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

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## THE GUIDING HAND

GREAT King of endless years,  
Guide of the rolling spheres,  
Thy power display!  
When sweeps the storm by night,  
No cheering ray in sight,  
Bid faith her torches light  
And show the way!

Shrouded in gloom and fears,  
Dim lie the future years  
That love would win.  
Guide us through life's dark way,  
Teach us to trust and pray,  
Never from thee to stray  
Through paths of sin.

Soon may our journey end,  
And Christ his angels send  
To call us home;  
And then on heaven's strand  
We'll praise the guiding hand  
That led by sweet command,—  
No more to roam.

—H. Streeter, in *Australasian Record*.

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for two weeks ending Oct. 5, 1912: Total number bound volumes, 4,687; *Watchman*, 8,729.

WHILE our rush is over we still manage to keep quite busy, and the bindery report for week ending September 27, shows that 25,255 books are going through our bindery. And while we are busy manufacturing, the men in the field are busy taking orders as evidenced by the nice order which was received this afternoon from Bro. L. D. Randall, manager of our Atlanta Branch, the order calling for two cases "Bible Footlights," two cases "Coming King," and one case of "Best Stories" besides a large quantity of miscellaneous books and tracts.

ELD. W. W. EASTMAN and the writer have just returned from a meeting with the Publishing Department and General Conference Council. As these meetings will be reported quite fully in the *Review*, we will not take up space in these columns.

BRO. CURTIS VARNEY, our assistant bookkeeper, has taken up temporary work in the Tennessee River Tract Society as Secretary and Treasurer, and began work last week.

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

## EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

TO BE a successful canvasser a man must be able to adjust himself to circumstances and this is very forcibly illustrated by the following report which was taken from the *Pacific Press News Letter*, No. 49:—

### "BROTHER PAINTER GOES INTO FENCE BUILDING

"Brother Painter's last letter gives some experiences and plans for the future in which you will all be interested. He says:—

"I am spending a couple of weeks with Brother Peters just before going to the Iowa camp-meeting. I came up here last Monday, and had to stop at the office one day to get my bearings, and then I went to Jamestown and spent a couple of days canvassing with a young man whom we were trying to get into the work. I got there Tuesday evening, and spent Wednesday forenoon canvassing alone in Jamestown. Out of six exhibitions for "Patriarchs and Prophets" I took five orders, four half morocco and one cloth. Then in the afternoon, the young man (Brother Nash) and I went into the country. The houses were a good ways apart, and we only got to make five exhibitions, but secured four orders—nine orders for the day, value \$35.

"At the last house, which we reached about six o'clock, Brother Nash tied the horse to the gate post, and while we were trying to locate the lady who was out in the garden, the horse got his foot caught on the wire fence, and pulled down four sections of the fence before we could get to him. We got him untangled, and while he was scratched up considerably, he was not very seriously hurt, so while Brother Nash was attending to the horse I canvassed the lady and took her order for a full morocco. Then we took off our coats and got some tools and fence posts and rebuilt the fence. You should have seen "yours truly" standing on a bench swinging a sledge driving those posts, although I didn't do it all by any means. We finished by seven o'clock, and the woman said that we did such a good job that she wished we would tie the horse up and let him pull down the rest of the fence. But for the sake of the horse we had to decline her kind invitation. We got the horse back into town all right, but did not wish to take him out the next day, so we worked that day in town. We got into a strongly Catholic community, and only landed three orders, two half morocco and one cloth, making a total of \$46 for two days' work."

### AGREEABLY SURPRISED

I ONLY had the chance of working twenty-seven hours, but to my surprise took \$33.90 worth of orders with "helps." I find a good many "Bible Footlights" in Coffee County, just about as many as I get subscribers, and also a good many "Daniel and the Revelation." I hope to do better in the future. If the Lord wills, I start delivering to-morrow. Oh,

how I long to have a good delivery this time. Pray for me for I know I need prayer.

I found a white merchant in Brocton, Ala., who spoke well of "Bible Footlights," and wished me success.

S. S. GUILFORD.

#### CONSCIOUS OF MISTAKES BUT COURAGEOUS

I KNOW that I am full of mistakes but I can not stop here because of that, for God wants us to walk step by step, and each step we take will draw us nearer to him. I am striving to so live that I may be used according to the will of God.

W. R. BATTLE.

#### PROSPECTS BRIGHT

I AM of good courage in the work. The people are just beginning to pick cotton now, and they will begin to gin cotton the last of this month. The prospect looks bright for the fall season.

I. W. PEVY.

#### THANKFUL AS USUAL

I AM thankful this week as usual, for the Lord has given me a good report. It might have been better if it had not been for so much rain, but I am grateful for fifty per cent, and as I hear the people praise "Bible Footlights" it gives me fresh inspiration to sow the precious seed of truth among those who are seeking for light. Many people praise the book. The Lord will bring forth fruit from his harvest after seed sowing is over, for even now the harvest is white.

I told a family about the Sabbath. The husband was a preacher and they all talked well about the seventh day, but when I left the mother told the daughter her husband was a preacher and he had gone to heaven, and they must walk in the way that they were trained and not to notice my talk; but one of the daughters is convinced and says she is going to keep the seventh day.

The enemy is pressing hard, and I appreciate your prayers in the behalf of faithful seed sowing.

R. ROBERTS.

#### ONE HARMONIOUS WHOLE

September 8. It seems that we have got back to the old "Heart Religion," and that the Lord has direct charge of our thoughts; all branches of the work seem to be one harmonious whole.

In my delivery this week there was an old man who can not read at all but he looked at the picture on the outside of "Bible Footlights." He saw the man on the path to heaven, the Bible giving him light on the way, noticed the gate into the City, he smiled, then said "I want that book, it must be a good one." When I went to deliver, he met me with the money in his hand and said "Where is the Pilgrim?" He took his book and said "Now I am satisfied." This was real joy to me.

Business will surely pick up now, as the farmers have begun gathering.

September 15. I have had a very pleasant time this week among the people where I have been. They seem to understand my work and appreciate it very much. All of them were quite kind to me, gave me my lodging free, and invited me to return and visit them again.

The surrounding country is level and beautiful. The crops are about half as good as last year, some above the average. I have some two or three more week's work to do, and sure enough I mean to get busy.

The WORKER came in time for me to read on Sabbath. It seems to be getting better all the time. I have several not of our faith reading it and they are well pleased; they look for it all the time. There is no prejudice here on the Sabbath question. I room with the oldest public school-teacher in the

county. He is one of my best customers and is highly pleased with "Bible Footlights."

Thanks be to God, my dear brethren, I am of the best trust and courage. The Lord is good to me. My daily prayer is that he will keep us all by his loving Spirit always.

M. L. IVORY.

## Kentucky Conference

### HARTFORD CHURCH ORGANIZED

I AM sure all the brethren throughout the conference will be glad to learn that we have another Adventist church in the Conference. An interest was created in the country near Hartford by our good literature and by the faithful efforts of Brother Minton. In response to the urgent call that came, Brother White and Brother Dow went there in June and began a tent meeting. When the meeting had progressed for a month several had begun to keep the Sabbath. The writer visited the brethren and assisted in the last days of the meeting and a company was organized. Brother White returned after camp-meeting and held a few meetings, and the writer went there last week and after holding several meetings a church of twelve members was organized, with a full set of officers. There are five men and seven women. All are very anxious to see the message go. When I presented to them the plan to raise some money for the Sanitarium by selling one "Ministry of Healing" for each member, they were willing to take the allotted amount so ordered the books at once. I wish all our church members would do as the Hartford church has done and order one "Ministry of Healing" for each member in your church. We only have three months left in which to sell these books before the time is up, and I am sure you want to have a part in this work. If you haven't this good book in your home better buy one at once.

Two of the brethren at Hartford will enter the canvassing work in a few days. We expect to see others added to the church at Hartford soon, as there are others who are keeping the Sabbath. May the Lord bless this new church is my prayer.

B. W. BROWN.

## Louisiana Conference

### SIMSBORO

We have settled at this place for the present and are ready for work.

Since coming here we heard of some Sabbath-keepers out seven miles in the country, so we went out to see them and found that they have been keeping the Sabbath about nine years but have heard but very little preaching. They attended a local camp-meeting at Arcadia for a few days about seven years ago, and they have not seen a minister since; but they love the truth just the same and are trying to live it.

No doubt you are wondering how these people found the truth. Well I will tell you. One of our canvassers, Brother Dart, passed through their neighborhood about nine years ago and sold them "Great Controversy," and some time after, Brother Osborne came along and sold them "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," and they found the truth in these good books. They are wanting preaching in their neighborhood and I think there is a good prospect to raise up a company there. We are planning to hold a meeting there soon.

We hope to hold a tent meeting in Simsboro as soon as we

can get a tent, and the believers mentioned above will attend these meetings. Brother and Sister Pilligrem are moving to this place, and we hope to raise up a company of Sabbath-keepers here.

I find since coming to this part of the State that there are many calls for workers.  
W. S. LOWRY.

### TO HOME DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

I HAVE the names of some Sabbath-keepers on the list of Home Department members, which Sister E. H. Rees gave me when she left the Conference, from whom I have never heard. I have written to them several times, but they have not responded to my letters, neither have they sent their remittance for their *Quarterlies*.

I would be glad if they would write to me and send in their report envelopes every quarter and prove themselves interested members of the Home Department. God knows whether we are faithful members of a regular school or faithful Home Department members.

Some do not seem to realize what they miss when they neglect to study the Sabbath-school lessons from day to day and from week to week. These lessons keep us in touch with the message and prepare us to meet others with a "Thus saith the Lord," when asked to give a reason for our hope.

Can we afford, in these times in which we live, to be careless about the study of God's Word? Gather your families together every Sabbath, dear brethren and sisters, and study these lessons from God's holy Word. Subscribe for the *Little Friend* for the children, and the *Youth's Instructor* for the youth. Do this, and the Lord will own and bless the families who thus honor him.

Write to me and have your names retained in the Home Department, and be counted as members of the Sabbath-school.

MRS. LAURA BROWN, *Sabbath-school Secy.*

2515 Milan St., New Orleans, La.

### THE WORK AMONG THE FRENCH IN LOUISIANA

BRO. E. P. AUGER has been laboring to get our literature in the hands of the French reading people for some time. It is hard to get the Catholics to buy a large book like the "Life of Christ." The health literature is the best to introduce into the homes, so the work is done by first getting them to read on health topics. Several families are now reading. There are seven members of the New Orleans church who speak and read French. These are all endeavoring to get their friends interested to buy or read the books.

Sister E. G. White donated some books—"Life of Christ" in French—to help the work at the mission and there are now 260 copies on hand in good condition. We are making a special effort to get our people to assist us in selling them, or to buy one or more copies at fifty per cent discount (the same as to the agents) in order to sell them. It will help the work by giving the truth to people scattered throughout the South, introduce our books where we can not send the colporteur, because we do not have any to send, and will also help the work by getting the money that is tied up in these books, into the treasury, where it is so much needed.

A price-list has been prepared which will be mailed to all who send us their name and address. Some of the books in the special bargain price-list are damaged and so indicated. As a few sample prices we will quote:—

French: "Great Controversy" Library binding, \$4. Slightly damaged, special price, 75 cents. German: also a little damaged, cloth, marbled edges, \$3; special price 30 cents, postage 28 cents extra.

In French: "Bible Readings," Library binding, \$4; special

price \$1, postage 26 cents extra. In German: \$4; special price 75 cents. In Swedish: cloth, marbled, \$3; special price 35 cents to \$1.25. In Holland language, the same price and binding, from 40 cents to \$1. Postage 26 cents extra, per book. Most of these books are only shelf worn and color faded, but the reading is not in the least marred.

Our people can do much to help us dispose of these books by using them in doing missionary work, lending or selling them to those who can read them. You can also help us by sending us the names and addresses of persons reading these languages.

O. R. GODSMARK

310 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

### A NEWS ITEM

I HAVE had a good week, and have enjoyed it very much. The weather has been ideal. The Lord has made it easy for me. Praise his holy name! Hope the books will not be much behind time. I have seven "Bible Footlights" on hand. I can deliver them by the first of October anyway.

T. S. SLIGH.

### AN EARLY MORNING STUDY

How many Christians make it a rule to read God's word the first reading they do in the morning? I am sure this is a good resolution to make. It has been my custom a long time to read the Bible the first thing in the morning. It has been a great blessing to me. This morning I read Paul's letter to the Galatians. In reading the whole epistle which has been divided into six chapters, I got the thought that was uppermost in his mind when he was moved to write this letter to them. Ask the carnal reader of the Bible why Paul wrote a letter to the Galatians. How many could answer the question? Perhaps one out of a hundred. After reading this epistle this morning, I opened "The Acts of the Apostles," by Sister White, and read on pages 383 to 388 inclusive, what she wrote about this letter. I am at present in Monroe, La., taking orders for "Bible Footlights." I commenced on the afternoon of the 5th. Have taken orders for seventy of these books. I pray that I may be able to deliver them.

T. S. SLIGH.

## Mississippi Conference

### JACKSON

WE did not pitch our tent in the north part of Jackson immediately after camp-meeting because a union revival tent meeting was in progress in the city conducted by what was said to be the best talent in all the South. In the mean time we went on with our Bible readings and visiting from house to house. In this work our time was fully occupied.

At the close of these revival meetings we pitched our tent. The attendance did not justify us keeping it up longer than two weeks. During this effort we have secured the names of interested parties with whom we will have Bible readings in their homes. This is about the most successful method we have of reaching the people in the city. The small attendance may partially be accounted for by the fact that revival services in four of the churches followed the union revival services in the tent.

Sunday to Wednesday this week my wife and I visited Flora and Brownsville. At Flora we found Sister Lane of good courage in the Lord. Through her faithfulness in keeping the Sabbath one of her neighbors is inquiring concerning the Sabbath truth. Sister Lane's husband loaned us a horse and

buggy and we drove across the country twelve miles to Brownsville.

It was at this place we held a tent meeting last year, at which time Sister Lane began the observance of the Sabbath. Here we found some who are still interested and whose hearts seem tender. One man bought a copy of "Great Controversy" and gave me a year's subscription to the *Signs Monthly*. I hope to be able to return to Brownsville and labor still farther for this man and others. I still believe that we will see more fruit of the effort at Brownsville.

The report of the treasurer of the Jackson church for the third quarter of 1912 contained the following items of interest:—

	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	Gain
Tithes .....	\$ 126 12	\$ 226 20	\$ 100 08
Sabbath-School Off	30 33	27 63	
Offerings .....	10 78	26 29	15 51
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$ 176 23</b>	<b>\$ 280 12</b>	<b>\$ 112 12</b>

The Sabbath-school offerings were \$2.70 less because the offerings for two Sabbaths went into the camp-meeting Sabbath-school.

JAMES A. MORROW.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

For Month Ending Sept. 30, 1912

**TITHE**

Jackson .....	\$ 142 14
Conference Church .....	36 36
Pine Grove .....	35 63
Ellisville .....	12 50
Hatley .....	5 50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 232 13</b>

**OFFERINGS**

Sabbath-School .....	\$ 21 78
Nashville Sanitarium .....	11 00
Harvest Ingathering .....	8 40
Missions .....	2 85
Weekly .....	2 64
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 46 67</b>

There were some remittances which came the first day of October, but I had already made out the report, so these will come in the next month's report. If there should be any questions in your mind concerning this report, I will be glad to answer them.

PARIZETTA SMITH, *Treasurer*.

**Tennessee River Conference**

**NOTES**

THE meeting at Camden has closed on account of the small attendance due to the bad weather and the starting of other meetings in the town. Brother Elliott writes that he is engaged in holding Bible readings with the interested ones, and hopes to see several step out to obey.

Brother Atteberry writes from Hazel that there are more enrolled in the school than ever before this early in the session. He has high hopes for the best school year in the history of Hazel this season.

Sister Rees is diligently working to complete a list of all the isolated Sabbath-keepers in the conference. She has many names already, but there are many that have not been

placed on her roll, so if you know of any who ought to be on this list, please send the names in at once.

How many have ordered their quota of the *Missionary Signs*? There ought to be no delay in this matter as the time for the grand distribution is about here. Order to-day if you have not done so.

All the conference employees are requested to send their monthly reports to Eld. E. L. Maxwell, 2309 McDaniel St., Nashville, on or as soon after the first day of each month as possible. This will avoid the delay incident to having them O K'd after they reach the office. Please note this.

Brother Elliott has located at Hazel, Brother Dart at Nashville, Brother Pavey leaves soon for Alabama, and Brother Curtis Varney is supplying the place of Conference and Tract Society Secretary and Treasurer at present.

E. L. MAXWELL.

**THE WORK IN NASHVILLE**

THE service at the Fatherland Street church last Sunday night was most encouraging. We had about three hundred people out. These people were brought in by members of the church, advertising the Lord's work, and in many ways. If we can keep up this effort, a real revival will take place. Many of the people present expressed their appreciation of the truth that was presented.

The conference is taking a decided step to provide more Bible workers, which will be most valuable help to our work. There is a general growing activity on the part of the church members to assist in every way possible.

There will be a general missionary rally in the North Nashville schoolhouse on Wednesday night.

C. A. HANSEN.

**EXCUSES AND ANSWERS**

IN my past twenty-three years' experience in the colporteur work, I have met with a number of people who did not report their work for various reasons. It is interesting to see the different excuses given for not reporting. Some were quite plausible, others looked rather weak, and some even ridiculous. I have met some persons who honestly thought they had an excuse for not reporting. Below are a few of the excuses I have selected, with the answers given that practically cover the ground.

Excuse: "I did not know that you wanted a report."

Answer: This is why I am telling you.

Ex. "I am ashamed of my work."

Ans. So was Adam (Gen. 3:8), Cain (Gen. 4:9), and others when called upon to report. I suppose I would be ashamed too. Please do not do work that you are ashamed of.

Ex. "Not worth reporting."

Ans. Was it worth doing? Anything that is worth doing is worth reporting.

Ex. "I did not do enough to report."

Ans. Why did you not? Such work is not acceptable to man, much less to the Lord.

Ex. "I have done all I could, but it is too small to report."

Ans. That is quite different. The Lord does not require of us any more than we can do. No matter how little the work is, the Lord accepts it if it is all we can do. If the Lord accepts it should we not report it? Our Saviour set the example. One report he gives us is, "She hath done what she could." Is not that the kind of report you say you have? Another small report which he considered very good was only "two mites." Is yours smaller than that?

Ex. "I do not want my name in the paper."

Ans. Name is character. Your name should not be in the

paper to represent self, but for the branch of the Lord's work you are engaged in. John the Baptist's name stood for "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Matt. 3:3. What does your name stand for?

Ex. "But I do not like to see my name in connection with such a small report."

Ans. Then it would please you to have your name appear in place of the one at the head of the list? Does this not savor of the same spirit that entered Lucifer? Isa. 14:13, 14.

Ex. "I know I ought to report, but I just neglect it."

Ans. That is no way to do our own business, much less the Lord's. "Be not now negligent: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him." 2 Chron. 29:11.

"Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently." Jer. 48:10. Margin.

Ex. "I hate to make out a report, it is such a job."

Ans. "Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, . . . should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord." Mal. 1:13.

Ex. "I don't know how."

Ans. I will gladly show you any time. Be free to ask for any information.

Ex. "I do not know who to report to."

Ans. The Tennessee River Tract Society, 509 Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn., and C. F. Dart, 2309 Lacy St., Nashville, Tenn.

Ex. "I don't know where to send it."

Ans. Unless otherwise instructed always address me at my home address.

Ex. "I do not remember what I have done."

Ans. We can remember the things we are interested in. One man that forgot to report caused a good man's imprisonment for "two full years." Gen. 40:23.

Ex. "I do not believe in reporting."

Ans. Of course you do not mean that, for the Bible is made up of a collection of reports, and that is equivalent to not believing in the Bible. You mean you do not believe in reporting through the regular channel, or in the way prescribed by the church. Is not this the spirit of disunion? Is it not trying to bring the church up to your ideas rather than trying to be in harmony with it?

Ex. "Reporting is all right, but I do not believe in reporting weekly."

Ans. God gave us the week. We are all creatures of habit, and soon form the habit of reporting weekly, then it is no trouble, and it gives satisfaction. By waiting two, three, or any other number of weeks, we never form the habit, and I have never known it to give satisfaction either to the one reporting or to the one receiving it. God set us the example. Gen. 1.

Ex. "But doesn't the Bible say, 'Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth'?"

Ans. Certainly, but let us quote a little more. "When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand, etc. Matt. 6:3, 4. The Bible also says, 'Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.'" Matt. 5:15.

"With many, the left hand does not know what the right hand does, for the right hand does nothing worthy of the notice of the left hand." "Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 193.

C. F. DART.

We are in hot haste to set the world right and to order all affairs; the Lord hath the leisure of conscious power and unerring wisdom, and it will be well for us to learn to wait.

—C. H. Spurgeon.

## General

### NEARER TO THEE

NEARER to thee, my God,  
Love prays to-night;  
The cross that raiseth me  
Grows still more bright;  
It is thy way, and best,  
However dark the test,  
It leadeth up to rest,  
Where all is light!

Angels may hover near  
The pilgrim lone;  
Pillowed on downy bed,  
Or on the stone;  
What matters if His will,  
In me He may fulfil,  
And lead me upward still,  
To be His own!

Nearer to thee, my God,  
Though friendships die;  
And earthly loves forget  
Each cherished tie;  
Still all my song would be  
Of Christ who raiseth me,  
Nearer my God to thee,  
Who rules on high!

Nearer still nearer thee,  
Earth's prospects fade,  
Its fairest blossoms die  
In winter shade;  
Tinted with dust of gold,  
The treasures it would hold,  
Pass with the rust and mold,  
That time has made!

—R. Hare, in *Australasian Record*.

### THE DOOR WIDE OPEN TO SELL OUR SPANISH LITERATURE

SURELY now is the "call," now, just now "the day of visitation" for the Spanish speaking people the world over, and for the poor, down-trodden despised, oppressed Mexicans, near our own doors.

The word from Mexico, South America, Central America, Porto Rico, Cuba, Spain, Philippines and in our own Southern border land, is that the work is going in sales of our Spanish books. That is amazing! For two and one-half decades I have canvassed at intervals the Mexican and Spanish people. I have been able to get some orders, yet found it harder still to deliver after the hard work of getting orders. But of late, I see a marked difference. The door is surely open wide, the Spirit of God is hovering over this class as never before. Now the same class are glad to buy our books. Those who would think it beyond their reach to buy a cheap primer order books at \$3 or more. You don't know where it comes from and are astonished to see it at all, but when you come to deliver this high priced book, they are all prepared with cash to take it, and likely they want to order another Spanish book. I have even had them come to me on the street to buy books when they learned of my work; or send me word to come to their house as they wanted one of our

Spanish, truth-filled books. I can only say "What hath God wrought?" "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." All honor, glory and praise to God only.

On a recent trip of half a year to Arizona I saw things that were a daily revelation to me. How the hand of God is in this move! From the first day it was a surprise; one could scarcely believe it was the same class, the same race of people, so marked was the change.

On this trip I was blessed of God beyond all my hopes or expectation in delivering some \$1,800 or \$2,000 worth of books (some were English but mostly Spanish), outside of helps, etc.

These people the world over were prevented to a great extent from accepting the light of the great Reformation of the 16th century, but the even greater reformation of the 20th century is to go to them all, so all will have a chance to obey the message.

I will say, now is the time to take our books, our Spanish literature to these people all over the wide world. Give them a chance. They will buy in a way to amaze you. All you have to do is to take it to them. Lean heavily on God's arm. Success in his name is yours. WALTER HARPER.

### OUR FOREIGN POPULATION AND THE CITY PROBLEM

IN a former article we have made some statements concerning the greatness of the foreign immigration to our country in general. We now call attention to the conditions existing in our cities.

For some time our attention has been called to the work to be done in our cities, and right here is where we meet the foreign problem in its most acute form, for while we have foreigners scattered all over the country we find them in largest numbers in our large cities, and not only that, but in the most congested part of the city there you find the foreigner in the largest numbers.

Take New York City as a sample, 63 languages are spoken there. In 1906 it is stated that there were nearly 450,000 Italians, about as many as in Rome; and since then thousands more have come. At that time there was said to be more than 789,782 Germans, 200,000 more than the population of Hamburg at that time, which next to Berlin is the largest city in Germany. There were also 725,000 Jews in New York City, so that New York is the capital of the Jewish world, and they are adding to their number at the rate of 50,000 a year. There never was so polyglot a population in any city on the face of the earth before.

Here is a descriptive picture by Howard B. Grose, D. D., from "Aliens or Americans."

"New York is a city in America but is hardly an American city. Nor is any other of our great cities, except perhaps Philadelphia. Boston is an Irish city, Chicago is a German-Scandinavian-Polish city, Saint Louis is a German city, and New York is a Hebrew-German-Irish-Italian-Bohemian-Hungarian city—a cosmopolitan race conglomeration. Eighteen languages are spoken in a single block. In Public School No. 29, no less than twenty-six nationalities are represented. This indicates the complicated problem.

"New York is the chief Jewish capital. Of the 760,000 Jews on Manhattan, about 450,000 are Russians, and they overcrowd the East Side ghetto. In that quarter the signs are in Hebrew, the streets are markets, the shops are European, the men, women, and children speak Yiddish, and all faces bear the foreign and Hebrew mark plainly upon them.

"Go on a little further and you find that you are in Little Italy, quite distinct from Jewry, but no less foreign. Here the names on the signs are Italian, and the atmosphere is

redolent with the fumes of Italy. The hurdy-gurdy vies with the push-cart, the streets are full of children and women, and you are as a stranger in a strange land. You would not be in a more distinctively Italian section if you were by magic transplanted to Naples or Genoa.

"Nor is it simply the East Side in Lower New York that is so manifestly foreign. Go where you will on Manhattan Island and you will see few names on business signs that do not betray their foreign derivation. Two out of every three persons you meet will be foreign. You will see the Italian gangs cleaning the streets, the Irish will control the motor of your trolley-car, and collect your fares, the policemen will be Irish or German, the waiters where you dine will be French or German, Italians or English, the clerks in the vast majority of the shopping places will be foreign, the people you meet will constantly remind you of the rarity of the American stock. You are ready to believe the statement that there are in New York more persons of German descent than of native descent, and more Germans than in any city of Germany except Berlin. Here are nearly twice as many Irish as in Dublin, about as many Jews as in Warsaw, and more Italians than in Naples or Venice. In government, in sentiment, in practise, as in population (thirty-seven per cent foreign-born and eighty per cent of foreign birth or parentage), the metropolis is predominantly foreign, and in elections the foreign vote, shrewdly manipulated for the most part, controls. Nor is this true of New York alone. In thirty-three of our largest cities the foreign population is larger than the native; in Milwaukee and Fall River the foreign percentage rises as high as eighty-five per cent. In all these cities the foreign colonies are as distinct and practically as isolated socially as though they were in Russia or Poland, Italy or Hungary. Foreign in language, customs, habits, and institutions, these colonies are separated from each other, as well as from the American population, by race, customs, and religion."—*Aliens or Americans,* pp. 198-200.

This presentation will give the reader a fuller insight into the make-up and conditions existing in our large cities. And it is just such a condition that must be met in our city work. If the city population were, even to a large extent, one nationality and one language the situation would be much simplified. But instead of one we have two score and more to deal with. But these people must hear the warning message, for in the midst of this babel of confusion will be found jewels for the kingdom of God that must be gathered out.

O. A. OLSEN.

### STAGNATION

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." "Ye that put far away the evil day." Amos 6:1, 3.

There may have been times, a long way back in the dim past when a Christian could with impunity be non-committal with reference to his faith, and largely inactive in the field of religion; but if that be so, which is a question, it can not be true to-day.

Israel, at the time when Amos prophesied, were so backslidden from God, that not only did they offer sacrifices to idols, but made a great show of worshiping God at the same time, or in another place it is said they worshiped God and served idols.

Doubtless there were many in Israel who disagreed with those evil practises, but it was easier to hold their peace and say nothing than to come out boldly for the truth and denounce evil. And it must have been against that class that Amos predicted woe.

It was human nature then, as it is now, to say, Let some

one else do it. Day-dreaming and luxurious ease will never effect any noble work. Of all people, Seventh-day Adventists, a denomination existing in the last days of this world only because other denominations have failed to declare God's warning messages to sinners, have no business to be asleep in Zion. They are called out and God's special messages for the last days have been made known to them for one purpose— for service.

The militant church is to be a fighting church, not one putting afar off the evil day and sitting down to a comfortable complacency, that might even be permissible in those not called to such a sacred work. When the spirit of prophecy states, as has been recently written, that: The end is nearer than the ones living the closest to the Lord and having the deepest faith among us believe (not the exact words, but the thought), dare any of us venture to disregard the instruction for all who know this great truth to become preachers in one way or another: to get acquainted with our neighbors, to live the truth carefully before others, to give out a tract, to send away a paper, to be doing something much or little all the time lest the truth become of no effect to ourselves and like an idle tale.

The people of the world have forebodings, but can not understand that the disasters that follow one another in quick succession,—fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed, are God's judgments. Let us all wake up and give the warning and clear our escutcheon of the charge of unfaithfulness and inactivity.

"Lift up the trumpet, and loud let it ring Jesus is coming again!"—*W. H. Edwards, in Northern Union Reaper.*

"T is sorrow builds the shining ladder up,  
Whose golden rounds are our calamities,  
Whereon our firm feet planting, nearer God  
The spirit climbs, and hath its eyes unsealed."

"WHAT would you advise me to aim at?" asked a young man of a Christian friend. "At riches and honors," was the reply, "if you mean to be satisfied with the world; but at Christian graces, if you ever expect or wish to enter heaven."

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

**For Week Ending Sept. 28, 1912**

**ALABAMA CONFERENCE**

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Chas Battle	BF	45		\$	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 30 00
W L Battle	BF	53			3 50	3 50	53 00
J M Montgomery	BF	43			4 50	4 50	19 00
Miss K Jackson	BF	19			2 50	2 50	15 00
Ernest Waters	BF	60	33	34 50		34 50	
S S Guilford	BF	98	20	29 00	23 50	52 50	37 50
A J Rice	BF	83	26	29 50	25	29 75	1 00
R Roberts	BF	52	62	81 00		81 00	
M L Ivory	BF	99	21	31 50	4 50	36 00	36 00

**KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

J V Lucas	BF	22	11	16 50		16 50	
D C Ray	BF	37	10	10 00	1 00	11 00	
Latitia Steele	BF	29	8	6 00	6 00	12 00	
Verna Pound	BF	11	7	8 50	50	9 00	
W Judson	BF & D&R	38	20	24 00	1 50	25 50	3 00
*L B Hill	GC						159 45
*William Horn	GC	30	12	37 00	6 05	43 05	60 00

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

J J Ballard	CK	10	12	12 00	1 00	13 00	1 00
W J Hirst	BF	2	3	3 00			4 00
S F Reeder	BF	40			14 15		30 50
P S Sibley	BF	42	32	37 50	2 25	39 75	
T S Sligh	BF & D&R	131	107	127 50	4 25	131 75	4 25
MB Wilson	BF & H&H	7	8	7 90	75	7 75	1 00

**\*\*MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**

C H McColreay	BR	35	32	48 00	4 75	52 75	4 75
C R Canada	BF	39	55	58 50	1 75	60 25	4 75
A L Saxon	BR	51	13	39 00	2 50	41 50	2 50
T M McMullen	BF	16	11	11 00	60	11 60	
M A Murphy	BF	24	3	3 00	50	3 50	11 00
Emily Billups	BF	50	74	111 00		111 00	
Annie Watts	BF	49	61	91 50		91 50	
Ella Johnson	BF	26	46	59 50	3 00	62 50	
Louise Jackson	CK	15	4	4 00	25	4 25	25

**\*\*TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE**

B Jackson	BF	34	25	33 50	3 50	37 00	1 00
J S Moore	BF	50	27	35 00	1 25	36 25	
Thomas Goodman	BF	45	22	33 00	2 35	35 35	
*Frances Hart	BF	90	19	28 50		28 50	20 00
R H Hazelton	BF	30	14	18 50	1 90	20 40	1 00
Mamie Moore	D&R	38	17	19 00		19 00	11 00
Emelia Roberson	dofA	23	10	15 00	1 75	16 75	10 50
Eugene Sykes	PP&F	38	9	15 00		15 00	6 50
Rebecca Moore	BF	35	13	13 00	75	13 75	4 00
U Bracy	BF	19	6	9 00	50	9 50	
W L Cutchville	BF	18	6	9 00		9 00	
G C Hinshaw	dofA	29			8 00	8 00	
M E Tillman	BF	11	4	5 00		5 00	7 00
Milton Young	BF	27	4	4 50	25	4 75	9 50
Mrs E R Jones	BF	8	2	2 00		2 00	6 00
Irregular					19 95	19 95	

\*More than one week.

**SUMMARY**

Alabama Conf	562	162	204 00	39 75	281 75	191 50
Kentucky Conf	157	68	102 00	15 05	117 05	222 45
Louisiana Conf	223	162	187 90	22 40	192 25	40 75
Mississippi Conf	305	299	425 50	13 35	438 85	23 25
Tenn River Conf	495	178	240 00	40 20	280 20	76 50

Totals .....1742 869 \$1159 40 \$130 75 \$1310 10 \$554 45

\*\*For week ending September 21.

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**For Week Ending Sept. 28, 1912**

Agent	No.	Value
<b>ALABAMA CONFERENCE</b>		
M Keate	225	\$ 22 50
Miss K Jackson	70	7 00
<b>KENTUCKY CONFERENCE</b>		
Latitia Steele	10	1 00
Verna Pound	15	1 50
<b>LOUISIANA CONFERENCE</b>		
New Orleans Y P M V S	27	2 70
S F Reeder	27	2 70
<b>MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE</b>		
Ella Johnson	3	30
Mrs George	23	2 30
Grace Holt	88	8 80
<b>TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE</b>		
Miss Annie Adams	175	17 50
Mrs I E Stratton	215	21 50
Irregular	186	18 60
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### WHAT A TRACT DID

SOME years ago a farmer living in the Green mountains of Vermont, went to a near-by village one Friday afternoon to attend to some business matters, and to make necessary purchases for the convenience of the home. Among other things he purchased a butter-tub; and after placing it in his wagon proceeded to transact other business without further notice of the tub.

An Adventist who was distributing the tract, "Which Day Do You Keep, and Why?" when not noticed, put one of these tracts in the butter-tub. When the farmer arrived at his home, he handed the tub to his wife, and drove out to the barn to attend to the chores about the premises. After these things had received due attention, he went into the house and found his wife greatly interested in the tract that she had found. She asked her husband if he knew they were keeping the wrong day for the Sabbath. He said he did not know it, but she said they were, for she had just learned about it from a tract that he had brought home. They soon agreed to study the subject together from the Bible, assisted by the tract, and they proceeded to this studying without delay. The result was that they promised the Lord and each other that they would keep the Sabbath. They learned that the Sabbath began while he was out doing the chores, but agreed to sacredly regard the remainder of that particular day and to keep every succeeding Sabbath day.

The brother remarked that his neighbors did not know about the Sabbath truth which they had just learned, and said it was too late to tell them about it that day, but that he would teach them all during the coming week, so they would

not break another Sabbath. He said he felt certain that all his neighbors would be keeping the next Sabbath day with him. He did as he had planned, but not one was willing to join them in obedience to God, yet later on the writer had the privilege of teaching the people of that community, and there organized a church.—*Wm. Covert.*

### THE HORSE

WHILE a minister was driving along with a borrowed horse, visiting his people, he noticed how readily the horse obeyed the slightest pull of the lines.

The minister thought upon this experience as a most happy illustration of the joy of perfect obedience. Both the happiness of man and horse would have been marred by a violent pull of the lines. The ready response to a slight pull proved the horse's subjection to his master for his master's happiness, and the master's thoughtfulness for the horse's happiness.

The finishing touch of obedience, the right order and relation were not wanting. It made both happy; it made them companions, and reveals that above all other qualities a horse's perfect obedience to his owner is the chiefest reason for the great price his owner sets upon him.

The incident teaches what we can and ought to do to make God happy, and how in turn God makes us happy. The simple obedience of which the horse was capable and of which we are capable is the overlooked secret.

H. C. BALSBAUGH.

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H. E. SIMKIN.

(My commission expires April 5, 1914.)

### NEWS ITEMS

THE following taken from a private letter recently received from Oakwood, Ala., will be of interest to all our readers:—

"School has commenced with quite a full attendance. A couple arrived to-day from the Canal Zone. The sanitarium is coming up too. There are ten students in the new nurses' class, and we have more patients than ever before. Perhaps you will say that that may be so and then not many, but we have four with good prospects of as many more in the near future. Yesterday we had a very serious operation. The patient had five tumors removed, any one of which was large enough to justify an operation. Dr. M. M. Martinson performed the operation, assisted by Drs. Haysmer and Maroon. The patient is doing well."

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MYSTERY is but another name for ignorance; if we were omniscient everything would be plain.—*Tyron Edwards.*