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AND  
SOUTH-EASTERN UNION CONFERENCE

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## THE BOOK WORK IN THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

OUR field has just had three weeks' work from our Union Conference agent, Brother A. F. Harrison. Beginning at Nashville, he and the writer have visited nearly every company of Adventists. It has been our endeavor to awaken all who can possibly do so to realize the need of engaging in the canvassing work without delay. Last year the financial panic was a sure sign of the rapidly closing hours of time; but the panic itself stood in the way of successful efforts. This year the lawlessness is even a more potent sign of the times; and the attendant prosperity should awaken us to do quickly the "short work" the Lord of the harvest is awaiting us to do.

We found, in our rounds, that there is a lively interest in the Industrial School at Madison, and several of their workers are in the field with small books. At Hazel Academy there is a fine class of students who are in hearty sympathy with the canvassing work, though the majority are too young to engage in it yet. Here we have organized a Canvassers' Band to keep alive their earnestness in the work while gaining an education in school.

At Hustburg and Leach a real desire to have a part in the good work was plain to be seen by their not only offering willingly of their substance for the institute, but themselves as well. Brother Keele, who has been unavoidably detained at home since the camp-meeting, hopes soon to take up the safe of "Marvel of Nations." Brother Rich, of Trezevant, a former successful book man, will work a while before the holidays, and be ready for early work in the new year. At Lane a hearty response was made to our appeals for help, but there seems to be none who can really go to work now. We were glad to find Brother J. S. Moore of Springville out in Lake County, giving the truth to the people in the printed page.

We have arranged to hold our canvassers' institute at Hazel, Ky., Jan. 28 to Feb. 8. The church at this place will open their doors to all they can possibly entertain, and the academy home has room for a number. More will be said about this soon, but every one that is

interested should begin to plan to attend, and at an early date write me at Madison of your desires.

C. F. PARMELE.

## FLORIDA

MORE ABOUT THE CAMP-MEETING.

AT our late conference meeting the following resolution was passed in behalf of the Sabbath-school Department:—

"Whereas, Our Sabbath-schools are intended as educating powers, and should mold the lives of the young, and be a constant training to those of older years, therefore,—

"Resolved, First, that the Conference Committee be asked to provide for a convention, or conventions, to be held at such time and place as their judgment may dictate, to consider the Sabbath-school work, and that at these conventions the Young People's work be represented as fully as consistent.

"Second, That it is the sense of the conference that the training in the Sabbath-schools is not complete unless the fields beyond receive due attention, and that we call upon our schools to keep these needs before their membership, and devote all their regular collections to meeting those ends, providing for their supplies by collections taken for that purpose, or by each individual meeting these needs in his individual case."

The Sabbath-school Department represents a very important phase of our work. Perhaps one reason of its great importance is that all have a part in it,—the little folks and all along the stream of life until we reach the hoary heads. The lessons which are studied the world over by our people tend to unify them in belief and feed our souls with the bread of life.

The Sabbath-school forms a very important feature of our camp-meetings. We are told by the spirit of prophecy that "if these schools are conducted as they should be, the efforts in the pulpit to present the truth in a manner to win souls may be deepened; and if the labor bestowed is followed up by interested workers in the Sabbath-school, much good will be accomplished."

It was interesting to note the interest manifested by our children and youth in our Sabbath-school exercises at the camp-meeting.

They favored us with several little missionary exercises. These exercises not only enthruse them, but the older ones to give of their means to the regions beyond. If we would have missionary exercises in our Sabbath-schools, it would tend to increase our offerings which go to mission fields. The Sabbath-school offering at this camp-meeting was larger than any previous one, \$36.85.

Now as we read the good resolution passed, may we not this conference year make a marked advancement? As we read the financial statement given below of the work done by our Sabbath-schools in our conference during the past year, let us, each school, ask the question, How may I improve my record for the coming year? Several of the schools have a very small expense item which was incurred during the first of the year, but they are now giving their all to missions. May we not this coming year be able to present a report without a single expense item?

The record made last year was very encouraging, and I am sure we all feel doubly blessed in the advancement made. There are greater blessings awaiting us.

It now takes \$1,000 a day to support our missionaries on the battle-field. One seventh of this is now being given by the Sabbath-schools. Thus the Sabbath-school offerings given on the Sabbath day support the missionaries all over the world on the Sabbath.

The Sabbath-school offerings also help to make our quota of ten cents a week per member to missions. While the world at large is laying up treasure for the last days, let us increase ours for the world to come. May our offerings, accompanied with prayer, bring many dear souls to a knowledge of the Saviour, and we at last meet with them all to speak one language and dwell in a world of Edenic beauty, "where there shall be no more curse," and "we shall see him face to face."

MRS. R. G. STRINGER.

OUR paltry gifts, so out of proportion to what we are spending on ourselves, belittle missionary work. No wonder that the world doubts our sincerity; we must have gifts to match our professions.—Hon. Samuel B. Capen.

### STATEMENT OF THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE SABBATH-SCHOOLS

For Year Ending Sept. 30, 1908

School	Members	Expenses	Missions	Total
Bartow .. . . .	36	\$	\$63 45	\$63 45
Brooker .. . . .	42	1 00	26 03	27 03
Ft. Ogden .. . . .	45	4 77	39 71	44 48
Tampa .. . . .	36	23 90	45 89	69 79
Palm View .. . . .	33		110 02	110 02
Jacksonville .. . . .	36	13 12	69 85	82 97
Lakeland .. . . .	21	32	18 98	17 40
Orlando .. . . .	46		48 56	48 56
Wauchula .. . . .	19		10 79	10 79
Bowling Green .. . . .	10		21 14	21 14
Jennings Lake .. . . .	30	1 15	12 99	14 14
Port Orange .. . . .	14	7 64	17 99	23 63
St. Petersburg .. . . .	33		52 59	52 59
Knights .. . . .	15	32	2 40	2 70
Gainesville .. . . .	17		41 83	41 83
Plant City .. . . .	6	1 30	8 36	9 66
Morrison .. . . .	32		1 40	1 40

Total .. . . . 501 53 52 589 98 642 58

#### COLORED SCHOOLS

Bartow .. . . .	6		2 90	2 90
Jacksonville .. . . .	14	2 43	6 60	9 03
Orlando .. . . .	18		6 00	6 00
Punta Gorda .. . . .	19	1 11	3 79	4 90
Windsor .. . . .	13	2 01	1 21	3 22
Plant City .. . . .	9	1 11	5 69	6 80
Lakeland .. . . .	9	62	5 11	5 73
East Palatka .. . . .	19	55	6 70	7 25
Palmetto .. . . .	6		65	65
Tampa .. . . .	21	95	15 92	16 87
Gainesville .. . . .	16		1 00	1 00

Total .. . . . 140 6 78 55 57 63 35

#### HOME DEPARTMENTS

Daytona .. . . .	22	65	10 49	11 14
Hawks Park .. . . .	11		10 29	10 29
Ocala .. . . .	10		1 25	1 25
Ona .. . . .	1		1 95	1 95
Palmetto .. . . .	6		2 58	2 58
Beresford .. . . .	1		1 00	1 00
Tarpon Springs .. . . .	1		90	90
Century .. . . .			2 00	2 00
Holder .. . . .	2		1 85	1 85
Ocala .. . . .	3		1 00	1 00

Total .. . . . 56 65 33 31 33 96

Grand Total ... 697 \$60 95 \$678 86 \$739 81

### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE TITHE FOR OCTOBER, 1908

Individual .. . . .	\$33.70
Jennings .. . . .	2.75
Newellton .. . . .	3.95
New Orleans, No. 1 .. . . .	67.25
New Orleans, No. 2 .. . . .	36.55
Welsh .. . . .	70.23
Shreveport .. . . .	22.53
Lake Arthur .. . . .	29.20
Hammond .. . . .	16.45
Hayes .. . . .	11.00
Hope Villa .. . . .	19.40
Mixon .. . . .	37.00

Total .. . . . \$350.01

MRS. C. A. SAXBY, *Conf. Treasurer.*

### ALABAMA, ATTENTION!

WE are putting forth strenuous efforts to make the canvassers' institute to be held in Birmingham, beginning Dec. 18, a very profitable and enjoyable time.

Besides Elders Haysmer, Cruzan, and Webster, Elder C. F. McVagh, vice-president of the Southern Union Conference, Brother I. A. Ford, manager of the Southern Publishing As-

sociation, and Brother A. F. Harrison, general canvassing agent for the Southern Union Conference, will be present to help make this institute a grand success.

The various phases of the canvassing work will be studied. Elder Haysmer will give a course of lectures on "Common Diseases and Their Treatments," with demonstrations of the way the treatments should be given, and Sister Helen McKinnon will conduct an important course of Bible studies in the book of Revelation.

Will all who are planning to attend please let me hear from you as soon as possible, and all please bring your bedding along. Cots and mattresses will be supplied free.

Remember: "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Remember: "Then saith He unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. *Pray ye therefore* the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Pray for more laborers and for the success of the institute.

R. I. KEATE.

Box 625, Fort Payne, Ala.

### PERSEVERANCE REWARDED

FROM one of a canvasser's letters I take the following experience:—

"On Wednesday, late in the afternoon, I called at a place for the fourth time, and this time found the man at home. At first he would not give me his order at all; but I traded him 'Best Stories' for stopping with him that night, so we went into the house and talked awhile, and he made up his mind that he could raise the money for 'Daniel and the Revelation.' Next morning I went to one of his neighbor's before breakfast, making the fifth time I had called to see him, and this time found him at home and took his order."

The above experience brings to mind this expression, "The soul of the diligent shall be made fat." Prov. 13:4. See also Prov. 22:29. In am glad to know that our canvassers are doing a thorough work and not willingly passing any by. Read Jer. 16:16, where this work is outlined. May we all be faithful in our God-given work. We shall be glad to hear from any who are interested in this work.

A. L. MANOUS, *Field Agent.*

54 Beecher Street, Atlanta, Ga.

### NORTH CAROLINA

#### News and Notes

MRS. LUCILLE CHRISTENSEN, of Hildebran, is attending the Agricultural and Normal Institute at Madison, Tenn.

Brethren W. E. Lanier and Underwood have located at Raleigh for the winter, in order to canvass the city and surrounding country for "Daniel and the Revelation" and other books.

We are glad to learn from Brother Tilden of another new canvasser, Brother T. G. Barksdale. His home is in Virginia, but he is at present canvassing in North Carolina.

Two of our young canvassers will discontinue the work for a time in order to fit themselves for better service. Brother Alby Paul

goes to enter the school at Madison, Tenn., while Brother Maitland Woodall is in attendance at the church school at Archdale.

Elder W. D. MacLay, whose coming to our conference has before been spoken of, has decided to locate at Raleigh. His wife is at the Washington (D. C.) Sanitarium for treatment, and expects to join him later.

The following from one of our canvassers, who has been in the work only a few months, surely has the right ring: "I am getting along fine, and am happy in my work. I would not quit the canvassing work under any consideration whatever." Relating some of his experiences he says: "I tell you the people are becoming aroused over the 'Eastern Question.' After listening to my canvass, one lady said, 'What denomination publishes this work?' Upon my reply that it was the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, she seemed to be completely taken back, but recovering finally said, 'Well, it is the truth, anyway; there is no doubt about that. I wish you would see my son Sapp, and sell him a book.' I replied, 'Yes, I hope so. I have already this morning [it was about 8 o'clock] sold to two of your sons.' I then went on and sold a copy to the son she referred to. This is only one of my many experiences."

JESSIE V. BOSWORTH.

### TO STATE MISSIONARY SECRETARIES AND LOCAL CHURCH LIBRARIANS

"Now that the promotion part of the Thanksgiving Ingathering is soon to be finished, the Missionary Department is turning its attention to its legitimate work of stimulating the circulation of tracts, trade, and 40% books, and periodicals."

There are two lines of work especially demanding our attention and best efforts just now. One is the circulation of our paper, the *Watchman*. You all know that this paper is to be changed from a weekly to a monthly paper, in magazine form, beginning with January. This paper should be placed in the hands of every man and woman in this country. It is well adapted for our missionary work, to sell or use in our correspondence.

The other line of work for our churches to take up at once, is the sale of our trade and 40% books, such as are appropriate for presents, and can be used at all times. You are well acquainted with the value of this work, but we want your co-operation in helping the lay members of all the churches in the different conferences to so keenly appreciate the value of these books that they will make an effort to do a great and good work with them.

Our office, the Southern Publishing Association, is preparing a neat, practical, and economical book-carrier for the workers. It will be made of black oilcloth, and hold six small books, such as "Cobblestones," "Elo the Eagle," "Steps to Christ," "Gospel Primer," "New Testament Primer," "Best Stories," etc. The carrier unfolds so as to display all the books at once, and attached to each pocket is a card with a brief description of the book, and one can read it about as quick as he looks at it. The whole outfit,

filled with the books just quoted, will only cost you \$2.72, postage added.

You can readily see from the description how easy it would be for a person to examine your books in such a carrier as this, and by a little urging it would be easy to get your customer to buy from one to three of these books at once. And see the advantage it will be to the buyers; they are getting the truth.

This plan can and should be adapted to the needs of the young people, also to the older members of the churches. There will be many of the church-members who will be encouraged to continue soliciting all through the winter, because it is a season when the people can afford the time to read.

Dear fellow workers, let us commence these book sales in all our territories, also the sale of the January *Watchman*, and send in your orders for the folder and set of books while the stock is here. While you are selling, you are watering the souls around you, and may the missionary spirit among the churches so grow and increase, that none in the churches will rest until they are having a part in this good work. Send your orders to me at once.

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

**\$12,000,000**

THIS is quite a sum to spend for poison, yet this very thing was done a few days ago by the American Tobacco Company. The Burley tobacco growers of the blue grass section of Kentucky have at last received their price for tobacco, and are jubilant over it. This money will practically be in the hands of these farmers by Feb. 1.

Is not the Lord putting this money in circulation so that we can sell those people our books? Now is the time to work. "Strike while the iron is hot."

Brethren and sisters, why not leave your work now, and take one of our good books and go to work for the Lord? There is a blessing in it, and we have no time to lose.

Write me for territory at 116 E. Jacob St., Louisville, Ky., at your earliest convenience, and ask for any information you desire about the canvassing work. C. F. DART.

**FLORIDA ITEMS**

THUS far Florida has ordered 3,600 of the Thanksgiving *Reviews*.

From different parts of the field reports are coming of blessings and rich experiences gained in the distribution of the *Review*.

Brother W. H. Hall has returned to his home in Bartow, feeling greatly benefited by his visit to the sanitarium in Orlando.

**OBITUARIES**

Brother W. L. Sherman of Wauchula, who in recent years came to this state from Michigan, died this last week. He leaves a family of six children, the youngest of whom is ten years of age. They need our sympathy in this time of affliction. Elder Irving Keck preached the funeral discourse.

Our dear sister, Mrs. W. K. Achenbach, died November 23 of cancer of the stomach. After the camp-meeting at Palatka, Sister

**CANVASSING REPORT  
For Week Ending Nov. 28, 1908  
Southern Union Conference**

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
Albert F. Priege	D&R BS		\$17 25	\$64 00

Achenbach went with her companion to Jacksonville, where Brother Achenbach was to engage in canvassing and Bible work. The serious illness of Sister Achenbach made it necessary for them to return to their home in Orlando. All was done that loving hands could do, but the dread disease claimed its victim. The bereaved ones mourn not as those without hope, but look forward to the happy meeting where the inhabitants will not say, "I am sick." There sorrow and woe will be forever banished. The deceased was born February 22, 1852. Until joining the Adventists, she was a member of the Lutheran Church. She with her husband accepted the truth by reading "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." She joined the church at Reading, Pa., to which she belonged at the time of her death. She leaves one son (our state canvassing agent, C. V. Achenbach) and five daughters. Elder L. H. Crisler conducted the funeral services.

**THE BOOK WORK IN FLORIDA**

TRULY the Lord is blessing those who since the canvassers' institute have been devoting their time to the work of canvassing.

Their testimonies are, "I am truly thankful to God for the wonderful success he is giving me." "I am selling more books than I had any idea I could sell." "I praise God for success." All express themselves as being of good courage. The Lord is fulfilling his promises to them. He is saying to them as to Joshua, "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

At present I am at Lakeland, instructing Brother M. N. Osteen, who has the burden of the work at heart. We believe he will become an efficient worker in the cause.

Are there not others who feel they ought to be engaged in this work. We have excellent territory for the canvassing work, and the promise of all the help necessary to make the work a success. C. V. ACHENBACH.

**DAYTONA, FLORIDA**

OUR little company at Daytona were favored Sabbath, Nov. 21, with the presence and help of Brother C. P. Whitford. After an interesting and profitable study on missions and missionary work, plans were made for placing the *Review* special in the homes of our townspeople. Every member of our company desired to have a part in this good work. One hundred and fifty of the *Reviews* had been ordered and will be used here.

Some interesting experiences have been gained, and all feel richly repaid for the efforts made to extend a knowledge of the truth. We are of good courage and are thankful that we can have a part in the closing work of the gospel.

C. L. HARVEY.

Mrs M J Shaffer	BFL	4	3	70	
W C Wales	BFL	8	44	00	
H A Lynd	CK BS	22	22	85	I 50
K S Kidmore	BFL	27	21	00	
B Griffiths	BFL BS	32	47	50	

**KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

M J Weber	BFL	50	5	50	104 55
M Wheeler	BFL	30	4	75	23 75
Mrs Alice Reynolds	BFL	44	31	30	18 00
Chas Romines	D&R	20	5	70	

**MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**

H G Miller	D&R	13	13	85	35
Virgil Smith	D&R	24	8	50	5 00
Mrs Ben Morgan	BS	8			20 00
W H Haddon	BFL	19	2	20	10 50
Ella Johnson	CK BFL	4	3	00	2 35
A A Johnson	CK BFL	11	3	05	

**TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE**

(Two weeks)

H C Balsbaugh	sofp	38	43	25	
E R Carnahan	COL	55	23	75	
C H Chenaault	D&R	47			29 00
J T Eaton	D&R	70	62	50	22 00
T J Fry	BFL	26	9	45	
Amanda Gahr	D&R	19	12	15	
R H Hazelton	D&R	50	17	00	41 50
J T Jones	BFL	23	13	75	
J S Moore	sofp sofd	55	1	25	40 70
Mamie Moore	D&R	38	44	45	14 65
C H McColreay	D&R	88	82	35	22 10
Mrs Alice Patton	D&R	3			10 50

**RECAPITULATION**

Alabama Conference	93	156	30	65	50
Kentucky Conference	144	47	25	146	30
Mississippi Conference	79	30	60	38	20
Tennessee River Conf.	512	309	90	180	45
Total	828	544	05	430	45

**Southeastern Union Conference**

**CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE**

Mrs A D Day	BFL NTP	7			4 30
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**FLORIDA CONFERENCE**

M N Osteen	BFL	8	27	50	
Janette McColough	D&R	11	28	00	
J B Case	BR	9	8	75	
Gracie Hunter	BFL	35	9	00	
Mary Manns	BFL	16	10	00	
E B Roman	D&R	25	26	50	
Maggie E Thompson	BFL	19	8	50	

**GEORGIA CONFERENCE**

J D Andrews	GC	51			114 00
Albert Cochran	D&R	18	16	00	16 00
Mrs A L Manous	D&R BS	2			80
Albert Benson	D&R BS	42	32	15	
S A Maxwell	D&R	48			32 75
Georgia Cruise	L&H'LTH	25			7 60
J A Kimmell	MISC	40	22	80	23 80
J J Jobe	BS BR	19	40	75	3 75
Lillie Dekle	BFL	7	2	50	
Mary Sharp	L&H'LTH	16			17 50
Martin Grim	D&R	30	10	25	1 75

**NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE**

Neill Q. Smith	CK	31	10	35	1 35
W L Killen	CK	38	13	25	15 25
J P Allran	CK	45	26	60	6 60
G L Kerley	D&R	46	37	75	3 25
M L Branch	CK	27	15	00	

**SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE**

Joseph Revans	GC	27	75	00	
G J Case	D&R	35	11	20	70
S H Swingle	sofp sofd	21	5	00	18 25
Rose Lull	D&R	32	18	50	
J B Rise	D&R	7	2	50	
F A Evans	sofp sofd	2	7	50	3 75
Mrs E A Wing	D&R sofd	25	19	45	9 30

**RECAPITULATION**

Cumberland Conference	7			4	30
Florida Conference	123	118	25		
Georgia Conference	298	124	45	217	95
North Carolina Conf.	187	102	95	26	45
South Carolina Conf.	149	139	15	32	00
Total	764	484	80	280	70

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IN REPORT OF PROGRESS of Dec. 1, in an article by Brother H. G. Miller relative to the canvassing work in Mississippi, the number of hours' work done in October is given as 106; please note that it should have been 961.

THE Shreveport Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers would like to receive late, clean copies of our periodicals for free distribution in the city. Send to Eva L. Roach, R. F. D. 2, Box 57, Shreveport, La.

THE following note, sent by Brother W. S. Lowry, president of the Mississippi Conference, came too late to appear in last week's issue of PROGRESS:—

"Sister Rogers is conducting a very successful school for white students at Vicksburg, Miss. At present the school is held in Brother Roger's residence; but the brethren there are erecting a nice little building in which the school will be held as soon as it is ready. The building will be used for church purposes too. We are glad to see the interest the brethren are taking in the work in this city."

I DESIRE a home for a young girl sixteen years old, an orphan, in some good family. She says she will do all she can to please. Any one wishing to do so can correspond with me at Toluca, Cleveland Co., N. C. Must have reference. D. T. SHIREMAN.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the members of the Southern Union Conference Committee that the annual meeting of said committee will convene at the Union Conference Office, in the city of Nashville, Jan. 7, 1909, at 3 P. M. The meeting will continue in session from day to day until all the necessary business is disposed of. A full attendance of all the members of the committee is desired.

G. A. IRWIN, *President*.

## LOUISIANA, NOTICE

OUR first institute—and perhaps the only one for the season—will be held near West Monroe, Jan. 18-28. We desire the attendance of all who are interested in the circulation of our books. Bring your Bibles, hymn

book, prospectus for "Daniel and the Revelation," "Great Controversy," "Bible Readings," "Bible Footlights," and "Coming King." Also bring bedtick and bedding. Board will be furnished at 35 cents a day. The railroad fare will be paid to the field of labor of all who sell \$100 worth of books.

Let all who can attend write me at once. Pineville, La. I. T. REYNOLDS.

## THE ALABAMA CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE AND CONFERENCE

I WISH to say to our people who are expecting to attend the canvassers' institute and conference at Birmingham, that the holiday rates begin this year Dec. 18. Tickets can be secured Dec. 18, 23, 24, and 25, and are good to return up to Jan. 6, 1909. In order to secure the reduced rates, and thus encourage more of our people to attend, we have decided to begin the institute Dec. 18, and continue until Dec. 30. The conference will begin Dec. 25, and continue until Jan. 3. This will give us more time to attend to the many important matters that will come before the conference. As our delegates can get the reduced rates, I trust that as many as can possibly do so will come early and attend the institute as well. We are expecting that these meetings will be the best we have ever had. Come and enjoy them. A. J. HAYSMER.

## LIBERTY

THE fourth issue of *Liberty* not only draws important lessons from history, but it strongly presents the whole question of religious liberty in the light of present developments in the nation. It gives the facts concerning the contest in Missouri over moral and religious legislation. It gives in full President Roosevelt's vigorous letter of protest against raising the question of a man's religion in considering his qualification for any public office. The way in which these and other events of religious-political significance are discussed makes this number of *Liberty* one of absorbing interest.

One of the main articles of *Liberty* No. 4 emphasizes the danger that confronts the people should the Johnston Sunday Bill, already passed by the Senate, become a law. Large numbers of this paper should be sold during the session of Congress now opening. Agents are selling large quantities. Send in your orders through the tract society.

## LIFE AND HEALTH FOR 1909

BEGINNING with the January number, *Life and Health* will be increased to a magazine of 64 pages. This is done in order to make more room for reading matter as well as for more and larger illustrations. Some new departments will be added, and special contributors will write for its pages. Those features which have supplied most fully the needs of *Life and Health* readers will be strengthened, and new features introduced. No efforts will be spared to make the magazine one of helpfulness to all.

The price of a single copy will remain 10

cents, and 25 or more copies, 4 cents; but the yearly subscription price will be advanced to \$1.00 on all subscriptions received after January 1, 1909. Previous to that time all subscriptions will be entered at the old price, whether from new or old subscribers, or for one, two, or more years. Subscribe now, and save from 25 cents to \$1.00. Write for special rates on large quantities.

*Life and Health* for December deals in a special manner with the evils resulting from the use of narcotics and stimulants. This subject is so interestingly and convincingly presented that no offense will be given to the persons addicted to the use of these drugs. Other timely matter giving instruction concerning taking cold, proper clothing for the seasons, proper methods of breathing and exercise is also given in this good number. It should be placed in the hands of as many as possible this month. Send in your order.

## THREE OR FOUR, WHICH?

How many shall we hold?

How many what?

Institutes.

What kind?

Canvassers' institutes.

Where?

In the Kentucky Conference.

What for?

To benefit the conference work, and especially to benefit the canvassers.

What are the benefits to be derived from these institutes?

New hands are trained for service, old ones are educated to do better work, the work is unified and becomes more harmonious, the church and canvasser both receive a spiritual reviving; and the church-members, who so often long for a preacher to visit them, have the privilege of entertaining these evangelistic canvassers in their homes; besides other blessings not mentioned.

At what places are these institutes to be held?

Bowling Green, Louisville, and likely at McKinney or near by. In fact, it depends upon you as to what places and how many we are to have. Any church that desires this privilege may have an institute if they will furnish a few canvassers.

When are these to be held?

This has not been fully arranged. We will begin Feb. 7, 1909. Likely Bowling Green will be the first place, then Louisville, etc.

Brethren and sisters, let us not miss the opportunity of attending one of these institutes, but begin now, and lay your plans to attend. C. F. DART.

R. F. COTTRELL and his wife have been asked to connect with the mission recently established at Chou Chia Kou, Honan, China, to which place they planned to go the last of September. Dr. A. C. Selmon and his wife expect soon to leave the above mission, to spend some months in America, because of the failing health of Mrs. Selmon.