past year. Look at the number of message filled books, papers, and tracts which have been scattered over the South by the faithful colporteurs. Look at the new "Year Book" for a moment and see what there is now in the field as compared with what was there a few years ago. If you look now you will see that there are two unions and ten local conferences fully equipped with a working force of one hundred and two ordained and licensed ministers, ninety-six licensed missionaries, and an invincible host of colporteurs. Also a publishing house, seven sanitariums, several treatment rooms, and a number of church, intermediate, and training schools with their forces of laborers, all working with the same great object in view—"The gospel to the world in this generation."

When we see all this we must say, surely the Lord of the harvest has been with his people and has prospered his work far beyond what we expected.

The reason for all this is that the end is near, even at the door, and that the Lord is going to cut his work short in righteousness. Ways and means of which we have never dreamed, will be employed by the Lord in the carrying of this work to completion.

In India also we can see the hand of God mightily at work. Scarcely a week passes but what we hear of interested people who want to know more about the truth of which they have heard. As we look out over the great harvest field of India, which has yet hardly been touched with the tips of our fingers, we see indeed the great need of men and means, as never before. Sometimes, looking at it from a human standpoint, we feel inclined to say that the work is too great to be done, but again when we look back and see what the Lord has done in the home land and in other countries in the past few years, we are constrained to say "Thy ways oh Lord are not our ways."

I believe that the Lord's coming is much nearer than many of us realize. The greatness of the work before us,

and the apparently long time which it will take to accomplish it, is liable, to lull us to sleep. Let us all wake up and keep pace with the message, lest at last our Master will come and find us sleeping.

*Nazareth, South India.*

G. G. LOWRY.

NOTE. Brother Lowry speaks of there being *two* union conferences in the South. He evidently refers to the Southern and Southeastern Unions, as they together are made up of "ten" local conferences. ED.

**FETICH WORSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES**

THE great showman, P. T. Barnum, is credited with having said that the American people like to be humbugged. That they really *like* to be humbugged we would not venture to affirm. But that large numbers of them are easy victims of humbuggery, fraud, superstition, etc., there is abundant evidence.

Striking proof of their credulity and susceptibility to humbuggery is found in some literature which we received a few days since from Boston, Mass., in which we are told a wonderful story about how the writer, while traveling in India, was so fortunate as to procure from the native priests a quantity of genuine "lucky stones," each of which is possessed of wonderful properties by which, when carried on the person, it shields men from disease, accident and misfortune of every kind, insures the prosperity of business men, enables them to collect bad debts and drive good bargains, etc., and is sure to bring "good luck" of every kind to its possessor. And these claims are backed up by the testimony of scores of persons from the different walks of life, who own the magical treasures and have tested their virtue! The generous advertiser offered us one of his few remaining gems for only one dollar, but we declined to buy.

If this were a heathen country it would not be surprising. But that such fetichism exists in this enlightened land could hardly be believed if the evidence were not at hand. But when a man can afford to print pages of leaflets and send them to hundreds and thousands of persons through the mails to advertise such objects of superstition, it is evident that believers in this form of heathen idolatry are found in sufficient numbers in the United States to make the business profitable even at so small a price as one dollar each.

The success of such a fraud in a land like this, and its being supported by people of education and understanding, is indicative of the times in which we live and the spiritual degeneracy and superstition of the age. When men who deny the authenticity of the Bible and the evidence of a living God, will put their trust and confidence in an inanimate pebble, and ascribe to a stone the supernatural powers of deity, they are ready to embrace almost any delusion the devil may invent. Surely vain is the wisdom of man apart from the Word of God and his Holy Spirit, and soon the words of Jeremiah will have a second fulfilment:—

"The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?" Jer. 8: 9.

To be familiar with the Scriptures, and to have a personal knowledge of God, is the only way to escape the "seducing spirits and doctrines of devils" to which many will fall a prey in these last days. Therefore the injunction, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5: 39. And again, "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in

his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." Jer. 9: 23, 24.

**PROPER USE OF TRIALS**

Do we not sometimes make too much ado over our trials, tribulations, sicknesses, and sorrows? While thinking of these, our vision is diverted from the beautiful rainbow of promises in the arch above us. Let us examine some of these promises. First in the cluster we find, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Then why need it be of such importance to us whether we are sick or well, rich or poor, lame or able to walk?

To be sure, while we are of the earth, earthy, these things may look like mountains, but Christ says, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." Shall we not therefore with Paul gladly glory in our infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon us? Are we longing for the comforts and luxuries that wealth brings? "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow," while if we seek mainly for earthly riches we will fall into temptations and sorrows, and be drowned in perdition. 1 Tim. 6: 9.

Hear what John has revealed: "There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away." What wonderful encouragement! The time is coming when, if we are faithful, we shall see him as he is; when disrobed of earth, we shall be before the throne in the immediate presence of our Creator and Saviour. So we find manifold more promises than colors in the rainbow, and we should live and grow thereby.—M. G. Stanton.

**COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE**

For Week Ending June 1, 1912

**ALABAMA CONFERENCE**

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
R Roberts	BF	46	50	\$50 00	\$	\$59 00	\$
W F Nance	CK	19	14	24 00	2 75	26 75	
Geo W Brown	BF	38	3	3 00		3 00	21 50
Bulah Cathren	BF	9	5	6 50	25	11 25	9 50
M L Ivory	BF	50	15	22 50	5 75	28 25	16 25
S S Guilford	BF	4	1	1 50		6 35	
A J Rice	BF	47	3	3 50		3 50	
Candace Rice	BF	35	2	2 00		2 00	

**KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

Anna Rhodes	BF	14	13	13 00		13 00	1 00
Edna Scott	BF	27	1	1 50	3 50	5 00	30 00
Verna Pound	BF	27	2	3 00	3 75	6 75	22 50
D C Ray	BF	5					39 00
Mary Chapman	BF	24	12	15 50	3 75	19 25	75
Curtis Pound	BF	40			2 00	2 00	116 50
Letitia Steele	BF	26	10	10 50	25	10 75	
Lewis Davis	BF	33	9	32 00	5 50	37 50	
Warren Judson	D&R	48	22	51 00	19 25	70 25	
D C Ray	PP&F	33					93 50
Reuben Staton	PP&F	48	10	17 00	1 75	18 75	
Mrs Alice Reynolds	BF	1	1	1 50	4 50	6 00	1 50

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

T S Sligh	BF	30	5	11 50	50	12 00	21 75
M B Wilson	BF	39	50	56 00	14 00	70 00	11 50
J Harzman	PP&F	20	5	7 50	5 25	12 75	
Miss B Johnstone		6	3	60		3 60	3 60

**MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**

Virgil Smith	BR&D&R	48	68	156 00	6 00	162 00	6 00
A L Saxon	BF	45	30	93 00	4 75	97 75	4 75
C G Parkins	BF	47	52	54 50	50	55 00	1 50
H C Balsbaugh	GC	43	19	40 00	60	40 60	13 60
C R Canada	BF	36	26	27 50	2 25	29 75	3 25
W H Haddon	BF	28	13	14 00	9 05	23 05	10 25
C H McColrey	BF	11	17	17 50	2 10	19 60	2 10
Mrs L A Fry	CK	15			2 00	2 00	2 00
Mrs M M Groves	D&R	1	1	2 00		2 00	
Anna Watts	BF	40			2 50	2 50	47 50
Emily Billips	BF	40			1 25	1 25	20 75
Luella Hill	BF	41	8	12 00	1 00	13 00	10 00
M A Murphy	BF	30	3	4 50	1 75	6 25	19 00
Lettie Linyear	BF	23					4 00
E P Campbell	PG	40	18	31 25	15 00	46 25	15 00

**TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE**

S L Clark	BF	52	45	67 00	1 00	68 00	
Berdon Hampton	BF	45	35	48 00	1 75	49 75	
Mamie Moore	D&R	33	23	43 50		43 50	6 00
Emelia Roberson	Dofa	24	15	40 50	2 50	43 00	
C H Chenault	D&R	55	24	41 50		41 50	
Ulysses Bracy	BF	48	18	23 50	50	24 00	9 00
R H Hazelton	BF	30	16	16 00	1 50	17 50	
Eugene Sykes	PP&F	38	10	15 50	75	16 25	6 00
Melissa Tillman	BF	13	14	15 00		15 00	13 00
Vera Dortch	PP&F	24	16	15 00		15 00	1 50
Emma Jones	BF	17	11	12 00	50	12 50	3 00
Sina Clark	BF	15	7	10 50	75	11 25	
J R Allen	BF	26	8	10 50	50	11 00	2 00
Mollie Hurdle	BF	12	6	7 50	1 50	9 00	1 50
Rebecca Moore	BF	35	8	9 00		9 00	
Lincoln Black	MOFH	17	2	8 00		8 00	3 00
Clara Brigham	BF	24	6	6 50	25	6 75	5 50
Ella Gray	BF	9	6	6 00		6 00	3 00
J S Moore	BF	14	3	4 00		4 00	
Mary Allen	BF	25			3 75	3 75	29 00
Samuella McDuffy	BF	4	1	1 00	1 40	2 40	1 00

**SUMMARY**

Alabama Conf	248	93	113 00	8 75	121 75	47 25
Kentucky Conf	326	80	145 00	44 25	189 25	304 75
Louisiana Conf	89	66	78 60	19 75	98 35	46 85
Mississippi Conf	488	225	452 25	48 75	501 00	159 70
Tenn River Conf	445	230	355 75	8 75	362 50	48 50
Totals	1660	703	1054 60	\$135 40	\$1279 00	\$637 05

**MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT**

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Agent	No.	Value
<b>ALABAMA</b>		
Bulah Cathren	45	\$ 4 50
S S Guilford	4	40
<b>KENTUCKY</b>		
Milton Jones	120	12 00
Letitia Steele	40	4 00
*Effie Nelson	800	80 00
*Anna Adams	1350	135 00
<b>TENNESSEE RIVER</b>		
Memphis Church	98	9 80
W J Keele	123	12 30
Totals	2470	\$247 00

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### SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE CAMP-MEETING APPOINTMENTS

#### WHITE

Alabama .....	August 1-11
Kentucky .....	August 8-18
Louisiana .....	July 18-28
Mississippi .....	July 25-August 4
Tennessee River .....	August 22-September 1

#### COLORED

Kentucky .....	July 5-14
Alabama .....	September 27-October 5
Mississippi .....	September 13-23

The location and other information concerning each meeting will be published later. S. E. WIGHT, Pres.

### UNION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THE Southern Union Conference Committee is now in session in this city. Its first meeting was held last Monday at the Nashville Sanitarium and the members present attended the commencement exercises of the Nurses' Training Class of 1912 which were held the same evening. More about this occasion will probably be said next week.

LET no one say that he is not called to some important work in connection with the giving of the message, for it is impossible for any honest, truth-filled believer to foresee to what he *may* be called at any time. He may be placed in situations where he will need strong discernment, power of expression, and a thoroughly trained mind. It is therefore for the honor of God, and the salvation of men, that educated workers should multiply among us. Every believer ought to be making the best use of his God-given opportunities to qualify himself for any emergency that may come to him in connection with the message the Lord has entrusted to him. Reading *Christian Education* will assist in this self-culture.

### A VISIT FROM ELD. E. W. WEBSTER

We have much enjoyed a visit with Eld. E. W. Webster, who recently spent several days in Nashville and vicinity, calling on friends and visiting some of our institutions.

Elder Webster came to South Carolina in 1893, being the first minister to locate there to preach the third angel's message. After laboring there for two years he was sent to the West Indies where he remained five years, and buried his wife and daughter.

Later on Brother Webster was united in marriage with the widow of Elder Flowers, and returning to the United States went west where they labored earnestly in Arizona and Oregon for a considerable time, returning to South Carolina in 1904.

In 1906 their health became so impaired that they went to the Graysville (Tenn.) Sanitarium, where they spent two and one-half years. They then went to Florida, where the nature of Sister Webster's disease became known, afterward removing to Michigan, and finally to the La Fayette (Ind) Sanitarium. But nothing could be done to check the progress of the disease, and on May 16 last, after five years of terrible suffering, Sister Webster fell asleep in Jesus and found relief in death. She was brought again to Graysville and buried by the side of her sister, May 18, two days after her decease.

In the last days of her life her faith and patience were brighter than ever before, being a source of great comfort to her sorrowing companion.

Sister Webster was for more than thirty years a devoted and earnest worker in the Master's cause, and she now awaits his coming and the reward he has promised to all the faithful. We are glad that she has not long to wait, but that in a little while she, with all the millions who have lived and suffered for Christ, will be called from her dusty bed to immortal life and health.

Elder Webster has endured a heavy strain during the long illness of his companion, by which his own health has been impaired, and he may decide to spend some time at the Nashville Sanitarium for a much needed rest and some treatment.

### AN END OF WICKEDNESS

"OH let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end." Ps. 7:9.

This prayer was indited by the Holy Spirit. As a consequence the petition will surely be granted. It is a prophetic prayer; and as a prophecy it is certain to have its fulfillment. Therefore it is certain that wickedness will come to an end. The only question remaining is, How will this result be reached? There are but two ways possible for 'this to be accomplished.

1. The first is, by the conversion of all the wicked, including the devil and his angels as well as all the wicked of the earth. Have we any proof that all the wicked will cease their wickedness—that all will become holy and happy in immortal life? If there is no evidence to prove that all the wicked in the universe will be converted, the only alternative is—

2. That all the wicked will be destroyed—will cease to exist—and so their wickedness will come to an end. Is there any proof of this?—There is. We cite another prophetic prayer as proof. Ps. 104:35: "Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more." This prayer will be answered; and when it is, the wicked will no longer exist; for "to be" means to exist. And in the prospect of that happy time which shall follow the destruction of the wicked, when all in heaven and on earth shall be heard saying, "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever" (Rev. 5:13), the inspired writer immediately exclaims, "Bless thou the Lord, O my soul! Praise ye the Lord!"—R. F. Cottrell.

HEAVEN does not make holiness but holiness makes heaven.—Phillips Brooks.