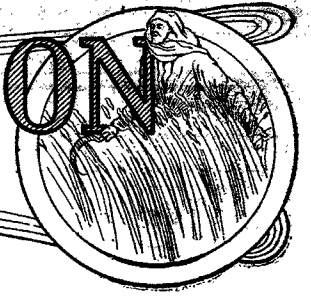


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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." *Joshua 1:9*

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## GOD HELP ME NOW!

God help me now to rise above  
The things that weigh me down!  
O that I might behold thy smile,  
Not live beneath thy frown.

Help me to feel thy love for me,  
Unworthy though I am;  
That though the waves may round me beat,  
I may in thee be calm.

I would be steadfast, O my God,  
Safe anchored to the Rock;  
For ever shall thy truth withstand  
Hell's hardest, rudest shock.

## AFFAIRS IN THE EAST

INASMUCH as the next important step in the fulfilment of prophecy as it pertains to the Eastern Question is the withdrawal or the expulsion of the Turk from Europe, the following, which appeared in the *New York Independent* of Sept. 12, 1912, under the heading, "The Disintegration of Turkey," will be of interest to our readers:—

"Times have greatly changed since that memorable day, Jan. 14, 1853, when Czar Nicholas took Sir George Seymour aside and remarked to him casually that the Sick Man of the East was on his death-bed and that it behooved his heirs to come to an agreement as to the division of his estate. To which Great Britain replied in a shocked tone that it would be more seemly to consider what could be done to restore the Sick Man to health than to anticipate his demise.

"Nowadays Great Britain would not be so ready to take up arms to preserve the integrity of Turkey. She would, in case of collapse, be content to make sure her hold on Egypt and to keep clear the Asiatic route to India. France, which was her ally against Russia in the ensuing Crimean War, is now the ally of Russia and has more Mohammedans under her sway than the Sultan of Turkey.

"The King of Sardinia who made his first appearance as a European Power on the Crimean stage as the defender of Turkey, is now the King of united Italy and has seized the last of the Ottoman possessions in Africa. The King of Prussia, neutral in that struggle, is now Emperor of united Germany, and, nudging his neighbors to get "a place in the sun," obviously looks upon the plains of Anatolia as the sunniest land within reach.

"Austria-Hungary having taken advantage of Turkey's embarrassment to annex Bosnia and Herzegovina, is holding the pass of Novibazar with apparent intention of some day marching through it down to Salonika and the sea. Here might be materials for a kingdom of Southern Slavs and the Dual Monarchy would become Triple. Montenegro, the in-

vincible, has now a king, father-in-law to the King of Italy, and, in spite of the warnings of the Powers, can not forbear giving aid and comfort to the Albanians over the border who are continuing their stubborn conflict with the Turks.

"Bulgaria, Servia, and Rumania are all held in leash, eager for a chance to enlarge their boundaries. Crete is not to be restrained by any threats from the Powers from occasionally declaring herself annexed to Greece. Rhodes, Calymnos, and Patmos, now occupied by Italy, protest vigorously against their annexation by that country, though profoundly grateful at being relieved of the Turkish yoke.

"Hitherto the best defense of Turkey has been the jealousy of the European Powers. If now the negotiations instigated by Count Berchtold should remove this jealousy, she will have to rely upon her own military prowess to defend her territory against her covetous neighbors."

## WHY WAS THE SABBATH CHANGED?

IN the *New York Tribune*, bearing date of Feb. 23, 1878, the following questions and answers concerning the change of the Sabbath appeared:—

"1. When did they change the Sabbath from the seventh day of the week to the first day? 2. Why did they do so?"

"1. The first observance of Sunday that history records was in the fourth century, when Constantine issued an edict (not requiring its observance, but simple abstinence from work), reading, 'Let all the judges and people of the town rest, and all the various trades be suspended on the venerable day of the sun.' At the time of this edict, Constantine was a sun-worshiper; he refused to unite with the church until on his death-bed (337).

"At the council in 536, the religious observance of Sunday was recommended, but very little attention was paid to it. In 780, Alcium, an English prelate, became the spiritual adviser of Charlemagne, when, for the first time, it was formally declared that the fourth commandment covered the first day of the week; but this declaration was observed by comparatively few, and for eight centuries thereafter Sunday was observed far more as a day of sport and festivity than as a religious one. The English Parliament sat on Sundays and English courts were held on that day, down to the reign of Elizabeth.

"In 1593 D. Nicholas Bound, of Suffolk Co., England, published a work called "The True Doctrine of the Sabbath," in which he maintained, not that Sunday was divinely appointed as a Sabbath, but that the obligation to observe a Sabbath was divine. It was as late as the opening of the seventeenth century when the Puritans in England began the practise of calling Sunday the Sabbath.

"2. There never were, and are not now, any satisfactory reasons given for the calling and observing of Sunday as the Sabbath day.

"Says Bishop Porter: "Their [the Puritans] warrant for what they did [with reference to the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath], whether we look for it in the pages of the New Testament or in the traditions of Catholic Christendom, was neither substantial nor sufficient."

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Sept. 21, 1912. Total number of bound volumes, 2,772; *Watchman*, 5,749.

MISS ADELLA KING, of Keene, Texas, has joined our force of workers in Nashville. She is employed in the proof-room.

ELD. E. G. HAYES, recently of the Alabama Conference, visited this office last week enroute for North Dakota where he goes to engage in school work. Brother Hayes spent five years in the South. He leaves many friends here.

THE Nashville Concert Band, composed very largely of employees of the Southern Publishing Association, took second prize at the State Fair in Nashville last week. The boys are of course very much elated over their success.

WE were privileged last Monday morning to have with us in our chapel worship Eld. E. L. Maxwell, the newly elected president of the Tennessee River Conference.

Brother Maxwell's subject was, "The Missionary Spirit, and How to Get It." He said that it is the world's need that appeals to us. It was the world's great need that appealed to the Saviour. It was India's great need that appealed to Carey, and it will be in just the proportion that we see the need of the world to-day that we will have the true missionary spirit. Says the Saviour, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Elder Maxwell said that out of the forty-eight counties of Tennessee in this local conference, there are Sabbath-keepers in only seventeen. This certainly argues that the need is great. Upon the occasion of a recent visit to Indiana he heard the statement made that there still can be found places in that State where the truth is not known. Here we speak rather of the places where it is known.

In conclusion the speaker urged all present to study the great need of the field, and to be in that place where the Lord can use us to do the great work that must be done.

### AN ENCOURAGING MEETING

THERE was a note of courage running all through the prayer meeting in North Nashville Wednesday evening, September 18.

The opening song was "O Happy Day that Fixed My Choice," etc. The scripture lesson was a portion of the 11th of Hebrews, and the comments by Pastor Hansen were in keeping with the tone of the meeting; in fact the hymn, the scripture, and the pastor's remarks served to give tone to the meeting.

Brother Hansen said that now while we are waiting for the opening of the proposed Sunday night meetings at the Fatherland Street church is a good time to seek the Lord as did the disciples during the ten days before Pentecost.

Faith grows by exercise. Let us then use the measure of faith we have and it will increase. The Holy Spirit is waiting to do great things for us. Some souls are already interested in the truth in this city and there are others who can be interested.

"Let us exercise all the faith we have, and ask God for more faith. I believe God is pleased to give us faith for the forwarding of his work," said the pastor. "This is his work and he is more interested in it than we can possibly be. There can be no failure on his part. Let us seek his strength that there may be no failure on our part."

The prayers and testimonies indicated that the scripture lesson was appreciated, and we believe that our people in Nashville are more courageous and united in the work than ever before and that definite results will be seen ere long.

The Sunday night meetings will begin at the Memorial Church, September 29.

## Kentucky Conference

BROTHER JUDSON reports a new Sabbath-keeper at Auxier and others interested to the extent that they are calling loudly for a meeting to be held there.

Brethren Dow and White report strong opposition in their work at Gresham, but their attendance is good and they believe honest ones will obey the truth.

A letter just received tells of a young man in Scott County who has been observing the Sabbath for three months as a result of reading one of our good books. This should cause the canvassers to rejoice and press forward in the work.

Elder Lindsay and the workers who are holding the tent-meeting in Louisville have been made to rejoice as several have taken their stand for the truth during the past week.

We are just in receipt of a letter telling of a new Adventist at Ashland, Boyd County. This is the first Adventist in the northeast part of the State, and this brother is calling for a meeting to be held. In this we see that God is opening the way to get the message before the people in that county.

Brother Beck has been making a delivery at Bowling Green the past week.

The church school in Louisville will begin the twenty-third of September, with Miss Edna Scott as teacher. Some have been writing about sending their children to attend this school. I wish to say we have room for a few more students, and those who desire to attend should make arrangements at once.

The writer's father and mother have been making us a visit for the past ten days. They have expressed themselves as being glad to see the earnestness that is manifested among the Adventists of Kentucky. They have given a small offering to help the work along. Their home is at Concordia, Kansas.

The note that appeared in the last WORKER in regard to Adventists in Kentucky should cause each church member to work more earnestly than ever before. If the enemy sees that the teaching of God's Word should be more vigorously combated, it tells me that we as a people should put forth greater efforts than ever to warn men and women. Are there not some who have heard God's call to take up the canvassing work? If so heed the call.

Let those who have not ordered their Harvest Ingathering Signs do so at once. You need to have the blessing that will come as a result of putting out these papers, and the missionaries are looking to us to do our part in sending money to carry on the work in foreign lands. Already 2,500 have been ordered. Who will be the next one to send in a good order? Now is the time—to-morrow may never come.

B. W. BROWN.

"THE world measures a man by what he has; Christ measures him by what he is."

## Louisiana Conference

### THREE DOLLARS AN HOUR FOR MISSIONS

ONE of our sisters recently started out with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, and for three hours work received \$10—a little more than \$3 an hour. It costs about \$42 for every hour of day and night to support our foreign mission work, but at the above rate fourteen sisters could support it. It is not such a heavy load after all, is it brethren? All it needs is consecration, determination and application, in equal parts. Perhaps all our conferences in the Southern Union are behind their quota of the fifteen-cents-a-week fund. This Harvest Ingathering Campaign offers an excellent means of catching up on this fund. If you haven't your supplies, get them at once and begin work.

#### PAPERS WANTED

Sister Clara R. Winterton, Newellton, La., would like clean copies of the *Youth's Instructor* and the *Little Friend*, copies of the old edition of "Christ in Song," and old Bibles for use in a mission Sunday-school conducted by some of our colored sisters near her place. Will those having such supplies to spare, please forward same to her address, prepaid?

Eld. O. F. Frank recently baptized ten candidates at De-Ridder, and organized a company of thirteen members.

R. W. PARMELE.

#### TAKE NOTICE

TO ALL the Sabbath-keepers in Northern Louisiana, greeting.

I am located at Arcadia, La., at the present time, and I want to get in touch with all the believers in this part of the State as soon as possible. I do not know where you live, and so I am hereby asking all to write to me and let me know where you are. I am here for the purpose of helping you to advance the third angel's message in this part of the State. Hoping to hear from every one soon, I am yours for the advancement of the cause.

W. S. LOWRY.

#### CONCERNING THE WORKER

FOR some time past the Louisiana conference has been sending the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER to a great many in this State without remuneration. Some have sent the subscription price in to the Conference office, while the majority have neglected to do so and this neglect has resulted in the conference being forced to bear this expense.

At the Baton Rouge camp-meeting it was voted that hereafter the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER would be sent only to those sending in the subscription price of fifty cents per year. The great majority of our people want this weekly visitor, and not wishing to deprive any of a single number we are announcing that in the near future the mailing list will be revised, so those wishing to continue receiving this paper must remit at once.

When remitting kindly give your address in full. Send all orders to the Louisiana Tract Society, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

O. R. GODSMARK, Treas.

WHAT men want is not talent, it is purpose; in other words, not the power to achieve, but the will to labor.—*Bulwer-Lytton.*

## Mississippi Conference

### WHAT BECOMES OF OUR PAPERS?

Do you not wonder what becomes of all our magazines and papers? What the fate of the silent messengers of truth?

One Saturday night a copy of the *Watchman* was sold to a giggling girl at a cigar stand in a drug store. There were two of the girls, and they appeared so foolish that it almost seemed a pity to leave so good a paper with them. But something told me to leave the paper though a second trip had to be made to collect for it.

On boarding the street-car some ten days later, a young girl nodded a pleasant "good morning."

Who could it be? After a tussle with memory I recognized my late *Watchman* purchaser, and as we talked she remarked, "Mother wants to meet you and may go to church with you." A few days later I visited their home where I was welcomed most cordially and also learned that years ago faithful Brother Bahler had sowed the seeds of truth in her heart and mind. On leaving she said, "Come again soon; bring your Bible and read to me." Since we must soon leave the city, I asked to take Elder and Mrs. Morrow to see her which pleased her well. She is now one of their readers.

At my last visit she said, "I believe that I find in the Advent people that for which I have longed all these years—that which really satisfies. I see it in your faces."

Her son told down town that "mother has joined the Advents." We trust she may.

A happy finale to a sale of "Ministry of Healing" last winter was the baptism of a dear woman the last Sunday in August.

After several months of careful study and four months of Sabbath-keeping, and after being disappointed twice because of circumstances in the home, she went forward alone for baptism. The afternoon turned out rainy, but nothing daunted she went to the river (accompanied by her husband and two baby children) where we from the conference home met her. Elder Morrow, who had helped much in her instruction, performed the solemn rite. All the while there was a constant but very gentle fall of rain which she declared was significant of the drops of mercy with which the dear Father in heaven had filled her life. We count her a good, earnest, working Adventist.

May such happy incidents stir the heart of each reader to act well his part in distributing the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, knowing that the hand which performs faithfully its God-given task shall surely be filled with blessing.

A WORKER.

Ye various sects who all declare  
"Lo, Christ is here, or Christ is there,"  
Your stronger proofs divinely give,  
And show us how the Christians live.

—*Charles Wesley.*

THERE may be living and habitual conversation in heaven, under the aspect of the most simple ordinary life. Let us always remember that holiness does not consist in doing uncommon things, but in doing everything with purity of heart.

—*H. E. Manning.*

"ADVICE is seldom welcome. Those who like it least, need it most."

## Tennessee River Conference

### ONWARD, EVER ONWARD!

ONWARD, ever onward,  
Pressing still our way!  
Upward, ever upward,  
Rising every day!

Fighting for the Master,  
Fearing not to die!  
Seeking not earth's treasure,  
But a home on high!

Thus we live and labor,  
Longing to be right;  
Seeking for the city  
Where there is no night.

C. P. B.

### "MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE"

THE message to this generation is in a special sense, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields." Our people have nobly responded to this call in the past, and each year we are reaching out farther and farther into the unwarned portion of the earth.

The breadth of vision which is the natural result of the truth that we have been taught to believe, has made us the greatest missionary people in the world. As soon as one accepts the message he becomes anxious to offer the bread of life to another. And why not? There is no other purpose in the plan of God for his people than that they should thus become "laborers together with him."

Our work is like that of a conquering army whose forces are distributed in every part of the world. Our "Captain" is on high, directing from the throne of Omnipotence, with unfailling wisdom, the movements of the faithful soldiers below. Whether in frozen Iceland or Indian jungle, on South American pampas or African desert, in Siberia, China, or the islands of the South Seas—everywhere the successful efforts of the "men at the front" are telling of the infinite strategy of our Commander, and that the time has come to make the final advance.

We of the "Home Guard" must not relax our efforts to keep our brethren supplied with the means to keep up the advance, nor must we fail of vigilance in the work in the "Home Field."

Here in Tennessee we have within the limits of our own conference forty-eight counties, and seven in Kentucky, having an estimated population of over 1,500,000. That means that there are over three thousand one hundred eighty persons depending on each of us for a knowledge of the message. In thirty-one of the forty-eight counties in Tennessee within our conference, there is no record of a single representative of this message, while several of the others have only one or two of our isolated brethren in the midst of their thousands. Surely we of Tennessee have something to do.

Now brethren, shall we not first of all, and right now, give ourselves to the Master to be his servants in the truest sense? And shall we not begin to work our neighborhoods with our good tracts and books to get the message before the people who are looking to us as to those who must answer the great call of the lost? Can we not by the judicious use of our literature be missionaries to our neighbors? Let

us answer the question as we would like to have it answered before the Great White Throne in a few more years. Let us begin NOW.

E. L. MAXWELL.

### THE BEGINNING

WE have found our stay at Nashville very pleasant thus far, and as the hearts burdened with sin begin to turn to us for aid we shall soon be so busy and so much taken up with our work here, that Nashville will seem the most important place on earth.

We have already found some people who are anxious to talk about the truth. One lady is partly keeping the Sabbath because as she put it, "I felt that God would like to have me rest on this holy day." Such cases are refreshing to the worker because they are evidence to him that the Spirit of God is at work in that locality; it is to him as the burning bush was to Moses—it should make us anxious to co-operate with God.

We feel that a good start has been made in the Missionary Society. Sister L. A. Smith has been added to the Fatherland church staff and Sister Foree of the North side church will also help form a strong committee to divide the work among the willing ones who though not paid in earthly coin will go out to give Bible readings and visit among the people. The above named committee will form the connecting link between the pastor and lay members.

Another step has been taken that we trust will prove profitable,—a course for Bible workers, which is carried on each Sabbath afternoon at 4:00 P. M., at the North side church. All may join this class and become proficient in giving Bible instruction. We hope that by thus educating our dear brethren and sisters, that they will catch the spirit of the times and go forth as a mighty army. Many of our people already have the spirit but lack training to work under the Spirit's guidance.

May the Spirit of him who never slumbers or sleeps spur us on to victory in this, the closing day of earth's history.

C. A. HANSEN.

### OPENING OF HAZEL ACADEMY

THE opening exercises were held in the school chapel on Tuesday, September, 17th at 9 A. M.

A good number of students were assembled for the opening exercises as well as a number of friends and patrons of the school.

After a brief address by the principal, Bro. C. F. Dart gave an interesting and profitable talk, which was followed by others, by members of the faculty and friends of the school, some of the students also taking part. Twenty-five matriculated the first morning—this number being increased to thirty-one or two as we write. This is a good number for the first week. Quite a few others plan to be with us soon, having been detained from various causes.

In the Friday evening prayer meeting every one took some part, and the presence of the Spirit of God was very evident. A good spirit prevails and each one is taking hold in good earnest to make this year count for as much as possible in fitting him for a place in the Lord's work. Those who had been here before, were glad to see the improvements made since the close of school last year, as papering, painting, etc., also the new storehouse which is now nearing completion. This is a very neat building and we shall certainly appreciate the use of it when it is done.

The tomato crop has been cut short by the unfavorable weather, but several hundred cans of nice tomatoes have been put up in our canning department. Our new pressure canner

has been doing good work. Next month we shall probably see some sweet potatoes.

Crops on the farm are fair this season, and look very nice at this time of the year. We ask the prayers of those interested in the work of the school that this year may be the best in its history, and may result in the salvation of souls and the preparation of workers to carry this blessed truth.

It might be of interest to know that although our students are not usually of a very mature age almost one-half of those who entered the school this year have definitely in mind the line of work for which they are preparing.

Hazel, Ky.

A. N. ATTEBERRY, *Principal.*

### FROM JACKSON TO NASHVILLE

THE 16th of September, I shipped my household goods to Nashville, and I went to Hazel, Kentucky, to attend the opening of the school on the 17th. I was glad to see a goodly number of bright faces present and to find things in a prosperous condition. The prospects for the school were never brighter.

I was pleased to meet two of our colporteurs here, and two more are expected soon. While we are sorry to lose their services in the field, for the present, we are glad to know that they have this opportunity of fitting themselves for greater usefulness.

The 18th I went to Springville, Tenn., where I met with the church in their regular Wednesday night prayer meeting. I was glad to see that most of the members are faithful in keeping up the prayer meetings.

I found Bro. Ernest Stahl anxious to be in the colporteur work. He expects to handle "Daniel and the Revelation," and is arranging his farm work to leave for the field as soon as possible.

Sister Mary Allen is anxious to be in the work again, but her family require her presence just now.

The 19th I went to Big Sandy and had a good visit with Bro. F. S. Parker who feels called of God to the colporteur work. He has been prevented from entering this work by the serious illness of his daughter, who is just recovering from typhoid fever.

The 20th, I came on to Nashville and found my goods had arrived. I have stored them until October when my wife and son, who are visiting relatives in Illinois and Kentucky, expect to arrive. We will then live in our house on Lacy St., in North Nashville, and our son will attend the church school.

C. F. DART.

### CANVASSING NEWS

Bro. Stanley Clark sold, in round numbers, \$550 worth of books during vacation, making a wage of thirty-two cents an hour.

Bro. Ernest Stahl of Springville expects to enter the colporteur work as soon as he can arrange his business at home.

We are glad to report a new colporteur in the field—Bro. Roy Betts from Madison has begun work with "Great Controversy" in Lawrence County with good success.

Three or four weeks ago Sister Anna Pruitt had to find another room for headquarters. She writes that she felt bad about it then, but now she is rejoicing that her landlady and another woman are keeping the Sabbath as the result of her influence in this home.

Sister Hyde has laid down the canvassing work for the school year in order to teach her children at home rather than send them to the public school. This is certainly commendable in her. If others would take more pains to shield their chil-

dren from the worldly teaching and influence, we would not see so many Adventist children going into the world.

I have now moved from Jackson and my address for the present is 509 Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn.

C. F. DART.

### A BIT OF EXPERIENCE

THE Lord has promised to impart a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power, and he has fulfilled this promise to me this summer. Without his Spirit to strengthen and encourage, I could not have enjoyed the canvassing work or have succeeded in it.

But the Lord being with me, I have had many good experiences. I stayed one night with a family who, after they learned that I was a Seventh-day Adventist, ordered "Bible Footlights" in the best binding. A few days later I met the lady on the street and she canceled the order. When I came to deliver my books I learned that they thought it was a Mormon work. After explaining the matter to the lady's son, who was working in a field near by, I delivered the book to him without any trouble. People who appreciate good books like our literature because they see something better in it than they do in worldly publications.

I will soon be in Graysville attending school, and I ask the prayers of my fellow workers that I may get the best the school can give me, and give the school the best there is in me.

I look forward to the time when I may again enjoy a season in the canvassing work.

STANLEY L. CLARK.

### General

#### WALK BY FAITH

THY God hath said, 'Tis good for thee

To walk by faith, and not by sight.

Take it on trust a little while;

Soon shalt thou read the mystery right,

In the bright sunshine of his smile.

—Keble.

#### HE COULDN'T GET AWAY FROM THE LIGHT

MR. A's wife became interested in present truth, but Mr. A was strongly opposed to her accepting it. In order to get his companion away from the influence of Seventh-day Adventists, he accepted a position as a public school-teacher in another state. It was impossible to get immediate possession of their new home, so they took temporary quarters in a little out-of-the-way place, where Mr. A felt sure that no one would find them.

One day, while at the home of his brother, Mr. A was approached by a canvasser, and invited to purchase one of our books. Upon discovering that it was an Adventist publication, he would not buy the book. The canvasser said that he was looking for Mr. A, and further added that Mrs. A had asked him to speak to her husband about buying one of the books. Still Mr. A refused to give his order, and in fact he did not even make his identity known to the canvasser.

When he returned home, he found his wife reading some tracts which the faithful worker had left. She soon began to keep the Sabbath, and later a minister was sent to the place. Mr. A heard the truth preached, and could no longer resist its appeals to him. He became the first elder of the church in that place.

Later he accepted an invitation to take charge of one of our schools in the State which he had left in order to get away from the message. Thus he taught the message he ran away from in the very State in which he had first heard it. He is to-day the principal of one of our leading schools.—*Morris Lukens.*

### CHRIST OUR KING

It was not in the original plan for a king to reign over God's people. God was their king. "The thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them." 1 Sam. 8: 6, 7. God saw the result of placing a man in that exalted position. Christ is, and ever should be, the head of his people. It is the head that does the thinking and planning, and the other members of the body are simply the agents, to carry out what the head decides to have done.

After Samuel had told Israel what an earthly king would do, and what he would be to them, still they said, "Nay; but we will have a king over us; that we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles." Wonderful reasoning!—"that we might be like all the nations." This has been the plea of backsliding Israel all the way down from the beginning. To be after the order of God and not follow the customs of the world has ever been an awful thing in the eyes of the worldly professor.

So the Lord hearkened to their voice, and made them a king, with the following promise, "If ye will fear the Lord, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the Lord your God." 1 Sam. 12: 14. Saul was made king, but the result was his eternal ruin, and great affliction to the people of God.

Then God chose David, "a man after his own heart," to be king, and established his own form of government on earth. David became a type of Christ, his throne a type of the throne of the Lord. So when Solomon came upon the throne, it was called "the throne of the Lord." 1 Chron. 29: 23-25. From this time on Israel looked for the Messiah, the true King of Israel; and they were the chosen people of God until they rejected Christ, and the priests echoed the voice of the people in saying, "We have no king but Caesar." This worldly idea of kingship so blinded their minds that they could not see the first advent of Christ, because he came a servant of servants. This was the first essential step toward reigning as king. But all this does not disprove the fact that Christ will come as King of kings and Lord of lords. "The Desire of all nations" is even at the door.

The manner of his coming is described by seers in every age. Even Enoch, "the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Jude 14, 15.

This long-foretold promise is soon to be fulfilled. Earthly kings, and worldly selfish reigns will then be over. He comes to introduce the reign of peace, to raise the dead, to take his people home; he comes to dry the mourner's tear, to forever heal the broken-hearted. Every good thing in this world came from him, and should have pointed mankind

to this glorious reign; for he is to put all enemies under his feet. All dead forms and dry titles will cease then forever and ever. He, the Lord of lords and King of kings, the rightful heir to David's throne, will have placed upon his head a crown of glory, a crown within a crown. It is the crown of crowns. His subjects are immortalized. They follow him upon white horses, even all the armies of heaven.

"O glorious day! O blessed abode!  
We shall be near and like our God."

"Fly swiftly round, ye wheels of time,  
And bring the welcome day."

—S. N. Haskell.

### GOD UNDERSTANDS

It is so sweet to know,  
When we are tired, and when the hand of pain  
Lies on our hearts, and when we look in vain  
For human comfort, that the heart divine  
Still understands these cares of yours and mine.

Not only understands, but day by day  
Lives with us while we tread the earthly way;  
Bears with us all our weariness, and feels  
The shadow of the faintest cloud that steals  
Across our sunshine, even learns again  
The depth and bitterness of human pain.

There is no sorrow that he will not share,  
No cross, no burden, for our hearts to bear  
Without his help, no care of ours too small  
To cast on Jesus: let us tell him all—  
Lay at his feet the story of our woes,  
And in his sympathy find sweet repose.

—*Youth's Instructor.*

### COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Sept. 14, 1912

#### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W L Battle	BF	52	10	\$13 00	\$ 2 00	\$17 00	\$53 00
R Roberts	BF	42	23	32 00		32 00	
Miss V McPhall	BF	82	39	40 50		40 50	73 00
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Chas Battle	BF	39			1 00	1 00	15 00
M L Ivory	BF	49	1		1 50	1 50	15 75

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Edna R Scott	BF	13	6	6 50		6 50	1 00
Gillie Harris	BF	11	2	2 50	25	2 75	
Jno R Staton	BF	32	33	34 50	2 25	36 75	
Henry Jones	BF	23	13	13 00	2 00	15 00	
D C Ray	BF	33	33	39 00		39 00	
J V Lucas	BF	35	15	24 00	3 00	27 00	
W Judson	D&R & BF	44	24	29 50	2 00	31 50	2 00
Lacey B Hill	GC	37	13	39 00	13 00	52 00	
C D Sloane	PP&F	27	5	8 00	75	8 75	
S N Yates	PP&F	29	12	17 50	1 00	18 50	6 00
Reuben Staton	PP&F	40	8	12 00	1 50	13 50	

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W J Hirst	BF	20	36	43 50	1 75	45 25	2 50
S F Reeder	BF	12	6	7 00	2 75	9 75	75
*P C Sibley	BF	60	44	48 00	3 75	51 75	10 50
M B Wilson	BF&H&H	21	36	44 50	1 15	45 65	5 50

\*Two Weeks.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

A L Saxon	BR	52	13	37 50	3 00	40 50	3 00
C H McColrey	BR	35	25	57 85	2 50	60 35	2 50
C R Canada	BF	37	50	53 50	2 00	55 50	3 00
C G Parkins	BF	33	20	20 00	1 50	21 50	1 50
H C Balsbaugh	GC	18	2		1 45	1 45	16 00
Mrs L A Fry	CK	2	2	2 00		50	2 50
Louise Jackson	CK	16 1/2	2	2 00	1 25	3 25	2 25
Emily Billups	BF	34	57				
Anna Watts	BF	32	58				

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

W L Cutchville	BF	38	35	52 50		52 50	
U Bracy	BF	48	34	50 00	50	50 50	
Thos Goodman	BF	50	25	37 50	7 00	44 50	
Eugene Sykes	PP&F	50	27	43 50	75	44 25	1 50
J S Moore	BF	42	21	26 00	3 50	29 50	
Mamie Moore	D&R	35	18	22 00		22 00	6 00
*Roy W Betts	GC	39	9	19 00	1 25	20 25	
R H Hazelton	BF	12	17	17 50	2 25	19 75	
Pearl Whaley	BF	16	7	7 00		7 00	14 00
EmeliaRobersonDofA		22	7	10 50	1 75	12 25	9 00
Milton Young	BF	18	10	11 50		11 50	
Rebecca Moore	BF	35	11	11 00		11 00	3 00
Annie Pruitt	BF	21	4	5 50	50	6 00	7 50
B Jackson	BF	16	2	2 50	2 00	4 50	1 50

\*Two Weeks.

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	304	86	99 00	6 00	112 50	156 75
Kentucky Conf	324	164	225 50	25 75	259 25	9 00
Louisiana Conf	114	22	143 70	9 40	152 40	19 25
Mississippi Conf	259 1/2	229	172 85	12 20	185 05	30 25
Tenn River Conf	430	222	315 00	19 50	335 50	42 50
Totals	1431 1/2	723	\$957 05	\$72 85	\$1044 70	\$257 75

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

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Agent	ALABAMA CONFERENCE	No.	Value
Miss V McPhall		60	\$ 6 00
	LOUISIANA CONFERENCE		
New Orleans Y P M V S		21	2 10
Miss B Johnstone		76	7 60
	MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE		
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Totals		192	\$ 19 20

UNITED STATES HISTORY IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY

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WATCHMAN

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The October Number of *The Watchman* will be a splendid "City" number. The cover page will represent a beautiful night scene in New York City. The terrible judgments of God which are imminent will be symbolized by a sword about to fall from the sky. This is a very unique design and is a striking illustration of God's judgments which will soon fill the land. The editor will write on the "Peril of the Cities." This article should be read by every one and widely circulated.

An interesting report of the National Reform Convention will be given.

Eld. I. H. Evans will furnish a well illustrated article on "Confucius and Confucianism." Elder Evans is in charge of the Asiatic Division and we believe the Lord has a message to give in this article.

Prof. B. G. Wilkinson will write on "The Position of the Law in the Christian Dispensation." Many honest in heart have a misconception of the Law and the position it should properly occupy.

G. H. Heald, M. D., has contributed an interesting article entitled "Plague a Menace to the United States." In view of the present possibility of this country being invaded by a scourge, we believe this article should be widely read.

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### TIDINGS FROM INDIA

THE following from the *Eastern Tidings* (Lucknow, India) for August, will be of interest to the many readers of the WORKER who are personally acquainted with Brother and Sister Lowry:—

"We have received word from Brother Lowry that Sister Lowry has not been making much improvement of late. The doctor whom they have consulted thinks the changeable weather at Kodaikanal at this season of the year is too severe for her. We thank God that he is giving these fellow-workers courage and fortitude at this time. Brother Lowry passed his second examination in Tamil several weeks ago."

### LACK OF REVERENCE

RECENTLY one of the ministers of this city preached a sermon upon the "Decadence of Reverence." The speaker said as reported in the secular papers that "the general spirit of the times is largely responsible for the decadence of reverence. In the hurry and hustle of every day life people do not have time to think of God, and in the progress of the material world they lose sight of the Maker of it all."

This is true, except that the preacher in stating the cause simply reaffirmed the condition itself. The spirit of the times is not the cause, but the thing itself; it is a spirit of irreverence, and for it there is a cause; and that cause is the failure of the pulpit to preach and emphasize the law of God as it was once preached and emphasized by the ministry.

Higher criticism has largely undermined faith in the Word of God as the final and ultimate source of appeal in all moral questions, and as a result men no longer tremble before that law, nor do they longer reverence its Author. A lukewarm and backsliding church has lost its power to stem the rapidly rising tide of evil that is engulfing the world, and it is vain to say that the world is to blame. Erelong the Lord will demand of his church, "Where is the flock, the beautiful flock, that I gave thee?"

ELD. W. R. ELLIOTT's wife and children passed through Nashville last week on their way to Hazel, Ky., where they will reside. They spent a few hours at the hospitable home of Bro. A. L. Nay near the Publishing House. The two families were neighbors twelve years ago in Alabama.

ELDER MAXWELL arrived in Nashville last week with his family and is now located at 2309 Mc Daniel St., in North Nashville. Brother Maxwell did not reach Tennessee in time to attend the opening of the fall term at Hazel Academy.

BROTHER CRAWFORD reports forty pupils in attendance at the North Nashville church school with others to be added in the near future.

Almost without exception the students show a disposition to improve the opportunity afforded them by the school. The outlook for a successful school is most encouraging.

### IMPORTANT RULES FOR WRITING

1. ALWAYS be sure you have something of importance and interest to say before undertaking to write for publication.

2. Tell your story briefly, and in as simple language as possible. Tell it just as you would write it to a friend.

3. Write as plainly as possible, but be especially careful in writing proper names. They may be familiar to you, but that does not help the printers. The connection often suggests the ordinary word which may be represented only by a scrawl, but the connection gives no such help when a proper name is in question. Write your own name as plainly as any other. Some one here may know you, but the printer who sets your copy may not be that one.

4. Never crowd either your lines or your words. Leave plenty of space for corrections and necessary changes. We can not undertake to rewrite manuscript, and it would not be fair to the typesetters to place before them illegible copy.

Our typesetting is all machine work, which is very different from hand work. On this subject the *Linotype Bulletin* for June says: "The hand compositor rather prided himself on his ability to decipher illegible manuscript. Setting at the rate of about 800 ems an hour, he had time to study out his copy and to decide as to punctuation, or other points of style; but the keyboard operator, setting at the rate of 3,500 to 4,000 ems an hour, has no time to spend in this way. All machine copy should be edited carefully and made perfectly legible."

5. Send your copy in early. Only very short and important matter will be printed in next issue if received later than Sunday before date of issue.

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THE sum of two dollars has just been received by the Southern Publishing Association from Mrs. E. H. Barnum, with request that it be credited to the Army Book Fund. The same has been done. In this connection I desire to thank this sister by this means and should be glad to send receipt for the money, but the letter did not give her address.

Nearly 500 books have been sent out by the sympathetic co-operation of the brethren and sisters everywhere sending in money to the office as this sister has done. One-third of the great task is finished. Who will help us to finish the other two-thirds by remitting a small amount in coin or stamps to the Treasurer, Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn?

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B. N. BROWN.