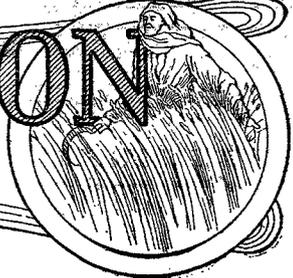




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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

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"HIS HAND IS STRETCHED OUT STILL"

Isa. 9:17

THE years are swiftly flying,
Earth's days are speeding fast;
And soon we'll hear souls crying,
"Probation's hour is past!"

But grace to-day is offered;
"His hand is stretched out still:"
Accept while mercy's proffered,
While he may come who will.

C. P. B.

Editorial Notes

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is the Golden Rule in modern phrase.

This means that we should be just as considerate of the feelings of others as we would wish them to be of our feelings.

RELIGION to be of any value must be practical. This does not mean that one can be saved by religion of works alone; works can never save anybody; but the religion that does not make one kind to and considerate of others is not the religion of Jesus Christ.

It is cruelty to animals to work a horse or a mule through the summer and fall and then turn him out to starve to death in the winter. Is it any less cruel if the subject of the injustice be a human being?

THERE passed through Nashville recently an old man, peniless, ragged, and dirty; but cheerful withal, and quite active, notwithstanding his years. Thinking he had found a home, he had worked for his board through the summer and fall, only to be turned adrift when crops were gathered. His was a pitiable case. We could not help wondering if the Golden Rule had been observed in dealing with this man. Do you suppose he will appear in the judgment? If so what will his testimony be? "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

"Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labors. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy

burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that you bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" Isa. 58:3-7.

REDEEMING THE TIME

THE year 1912 is nearly gone. Its record is well-nigh made up. Its opportunities will come to us no more. What we have done during its moments, its hours, its days, its months, can not be undone. What we have neglected can not be done when it ought to have been done. The year with its record is now a part of the past eternity.

Doubtless the year leaves behind it some regrets. Some things we would gladly undo. Some neglected things we now wish we had done. But time once gone can not be recalled. Opportunities neglected return no more.

But mercy still lingers in the sanctuary above. Probation has not closed, and we may to some extent redeem the time; that is, we may still do many of the things we ought to have done in days that are past and gone.

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Eph. 5:14-17.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending December 21, 1912: Total number bound volumes, 2,397; *Watchman*, 5,478.

A CLEAN SHEET FOR THE NEW YEAR

With most successful business houses, it is a customary practise to try to close the year with all accounts settled, thus enabling them to begin the new year with a clean page.

We trust that all who are owing us will note that the above is the desire of the Southern Publishing Association and a check in full of account will be more than appreciated, and if sent in so as to reach the office before December 31, it will enable you and us to begin the new year with a clean page.

We thank you for the nice business you have given us during the year and trust that the year 1913 will be an equally prosperous and happy one.

The Lord has greatly blessed the Publishing House and its field men. More books have been sold than ever before, which shows that a little more effort and zeal has been put into the work by our canvassers than in the past. Some new ones have been added to the ranks, but there is still room

for many more. The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are so few.

As we look over the work for the past year we are amazed at what has been accomplished by the small band of canvassers. We then think of the great possibilities if our force of workers was doubled. Just stop a moment and consider what it would mean to the work of God and the prosperity of the Publishing House if we were to enlist one hundred per cent more workers for 1913 than we have had in the year just closing. Our sales would more than double and the distribution of literature would be increased many times. Let us ask the Lord to guide us, and if that still small voice points you to the work of distributing our literature, then do not delay but write at once to your field agent or tract society secretary for territory.

MRS. ELVIRA HOLMES, of Battle Creek Mich., who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Harvey, was an office visitor this week.

BRO. H. B. CALKINS and Brother Meeker of Paradise Ridge made a short visit to the office Thursday.

BRO. C. E. WHITE is absent from his work to-day on account of the death of his sister-in-law who passed away in Nashville, December 19. The body will be taken to Fountain Head for interment.

BRO. L. A. SMITH occupied the time at chapel service Monday morning.

EXTRACTS FROM SOUTHWESTERN BOOKMEN'S NEWS LETTER

BRO. ELISHA TAYLOR told me to-day of a man to whom he delivered a "Daniel and Revelation" this fall, that he took an order from twenty-five years ago. The man had forgotten him until he began the canvass. He then said, "I gave an order for this book twenty-five years ago and got sick and had to leave the country, but I have wanted the book ever since." In the kingdom of God there will be many who have gotten the truth from our books. We may never know in this life the work that we are doing, yet a record of it is being kept in heaven, and some day the results of our labor will be known if we are only true to our calling and remain firm at our post of duty. Be faithful, and the Lord reward your efforts is my prayer.

J. W. DAVIS, *Field Agent, North Texas.*

We have the promise that the Holy Spirit will impress the truth upon their minds as they read the books, and here is a striking example of this truth. Brother Brandt, from Clinton, Missouri, is working in Fort Bend County where Brother Blackburn worked last year, and he found four German families who had bought "Bible Readings" from Brother Blackburn and two of them were convinced of the Sabbath truth and the others were very favorable, so much so that they all gave Brother Brandt orders for "Great Controversy" and made earnest request that a minister be sent there to teach them the truth.

N. H. CONWAY, *Field Agent, South Texas.*

Dear Brother Colporteurs:—

I will give you some of my experiences in delivering in the West Texas Conference. There has been a four years' drought in West Texas, and the people are considerably behind financially. Some are so heavily in debt that they do not expect to get out for years to come. Others say it will take at least three good crop years for them to catch up.

Knowing all this, I went into my delivery with much fear and trembling. However, the books were delivered just the same, and some were so afraid that they would not get their books that they phoned to their neighbors who would not be in the cotton patch, to tell me where I would find them as they wanted to be sure of getting their books. They had saved

up the money for that purpose and called it "cotton-picking money," as all of their cotton was mortgaged. By selling all their cotton they would not have near enough money to pay them out of debt, and yet they had saved up their nickels and dimes with which to pay for a book. In some parts of the country it has taken eighteen acres to make one bale.

This message is going drought or no drought. While it is often hard to exercise enough faith to start out in that dry country yet the Lord says "GO!" Will we respond and say, "Here am I, send me"?

The experiences I have had this year are worth more to me than words can express. My prayer is that the Lord will increase my faith.

E. ATCHLEY.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

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

Alabama Conference

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

A. L. MILLER, President.

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Helen M. Keate, Sabbath-School and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Fort Payne, Ala.

C. R. Waldron, Educational Secretary, Rockford, Ala.

Membership of Alabama Conference, 1915; proportion of fifteen-cents-a-week fund, \$1,521. Amount paid, \$1,097.64. Still to be raised, \$423.36.

NOTES

ELDER MILLER spent a few days this week at Jasper visiting some of our isolated members.

Sister Kenyon, of Savannah, Ga., is spending some time in Birmingham, organizing the church into bands for missionary work. We would be glad if Sister Kenyon could visit every church in the conference for it is time for every Seventh-day Adventist to be at work. There is a great blessing in working for souls; try it and I am sure you will be convinced.

We were very glad to receive a visit at the office last week from Eld. E. H. Rees. Brother Rees was passing through the city and had some time to wait here so he looked us up. We are always glad to have our friends call on us when they are in the city.

We have on hand a few copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" that are damaged which we can sell at from fifty cents to one dollar. These books are only damaged on the outside and the reading matter is all there. We have only a few so if you do not have this good book you had better send your order to the tract society right away before all are gone.

Brother Keate has just made a good delivery of books. He had to order more books before he could finish as he expected to lose some orders. Brother Keate's health is much improved, and he is of good courage in the work.

How do you like the "news notes" that are now coming out in the WORKER? We are endeavoring to make the paper more interesting and we hope you appreciate it. The subscription price of the WORKER is fifty cents per year. If your subscription has expired, please renew.

Eld. G. E. Peters is now making a tour among the colored churches in the southern part of the State. Brother Peters reports that the company at Brewton will be ready for organization in the spring.

We are somewhat behind on our fifteen-cents-a-week fund.

We trust that all "Harvest Ingathering," "Annual Offering," and other mission funds will be sent into the office before the close of the year. As next Sabbath is the thirteenth Sabbath of the quarter, we hope that all will remember it with a large offering and thus place us on the "honor roll" of the fifteen-cents-a-week fund.

Kentucky Conference

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

B. W. BROWN, President.
 F. C. Bruce, Secretary and Treasurer.
 H. E. Beck, Field Agent.
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 W. H. White, Y. P. M. V. Secretary.
 Office address, 1410 Beech St., Louisville, Ky.

Membership of the Kentucky Conference, 183; quota of fifteen-cents-a-week fund, \$1,427.40. Amount paid, \$1,153.20. Still to be raised, \$274.20.

NOTES

BRO. CHRISTIAN HORNUNG was at the conference office last week, getting a supply of papers to sell as he goes from place to place.

Bro. Curtis Pound is now in Cordova and reports that the ministers in that section are making war against the truth.

Bro. W. H. White began a series of meetings at Yamacraw the 16th. Let us all remember the work there in our prayers that God will gather out honest souls.

Bro. Raymond Deihl, with his wife and sister, has located at Grove where they plan to do missionary work. They were formerly from Kansas. We welcome these new brethren from other states.

Eld. B. W. Brown visited the Grove church, and held several meetings last week. He reports the work growing there. The Sabbath services are well attended and a live young people's meeting is held every Sunday evening, and prayer meeting Wednesday night.

Many good reports come to the office telling of the blessings received during the Week of Prayer. One brother was so stirred that he put up one of his cows for sale to get money for the annual offering. He said that he wanted his money in this message. That is the kind of a spirit that should prompt all of our people throughout the conference. Brother Bruce, the conference treasurer, spent a few days in Lexington the past week, encouraging the brethren there.

Sister Reynolds, of Owensboro, reports quite an interest on the part of a number who have been reading our books and papers.

The Bowling Green church treasurer was the first to send in the annual offering. Let all the treasurers and individuals remember to send in all offerings not later than December 30, and sooner if possible.

We hope all our people will remember South America December 28 with a good 13th Sabbath offering. Let us make it \$60 in our conference.

Elder Brown visited Brother Ethington at his home, and reports that he will soon enter the canvassing field again.

Among the canvassers who are making deliveries this week we name the following: Bro. Reuben Staton, Bro. John R. Staton, Bro. Andy Schroader, Bro. Alonzo Minton, and Bro. H. E. Beck. We are hopeful that God will give a good delivery to these brethren. Please remember the fifteen-cents-

a-week fund for missions, that we may be able to pay in full fifteen cents a week for each member in Kentucky. The best Christmas present we can make will be to deposit an extra dollar for missions.

A report from Bro. J. E. Cothren: "Began to canvass after sunset the 14th, canvassed three ministers, all Baptists, and sold each of them a book in fifteen minutes. The first man I canvassed Sunday morning, was a Baptist minister and I took his order also. I was out five hours and forty-five minutes in all and took nine orders. Praise the Lord."

Brother Cothren is canvassing for "Daniel and the Revelation" and he has demonstrated that this book can be sold, and sold on Sunday even to ministers. "Sunday can be used for carrying forward various lines of work that will accomplish much for the Lord. . . . House to house work can be done."—*Vol. 9, page 233.*

Louisiana Conference

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

R. W. PARMELE, President.
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 S. F. Reeder, Field Missionary Agent.
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 Mrs. C. A. Saxby, Educational and Y. P. M. V. Secretary, Lake Charles, La. R. F. D. 2.
 Mrs. Laura Brown, Sabbath-School Secretary.
 Lydia E. Parmele, Medical.

Membership of the Louisiana Conference, 267; quota of the fifteen-cents-a-week fund, \$2,082.60. Amount paid, \$1,209.65. Still to be raised, \$872.95.

NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS covers about 197 square miles of earth and has a population of 375,000. The temperature in winter seldom falls below thirty degrees and usually stands between fifty and sixty degrees, F. In summer it is between seventy-five and ninety degrees. It is one of the healthiest cities in the Union. The average white death rate is less than fifteen per 1,000. No one need feel afraid to come here to labor.

The work has been desultory, particularly in its early years; for like a gaunt underfed stripling, it stretches itself over the space of twenty-seven years. But in recent years there has been quite an awakening. The church members are busy. We have organized ship work, periodical, correspondence, and Bible work. The latter is what expands the church membership. The New Orleans church has been built up by Bible work.

Brother McLennon has covered the streets from Napoleon Avenue to Henry Clay Avenue in five years. This represents many of the flourishing homes of the wealthy classes.

In nine years I have worked from Napoleon Avenue to Canal Street, canvassing systematically for readers and leaving tracts wherever they were wanted.

Brother Auger works with periodicals to secure his readers and irrespective of territory labors among the French, Italians, and Spanish.

A small amount of Bible work was done in Gretna by Sisters Edna Walker and Cassie Wilson, who are not now engaged in the work here.

Bible work is slow, but it is sure, and we praise God for every acquisition; for, as it ever has been, the Andrews will

find their own brothers first, and the Philips will find the Nathanaels, and so open the way for more Bible work.

Our church is centrally located and within easy access of several lines of cars. A number of our readers are interested and attend services, and will in all probability unite with us later.

We hope soon to see another branch of the work represented in this city. Dr. Lydia E. Parmele is assiduously preparing for the opening of treatment rooms at 810 Jackson Avenue, and we feel secure in anticipating a successful outcome. This is an enterprise we have long hoped for, and so we praise the Lord for another token of greater expansion of effort here.

Pray for the work in New Orleans.

FRANCES P. GOODWYN.

LENA

I SPENT most of the Week of Prayer at Lena, where Brother Frank has been laboring for the past few weeks. We had excellent meetings. I was successful in enlisting two colporteurs who will go to work just as soon as their outfits arrive and they have a little time to study. Then they expect to work up to the time of our institute, February 7-17, which they will attend and fit themselves for better work. There is one sister who expects to sell some magazines up to that time and then she may take up books. Her brother intends to arrange his work so that he can attend the institute also, and enter the colporteur work at its close.

Brother Harzman of whom I wrote in my last letter has been hindered some in completing his arrangements for entering the work but hopes soon to be at it. Brother Harzman is an old soldier in the colporteur work and we hope to see him do well.

We are praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers.

S. F. REEDER.

Mississippi Conference

C. S. WIEST, President.

Miss Parizetta Smith, Conference and Tract Society Secretary and Treasurer.

H. G. Miller, Field Missionary Agent.

Mrs. E. L. Morrow, Sabbath-School and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.

Office address, 932 Union St., Jackson, Miss.

Membership of the Mississippi Conference, 157; quota of the fifteen-cents-a-week fund, \$1,224.60. Amount paid, \$838.33. Still to be raised, \$386.27.

THE Jackson church met for prayer every day during the Week of Prayer. The attendance at these meetings was good. One family, who lives four miles in the country, was present at every service but one. Upon the last Sabbath, in answer to a call to entire consecration to God, the whole congregation arose. Among these were two who were just beginning the observance of the Sabbath. One stated that this was the third time her attention had been called to this message and that she thought it was time for her to take heed to it. All testified that they had received great blessing during the week of prayer. The annual offering for missions was \$32.53. We are hoping that by Dec. 31, 1912 we will, as a church, have reached the fifteen-cents-a-week mark for missions.

Monday evening a nice little company gathered at the conference building to meet Eld. G. G. Lowry and wife and to listen to an interesting talk by Elder Lowry on India, the field of their recent labors. They were passing through Jackson on their way to visit his parents.

JAMES A. MORROW.

Tennessee River Conference

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

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Mrs. E. H. Rees, Secretary Sabbath-School Department, 2305 Buchanan St., Nashville, Tenn.

C. F. Lowry, Secretary Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments, Camden, Tenn.

Membership of the Tennessee River Conference, 538; quota of the fifteen-cents-a-week fund, \$4,196.40. Amount paid, \$1,965.70. Still to be raised, \$2,230.70.

NEWS ITEMS

ELDER MAXWELL has just returned from a brief visit to the Leach and Trezevant churches, and reports excellent meetings.

Sister M. J. Fry, clerk of the Leach church, has recovered from a serious attack of la grippe.

Please do not wait until the last of the week to send in your order, so that it will reach us on Friday and expect it to be filled that day. Remember that your order is not the only one to be filled.

All Sabbath-school secretaries should send in their orders for *Quarterlies* at once.

We have not received your order for the Morning Watch Calendar yet.

THE Tennessee River Conference Committee met in the conference office on Monday, the 23rd. A report of the actions of the committee will appear in the next issue.

The *Weekly Signs of the Times* is a splendid paper to use in your home missionary work. Why not subscribe for a half dozen copies for the next six months and use them all around where you live? Order from the tract society.

The conference office would be very glad to know the address of Bernhard Stablein, formerly a member of the Hamburg, Germany church. Any one knowing of this brother will confer a favor by writing us.

Brother Elliott reports that after the long hard pull at Camden there are about five persons there who will unite with us.

Brother Atteberry states that the work is moving nicely at the school this winter.

HAZEL ACADEMY ITEMS

THE weeks, since our last report in the WORKER, have been filled with busy days of school work for both teachers and pupils.

The enrolment has been larger for the first term of school than for two or three years past, and there have been more in the school homes than any previous year for the first term. Our total enrolment to date is thirty-eight. The attendance at present is thirty-five. There are thirty-two in both homes including the faculty.

The nice fall weather has enabled us to get our crops housed in good shape. About fourteen acres of rye and winter

oats were sown early in the fall, to be plowed under next spring for mulch. The experiment with soy beans this year has proved them to be the best means of getting nitrogen into the soil.

The capacity of the poultry house has just been doubled, and some remodeling of the old one is planned.

The canned vegetables put up by the school last year and this fall are meeting with quite ready sale and are giving excellent satisfaction. We still have a few hundred cans of green beans and tomatoes for sale, also some corn and okra for our own use.

We were much pleased recently to have a visit from Prof. A. W. Spaulding. His chapel talk to the students was full of inspiration.

Miss Beulah Cothren, who is teaching the church school at Springville spent a day at the school last week. Though the school there is not large, we were glad to learn that it is doing good work.

The Week of Prayer was a good week at the school. Many victories were gained. The church and school met separately during the week because of the convenience. Pray that the good work begun in hearts during this week may continue till these young people are fitted for some responsible place in the Lord's work. Half the school year will soon be gone. The second term begins January seven. Those who are planning to come need not wait till this time however, as they can just as well enter before. Any one desiring a calendar may obtain it by asking for it. Address

A. N. Atteberry, Hazel, Ky.
% Academy.

BROTHER DENOYER'S EXPERIENCE WITH "THE MAN THAT RUM MADE"

BRO. A. J. DENOYER has just returned from his first experience with the new book, "The Man that Rum Made." On his way to Kneely's Bend in the Cumberland River, he met an elderly man and showed him the book. When he saw it was a temperance work he said, "I will take one to help you out, but you will not do any good in the bend. I ruined a good business I had there by talking temperance too much. I quit using tobacco, and I thought what was not good for me was not good for other people, so I quit selling it, and I lost my trade. The people like liquor too well for you to do any good there."

Brother Denoyer said, "There is just where I am going" and he did just what every colporteur should do when tempted to skip seemingly poor territory, went right ahead and the Lord blessed him with twenty orders in fifteen hours.

Showing the book to the owner of a ferry, who said, "Whiskey does not bother me any, but I will take a book to help you out." He paid fifty cents in advance. He then said, "You see the man at the ferry. He needs one. You may do some good there. He gets on a spree once in a while." Brother Denoyer saw him and sold him a copy, and found out later that the man who said, "Whiskey does not bother me any," was a hard drinker.

Going to a house about sundown, he was invited in. Learning that the mother was not there, he canvassed one of the children, who thought the mother would buy if he would wait. As it was late he said he had better go on. He was then invited to spend the night. Just then the mother came, and he made known his mission. She said she could keep him overnight but could not take a book. After supper all the family gathered around and looked at the book. As the children were reading some of the good stories, the mother said, "I believe I must have one of those books," so gave her order.

Would you not like to have such experiences of your own? You may by selling some of our good books or papers. "The Man that Rum Made," is an excellent seller.

C. F. DART.

Southern Union Conference

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THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

SABBATH, December 27, is the day for the thirteenth Sabbath offering to missions. This offering will be made in the Sabbath-school. It will be the last opportunity for the most of us to make an offering to missions in 1912, and every reader of the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER should take notice as to how much your conference is behind, and contribute as liberally as you can willingly to help make up this deficit. When the last second of the last minute of the last hour of the year 1912 has ticked off it will be too late to make an offering to this fund.

It is certainly very gratifying to see the willing effort put forth by the people of the Southern Union Conference this past season to work in our own field to bring people into the truth. God has blessed the efforts of this people to an extent that certainly must bring happiness to many souls. Just how many have accepted the truth at this writing I am unable to say. In our great need it may be that some have thought to make their offerings to the home field instead of the foreign. If this is the case, it is hoped that at this last minute, we will rally to the call of the hour and see the needs outside of our own circle, in these dark countries where millions of people sit in darkness.

By looking away to the need of these great fields and unselfishly considering their welfare, we will in this very act be prepared for better service in the home field. The Lord has called upon us now to give, and the prayer of the writer is that when the year is closed it may be said of all the conferences in the Southern Union, You have done your duty; your offerings have been sufficient.

S. E. WIGHT.

THE NASHVILLE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

THOSE who attended the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Convention held at Nashville, November 28 to December 1, expressed themselves as being well repaid for the time spent.

A number of contributing causes prevented the local attendance from being what was hoped during the first part of the meeting, but the attendance at the Sabbath and Sunday forenoon sessions was excellent.

The managers of the Southern Publishing Association closed the office and factory Thursday and Friday that the workers might have the benefit of the entire convention.

Three of the five Missionary Volunteer Secretaries of the Union were present all through the meeting: Mrs. Helen M. Keate, from Alabama; C. F. Lowry, from the Tennessee River Conference; W. H. White, from Kentucky.

Most of the meetings were held in North Nashville, as most of our young people live near the publishing house.

The papers read and the topics discussed were those that are of great interest and importance to all connected with

young people's work. The good instruction and timely counsel of Elder Meade MacGuire, field secretary of the General Conference Y. P. M. V. Department, and Miss Matilda Erickson, corresponding secretary, was much appreciated by the young people's workers.

Two points receiving much emphasis were: The importance of encouraging our young people to take time for morning study and prayer; and the large place personal work should have in all our efforts.

The Morning Watch Calendar, has been a great help to our young people and older ones in forming the habit of regular morning prayer and study. We were glad to note that the circulation has increased from 6,000 copies, the first issue, in 1908, to 25,000 copies in 1912. It is hoped that its circulation in this field may be a large increase this year over last. The sunset calendar is a feature that will doubtless be appreciated by our people everywhere.

A study of the Saviour's methods reveals the fact that a large part of his work was personal contact with individuals, and all effort that is successful must have this at its foundation.

It was interesting to learn that the Young People's Department now has six hundred societies in this and other lands, with an enrolment of 1,500.

The *Temperance Instructor*, came in for its share of discussion, and the testimonies of those present showed how much it is appreciated, and something of what it is accomplishing wherever it is circulated.

The new issue is to bear the date of February 4 and it is hoped will have the wide circulation it deserves.

The interest in the reading courses is manifested by the fact that this year the department has issued about five times as many certificates as during the first year these courses were offered.

Those who have studied all the books in every course, have read enough useful books to make a pile about four feet high.

At the closing session on Sunday morning, nearly all arose, signifying their consecration to God for service.

The young people at Nashville expressed themselves as being determined to make the work of their society more effective in soul winning and those from other conferences felt that they could push the work with new vigor because of the help received at this meeting. A. N. ATTEBERRY.

Hazel, Ky.

COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTES FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

LOUISIANA January 31-February 9.
Mississippi February 7-16.
Alabama February 14-23.
Tennessee River February 21-March 2.
Kentucky February 28-March 6.

We sincerely hope these dates will be approved by the various conferences. C. D. WOLFF.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth Annual Meeting of the constituency of the Hillcrest School Farm, incorporated, will be held at the North Nashville church school building, 23rd Ave., North and Seifried Street, Nashville, Tenn., at 5 P. M., Tuesday, January 28, 1913.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of trustees and a Board of Counselors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

A. J. HAYSMER, *Chairman*,

A. J. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

General

TIRED MOTHERS

A LITTLE elbow leans upon your knee,
That tired knee that has so much to bear.
A child's dear eyes are looking lovingly,
From underneath a thatch of tangled hair.
Perhaps you do not heed the velvet touch
Of warm, moist fingers folding yours so tight;
You're weary with the labors of the day.
You are almost too tired to pray to-night.

But it is blessedness. A year ago
I did not see it as I do to-day.
We are so dull and thankless, and too slow
To catch the sunshine till it pass away.
And now it seems surpassing strange to me
That while I bore the badge of motherhood,
I did not kiss more oft and tenderly
The little child that brought me only good.

And if some day when you sat down to rest
You missed the pressing elbow from your knee,
The restless little head from off your breast,
The lisping tongue, that chatters constantly,
If, from your own, the dimpled hand had slipped,
And ne'er would nestle in your palm again,
If the dear feet into the grave had tripped
I would not blame you for your heartache then.

I wonder so that mothers ever fret
At little children clinging to their gown,
Or that the footprints when the days are wet
Are ever black enough to make them frown.
If I could find a little muddy boot,
Or cap or jacket on my chamber floor,
If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot,
And hear it patter in the house once more,

If I could mend a broken cart to-day,
To-morrow make a kite to reach the sky,
There is no woman in God's earth could say
She was more blissfully content than I.
But, ah, the dainty pillow next my own
Is never rumbled by a shining head.
My little birdling from its nest has flown,
The little boy I used to kiss is—dead.

—Selected.

EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN

THE following are extracts from unpublished testimonies:—

"In all our churches and wherever there is a company of believers, church schools should be established, and in these schools there should be teachers who have the true missionary spirit; for the children are to be trained to become missionaries. It is essential that teachers be educated to do their part in instructing children of Sabbath keepers, not only in the sciences but in the Scriptures. These schools established in different localities and conducted by God-fearing men or women as the case demands, should be built upon the same principles as were the schools of the prophets."

"There is an earnest work to be done for the children, before the overflowing scourge shall come down upon all the dwellers upon the earth. The Lord calls upon all who are Israelites indeed to serve him. Gather your children unto your houses; gather them in from the classes who are voicing the

words of Satan, who are disobeying the commandments of God. Get out of the cities as soon as possible; establish church schools. Gather in your children and give them the Word of God as the foundation of all their education. Had the churches in different localities sought counsel of God, they would not need to be thus addressed on this point."

"When the children of Israel were gathered out from among the Egyptians, the Lord said, 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt, will I execute judgment: I am the Lord.' Any one of the children of the Hebrews, who was found in the Egyptian habitation was destroyed."

"Let us view the case correctly. Children are a heritage of the Lord, and are to be so educated, that they may be the younger members of the Lord's family, prepared by proper instruction to serve the Lord in their childhood life. Shall the members of the church give means to advance the cause of Christ among others, and then let their own children carry on the work of the service of Satan? Oh, for a clearer perception of what we might accomplish if we would learn of Jesus!

"We may bring hundreds and thousands of children to Christ if we will work for them. Let all who read these words be melted and subdued. Let us in our educational work embrace far more of the children and youth than we have done, and there will be a whole army of missionaries raised up to work for God." — *Workers' Bulletin.*

A GOOD TRACT FOR YOU TO USE

"OUR house which is from Heaven, or Departing and Being with Christ," a study of 2 Cor. 5: 1-9 and Phil. 1: 23, 24. This tract is by Elder C. P. Bollman and is on the state of the dead. In this little tract the author so presents the subject as to allay rather than arouse prejudice in the mind of the reader.

This is an excellent tract for ministers and Bible workers to use in their work, as well as for church members to use among their neighbors. W. W. EASTMAN.

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