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

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## OPPORTUNITY

OPPORTUNITY now offers,  
Beckons with her hand;  
Calls aloud to all who pass her,  
"Come, possess the land!"

'Tis no time for idle waiting,  
But for earnest work;  
Those who labor are rewarded;  
Therefore do not shirk.

'Tis a time for earnest effort;  
Jesus points the way;  
Then be earnest, willing workers  
While 'tis called to-day.

Precious souls are in the balance;  
You may turn the scale:  
If you now neglect your duty,  
You may always fail.

Rise then to the privilege given,  
Rise and work to-day;  
Opportunity 's now calling;  
Make no more delay.

## THE OUTLOOK FOR NASHVILLE

THE outlook for the work in Nashville is good. There are about one hundred thirty-five resident members of the Memorial church, and in the neighborhood of thirty in the North Nashville church, making about one hundred sixty-five in the two churches.

The prayer and missionary meetings are held jointly in North Nashville, and are quite well attended.

We have not the figures before us to justify an attempt at exactness, but can say in a general way that a good deal of quiet work is being done right along by the members of the two churches.

The coming of Eld. C. A. Hansen, who is now in charge of the work here, under the general oversight of the Tennessee River Conference, has caused a feeling of courage and good cheer that gives abundant promise of a large increase in work in the near future.

Sunday night meetings are soon to be inaugurated at the Memorial church, and systematic work is to be done to secure an audience worthy of the effort and added expense. A goodly number of the members in both churches stand ready to assist in distributing invitation cards, and there is an abundance of musical talent to give assurance of an attractive musical program in connection with each service.

Elder Hansen has had good success in attracting and holding audiences in other cities, and we are confident he will,

with the blessing of the Lord, be able to do so here.

The several facts cited constitute a situation very favorable to the doing of a good work in this city during the fall and winter, and we believe that our people in Nashville will arise to the emergency, embrace the opportunity, and live up to the privilege which is offered them of seeing substantial accessions to the church from among those as yet strangers to present truth.

Elder Hansen deserves and will, we believe, receive the united support and loyal co-operation of the entire membership of both the Nashville churches. This is due him as pastor; it is due the cause of God because it is His cause; and it is due the conference at large because of the help that has been provided for this city.

Opportunity seldom knocks the second time at any one's door; it is knocking now at the door of our churches in Nashville. What shall our answer be?

## WHO DOES THE WORK?

IN its last analysis all Christian work of every kind is done by the individual Christian believer, much as in carnal warfare the real fighting is done by the individual soldier.

Organization is valuable in that it enables a large number of individuals to co-operate, to work together for the accomplishment of a common purpose. Organization has been aptly likened to the harness for a horse. The harness enables the horse to apply his strength to the load he draws; in like manner organization enables the several members of the church to apply their united strength to the doing of the work committed to them.

Organization is needful, yea, even necessary. Without it no great work could be done, because no great power could be applied to its accomplishment, just as no great building could be erected by the unaided efforts of a single man, nor by the efforts of many men without a definite plan, and with no well understood purpose in view.

But it should be ever remembered that it is the individual who does the work; the organization simply directs his energies whether in the erection of a great building or in the giving of the third angel's message to the world in this generation.

The great Head of the church gives "to every man his work;" but that did not in the apostolic church mean that each man was to work independently of his fellows, nor does it mean that in the remnant church.

It is only by the union of many small streams that mighty rivers are formed capable of bearing upon their bosoms the commerce of nations. It is only by bringing into a common treasury the many small gifts to missions and other lines of Christian effort that our magnificent system of foreign missions is made possible.

Without organization the selfish and self-assertive would

flourish and live in luxury, while the self-denying and modest laborers among us would go hungry and threadbare. God has ordained organization not only for the better direction of the work, but that resources may be conserved, abuses corrected and unholy ambition curbed. Organization is the protection of the weak, a bridle to the strong, and the terror of evil men and seducers who find it ever standing squarely athwart their path. "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." I Cor. 14:33.

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Sept 14, 1912. Total number of bound volumes, 1,712; *Watchman*, 3,023.

OUR general manager, R. Hook, Jr., is attending the Fall Council at Washington. He left Nashville September 9, going via Savannah, Ga. Brother Hook was in need of rest which he hoped to secure while on the voyage from Savannah to New York. However, he carried some work with him to be done en route.

ELDER EASTMAN is also at Washington, on an urgent call from the secretary of the Publishing Department. Brother Eastman left Nashville at 9:30 P. M., on the 11th inst.

Brother Eastman will return direct to Nashville from Washington, but Brother Hook will attend the Florida camp-meeting at Ocala, October 3-14.

BROTHER HARVEY, our superintendent, was in attendance at the Printers' Cost Congress in Nashville this week. These Cost Congresses are revolutionizing the printing business, making it more of an exact science as far as finances are concerned, and insuring success in some cases where without a practical cost system there could have been only failure.

A BALANCE sheet for the first eight months of the year 1912 completed only a few days ago makes a very encouraging showing. So far, this has been the best year in the entire history of the Southern Publishing Association.

SOME exceptionally good work is being done by our artist upon *Watchman* cover designs. The designs for October, November, and December, are especially striking.

A CLASS for instruction in giving Bible readings has been started in North Nashville. This class ought to be well attended. Our people in the office and factory are busy, but every one can find some time to spend in missionary work. Let us all be up and doing while it is called to-day.

WE are glad to note that the weekly prayer meeting is well attended. The prayer meeting has well been called the thermometer of the church.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,  
By C. P. BOLLMAN.

### ANVIL STROKES

No man ever lifted himself by doubting the story of the Fall.

It is hard for temperance folks to temper their joy when the saloon is whipped.

SOME brothers search out the weak members of the flock, not to share with them, but to shear them.

No matter how wise you are, there is bound to be somebody who thinks your ideas are foolish.

If men could buy only what they ought to have, with money, there wouldn't be nearly so much scrambling for it.—*Christian Herald*.

## Kentucky Conference

### THE "PROTESTANT MAGAZINE"

WE are surely living in the solemn times foretold in the Scriptures, for the dragon voice is now being heard in our country in the clamor for Sunday laws, which greatly concerns us, as in the future we will not only hear his voice, but will feel his persecuting power.

In order that we may be intelligent as to the working of the dragon power, the *Protestant* magazine has been issued, and by a careful reading of the same we can be posted in regard to the issues which we are continually having to meet.

This excellent magazine is now issued in the monthly form, and to those who order immediately we will make the special offer of sending the magazine until Dec. 31, 1913, for the price of \$1.00, thus giving fifteen months for the same price of the regular yearly subscription. Let every one order a copy sent to your representative and members of the senate at Washington, in order that the workings of this beast power may be delayed and the message of religious liberty, as advocated by us as a people, given to all the men of influence in the legislative body.

Order at once, so as to take advantage of this special inducement. Send all orders to the tract society.

F. C. BRUCE.

### NOTICE

THE new *Sabbath-school Quarterly* for the third quarter is now ready and orders can be filled promptly. We urge every member of our conference to order at least one quarterly, and we would also call the attention of all the Sabbath-school teachers to the memory verse cards for the new quarter. These supplies will be needed for the first Sabbath in the quarter, therefore send in all orders promptly, so as to insure early receipt of your supplies.

The price of the quarterly is five cents post-paid, the memory verse cards are six cents per set, or in quantities of five or more the price is five cents per set post-paid. These cards have proved to be an excellent help to all who have tried them, so let us have an order from every Sabbath-school teacher in the State of Kentucky. Send all orders to the tract society.

F. C. BRUCE.

## Tennessee River Conference

### \$176 AHEAD

FROM the August report I see that our colporteurs have delivered \$987.35 worth of subscription books, which is \$176 more than any other month's record this year. Adding to this \$152 worth of helps, \$45.80 worth of magazines, and \$33.60 worth of Bibles, it makes a total of \$1,219 worth of literature sold.

This is much better than I expected, considering that eleven of the colporteurs were in attendance at the camp-meeting and some have left for school.

The average per hour is the best record this year, being sixty-one cents.

Including the first week in September, we have now sold \$6,127.85 worth of literature, which is equal to the entire year of 1911. I do praise the Lord for this. C. F. DART.

THE workless people are the worthless people.—*William C. Gannett*.

## General

### OUR FOREIGN POPULATION

#### ITS MAGNITUDE

It is quite well known that we have a large foreign population in this country, but I am sure that only comparatively few have any real knowledge of the immense number of these foreigners in our midst and the rate at which they are coming year by year.

According to government statistics about 30,000,000, or one-third of our entire population are counted as foreigners. There are states where nearly one-half the people are foreigners, and we have cities where the foreigners count eighty-five per cent of the population. It is very difficult for us to comprehend such a situation and condition.

These foreigners represent every nation in the world. A hundred years ago they were coming in small numbers and mostly from Northern Europe, but this small beginning which was only a tiny stream has increased until it has become a veritable flood. We present the reader with some figures by decades that will give some idea of the increase of this foreign immigration from time to time.

From 1776 to 1820, forty-four years, it is estimated that 250,000 foreigners had entered this country. From 1821 to 1830, 143,439 immigrants landed on our shores. The next ten years from 1831 to 1840 brought 599,125; and from 1841 to 1850 the numbers coming increased to 1,713,251. The next decade, 1851 to 1860 brought in 2,598,214. The reader will note the steady increase. Every following decade nearly doubled that of the former one. We now pass on to the ten years from 1881 to 1890, during which time 5,246,313 immigrants arrived, while the last decade, 1901 to 1910 brought the enormous number of 7,795,380. The largest number coming any one year was during 1907 when 1,285,349 souls, representing some thirty nationalities and languages, entered our country and took up their abode in our midst.

It is very difficult for us to really comprehend these figures. To illustrate let us consider the year 1910, during which time 1,041,570 immigrants landed. That would mean that if they all should get off of trains at your railway station, and you should go to the station and watch them come in, you would see over 2,800 file past you every day of the 365 days of the year. Twenty thousand people would pass you every week, and 84,000 would pass you every month. If you divide these people into groups and put them into cities by themselves, you would have an Italian city as large as Minneapolis, containing 220,000; an Austro-Hungarian city the size of Detroit, 270,000; a Jewish city as large as Providence, R. I., with 180,000; and you would have one hundred cities from 2,000 to 22,000 people without an English speaking person in them. This will give you a little idea of the vast multitudes of foreigners that are pouring into our country year by year. Such a situation is certainly worthy of our study and attention, and we can not close our eyes to the fact that right here is a foreign mission field of no small magnitude.

This influx of foreigners year by year has quite transformed our country. Frank M. Goodchild, D.D., makes the following statement: "New England is foreign to-day. Not only the great cities, but the small towns as well; not only the small towns, but the hillsides; not only the hillsides, but the valley farms are peopled with men and women who have strange faces and strange ways."

The following, from Howard B. Grose, D. D., is to the point:—

"Go where you will, from Atlantic to Pacific coast, the im-

migrant is there. In nineteen of the northern states of our republic the number of foreign-born and their immediate descendants exceeds the number of native-born. In the largest cities the number is two-thirds, and even three-quarters. There are more Cohens than Smiths in the New York directory. Two-thirds of the laborers in our factories are foreign-born or of foreign parentage. New England is no longer Puritan but foreign. So is it in the middle and Central West, and not only in city and town but hamlet and valley. The farms sanctified by many a Puritan prayer are occupied to-day by French-Canadian and Italian aliens. Foreigners are running our factories, working our mines, building our railways, boring our tunnels, doing the hard manual labor in all the great constructive enterprises of the nation. They are also entering all the avenues of trade, and few other than foreign names can be seen on the business signs in our cities large or small."—*Aliens or Americans,* p. 236.

We request the reader to give these statements careful study for they present before us a situation of great importance. That we have a duty toward all these people of foreign tongue and nationality all will admit. There certainly must be a providence in their coming to our shores in these large numbers at this stage of the world's history, when the last warning message is to be given to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people."

At some future time we shall present other features of this great immigration question. Our desire is that an earnest missionary spirit may be aroused that will bring the message to all these people of foreign speech in our midst.

O. A. OLSEN.

### EXPERIENCES SELLING RELIEF BOOKS

It is now more than nine years since I began to connect the sale of "Ministry of Healing" and "Christ's Object Lessons" with my regular canvassing work, at least at intervals. During this period I have tried this plan in California, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming. By the blessing of the Master I find it has succeeded in every place where I have pushed the work. I have received many rich blessings in this work, and have seen many and marked answers to prayer, and see continually sweet tokens of God's love and care over me. All honor, glory, and praise are the Lord's, only and ever. He gives it all. Ps. 28:6, 7; 102:17; 34:1-4; 103:1-5; 145:7.

On a recent long canvassing trip to Arizona I was favored in delivering nearly \$150 worth of Ministry of Healing" in addition to my regular work. During these nine years, I have been blessed in delivering hundreds upon hundreds of these relief books, besides my regular work. The number has gotten beyond me. I can't tell them all. What a blessed thing if all our regular, successful, young canvassers, and adults as well, would only connect this relief book work with their regular canvassing, and sell one or two (or more, no limit if the way opens for more) as missionary work for the Lord. It would prove a triple blessing, a blessing to the one who sells the book, a blessing to the one who buys it, and a help to the debt-laden schools and sanitariums.

I take "Christ's Object Lessons" on one trip and "Ministry of Healing" on another, and have sold from one to six a day, and one day as high as twelve "Object Lessons" in three hours; and from one to as high as eight to ten in one day of "Ministry of Healing;" this all in addition to my regular canvassing work. I have had many blessed experiences while doing this, and have seen many remarkable answers to prayer, and my faith has been strengthened in the control of God over all the affairs of earth. I have seen when it seemed as if

the day was about lost from the regular canvassing, by devoting the largest part of it to relief book work, yet from five or six P. M., until bedtime I was blessed in getting from \$30 to \$50 worth of orders for other books, helps, etc. "When we make God's interests our interests, the Lord makes our interests his interests." How frequently I have seen this statement verified. I have found this relief work a guarantee of the success of the regular work, a safeguard to it, an insurance policy as it were, of its ultimate triumph. This relief work is not a dead issue by any means. I think it is a live one.

I am now up in Northern California, not far from the Oregon line, on my summer canvassing trip. The Lord does greatly bless. On this trip I use "Object Lessons" as the relief book, besides my regular work. I have just called at a large dining place in a saw mill town. The head cook, an educated German, gave an order for "Object Lessons," as did also a bright young lady, a waitress at the same place. So the work moves on. I say to all, be of good cheer, trust in God, work hard, and victory will be yours.

*Metropolitan, Calif., Sept. 2, 1912.*

W. HARPER.

### HARMONY

"TRY to unite the workers in confidence and love. . . . Select Christian youth and train them to be, not workers with hearts of iron, but workers who are willing to harmonize."  
—*Testimony.*

The first thing that comes to my mind when I read the word "harmonize" is thought of the musical chord or harmony. When a number of notes are played on any instrument, if these all chord or harmonize, the listener has a sense of pleasure. But let one of these notes be a little high, or a little low, and although the others may be correct, yet this one wrong note will spoil them all. What an illustration is this of our position before the world! We are an instrument upon which the Lord could play the most glorious music were we but willing to let him do it. How many, do you think, listening for those divine harmonies which they have a right to expect of God's church, have turned away in disappointment because of the discordant tones produced by some string out of harmony?

In Rom. 12:4 is given another illustration. The church is compared to the body. Christ is the head, we are the members; and as not all the members of the body have the same work to do, neither do all the members of Christ's body have the same kind of work. Paul speaks of the different workers as apostles, prophets, teachers, etc., and says that to each one is given the grace to do his own work. To-day, one goes out to preach, one to sell papers, another to heal the sick, another stays at home and gives of the money he earns to help those who are in the field.

And it is evident that as such workers become more and more imbued with the Spirit of the Master, they will more and more put aside personal considerations, and work for the furtherance of the one common aim—"till we all come in the unity of the faith."

There is an inspiration in that word "unity." Even in the world it is recognized that "in union there is strength." It is an inspiration to know that the one who is at your right or your left is working in the same cause with you, and if you stumble, even for the good of the cause, he will reach out and help you. How much more then, when that union includes the Creator of all things, will it give strength to do and suffer all things that his cause may go forward in the earth!

And as the great principle which animates God's dealings with his children is love, when we are in harmony with him,

and our hearts are filled with his love flowing out to our fellow men, what room can there be for anything but complete harmony? And when this condition is reached, as it must be, and soon, then we shall hear the "loud cry" of the third angel's message going out with irresistible force, and then shall be brought about that condition for which the Saviour prayed, "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."—*Selected.*

### "RUN SPEAK TO THAT YOUNG MAN". ZECH. 2:4

THERE are thousands of young men and women all about us who are unconsciously waiting the word to be spoken which will change the entire course of their lives.

Speak to that young man who stands halting between two opinions, as to whether he will accept of some lucrative position or enter some line of the Lord's work. Speak to that young woman to whom the world is holding out her golden scepter, inviting her to enter some worldly vocation. Parents, speak to that boy or girl of yours who is about to leave the parental roof, about to form decisions which will affect his or her whole future usefulness in this life and possibly eternal destiny.

Speak to these young men and young women, and tell them that God is calling them to prepare to enter some part of the world's whitening harvest field. Tell them the doors of our colleges stand open to welcome them to a course of training to fit them for the work. Tell them a strong corps of Christian teachers are anxious to help them to get an education that will fit them for a work in some phase of the message. Many a laborer in the cause to-day, some of whom are occupying positions of trust and responsibility, can recall a word spoken to them, at an opportune moment, which led them to make decisions that resulted in their becoming laborers in this cause.

The writer spoke to a young man and wife at one of our camp-meetings this summer about going to college, and noticed the tears at once come into the young lady's eyes. They looked in each other's faces, and both burst into tears. Then they told me that they had just been praying to God to teach them what they ought to do. I was rejoiced to learn that they decided to give up a worldly enterprise which had been appealing to them, and both attend college. "If this appeal had come a little sooner," said a young lady recently, "I would have gone to college, but now I have accepted a position as stenographer in a business house, and can not change my plans."

The world is bidding for the flower of our youth. A thousand inducements are held out by the world, and many a young man and young woman of this denomination, with a worthy ambition to make something of himself or herself, is earnestly considering the question of whether or not this or that position in the world should be accepted.

"Run speak to this young man," hasten to him with an invitation and a word of encouragement to give his life in service to this grand and glorious work.

If Philip had not run to join himself to the chariot in which the eunuch was riding, if he had not hastened his steps to speak to that young man, he would have forever missed the opportunity, and the eunuch might have been left to go in the wrong way. Run, hasten to speak to that young man or young woman, lest you forever miss the opportunity of speaking that word in season, and they be left to choose the world instead of fitting themselves for a place in this message.—*A. T. Robinson.*

### THE CALL OF GOD!

Called to a holy service,  
 Called by the voice divine,  
 To love's divinest ministry,  
 Before your God and mine!  
 To watch his beckoning finger;  
 To wait his hidden will;  
 What matters if the way-marks lie  
 Within his service still!

Mountains and seas and rivers,  
 Spread 'neath his sovereign hand,  
 And if he points across them,  
 Love welcomes his command!  
 No task but what is holy,  
 When purposed by his care,  
 However humble be the lot,  
 Love finds its blessing there!

Called to a holy service!  
 Such is Jehovah's plan,  
 But in the service of our God,  
 We serve our fellow man,  
 And love must pour its spikenard  
 On tired feet of clay,  
 If it would share the angel's song  
 Beyond the gates of day!

—R. Hare.

### TRUE COURTESY

TRUE courtesy is one of the graces of the Spirit; it is an attribute of heaven. It is that thoughtful consideration for others that Jesus manifested in his life—the ideal that he has set before us in the instruction, "Whatsoever ye will therefore that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Courtesy is not a mere ornament of life, which, while it adds to its beauty, is not really a part of it; it is an essential,—the very warp and woof of Christian character. Not to be courteous is not to be a Christian.

Nothing less than the courtesy of Christ himself must be accepted as the pattern after which we are to fashion our life and character. He went about doing good and scattering kindness. The great love and tenderness of his nature flowed out in words of sympathy to all. Every day we make some progress toward the attainment of this ideal. The motto of an old artist was, "No day without a line." If we set up before us the perfect standard, and then every day make some direct advance, though it be but slight, we shall at last wear the shining beauty.

The way to acquire any grace of character is, moment by moment, to train thought, and word, and act in the one channel until the lovely quality has become a permanent part of our life. In this way we may learn to control not only words, but thoughts and imaginations. We shall never offend unnecessarily. The unkind word will be left unspoken; selfish disregard of the happiness of others will give place to loving sympathy.

Courtesy is power. It works as a leaven amid all elements of society, softening natures which without it would grow hard and rough. We can never do amiss in showing Christian courtesy. There is no day when it will be untimely, no place where it will not find welcome. Especially do those who are tempted, afflicted, and despondent need our sympathy and consideration. Pleasant words and the manifestation of disinterested love will break down barriers of pride and selfishness, and truth will find its way to the heart. Wisdom and

tact, refinement and courtesy will do that which argument will fail to accomplish.

Courtesy, unobtrusive, walks among the thoughtless, the rude, the uncourteous. It speaks a word of sympathy here, a word there, as it sees men fainting under the heavy burdens of life. It is as a magic ray of sunshine, dispelling the gloom and shadows born of weariness and strife. Beneath its warm, genial influence, beautiful flowers blossom along life's pathway.

Blended with truth and justice, Christian courtesy makes the life not only useful, but beautiful and fragrant. Kind deeds, pleasant words, and a cheerful countenance throw about the Christian a charm that makes his influence almost irresistible. In forgetfulness of self, in the light and peace and happiness that he is constantly bestowing upon others, he finds true joy. The love of Christ in the heart reveals itself in that unselfish spirit, and winsome temper that characterize a refined, courteous disposition. It overflows in those spontaneous little courtesies, which, beginning at home, and extending far beyond the home circle, constitute no small share of life's happiness, but which, being neglected, go far toward making up the sum of life's misery.

Real refinement of thought, word, and manner is not learned by the practise of rules of etiquette. The courtesy that our perfect Pattern holds up for us as the standard of Christian living is too high for any merely human attainment. It requires more than training and self-discipline. Our hearts must be made over before they will yield the life of perfect lovingness and thoughtful courtesy. They must be trained in the school of the divine Teacher. This education imparts a heaven-born dignity, a sweetness of disposition, and a gentleness of manner that can never be equalled by the superficial polish of fashionable society. That so-called culture which does not make one considerate and tender, generous and helpful toward the old, the young, and the unfortunate, and courteous toward all, is a failure.

We can never learn this lesson alone; but divine co-operation is promised. The Holy Spirit will work in our lives the sweetness of love, the gentleness of disposition, and the graciousness of manner that will please God.

"There is a legend of a great artist. One day he had wrought long on his picture, but was discouraged, for he could not produce on his canvas the beauty of his soul's vision. He was weary, too; and, sinking down on a stool by his easel, he fell asleep. While he slept, an angel came; and, taking the brushes which had dropped from the tired hands, he finished the picture in a marvelous way. When we toil and strive in the name of Christ to learn our lesson of Christian courtesy and gentleness, and yet grow disheartened and weary because we learn it so slowly, Christ himself comes and puts on our canvas the touch of beauty which our own unskilled hands can not produce."—*Una Hosking, in Australasian Record.*

"ON moving day the things that are not worth moving are burned up. There will be a great moving day some day, and we should see to it that we do not have some things in our character that are only worth burning up. Let us fill our character with things worth moving over to the other shore."

Do right, and God's recompense to you will be the power of doing more right. Give, and God's reward to you will be the spirit of giving more. Love, and God will pay you with the capacity of more love, for love is heaven and the spirit of God within you.—*Robertson.*

**LITTLE THINGS**

"ONLY a drop in the bucket;  
But every drop will tell;  
The bucket would soon be empty  
Without the drops in the well.

"Only a poor little penny;  
It was all I had to give;  
But as pennies make the dollars,  
It may help some cause to live.

"Only some outgrown garments—  
They were all I had to spare;  
But they'll help to clothe the needy,  
And the poor are everywhere.

"A word now and then of comfort,  
That costs me nothing to say;  
But the poor old man died happy,  
And it helped him on the way.

"God loveth the cheerful giver,  
Though the gift be poor and small;  
What doth he think of his children,  
When they never give at all?"

—Selected.

**THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY**

"THERE is no need to worry. When God shuts a door, he opens a window." A world of sunshine and hope is epitomized in this Italian proverb. To look out on the world with eyes unclouded by shadows of fear or doubt or worry; to go forward in the spirit of love and trust, never for an instant wavering in faith or hope; to resolve —

"Never to look behind me for an hour;  
To wait in weakness and to walk in power;  
But always fronting forward to the light!"—

is to take a long step toward a happy and successful life. To look back constantly on past mistakes and failures, is as destructive to the growth of spiritual beauty and power, aye, and to the development of material success, as it is to look forward to ills that may never come. The people who take a melancholy pleasure in recalling the fact that they "have seen better days," and in bemoaning present conditions, never see "better days" again. Their attitude of mind shuts them out from all possibility of happiness or prosperity. — *Success.*

**THE FAULTFINDERS**

We all know them. Their noses are abnormally sharp or else turned upward in a perpetual sniff of disapproval, and their mouths invariably drop at the corners. The expression upon their faces is one of discontent, and the tell-tale lines imprinted there are to be deplored from the standpoint of the seeker after beauty. It is conceded that every habit of thought leaves its mark, and faultfinding is stamped plainly for all to see upon the faces of those who indulge in the habit.

It grows so fast — this faultfinding, for there are countless things that we, in our misguided zeal, look upon with disapproval, quite oblivious to the fact that all circumstances in this big, busy, crowded, jumbled-up, old world can not be adjusted according to our own particular ideas of fitness. And then too, our notions and opinions do not prevail universally. Each of us has his own standpoint. No two persons view the sun at precisely the same angle. Agitation

of a subject is very often attempted in much the same spirit as that exhibited by the small boy who stirs up the water of a puddle to see the mud rise to the surface. "If there's a remedy, try to find it. If there is none, never mind it"—is a good motto to adopt. But so many people are chronic objectors, even when their objection can not do the least good and only reacts upon themselves.

If we look for good in others, it is always there to see. "Seek and ye shall find," is true in more senses than the spiritual. Our attitude of mind goes a long way to determine results.

If conditions demand an upheaval, that is quite another thing; but incessant picking at persons and things brand the faultfinder as a person to be avoided because he is a menace, to be regarded as an unjust and biased critic, to be deplored as an unfortunate individual who seeks out and draws attention to many things that should be quietly adjusted or kindly ignored, and to be pitied because he misses so much of the Eternal beauty that abides in this old world we live in.—*Christian Herald.*

**THE HOUR OF TRIAL**

WHEN Jerusalem was surrounded by Roman armies, and its inhabitants were face to face with famine and crucifixion, all were prepared to recognize that a crisis had come. But their awakening came too late. The crisis had come and gone long before, and the overhanging destruction was the outcome of their failure years in the past. A message of truth from God had tried the nation; it had been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

John the Baptist had announced to Israel that the hour had come when it must repent; for the kingdom of heaven was at hand. Matt. 3:2. The ax was laid at the root of the trees, and every tree that did not bear good fruit was about to be hewn down. Verse 10. But Israel's day of grace had passed slowly away unused. They rejected the living Word of God, and thereby they made the great division which cut them off from life. Israel saw no particular occasion for alarm, no need to decide at once; nor did they arouse from their indifference till God's judgments brought crashing to the ground the trees that did not bear good fruit.

It is the same to-day. The kingdom of heaven is again at hand, and God is calling men to stand with him on the side of truth. If they could see some really alarming sign, many would separate from the world; but they do not feel that they need to take decided action yet. While they linger, the accepted time is passing away. Soon there will be signs enough for all, but then it will be too late.

God does not desire to frighten men into obedience. Those who love the truth for its own sake are the children of light. Now, in a time of quietness, men are called upon to decide their eternal destiny. Now the ax is laid at the trees; the great division is being made. God's crises come as thieves in the night. He says to us all: "WATCH." — *Present Truth, London.*

A CIGARETTE can add to a man's nervous trouble, subtract from his strength, multiply his sorrows, divide his mental powers, take interest from his work and discount his chances for success, deplete his pocketbook, bankrupt his morality, and destroy his soul.— *Selected.*

"A WORD kindly spoken, a smile or a tear,  
Though seeming but trifles, full often may cheer;  
Each day to our lives some treasure 'twould add,  
To be conscious that we had made somebody glad."

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

For Week Ending Sept. 7, 1912

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
J V Lucas	BF	38	17	\$20 00	\$ 5 10	\$25 10	\$
P M Winkler	BF	26	26	16 50		16 50	
Gillie M Harris	BF	28	6	7 50	50	8 00	
D C Ray	BF	42	25	28 00	25	28 25	
Edna Scott	BF	26	18	19 50	1 50	21 00	
Jno R Staton	BF	14	13	14 50	2 75	17 25	2 25
Henry Jones	BF	33	13	18 50	1 50	20 00	
W Judson	BF & D&R	47	19	23 00	11 50	34 50	15 00
Lacey B Hill	GC	35	7	21 00	10 05	31 05	
C D Sloane	PP&F	12			25	25	
Reuben Staton	PP&F	14	1		1 50	1 50	
Milton Jones	JUV				1 25	1 25	1 25

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

J S Fry	BF	8	1	1 00	1 25	2 25	1 25
W J Hirst	BF	18	26	34 00	1 25	35 25	8 50
T S Sligh	BF	7	7	7 00	25	7 25	
MB Wilson	BF & H&H	17	28	36 50	2 50	39 00	

\*MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

V B Smith	D&R & BR	77	68	139 00	8 75	147 75	8 75
C H McColrey	BR	68	53	116 75	7 00	123 75	7 00
A L Saxon	BR	73	23	60 00	6 75	66 75	13 25
H C Balsbaugh	GC	75	6	14 00	8 30	22 30	43 30
C R Canada	BF	67	72	77 50	3 25	80 75	6 75
Lettie Linyear	PP&F	31	11	14 00	3 50	17 50	2 50
Louise Jackson	CK	22	4	4 00	1 00	5 00	1 00
Ella Johnson	BF	47	69	74 00	4 25	78 25	11 00
John Hampton	MISC	44	8	8 00	8 00	16 00	28 50
Luella Hill	BF	32					4 25
W H Haddon	BF	6					1 75
Loletta Parks	PP&F	29					4 50
Coley Parkins	BF	35	29	29 00	2 00	31 00	3 50

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mamie Moore	D&R	37	32	52 00	2 50	54 50	6 50
B Jackson	BF	32	37	49 50	3 00	52 50	1 50
U Bracy	BF	37	21	30 50		30 50	
W L Cutchville	BF	49	21	28 50		28 50	
J S Moore	BF	43	20	23 50	1 50	25 00	3 00
Milton Young	BF	16	22	21 00		21 00	
Eugene Sykes	PP&F	24	12	19 50		19 50	5 00
R H Hazelton	BF	30	8	11 00	3 30	14 30	
Thos Goodman	BF	37	8	12 00	1 75	13 75	
Rebecca Moore	BF	39	12	12 50	50	13 00	3 00
Emelia Roberson	Dofa	22	7	10 50	50	11 00	31 50
M E Tillman	BF	10	8	9 00		9 00	6 00
Mollie Hurdle	BF	18	7	7 00	50	7 50	2 00
*Anna Pruitt	BF	17			1 50	1 50	7 00

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	.....	No Report.
Kentucky Conf	....	315 145 168 50 36 15 204 65 19 50
Louisiana Conf	....	50 62 78 50 5 25 83 75 9 75
*Mississippi Conf	..	606 343 536 25 52 80 589 05 136 05
Tenn River Conf	..	411 215 286 50 15 05 301 55 65 50

Totals ..... 1382 765 \$1069 75 \$109 25 \$1179 00 \$230 80

\*Two Weeks.

**MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT**

For Week Ending Sept. 7, 1912

Agent	No.	Value
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE		
Edna R Scott	17	\$ 1 70
Gillie Harris	10	1 00
Lillian Farney	19	1 90
Milton Jones	83	8 30
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE		
N O Y P M V S	21	2 10
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE		
Grace Holt	25	2 50
M A Murphy	20	2 00
Totals	195	\$ 19 50

**THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM**

SEVERAL weeks have passed since the WORKER contained any notice of this institution, but its doors are still open and its rooms are all but full of a good class of patients who have been attracted to it by the good reputation the place is earning for itself.

The institution is becoming more widely and favorably known in all directions, and invalids are coming long distances in the hope of finding here the help which they have sought in vain elsewhere, and while the diseases of some are too far advanced to be permanently cured, their suffering is being relieved and others are being restored to health. The Sanitarium is also making friends at home and its patronage from the city is increasing. This is something for which the friends of the institution should be thankful; for a good reputation at home is the best promise of continued prosperity. While the circumstances will not permit an active propaganda to be carried on in behalf of our peculiar doctrines, the religious features of sanitarium work are not being overlooked.

From twenty minutes to half an hour each morning is devoted to Scripture reading, parlor talks, and worship, and these exercises are quite largely and regularly attended by the patients as well as by the family, and advantage is taken of every favorable opportunity to instruct those who are interested in the special truths for this time.

Perplexities of course, sometimes arise from one cause or another, as they do in every other branch of the Lord's work, and the prayers of the readers of the WORKER are solicited by the management that it may deal wisely with such things and conduct all the affairs and the work of the institution in harmony with the will of God. \* \* \*

**ADD TO THE WORLD'S BRIGHTNESS**

WHATEVER adds in even the smallest way to the world's brightness and cheer is worth while. One who says an encouraging word to a disheartened neighbor, gives a look of love to a lonely one, or speaks a sentence which may become strength, guidance, and comfort to another, does something worth while. It is always worth while to live nobly, victoriously struggling to do right, showing the world even the smallest fragments of divine beauty. — *Woman's Life.*

THE absence of any kind of anxiety for the spread of the truth, implies spiritual paralysis, if it does not imply actual spiritual death. — *Canon Liddon.*

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### TO SUBSCRIBERS

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PROF. A. N. ATTEBERRY reports that the prospects are bright for the best attendance at the Hazel Academy of any year in its history so far.

BRO. T. E. PAVEY is working early and late preparing to go to his new field of labor in Alabama. His successor in this conference is expected to arrive from Michigan soon.

ELDER WIGHT, after visiting the West Michigan camp-meeting, went on to Washington to attend the Fall Council of the General Conference. He will return to Nashville shortly.

MISS ARP of Mississippi was a caller at the WORKER office last Friday. She was on her way to the Hazel Academy. Her sister expects to come to the Academy a little later. We are glad to see the Hazel School filling up with good, substantial students.

ELD. C. A. HANSEN, recently called to the work in this city, paid us a brief visit last Friday. Brother Hansen is taking hold of the work here with energy and determination, and we believe that success will surely attend his efforts. He will, we feel sure, be loyally supported by the entire force employed by the Publishing Association.

THE new book, "The Man That Rum Made," is now on the press and will soon be ready for delivery. It is one of the best temperance books ever printed, and is bound to be popular with temperance workers. Our tract societies can not make a mistake in laying in a good stock of this book at the earliest possible moment.

### AN APPEAL TO PRESIDENTS OF CONFERENCES

DEAR brethren, you who are presidents of conferences, we appeal to you to keep the readers of this paper fully informed as to what is taking place in your respective fields.

If you once begin to cast about in your minds for items of interest, you will be surprised to find how the list will grow.

The Lord has made us all social beings, and each one wants to know how the battle is going with his fellows; and there is courage in knowing. You know how helpful a good social meeting is; well, the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER ought to be a most interesting and encouraging experience meeting every week. Let us all take hold with energy and see if we can not make the WORKER an absolute necessity in every Seventh-day Adventist home in this Union Conference.

### ENCOURAGING

FOR the encouragement of our brethren in Kentucky we make note of the fact that in its issue of June 6, the New Orleans *Christian Advocate* had this editorial note:—

"The *Central Methodist Advocate* reports that the Seventh-day Adventists are making headway in Kentucky. They are

becoming increasingly aggressive in many other parts of the South, and, in our judgment, their pernicious teaching needs to be more vigorously combated. But the prevailing idea in this day seems to be that Christianity should sheathe its sword and keep ever flying a flag of truce. This preaching that the way to conquer is by surrendering, is one to which we do not subscribe. It is our conviction that we must first have the Church Militant before we can have the Church Triumphant."

Evidently Seventh-day Adventists in Kentucky are doing something. If nothing was being accomplished such papers as those mentioned would not be stirred as they are.

### "A CORRECTION" CORRECTED

IN answer to an inquiry, we wish to say that the change of the name of the editor in the WORKER of August 29, was premature. It made the signature to "A Correction," which appeared in that issue, misleading. The mistake in make-up was not made by the present editor, nor was "A Correction" written by him, but by the retiring editor. The present editor did not know that his name was to be used in that number of the paper, until it was off the press.

### THE WATCHMAN

SOME time since, a gentleman in California sent the Southern Publishing Association twenty-five dollars with instructions to place fifty names on our subscription list for six months. The following is one of the many letters received from this large class of *Watchman* readers, and should inspire many more to send us fifty cents for a six months subscription to a friend not in the truth. The letter is from a Methodist lady not acquainted with the truth, and indicates how our literature is regarded by those not of our faith. It reads thus:—

"The *Watchman* still comes to me as a welcome visitor. I just think it is fine, and we all like it. I shall always love you for sending me such grand literature. Your publishing house is indeed sending out literature rapidly, and I pray that it may send the blessed message to the uttermost parts of the world and accomplish wonderful results. . . .

"Since beginning this letter I have received another valuable copy of the *Watchman*. It is simply superb. I have not finished reading it, but from what I have read, I really believe it is the best number I have yet had. I certainly wish your publishing house unbounded success in the distribution of this good literature. I notice from the date on my wrapper that this is my last copy. I am very sorry to learn this, as I have enjoyed it so much. So please write to me and tell me what I owe for my subscription and I will gladly remit."

The September issue being a Workingman's Number, and the large cities all around us being in dire need of the message, would it not be the right thing to order through your tract society a club to sell, or for free distribution? Surely the time is ripe for aggressive work. The message is finding those honest in heart and we must discharge our responsibility. Our magazines contain a message that the Spirit of God can use in convicting of sin and error. Let his Spirit use both the message and us for the salvation of souls.

We will receive a great blessing if we will take our magazines to the people and present the spirit-filled message they contain.

Who will be the next to send in a standing order for the *Watchman*. Rates in quantities, ten to forty, five cents each; fifty or more, four cents each. Per year, one dollar.

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