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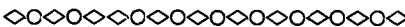
## A CALL TO LABOR



REMEMBER that one day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth, to answer for the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it? Will you do what you can to circulate the books that the Lord said should be sown broadcast through the world? Will you not place them in the homes of as many as possible? Think of how great a work can be done if a large number of believers will unite in an effort to place before the people, by the circulation of these books, the light that the Lord has committed to us to be given them.

Put your hearts into this work, and the blessing of God will be with you. Go forth in faith, as you go praying that God will prepare hearts to receive the truth. Be pleasant and courteous. Show by a consistent course that you are true Christians. Walk and work in the light of heaven, and your path will be as the path of the just, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Under the divine guidance go forward in the work, and look to the Lord for aid. The Holy Spirit will attend you, and all heaven will be with you. In your work you will meet with those who are fighting against appetite. Speak

words that will strengthen and encourage them. Do not let Satan quench the last spark of hope in their hearts. Of the erring, trembling one, struggling against evil, Christ says,



## RULES FOR DAILY LIFE

- Begin the day with God;  
Kneel down to Him in prayer;  
Lift up thy heart to His abode,  
And seek His love to share.
- Open the Book of God  
And read a portion there,  
That it may hallow all thy thoughts,  
And sweeten all thy care.
- Go through the way with God;  
Whate'er thy work may be;  
Where'er thou art, at home, abroad,  
He still is near to thee.
- Conclude the day with God;  
Thy sins to Him confess;  
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood  
And plead His righteousness.
- Lie down at night with God,  
Who gives His servants sleep;  
And when thou treadest the vale of  
death,  
He will thee guard and keep.  
—Selected.

"Let him come unto Me," and as he comes, He places His hands underneath him and lifts him up. The work that He did, you, as His evangelist, can do as you go from place to place. Labor on in faith, expecting that souls will be won to Him who gave His life that men and women might stand on God's side. Draw with God to win the drunkard and the tobacco devotee from the habits that debase them till they are below the level of the beasts that perish.

O, that thousands more of our people had a realization of the time in which we are living, and of the work to be done in field service, in house labor! There are many, many, who know the truth. They need to hear the call to come to Jesus. The sorrowing are to be cheered, the mourners comforted. The poor are to have the gospel preached to them. I urge my brethren and sisters not to engage in work that will hinder them from proclaiming the gospel of Christ. You are God's spokesmen. You are to speak the truth in love to perishing souls. Christ says, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Luke 14:23. Do not these words plainly outline the work of the canvasser? With Christ in his heart he is to go out into the highways and byways of life, giving the invitation to the marriage supper. Men of wealth and influence will come, if they are invited. Some will refuse, but thank God, not all.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

## WHY ABRAHAM PAID TITHE

Abraham paid tithes of all. The Lord said of him, that "he will command his children and his household after him." Through Christ we become the children of Abraham. If we are the children of Abraham we will do the works of Abraham. We will not neglect the weightier matters of the law, as judgment, mercy, faith, and the love of God; neither will we neglect to pay our tithes, for faithful Abraham paid tithes of all.

Abraham showed by paying tithes that he believed the words of Melchizedek, who said God was possessor of heaven and earth. Satan claimed to be the owner of the world. He knows that tithe paying points to God's ownership. He endeavors to get us to neglect this duty so that we will, by our works, show that we are not the children of Abraham, and that we do not believe God owns the world.

"According to the requirements of God, the tithing system was obligatory upon the Jews. But the priests did no leave the people to carry out their convictions of duty in giving one-tenth of all the increase of the marketable products of the land. They carried the requirements of the tithing system to extremes, making them embrace such trifling things as anise, mint and other small herbs, which were cultivated to a limited extent. This caused the tithing system to be attended with such care and perplexity that it was a wearisome burden. While they were so exact in things which God had not required of them, and were confusing their judgment and lessening the dignity of the divine system of benevolence by their narrow views, they were making clean the outside of the platter while the inside was corrupt. Exact in matters of little consequence, Jesus accuses them of having omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith. No outward service, even in that which is required of God, can be a substitute for an obedient life. The Creator desires heart service of His creatures."

LESLIE LITTELL.

It is a great thing when our Gethsemane hour comes; when the cup of bitterness is pressed to our lips, and we pray that it may pass away; to feel that it is not fate, not necessity, but a divine love for good ends working upon us.—E. H. Chapin.

Day unto day uttereth speech,  
And night unto night showeth  
knowledge.  
There is no speech nor language;  
Where their voice is not heard.  
Their line is gone out through all the  
earth,  
And their words to the end of the  
world. —Bible.

## THE BIG DOG'S STANDARD

A big dog once taught Professor Dager a lesson. He had taken long walks through the country, and this dog had gone with him, and easily jumped from bank to bank of a deep gully they crossed: but on this particular day the dog refused to cross in this way. Instead, he ran a quarter of a mile to a spot where he could go down to a path, then up on the other side, and back to Professor Dager. What do you suppose was the reason for this? There was a little dog with him this time, and he knew if he jumped across the little dog would try it and fall in. So he took the trouble to go that long way around for the sake of his small companion. Lesson: Willingly sacrifice one's own comfort for others.—Teachers' Guide.

If any man is able to convince me that I do not think or act right, I will gladly change; for I seek the truth, by which no man ever was injured. But he is injured who abides in his error and ignorance.—Marcus Antonius.

To dally much with subjects mean and low, proves that the mind is weak, or makes it so.—Cowper.

To have what we want is riches, but to be able to do without is power.—Macdonald.

Do no wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good; try to use ordinary situations.—Richter.

Mere sorrow, which weeps and sits still, is not repentance. Repentance is sorrow converted into action.—Vincent.

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## THAT DECEMBER REPORT

In a letter received from the Statistical Secretary at our home office in Nashville, the following paragraphs are especially interesting:

"We desire to thank you for your prompt response to our request for the December Sales Report, and the same has been entered this morning.

"You will be glad to know that the faithful colporteurs in our three Unions have succeeded in placing in the homes of the people literature, (books, magazines not included,) to the retail value of practically \$176,000.00. Your splendid report, totaling the remarkable sum of \$92,000.00, is \$8,000.00 more than the other two Unions combined. Surely the Southwest, with its cacti and droughts, must contain some lovers of good books, as well as consecrated Adventist colporteurs."

Here in the Southwest we certainly have much for which to thank the Lord, for it is "not by might, nor by power, but by His holy Spirit" that this work has been accomplished. We are giving to you this information at this time that you may pass the same on to your faithful colporteurs who have made possible the results that have been obtained. We trust that this report will prove a real encouragement to them, and that it may also impart new zeal for this year's work. We cannot hope for the work to grow easier; in fact, the enemy will doubtless strive harder than ever to hinder its progress in the future. But, in a little leaflet recently received from Sister White, are these encouraging words:

"Oh, do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work will be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the Grace of God."

We hope that this may be the experience of every worker this year, and that the close of 1913 will witness even greater victories for our book work in this Union than have ever been experienced in the past.

SOUTHERN PUB. ASS'N.,  
Western Branch.

The best answer to all objections urged against prayer is the fact that man cannot help praying.—E. H. Chapin.

## REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK, INCLUDING MAGAZINE SALES, IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL DELIVERED
<b>NORTH TEXAS</b>							
Mrs. Nellie Andrus,	Weatherford	CK	3	3	2 25		2 25
Annie Smith,	Waco	BFL	8	5	5 00	1 50	6 50
Agnes Houlton,	Waco	BFL	10	5	6 50	1 50	9 00
Mrs. Nellie Andrus,	Weatherford	Magz	5	49	4 90		4 90
	Bibles			1	1 83		1 83
Agents 3			26	63	20 48	3 00	23 48
<b>SOUTH TEXAS</b>							
Mrs. A. Brosi,	Houston	W	12	115	11 50		11 50
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>							
F. G. Montoya,	San Juan	Miscel	32	34	79 50		79 50
Clarence Allen,	El Paso	GC	20	29	32 00	50	32 50
R. H. Kelly,	Tolar	FPF	24	17	26 00	3 00	29 00
E. K. Cassell,	Raton	PPF	6	7	13 50		13 50
B. Sanchez,	Dona Ana	PP	19	7	21 00		21 00
C. F. Innis,	Albuquerque	H&H	18	9	20 50		20 50
S. O. Doane,	Las Vegas	PPF	26	10	15 50		15 50
Blanche Nash,	El Paso	W	23	93	9 30		9 30
Margaret Basel,	Albuquerque	W	14	101	10 10		10 10
	Bibles				2 80		2 80
Agents 9			127	307	230 20	3 50	233 70
							25 90
<b>ARKANSAS</b>							
W. F. Nance,	Marvel	CK	40	16	27 50	8 75	36 25
J. E. Mitchell,	Pine Bluff	BFL	20	12	18 00	50	18 50
Agents 2			60	28	45 50	9 25	54 75
							44 00
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>							
E. W. Crawford,	Hughart	HH	12	2	6 00	1 50	7 50
Mrs. G. Green,	Butler	BFL	2	1	1 00	1 90	2 90
George Hauf,	Chattanooga	BR	45	6	18 00	9 55	27 55
W. R. Hixon,	Bache	BR	42	9	29 00	1 75	30 75
C. P. Vincent,	Cheyenne	PP	45	9	30 00	1 50	31 50
W. F. White,	Stonewall	BR	40	24	75 00	50	75 50
	Bibles				36 70		36 70
Agents 6			187	51	195 70	16 70	212 40
<b>Grand Totals— Agents 21</b>			412	570	503 36	32 45	535 83
							81 40

**DIFFERENT LINES OF MISSIONARY WORK YOUNG PEOPLE CAN DO**

This subject is as boundless as the Universe, because there is no limit to the amount of good we may do, and that is the foundation of true Missionary work.

Paul says, "Let us therefore, as we have opportunity, do good unto all men, especially to the household of faith." Thus it seems to me that one of the first lines of missionary work for young people is to begin by looking all around you, finding some one in need and helping them in any way you can.

The poet says:—

Little drops of water,  
Little grains of sand,  
Fill the mighty ocean,  
Form the wondrous land."

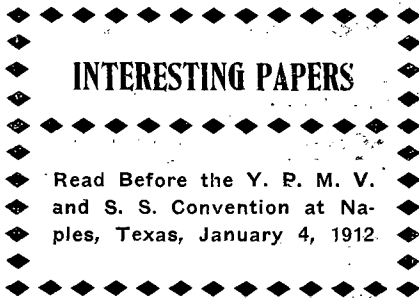
Just so we might say:—

Little acts of kindness,  
Little deeds of love,  
Turn the thoughts of many  
To the God above.

True Missionary work does not consist altogether in going to the foreign land and laboring for the heathen. God never sends a missionary to a foreign field who cannot find something to do where he is. So, if we wish to be missionaries for the Lord, let us begin where we are by looking for opportunities for doing good.

The poor crippled woman who invited the drunken painter to come to church little realized the amount of good she was doing. In a quiet way she had performed a little act of kindness, and it resulted in the conversion not only of the painter, but also of others, who in turn were instrumental in the salvation of others. Thus, like the leaven in the meal which quietly crept about until it leavened the whole lump, the influence of that little act of kindness quietly spread until it resulted in the salvation of many precious souls. Acts of kindness are the pebbles which, cast into the ocean of time, send forth their waves which rebound upon the shores of Eternity.

But we must mention other lines of work if we cover the ground allotted to us for this paper. For brevity's sake we only mention a few lines and leave the question to be broadened by others. One line which we would especially mention is that of giving our papers, "Instructors," etc., to others, or sending them to some



**INTERESTING PAPERS**

Read Before the Y. P. M. V. and S. S. Convention at Naples, Texas, January 4, 1912

one regularly; writing missionary letters, making liberal offerings to Missions, soliciting donations from others for missionary enterprises. A splendid opportunity is afforded for this by the Ingathering missionary numbers of our papers, issued yearly by our people.

Many other lines of missionary work might be mentioned, but these few, if put into practice, will be a blessing, not only to ourselves, but also to those about us.

Let us try to make 1913 a banner year for practical missionary work.

MRS. C. U. TAYLOR.

**ADVANTAGES DERIVED FROM THE READING COURSE**

There are few things so important to human life as the value of good books. The cultivated mind, trained to read good books, to judge of their value and to appreciate their worth, need never be without amusement, employment or the best of company, if only books are within reach. Just so it should be with every one of us; we should let our books be our companions, but we should also be sure that they are well chosen. In this we need not err, for each year we have opportunities of securing good books in our Reading Course.

We should begin early to cultivate a love for good reading, for young people who naturally love to read have a treasure of great worth to be guarded. Fenelon said of himself: "If the crowns of the world were laid at my feet in exchange for my love of reading, I would spurn them all." But we must not forget that books can unmake character as well as make it. Young people sometimes get into the habit of reading unworthy books, because they are like the little girl who said she enjoyed sewing when there was no thread in the machine because it ran so easy. To read a ten-cent novel requires no serious exertion to get the thought, and the at-

tention is held without conscious effort.

Many of the world's greatest and best men assert strongly that they owe their good fortune in choosing the better way to some good book read in youth. Robert Louis Stevenson, one of England's most acceptable writers, said that the book, in point of time, that had a great influence upon his life, was the New Testament, particularly the Gospel according to St Matthew.

Our Reading Course books are always well chosen, and in reading them we become familiar with many missionaries and mission fields that we would otherwise be ignorant of. As we read of the trials and hardships of the missionaries who have already laid down their lives in these dark fields, it should be an incentive to us to aid, in every way possible, our missionaries now in the field. Then, let us say with Ruskin, "Life being very short, and the quiet hours of it very few, let us waste none of our time in reading valueless books."

MRS. DAISY HAND.

**MEMORY VERSE CARDS**

The best method of endeavoring to encourage children to do a thing is to show them the advantages that will accrue, and the good results that are sure to follow, from the course of action which we present. We try to induce our children to study the word of God more thoroughly by the use of the Memory Verse Cards. When given one of these, a child not only has the Scripture verse before him, but he also has a picture, which helps him to grasp its meaning. Wherever the Memory Verse Cards are used, there has been a marked interest in the memory verses. The cards may be used in such a variety of ways that the interest may be kept fresh continually.

The card, given in advance, arouses an interest in the next week's lesson. If the children are taught to handle the cards carefully, and to treasure them as something of value, each time they look at them not only the words of scripture but the practical lesson they teach are impressed upon their minds.

Every effort should be made to revive the old fashioned idea of teaching the words of Scripture to the children, and as teachers we find there is no better aid in this work than the Memory Verse Cards. At this time

the world affords many attractions to the eyes of the children and youth; alluring post cards, pictures of various sorts, are to be seen everywhere. Why then should we not make use of the natural inclination of the eye and heart of the children for that which is attractive, by giving them something that will afford them pleasure, and at the same time teach them that which is so essential. The Lord, when instructing the children of Israel as to their duty in teaching their children, said, "Teach them diligently, talk of them when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way and when thou risest up."

Testimonies for the Church, Vol 6, says, "When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work that the older ones cannot do." We are here told of a great work that the Lord expects our Sabbath-school children to do.

Our Savior, at the age of twelve years, gave evidence of careful study and preparation for the work before Him. He was at that time able to quote Scripture and give reasons for His faith that astonished the wise Rabbis.

Elder James White, in an article in the "Review" of 1878, referred to the first Sunday School he ever attended. This was when he was a boy of seven. He says: "Although fifty years have passed with all their burden of care, anxiety and mental toil, those lessons written upon my youthful mind and heart have never been effaced. The first lesson I committed to memory fifty years ago was the record of the birth of Christ, as given in Matthew 21. This long lesson of 23 verses was then committed to memory, and there it remains until this day. The impress of it was made so deeply upon the young and tender mind that the wearing thoughts of half a century have not effaced this precious lesson. When I left school at the age of twenty, my preceptor said, 'White, you have algebra enough to enter any college in New England, but I have neither studied or taught it since. The principles peculiar to that branch of mathematics have been rubbed out, so that I cannot recall them, while this lesson, learned in childhood, remains, having stood the wear and tear of these long years. This thinking, care-taking head has grown gray and bald, but the lesson remains, and I can repeat it as readi-

ly as when first learned fifty years ago."

We are encouraged to believe that by faithful efforts on our part, by the use of the Memory Verse Cards and other such helps, we shall be able to help the children to hide God's word in their hearts, that they may not sin against Him, and that they may be prepared to do the work before them.

MRS. G. E. PAGE.

#### OUR HELPER

When I am far away from home  
Satan tells me I am all alone;  
But when to Jesus I would go,  
My joy it seems to overflow.

And day by day to Him I'll go,  
For life and strength the seed to sow,  
That I may see in after years  
The joy I've caused instead of tears.

When good I'd do, evil is nigh,  
'Tis only Satan lurking by  
To find a way into my heart  
And cause me from my Lord depart.

In all the trials we endure  
Jesus' word and promise is sure;  
And when our cross is hard to bear  
He will with us our burden share.

O, faithful workers, one and all,  
May we on Jesus ever call;  
And when our race on earth is run,  
We'll hear the words, "Come thou;  
well done."

H. A. GOBER.

"The path of the righteous man, instead of lying in the same direction with that of the sinful, usually lies in the opposite direction; and it is sometimes necessary that he tread this path alone."

#### IS IT YOU?

Once there was a man named Brother Blank, who had many temptations and trials, but who carefully refrained from telling any one about them. The devil whispered some thing to him about Brother Jones but he didn't tell Brother Smith a word of it. and when Brother Smith spoke of some bad things Brother Jones had done, Brother Blank didn't say "That's just what I suspected all the time." He merely maintained a discreet silence, for he had learned that things a man doesn't say are not so easily repeated as the things he says. When the minister came to visit the

church, he didn't tell the preacher about the faults of the brethren, so that the right kind of sermons could be preached. He just waited for the meat in due season and when it came applied it all to himself.

He didn't work until sundown on Friday night and then shave, bathe, and black his shoes after the Sabbath had begun. He didn't lie abed late on Sabbath morning and then hurry around and get cross because the children were slow about getting ready. He didn't come into Sabbath school late, thus causing confusion and disorder.

He didn't give pennies to the Sabbath collection and then spend dollars for his own gratification. He didn't talk about the backslidden condition of the church Monday and cheat one of the neighbors in a horse trade Tuesday.

He didn't get cross when his wife asked him for money to buy a new dress and didn't say "What did you do with the money I gave you last week." He simply considered that the money was hers and was glad he had a wife who knew how to spend money judiciously.

He didn't grumble when it rained a long time, but thanked God for the crops that the rain would insure.

He didn't complain in time of drought. He hurried to cut, cure, and save the hay while the sun shone. When his neighbors' stock broke into his field, he didn't fly into a rage and sue for damages. He fixed the fence.

When the minister preached on tithing he didn't shout "amen" so very loudly, but on an income of \$56.00 per month, he paid \$5.60 tithes.

He didn't throw bricks at the dog, kick the cat, storm at the children, insult the neighbors.

He didn't go through life without being tempted to do all these things, but the secret of it all was that he didn't dare to trust himself nor put confidence in the flesh.

T. H. JEYS.

Self-knowledge is best learned, not by contemplation; but action. Strive to do your duty, and you will soon discover of what stuff you are made.—Goethe.

"A good habit is the best of helpers."

Those who bring sunshine into the paths of others, cannot keep it from themselves.—J. M. Barrie.

## AN AID TO PERSONAL WORK

The commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," makes the carrying of the Third Angel's Message a matter of personal effort. Now is the time for every church to awake to the necessity of working for individuals. Now is the time for every church member to work for others personally. Now is the time for every member of the family, old and young, to work for friends and neighbors.

"The Medical Evangelist," published at Loma Linda, California, is devoted to the work of carrying the Message to others by personal effort. With the beginning of this year the journal has been considerably enlarged and much improved in every way. A few of the objects of the "Evangelist" are:

1. To evangelize through
  - (a) Medical Missionary work.
  - (b) Other personal work.
2. To inspire to personal effort for neighbors and friends.
3. To help church companies to become active missionary societies.
4. To aid the young in doing active missionary work.
5. To be a medium of exchange between missionary workers and institutions.
6. In short, to carry this Gospel of the Kingdom to all the world in this generation.

Do you want to help others? Try a year's subscription to the "Evangelist."

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MEDICAL EVANGELIST,  
Loma Linda, Cal.

## THE BIBLE AND THE INSTRUCTOR

Elder J. N. Loughborough, the oldest active minister in the denomination, is this year celebrating the 60th year of taking the "Instructor", and reading the Bible through by course. His statement is as follows:

"Your letter of the 27th ult. was duly received, and read with interest. You speak of the 'oldest members' being 'interested in the "Instructor" Well, the age of the 'Instructor', and my age in the Third Angel's Message are very nearly the same. The little sheet was first printed as a monthly, at 25 cents a year. When I first

accepted the Message, in September 1853, the Rochester office, 124 Mt. Hope Avenue, had just mailed the first number to its subscribers. I have had access to the 'Instructor' taken by my grand-daughter, but now, as she is at Loma Linda College, and has her 'Instructor' sent there, I must have it here for myself.

"As to the premium Bible; you feared it was not as good a Bible as I ought to have. I am well pleased with it. It is about the same quality as I have been using, and suits me well. The one I was using was smaller type. This one is a relief to the eyes, and being a little thicker paper than the other I can put some notes on the margin without the ink blotting through the paper. The Bible arrived December 31, 1912, in good shape, all ready for me to begin with it on January 1, 1913, in reading the Bible through, by course, the sixtieth time.

"In usual health, and with Christian regards to yourself, and Sister Reavis, I am,

Yours in the blessed hope,  
J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH."

## COME, FOR ALL THINGS ARE NOW READY

Come, for all things are now ready,

Why do I longer delay?  
Christ, in His loving compassion,  
Calleth me day after day.

Rising and falling of nations,  
Broken no longer to blend;  
Signs in the earth and the heaven  
Tell me that time will soon end.

Jesus, in tenderest pity,  
Points to my forehead unsealed,  
Holds back the anger of nations,  
Pleads of the blood He has spilled.

Waiting, still waiting, my Savior!  
Waiting! and waiting for ME!  
Jesus, my soul breaks with longing,  
Hide me, my Savior, in Thee.

Days of probation are passing,  
Harvest and summer will flee;  
Father and mother and children,  
Seal all and hide us in Thee!

Brother and sister and neighbor,  
Jesus is calling you home;  
Help Him to finish the sealing,  
Haste! Christ is waiting to come!

I. A. CRANE.  
Waurika, Oklahoma.

## GROWTH IN ACTION

It does us all good to bear responsibility. God gives us all noble work to do. And it helps us to do it well if we help one another. We never know how much we promise when we say we will serve God with all our strength. But the work is so good that we cannot commit ourselves to it too strongly. The more freely and heartily we make the promise, the more likely we shall be to keep it. The more we help others to do the same, the more we shall help ourselves.

The strength with which we begin a hard task may not be enough to carry it through; but we grow strong by effort. The more earnest and determined we become in a good work, the better able we are to do it well. If it be true that the young disciple does not know how much he undertakes in beginning the Christian life, it is just as true that he does not know how strong he will become by using his strength, or how much help God will give him when he is doing his best to help himself. The best light we have to guide us through this world only shows us where to set our feet step by step. To get through the hardest journey, we need take only one step at a time.

The child's first attempt at walking is very sure to be a failure. It is by falling that he learns to stand, and by stumbling he learns to go. The astronomer, who weighs worlds in balances and estimates the attracting power of planets that he has never seen, began his calculations with counting his fingers. The first lessons in faith are no more exacting than the first lessons in philosophy. The young pupil in the school understands nothing that he is made to learn. He must take everything on trust. And as he goes on increasing in knowledge his grandest discovery is to find how little he can know. And surely it is as much the dictate of reason as of faith that we should put ourselves under the guidance of a divine Teacher, and follow on step by step where He shows the way. If we do so, the clouds will be lifted from the heights as we climb, and we shall come at last to perfect day.—March.

The more trouble and care, the more precious the promises; for the gifts of God, like jewels, shine brightest in the dark.—C. Geikie.

## A MOTHER'S GUIDANCE

A story is related of a boat out at sea, carrying in it a father and his little daughter: As they were steering for the shore, they were overtaken by a violent storm, which threatened to destroy them. The coast was dangerous. The mother lighted a lamp, and started up the worn stairway to the attic window. "It won't do any good, mother," the son called after her. But the mother went up, put the light in the window, knelt beside it, and prayed. Out in the storm the daughter saw a glimmer of gold on the water's edge. "Steer for that," the father said. Slowly but steadily they came toward the light, and at last were anchored in the little sheltered harbor by the cottage.

"Thank God!" cried the mother, as she heard their glad voices, and came down the stairway with a lamp in her hand. How did you get here?" she asked.

"We steered by mother's light," answered the daughter, "although we did not know what it was out there."

"Ah!" thought the boy, a wayward boy, "it is time I was steering by mother's light." And ere he slept he surrendered himself to God, and asked His to guide him over life's rough sea. Months went by, and disease smote him. "He can't live long," was the verdict of the doctor; and one stormy night he lay dying. "Do not be afraid for me," he said, as they wept; "I shall make the harbor, for I am steering by my mother's light."—Selected.

## GOD'S CARE IN JAPAN

A Japanese policeman had two little daughters who were extremely timid. One evening, after the servants had gone out, he wished to have a message delivered at a house about a quarter of a mile away. He could not leave to deliver it himself, and was much disturbed because he could find no one to carry it. He was greatly surprised when the little girls offered to take it; but, thinking it would do them good to conquer their timidity, allowed them to go. They set out fearlessly, hand in hand. When they returned, their father looked at them curiously and asked, "Were you not afraid?" "O, no," they replied; "at the mission school the teacher said God would take care of us whenever we asked Him; so before we started, we went up stairs

and asked Him not to let anyone hurt us, and then we just trusted Him, and there was nothing to be afraid of." The father decided that a religion that could make his little girls so brave was worth knowing about; and as a result of his inquiries, he became an earnest Christian.—Selected.

## ABID THE FIFTEENTH, THE SELFSAME DAY.

Abid the fifteenth was a very important day in the history of Israel. It was on that day that Abraham came out of Ur of Chaldee; that Issac was born; that Israel came out of Egypt, and that Christ lay dead in Joseph's tomb. Israel celebrated this day each year for fifteen hundred years.

That this is so is evident from the following quotations: "And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. It is a night to be much observed unto the Lord for the bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the Lord to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations." Ex.12:41; 42.

"But like the stars in the vast circuit of their appointed path, God's purposes know no haste and no delay. . . . God . . . had declared that the time of their sojourning should be four hundred years. 'Afterwards', He said, 'shall they come out with great substance.' On 'the selfsame day' appointed in the divine promise 'it came to pass that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.'" Desire of Ages, p. 32

"That day completed the history revealed to Abraham in prophetic vision centuries before: 'Thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;' and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge; and afterwards they shall come out with great substance.' The four hundred years had been fulfilled. 'And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the Lord did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.'" Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 282.

## LESLIE LITTELL.

Resolve to edge in a little reading every day, if it is but a single sentence.—H. Mann.

## THE BORROWING HABIT

Humanity is afflicted with some exceedingly bad habits, and one of the worst of these is the habit of borrowing money in small sums. It is as demoralizing as intemperance. Indeed, it is often an accompaniment of that vice, perhaps the cause of it or perhaps the effect. A man who lacks business perception, who is deficient in the matter of making adequate provision for his needs, who does not calculate carefully, and who spends unwisely on luxuries, starts to raising funds by appealing to his friends. The lending of money is one of the vital factors in business, which is largely done on credit. But the lending of money individually, without security, without interest, just as a personal accommodation between friends, is one of the most unbusinesslike and demoralizing of practices. At first these loans are repaid conscientiously, says the Washington Star. Then the time goes by and the borrower is slow about refunding. After awhile he grows accustomed to asking, loses his shame, gets callous at the thought of non-payment and thus drifts into the habit of petty borrowing. Now it is perhaps a quarter or a half dollar, or some other trifling sum that the lender would be perfectly willing to give in a good cause to meet a real emergency, without hope of return. But there is always the suspicion that the money is not really needed, save for some self-indulgence. The average man will hesitate about giving in this way when he feels that the money is going for drink, and that is why organized charity has come to be so generally supported in these times.

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## NEWS NOTES

J. C. Franklin, of Burleson, Texas,  
is visiting friends in Keene.

Mrs. W. M. Cubley has been quite  
sick the past week, but is much im-  
proved at this writing. Elder Cub-  
ley is at home and will remain here  
for several days.

J. T. Milton is making extensive re-  
pairs and improvements on the resi-  
dence property near the public school  
building, which he recently purchas-  
ed from Elder E. B. Hopkins.

Elder E. B. Hopkins sold his house-  
hold goods and other articles at pub-  
lic auction at his residence Sunday  
afternoon. He will sell or rent his  
place and give all of his time to the  
work.

J. D. Casey has purchased the three  
acres of land between the residences  
of J. C. Mosley and Walter Casey.  
He expects to go to East Texas soon  
and purchase a bill of lumber and  
erect a new residence on this land.

Mrs. Alice Petty, who has been vis-  
iting her parents and other relatives  
in Keene, returned last week to  
Guatamala City, Central America,  
where she will join her husband and  
continue the school work at that  
place.

Miss Ethel Knight and her music  
students gave a recital in the church

at 5:30 p. m. Sunday. The Ladies'  
Music Club and the Glee Club also  
rendered good selections on the pro-  
gram. The entertainment was much  
appreciated by those present.

Elder Wight, president of the  
Southern Union Conference, and El-  
der Stephenson, president of the  
Southeastern Union Conference, arriv-  
ed here Sunday. They were returning  
from California and stopped to attend  
the Annual meeting of the Southern  
Publishing Association. Elder Wight  
spoke at the church Sunday evening  
at 7:30.

### SALE OF THE ACADEMY STORE.

We think it but right that our  
brethren and sisters should know that  
our dealings with Brother G. S. Wes-  
ner, in the sale to him of the Academy  
Store, have been perfectly satisfac-  
tory to the School Board. He has  
shown a spirit of fairness throughout  
the whole transaction that leads us  
to heartily recommend him to our  
brethren.

He is also signing an agreement to  
give the Academy the first chance to  
purchase the store when he wishes  
to sell, at the same price which he  
has paid the Academy.

The sale of the Store is a great fi-  
nancial relief to the Academy, as it  
enables us to reduce our indebtedness  
over \$6000. Brother Wesner paid  
cash.

We ask our brethren to give Broth-  
er Wesner a fair share of their patron-  
age.

C. B. HUGHES  
G. F. WATSON  
C. E. SMITH

### S. P. A. MEETING

The first session of the Annual  
Meeting of the Southern Publishing  
Association convened at the Keene  
church Monday night at 7:30. The  
following delegates are in attendance:

C. P. Boleman  
R. Hook, Jr.  
A. F. Harrisan  
S. E. Wight  
C. D. Wolf  
E. L. Maxwell  
A. L. Miller  
Chas. S. Weist  
R. W. Parmele  
C. B. Stephenson  
V. O. Cole

W. H. Branson  
Stewart Kime  
G. F. Watson  
J. W. Norwood  
W. A. McCutchen  
C. E. Smith  
David Voth  
John I. Taylor  
T. W. Field  
E. A. Rees  
M. F. Knox  
W. A. Harvey  
L. A. Smith  
R. L. Pierce  
L. D. Randall  
H. M. Hyatt  
W. W. Eastman  
B. N. Brown  
W. H. Williams  
W. H. Heckman  
C. V. Achenbach  
**General Conference Men**  
A. G. Daniells  
G. B. Thompson  
N. Z. Town  
F. M. Wilcox

C. D. Wolf, Field Missionary Agent  
of the Southern Union Conference,  
V. O. Cole, Field Missionary Agent of  
the Southeastern Union Conference,  
and A. F. Harrison, Field Missionary  
Agent of the Southwestern Union  
Conference, reported the progress of  
the book work for 1912 for their re-  
spective territories. The reports  
showed the book work in each Union  
to be in good condition, and all pres-  
ent listened with much interest.

Committees on nomination and  
plans were appointed by the chair,  
and the meeting adjourned to 10 a.  
m. today.

Elders A. G. Daniells, G. B. Thomp-  
son, F. M. Wilcox and N. Z. Town ar-  
rived this morning and will remain  
until the close of the meeting.

At the 10 o'clock meeting other in-  
teresting reports were given. The  
treasurer's report was read first, and  
it showed a substantial gain for the  
year.

Another session was held at 12  
o'clock p. m., and reports of the At-  
lanta, Georgia, and Fort Worth, Tex-  
as, branch houses were given. This  
was followed by reports of commit-  
tees. The following were elected  
to fill the places of the directors whose  
offices expire this year: L. D. Ran-  
dall, C. B. Stephenson, M. F. Knox  
and L. A. Smith. The business ses-  
sion adjourned at 5 p. m. Elder A. G.  
Daniells will speak at the church to-  
night.