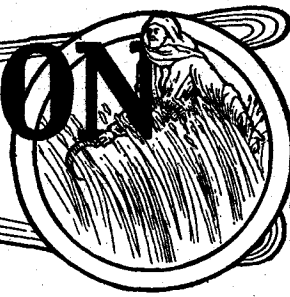


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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Are You Reading the Testimonies?

Years ago, when a young girl in one of our schools, I talked with one of the teachers about reading the Testimonies. To me they seemed dry and uninteresting, and I could not see why they were necessary.

"Suppose we do not argue about it," the older woman said; "but I should like to have you notice one thing, and think about it. Those who read the Testimonies most, and try most faithfully to carry out their instruction, are those who enjoy the happiest and brightest Christian experience, while those who talk against them, and neglect them, soon lose their hold on this truth, and finally drift away into the world."

Many times since then I have thought of that conversation, and have had occasion to verify its truth. The desirability of reading the Testimonies is not a question that can be decided by argument; it is shown by the fruit that it bears in the life. Do you desire to enjoy a deeper Christian experience during the year to come? One of the helps provided for you is very likely in your home library—perhaps unused and unprized. Take down the Testimonies, read them carefully, and mark the sentences and paragraphs that are especially helpful; you will be surprised, as you read, to see how much

there is that seems especially fitted to your special need.

A. B.

Succeed?—of Course!

"I've tried twice, and failed both times!" lamented a Missionary Volunteer with a look of discouragement upon his face.

"Failed? In what?" inquired his friend, sympathetically.

"Why, in the Denominational History test for the Standard of Attainment. I feel like giving up; for though I've made an earnest effort to master the subject, I don't seem to succeed."

Listen, friend! Don't give up the ship just as help is arriving. Here is some good news for you. We have just what you need to guide you in your study and to help you to succeed. It is a new leaflet containing 125 questions on Denominational History, and giving the pages in "The Great Second Advent Movement" where these are answered.

On this list of questions future examinations will be based. Doesn't this encourage you? When you have mastered the information called for in this leaflet you will be well informed on the history of our denomination.

Order from your tract society. Leaflet No. 57, price 1½ cents. Let us make this the banner year for the Standard of Attainment. Resolve to be a member of Attainment by the close of 1918, without fail. Succeed?—of course you can!

M. V. D.

Forgiveness From the Heart

Most professed Christians are able to repeat the Lord's Prayer from memory, and often do so; but many do not sense the significance of the words, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." We should not make a request of the Lord which we would not really wish to have fulfilled.

Before offering this prayer, it will be well to examine one's heart, to be sure that there is no hatred or malice there. If we do not forgive those who have wronged us, how can we ask God to forgive us wherein we have done wrong?

We have instruction on this point in one of the Saviour's parables. Because a man would not forgive his fellow servant, his lord would not forgive him, but gave him over to be punished to the full extent of his debts; and the conclusion is, "So likewise shall My Heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." Matt. 18:35. So the Lord will not forgive us, even though we ask Him, unless we forgive others.

It is not enough to say that we forgive, but we must really forgive from the heart. The Lord, being our judge, knows well whether we do this or not.—IVA F. CADY.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Encouraging

The year 1917 is in the past, but looking back to it, we can see that God has greatly blessed us in the work in this field.

While there have been some trials, there have also been some precious victories. We are glad that some souls have been won to the truth, and are now rejoicing in the hope of the soon coming of the Lord. The Lord has especially blessed the work of the Mission, and added to them not far from a hundred souls during the year. A nice property has recently been bought in Memphis, and our colored brethren there now have a home to which they can invite their friends to worship with them. The membership of the colored church in Memphis has grown in the last two years from 32 to more than 85. A colored church was raised up and organized in the city of Jackson last summer, and we are anxious to provide them with a church building as soon as possible.

Our book work has prospered, and in the year 1917 we delivered more books than we took orders the year before. Our deliveries were a little more than \$10,700.00. Besides this, our office sales were quite large.

We are now in the midst of our institute, and while the attendance is not large, the outlook is brighter than it was last year, and we are confident of selling more books than ever before. Our book sales would have been much larger this year but for the fact that the early frost hurt the cotton from 50 to 75 per cent.

The outlook in all lines of the work is encouraging, and we are expecting that the Lord will do great things for us this year.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

Nashville City Effort

The readers of the WORKER who have been praying for the effort to be opened here in Nashville will be glad to know that their prayers have been answered. The Orpheum, one of the two largest theaters in Nashville, has been secured for the Sunday night lectures, and last Sunday night as soon as the theater doors were opened at 6:30 the people began to crowd into the theater, and by 7, an hour before time for the service to begin, every seat was taken, with hundreds on the outside clamoring to get in. The manager of the theater stated that he turned away enough people to fill the theater twice, and that he never saw such a persistent crowd. Large numbers stood on the outside during the entire meeting, waiting for some one to come out so they could get a chance to get in.

The large audience paid careful attention as Elder Martin spoke on the subject of the "Kaiser's World Empire Doomed," and many handed in their names and addresses for literature on this and kindred topics. All the workers are encouraged by this large beginning and are expecting that the Lord will do great things.

Let the readers of the WORKER pray for an abundant harvest of souls as the result of these meetings.

News Items

We were pleased to welcome Bro. Joseph E. Dye to our office for a short visit recently. Bro. Dye is located at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., and came to the city on a two-day furlough to visit his sister. Brother Dye is stationed with the Bais Hospital there, and says there are many opportunities for doing missionary work. He relates an instance, stating that on one occasion one

of our boys did not receive permission to have leave of absence on the Sabbath, being asked to do hard work, and on refusal was sent to the guardhouse. Brother Dye and another brother spent the Sabbath forenoon in earnest prayer that the Lord would in some way release the boy. The prayer was heard and the boy was permitted to observe the day as the Sabbath, being granted freedom about noon on the Sabbath. This is surely an answer to prayer.

Those reaching the city this week to assist in the evangelical effort are: Bro. I. C. Pound of Paducah and Miss Anna Hornung of Louisville, Ky. The first meeting is to be held in the Orpheum Theatre, and the subject is, "The Kaiser's World Empire Doomed." Ten thousand circulars have been distributed throughout the city and a thousand more sent through the mails, and with fair weather the meeting promises to bring overflow crowds out. Considerable advertising has been done in the two daily papers and through billboards through the city.

Bro. Harry A. Varney, recently drafted into the army and stationed at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., has received an honorable discharge, marked, "Character excellent." Brother Varney has returned to his home at Nashville, and is again at his post in the bindery of the Southern Publishing Association. All of his friends will rejoice to learn that he can be with his family again after a short absence. It is particularly gratifying to note that every furlough paper shown to us at the office has had "Excellent character" stated in the officer's handwriting, and our boys constitute the best of the "man power" in the army. There are good reasons for this.

Brother Herbert Hedding of South Lancaster, Mass., was in

the office for a short visit this past week. He will take up work at the Madison school.

Mr. and Mrs. Alston Gray are in Memphis for a few days, visiting with Mrs. Gray's parents.

Mrs. J. H. Lawrence of Memphis has been quite ill recently, but is reported somewhat improved. We regret to learn of Sister Lawrence's illness.

Mr. Jessie Curtis, son of Bro. J. E. Curtis, of Bordeaux Heights, Nashville, was killed accidentally while at work in a lumber camp. His remains were shipped to Nashville and the funeral services were conducted at the Nashville Memorial church January 6th, Eld. James Bellinger presiding. Brother Jessie was 18 years of age, and leaves a father and mother and sister and brothers to survive him. We extend condolence to this bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Artress, of Bon Aqua, Tenn., are spending the winter with relatives at Takoma Park, Washington. They will return to their home about the first of April.

Brother Milton Young, Bible worker connected with the Nashville No. 2 church, was called home by wire a few days ago to attend to his questionnaire. He remained away only two days, and is at his post again. His home is in Memphis, Tenn.

Elder D. P. Wood, pastor of the Memphis church, reports that services were held in their new church building Sabbath, December 29th, the basement being fitted up temporarily for a meeting place. The Memphis church building is almost completed and the brethren and sisters there are proud of the new building, and with the completion of the building, it is predicted that a bright future will be ahead of it. Elder Wood stated that the church had raised their quota of

the 20 cents a week for the entire year of 1917. This is indeed good.

F. C. B.

ALABAMA

CONFERENCE

Alabama Notes

Brother George Brown, one of our faithful colporteurs, in writing to the office, enclosed payment for one "Christ Object Lessons," and ordered two more to be delivered the 15th of this month.

The following letter was received from an individual not of our faith: "Kind Sirs, I have seen one of your books and would like to get one. Please write me by return mail letting me know if I can get one from you, also the price. The book is 'Bible Readings for the Home Circle.'" This is only a sample of the many letters reaching our office regarding our truth-filled literature every week.

Brother Clarence Waldron of Citronelle sends in remittance of tithe and Sabbath School offerings for the month, also pays for four "Christ Object Lessons."

Sisters C. T. Burroughs and A. C. Helms of the Birmingham church are working the cantonment at Montgomery this week with World War and Watchman.

Brother M. L. Wilson and Eld. A. L. Miller left the office Wednesday night, Jan. 9, for the Colporteurs' Institute which is being held in Montgomery.

Brother C. P. Odell of Fairhope writes that he has placed a reading rack on the boat Opola, running from Fairhope to Mobile. He ordered a club of the weekly Signs and a large supply of the current issue of Present Truth to use in this missionary endeavor. He also renews his subscription to the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER for a year.

Just received several large periodical orders from the Mobile

church. Brother Wright says their aim is the Review and Herald in the home of every member of the Mobile church.

The little company of believers at Red Level sent in their offerings for the month together with an order for small books.

The following order was received from a Public Lecturer: "I am enclosing --- in stamps for which please send me a copy of your excellent book 'Vatican and the War.' Also please quote me your quantity prices." Never before was there such a demand for our literature. We have received quite a number of orders and inquiries the past week from outsiders for our books, and especially the "Crisis" Series. We are making a special offer of an assortment of ten of these books for \$1.40, postpaid anywhere in the State. Send all orders to the Alabama Tract Society, 316 Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. Also do not forget to renew your subscription before February 1, on periodicals, inasmuch as the increase in price takes effect at that date. You will note that the time has been extended from January 1 to February 1.

For Sale

Near Dalton, Ga., 30 acres of land. Part of it inside the city limits. Soil grows good cotton and corn. Rolling land. Mostly under cultivation. Water and wood. Price \$1,100.

FOR SALE

A farm of 111 acres near Dayton, Tenn.; 60 acres under cultivation. Six-room house. Large frame barn and other outbuildings. Good well and spring creek running through farm. Plenty of fruit. All under fence. Telephone; daily mail. Nine miles from county seat, on Walden's Ridge. Good soil. If taken soon, \$2,250.

Part of the proceeds of each farm is dedicated to foreign missions. If interested, write Fred Smith, Room 31 Deaderick Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn., care Cumberland Tract Society.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

News Notes

Elder S. E. Wight was in Louisville for a few hours Monday and we were glad to welcome him to the office.

Brother C. W. Vermillion was in attendance at the meeting of the Conference Committee which was held Monday. He brought a good report of the work of the church and church school at Ford.

Several of the colporteurs started right out for their respective fields of labor. They are getting a good start early in the year and this will be of material assistance in reaching the goal of \$30,000, which has been set for Kentucky.

We have the following encouraging word from Sister John W. Ford of Bowling Green regarding the new price on the Watchman, and its effect. "I have had to pray much to get up courage to sell a fifteen cent magazine. But God has given me the witness that I can sell them, so I want two hundred of the February issue."

Beginning Sabbath, January 12, Professor Staines will conduct a missionary institute in the Louisville church. Other institutes are being planned and will be announced later.

The evening after the Sabbath the colporteurs met with the Conference employees at the Conference office and a very pleasant evening was spent in getting better acquainted.

Brother G. A. Davis and family are visiting friends and relatives in Battle Creek, Michigan.

BURTON CASTLE.

Hazel

The Hazel church has reached its goal on the Harvest Ingather

ing set, which amounted to \$200.00. Those who have done work in this campaign are:

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| Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Kennedy | \$50.00 |
| Dr. & Mrs. Will Mason, Jr. | 30.00 |
| Mrs. E. D. Miller | 5.00 |
| Miss M. G. Mason | 5.00 |
| Miss Grace Holt | 5.00 |
| Miss Eleanor Elliott | 5.00 |
| Prof. & Mrs. Grounds | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Myrtle Maddox | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Lena Ball | 5.00 |
| Miss Pattie Lowery | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Notia Maddox | 35.00 |
| Mrs. R. R. Hicks | 5.00 |

It is indeed a pleasure to note the earnest way in which the members of the Hazel church have taken hold of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and we are glad to see that they have attained the goal that was set for their church.

The Kentucky Institute

The Colporteurs' Institute closed Sunday evening. It seems to have been the unanimous opinion of all in attendance that this one was the best they had ever attended.

Brother M. W. Shidler, the Southern Union Field Secretary, and Prof. O. R. Staines, the Missionary Secretary of the Union, were the Union laborers present. Elder W. W. Eastman was present a part of the time and his help was greatly appreciated. Elder Keate gave the majority of the evening studies, and subjects especially helpful were taken up. Sister Keate gave studies nearly every afternoon from the book of Daniel. The lectures given by Professor Staines on simple treatments and "first aid" measures were very practical. Brother Shidler and Brother Hickman, our local Field Secretary, gave their entire time to the Institute work.

The spirit of courage and consecration manifested by all in attendance was but another evidence

that much greater things may be expected in the future than we have seen in the past. The goal set for subscription book sales for Kentucky for 1918 is \$30,000. But many have faith to believe we will go far beyond that amount. We should pray earnestly that more laborers may soon enter the fields which are "white already to harvest."

BURTON CASTLE.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Experiences in Service

"The light of the eye rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat." Prov. 15:30.

I thank God and take courage when I read the good reports of experiences and blessings which come in from our faithful sacrificing laborers at the "front" in the Lord's service. Nothing seems to so cheer a lonely pilgrim as to hear of a brother's trials and victories along the same lines that he is fighting. Surely our sympathies and prayers should go out to those who are daily meeting the tempter and defeating him in open battle.

Our self-denying colporteurs are sending in such good reports for the past holiday deliveries that I feel that I should pass some of them on. I feel that they will "make fat the bones" of all who love the advancement of this message. The experiences which I wish to relate came to our men just before Christmas, while the ground and trees were covered with ice, and the weather was very cold; still they worked.

"The Lord has blessed and helped me in my delivery above all my expectations. I began the 10th of December, and worked hard all the week. Part of the time it was so slick that my horse could hardly go, but we managed

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to "keep a-goin," and the people were so surprised and pleased to get their books.

"It was the best delivery in every way that I ever had. One man to whom I delivered a full morocco 'Bible Readings' the first week, saw me the second week and gave me his order for another just like it. Another man who had ordered the full morocco 'Bible Readings' and a \$4 Bible sent to the Publishing House to cancel his order. I delivered both books." (Signed, James Turner.) His delivery was \$499.45.

Bro. R. R. Coble speaks of the slippery roads in his Holiday delivery, and then says, "I had about 95 per cent delivery." His delivery, including some Bibles, was \$507.40. I think this good for Holiday delivery.

"I am enclosing report for the week. Not very large, but I sold enough to pay expenses and a little over, which is not bad for Holiday week, in the midst of a strong Catholic center. You will notice the week before was \$84.75, which I took in from 50 per cent Catholic. The most I have sold in the past two weeks has been to Catholics." (Signed, M. S. Hubbell.)

Brother Hubbell is working the large cities; using the Crisis books. He is doing remarkably well in his work. We hope to see good results from his efforts in the cities.

I helped Brother Hardy in his Holiday delivery. Although he is 70 years old, he stood the trials of ice as well and as cheerfully as would be possible for any young man, it seems. Surely the Spirit of the Lord is upon such faithful "Old War Horses." It should inspire the spirit of service in all of us. Brother Hardy had been selling books for cash while taking orders, so his delivery was only \$185.

Brethren Spear and Schmehl

| ALABAMA CONFERENCE | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Name | Book | Hrs. | Orders | Value | Helps | Total | Deliv'd |
| U Bracy (1mo) | BF | 75 | | \$ | \$47 20 | \$47 20 | \$ |
| G W Brown | CK | 40 | 3 | 4 50 | 1 00 | 5 50 | |
| R J Cook | BF | 32 | 69 | 57 60 | 4 40 | 62 00 | |
| Q Tew | BR | 16 | 1 | 3 50 | 1 00 | 4 50 | |
| Total | | 163 | 73 | 65 60 | 53 60 | 119 20 | |
| LOUISIANA CONFERENCE | | | | | | | |
| M B Wilson | BR | 40 | 14 | 64 00 | 3 50 | 67 50 | 9 00 |
| W. Monroe | | | | | | | |
| J Turner(2wk) | BR | 85 | 1 | 5 50 | | | 468 50 |
| Arcadia | | | | | | | |
| M S Hubbell | Misc | 42 | | | 76 75 | 76 75 | |
| Shreveport | | | | | | | |
| Bibles | | | 2 | 8 15 | | 8 15 | 30 95 |
| Total | | 167 | 17 | 77 65 | 80 25 | 152 40 | 508 45 |
| TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE | | | | | | | |
| Wm J Keele | DR | 19 | | \$7 00 | \$8 50 | \$15 50 | \$45 00 |
| H G Miller | DR | 14 | 1 | 3 50 | 1 25 | 4 75 | 24 25 |
| Total | | 33 | 1 | 10 50 | 9 75 | 20 25 | 69 25 |
| Magazines—Elizabeth Wheeler 7—1 hour | | | | | | | |
| Grand Total | | 363 | 91 | 153 75 | 142 60 | 291 85 | 577 70 |

had good deliveries, but they have not told me of their experiences, so I cannot relate them just now. Bro. M. B. Wilson was moving to his new territory during the icy Holiday experiences, so has no delivery to report. He is at it for a January 21st delivery, so we can expect good things from him later. I am so glad to see each one at it, although the weather is not so pleasant in the field as around the home hearth. I hope for many more good deliveries this winter.

These good winter experiences make us think of the good song in "Christ in Song" No. 638. "Ours is toil that knows no season: . . . Winter is the same as summer."

How we long to see others join the colporteur ranks and send in "good reports that maketh the bones fat." Then the coming of our blessed Lord will be hastened, and we will soon be over in the

home where sorrow and separations will be forgotten.

G. B. BOSWELL.

Work in Shreveport

It is with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that we report the progress of the work in the city of Shreveport for the year 1917. Twenty-five members were added during the year, fifteen of which came in on profession of faith.

The total amount of funds handled by the treasurer was \$3011.94. Of this amount \$1545.10 was tithe, which was an increase of \$914.43 over the previous year, and \$162.35 over the years 1915 and 1916 combined. We raised for foreign missions \$697.33, which was an increase of \$284.60 over 1916 and \$101.12 over the years 1915 and 1916 combined. We reached our Harvest Ingathering goal and averaged 29c per member per week during the year.

Remember the work in this city before the throne of grace.

W. P. M'LENNAN.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Mississippi News Notes

Sabbath, the 5th, Elder C. J. Buhalts was in Vicksburg. Sabbath, the 12th, he spent in Natches, stopping off at Stampley. On his way down he held a meeting with the company there.

Bro. J. R. Staton visited Sister Billups and Sister McElroy at Tutwiler Sunday, the 6th. These workers are not through their delivery yet; however, they sent in a remittance of \$600.00 each. He stopped at Leland on his way back and visited Brother Hamm, who is just about through delivering. Brother Hamm also sent us another of his \$300.00 checks, which was very much appreciated.

Bro. C. R. Canada, who was for several years engaged in the colporteur work, has again taken up the work and intends to put in full time the coming year. He is now located in Jackson, where his children can attend the church school.

By the time this reaches its readers our institute for the white workers will be in session. We are expecting quite a large attendance, and those who do not attend can pray for the success of this meeting.

Our readers will be glad to learn that our literature sales in the State this year have been almost double what they were last year.

On account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Clark, our church school was dismissed for two weeks. We are glad to report that she is again able to take up her work, and the school started the 7th.

Remember that there are only a few days in which to secure our papers at the old prices, as almost all our papers advance February 1.

Institute For the Colored

The Colporteurs' Institute for our colored workers will be held at Greenville, Miss., beginning January 31 to Feb. 10. We will have with us at this meeting Brother Randall Johnson to give the morning studies, and also the preaching at night. Bro. Shidler, our Union Field Secretary, will be with us to give the instructions on the book work.

Let all of our workers plan to attend this important meeting. We are going to give board and car fare to our regular colporteurs. Anyone who plans to enter the work should write immediately to the writer, who will give you information in full. Will be glad to hear from everyone who plans to be in the work this year. Remember the date, Jan. 31--Feb. 10.

JOHN R. STATON.

Do It During January

When he was but a boy the parents of one of our conference presidents accepted the truth through reading the Signs of the Times. This worker now in the full vigor of manhood is doing noble work for God, both as an executive in his conference and as a writer for the Signs itself. A faithful lay member in California delivered a copy of the Signs every week to a widow who for months showed absolutely no interest in it, but the word in season aroused her curiosity. She read, was convinced, and took her stand with us. That was 30 years ago. Her son, a mere boy at the time, is now serving on the circulation staff of this soul-winner. You no doubt have heard of that church that was raised by means of a copy of the Signs that was sent to an interested party in the old country, who, after reading it, mailed it to a relative in

America with the result mentioned.

Stories such as these could be told all day long and still the supply would not be exhausted. What better evidence that God is using the weekly Signs in a big way could anyone wish for? Its influence is greater than anyone imagines. It goes where the living minister cannot always go—right into the home. It is ready to deliver its message when those who receive it read its columns. "Instant in season, out of season," truly.

Many because of prejudice or lack of time will not attend our public hall or tent meetings. The Signs is just the thing for such persons. This, all agree, is the best season of the year for the circulation of our periodicals. In view of the record of the Signs, and the interest that there now is in the things which it teaches, and its ability to perform work have one Sabbath school in the conference with perfect attendance for six months. This means that every member will receive Perfect Attendance Cards for these two quarters, and if they keep this record for two more quarters each member will receive a silk book mark. This Sabbath school is at Culberson. How many Perfect Attendance Cards did your Sabbath school earn last quarter?

Have you ordered your Morning Watch Calendar yet? The goal is "One for Each Bible."

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"Young people should select their friends and associates with great care. When young men or women go away from home to school, they go with the thought that they are to be educated by the teachers and professors under whose tuition they are; but often it is their classmates and college mates who educate them instead. Then choose noble associates for an education in nobility of life, and thought, and achievement."

The Sin of Idleness

The Lord cursed the ground for Adam's sake, making it necessary for him to work for a living. "In the sweat of thy face," He declared, "shalt thou eat bread." This was not an arbitrary decree nor a matter of punishment, but the work he must do would be a blessing to Adam. Satan finds work for idle hands; but exercise promotes health, keeping poisonous matter out of the system. And his labor would give Adam an appetite for the plain but delicious food which the Lord had provided.

The apostle Paul says, "This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." This is not only a command, but it contains a principle. Without work the appetite becomes poor, and the system overburdened in taking care of food which is not needed.

"And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee;... and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle." Men of activity are always in demand. Activity means life; but idleness, lethargy and death.

"By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through." In other words, the lack of exercise, physical, mental, or spiritual, results in weakness and decay.

"He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster." But this is not his only relative; for idleness is the father of many vices and diseases. Time is our capital, and the way we spend it determines what our income will be. "Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger." "Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread." "Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep; so shall thy poverty come as one that travelth, and thy want as an armed man." Physical, mental, or spiritual idleness will surely result in poverty of muscle, poverty of mind and poverty of soul. "The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets;" but the man who goes out to meet the lion gets life and strength to overcome larger obstacles.

Idle hands are like idle words; both must be accounted for in the day of judgment. And not only is he idle

who is doing nothing, but he also is idle who might be better employed. We should—

"Strive to live not long, but well;
How long we live, not years,
but actions tell."

—L. J. B., in the Signs.

A Hindu Suggestion

A converted Hindu, says the Indian Witness, expressed his views on faith and sin in a paper read before an association of young men as follows: "While writing this paper, I was thinking what faith and sin are, and a thought flashed across my mind and threw a flood of light on the subject. Sin, I thought, is a combination of Satan and I, while faith is a combination of the Father and I. I must tell you how the thought came to my mind. In English there are two ways of abbreviating words; one is by putting the first and last letters together, as Rs. for rupees; and the other by putting a few letters from the beginning of the word, as marq. for marquis. Ac-

ording to this rule Sn. is an abbreviation of Satan, and when 'i' is joined with it, it becomes sin. And again on the other hand, Fath. is an abbreviation of Father, and when 'i' is joined with it, it becomes faith. In both cases 'i' is exactly in the middle, showing 'i' seized by Satan is sin, and 'i' yielded to the Father is faith."

THE SHOEMAKER'S DREAM

"George Renton was a poor man, and oftensaid, 'If I were rich, I would show people how to give.' In a dream he saw a pyramid of sovereigns—all new, bright and beautiful. Just then a voice said to him, 'Now is your time, you are rich at last; you now have an opportunity to exercise your generosity.' So he arose from his seat and went to the pile to take some money, for charitable purposes. But the pyramid was so perfect that he could not bear to break it; he walked all around it, but found no place where he could take a sovereign without spoiling the heap. So he decided that the pyramid should not be broken, then awoke to know himself, and to see that he could be generous only while comparatively poor."

Our Field Is the World

Our field is the world; let us forth to the sowing!
O'er valley and mountain, o'er desert and plain,
Beside the still waters, through cool meadows flowing,
O'er regions unblest by the dew and the rain;
Let us scatter the seed, though in sorrow and weeping,
Though the fields should be verdureless, wintry, and bare,
The Lord of the harvest has still in His keeping
Each seed as it falls, and will guard it with care.

Our field is the world; let us forth to the reaping!
The long day is waning, the eve draweth nigh;
Now omens of storm up the heavens are creeping,
The sign of the tempest is heard in the sky;
The work hour is brief, but the rest is forever;
Then stay not for weariness, languor, or pain,
But forth to the reaping with earnest endeavor,
And gather with gladness the sheaves that remain.

Our field is the world, whether sowing or reaping,
Or gleaning the handful that others have passed,
Or waiting the growth of the seed, that with weeping
On rocky and desolate plains we have cast.
Each one for his toiling, and each for his mourning,
Shall sometime rejoice when the harvest is won,
And know, in the flush of eternity's morning,
That the toil, the reward, and the glory are one.

—Selected.

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News Items

Elder W. W. Eastman passed through Nashville on his way to Cuba the first of the week and spoke to the workers connected with the union effort at their meeting Monday morning.

Elder S. E. Wight was called to Washington on business last Sunday night.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood left for Atlanta Sunday night for a short counsel with the brethren there.

Miss Anna Hornung of Louisville and Miss Florence Williams from Mobile, Alabama, have arrived to help in the union effort just started in Nashville.

Brother M. W. Shidler passed through Nashville Monday on his way from Louisville to Jackson, Tennessee, where he goes to conduct the colporteurs' institute to be held for this conference.

Brother I. C. Pound, who has been laboring for some months in Paducah, Kentucky, is now in Nashville assisting in the union effort being held here.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE NOTES

Brother H. A. Shreve, who is superintendent of the building at the College, is now in Atlanta, overseeing the wrecking of the Billy Sunday tabernacle, which has been purchased by the school. There will be at least forty carloads of lumber in this building.

Mr. Adam Meister and his brother, Harold, have returned to their home in Deer Lodge, Tenn.

Dr. M. M. Martinson was a visitor at the College Wednesday evening. He was accompanied by his nephew, Ernest Miller, of Tampa, Fla., who is the latest addition to our student body.

A carload of chairs was received for the girls' dormitory Wednesday afternoon, which will aid materially in making the rooms more comfortable.

Miss Lillian Emerson is spending a few days visiting relatives and friends at her home in Bronson, Texas.

Mrs. A. S. Steele, of the Steele Home, Chattanooga, Tenn., was a visitor at the Southern Junior College Wednesday.

A new laundry has been built at the school. It is located in the hollow just back of the girls' dormitory. We believe it will result in increased efficiency in our laundry service.

In view of the offering to be taken Sabbath for the suffering people of Armenia, a special program was arranged for Friday evening vespers. Miss Tooig Mirakian, one of our students, who

is an Armenian, rendered a song in her native tongue, after which she gave a talk on the history, religion, and sufferings of the Armenian people. Miss Mirakian has been in America a little over a year, having miraculously escaped during the Massacres of the Armenians by the Turks, she being one of thirteen girls who, out of 25,000 Armenians, were the only ones to be saved. She was in the city of Ezerroom at the time of its capture by the Russians. After her talk, Mr. Abbott Bogasion, her cousin, related some of his personal experiences while in Armenia.

The students at Collegedale raised over thirty-six dollars for Armenian relief.

Important Notice to Magazine Workers

Owing to the congestion of the mails, due to the discontinuance of passenger trains carrying mail matter, unfortunate delays are liable to occur in receiving copies of magazines ordered. To offset in part such delays and to render a more efficient service under present conditions, we have notified the Tract Societies that they may telegraph at our expense all orders amounting to 250 or more copies, which will insure our receiving such orders from two to five days earlier. If there are several orders, each consisting of 50 copies or more, but totaling 250 or more altogether, these also may be telegraphed in a night letter.

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