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COMFORT ONE ANOTHER

COMFORT one another;

For the way is growing dreary,
The feet are often weary,
And the heart is very sad.
There is heavy burden-bearing,
When it seems that none are caring,
And we half forget that ever we were glad.

Comfort one another,

By the hope of him who sought us
In our peril—him who bought us,
Paying with his precious blood—
By the faith that will not alter,
Trusting strength that shall not falter,
Leaning on the One divinely good.

—Margaret E. Sangster.



BUILDING ON THE TRUE FOUNDATION

"WHOSOEVER heareth these sayings of mine," Christ said, "and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it."

The great work of parents and teachers is character-building, to seek to restore the image of Christ in those who are placed under their care. A knowledge of the sciences sinks into insignificance beside this great aim; but all true education may be made to help in the development of a righteous character. The formation of character is the work of a lifetime, and it is for eternity. If all could realize this, if we would awaken to the fact that we are individually deciding our own destiny and the destinies of our children for eternal life or eternal ruin, what a change would take place! How differently would our probationary time be occupied, and what different characters would fill our world!

The question that should come home to each of us is, Upon what foundation am I building? We have the privilege of striving for

immortal life; and it is of the greatest importance that we dig deep, removing all the rubbish, and build on the immovable, solid Rock, Christ Jesus. He is the sure foundation. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." In him alone is our salvation. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The foundation firmly laid, we need wisdom that we may know how to build. When Moses was about to erect the sanctuary in the wilderness, he was cautioned, "See . . . that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount." In his law God has given us a pattern. Our character-building is to be "according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount." The law is the great standard of righteousness. It represents the character of God, and is the test of our loyalty to his government. And it is revealed to us, in all its beauty and excellence, in the life of Christ.

The law is the detector of sin. We have inspired testimony upon this point. "For I was alive without the law once;" Paul writes, "but when the commandment came [home to his conscience], sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me." This is the work that it will do for every soul that is living in sin. The law points out sin, and condemns it, and sends the sinner to Christ for pardon and cleansing.

All, however fallen, however sin-stained, have the law of God as their guide, and his Word as their instructor. They may be sanctified through the truth, and received as sons and daughters of the Most High. But "the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." The multitudes do not love righteousness, and they are building on the sand. Many who profess Christ do not love the law of God. If they dared, they would speak out their enmity against it in no mild terms. They have a surface religion, and this is all that they desire.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

(To be continued.)

JUNIOR READING COURSE

Review of "Child Life in Mission Lands."

NOTE.—The book may be used in answering these questions.

1. Tell one good lesson you have learned from each of the following: Ah-San, Si Yong, Paz, Pabanyana, Tatters and Fritz.

2. Write a paragraph on a visit to a girls' school in India.

3. What do you understand by the following terms: Cash? Extreme Unction? Flowery Kingdom? Caste System? Egypt of America?

4. Who was Confucius? Toajie? Dr. H. N. Allen? Yo Hachi?

5. Describe either a Chinese funeral or a New Year's celebration.

6. Tell how Daud and Nadir became Christians.

7. Why do you think the children in papal Europe need the gospel of Christ?

8. About what countries have we studied in this book, and how can we help the boys and girls in these mission lands?

9. In what country is the Zambezi River? Hamburg? Tokyo? Tibet?

10. Have you enjoyed reading these mission stories? If so, why?



NOTES FROM KENTUCKY

THREE hundred and twenty-seven hours were spent by all of our evangelical laborers in this state during the month just past. The value of the orders were \$157.80, and deliveries were \$117.65. While this is not all that could have been done, yet we rejoice that so many families were visited and so much of the truth left in those families.

Seven workers were out. There might have been three times that number. Now is an important time to go into the field and scatter the rays of light. The end is rapidly approaching when the last family will be visited.

Brother M. J. Weber writes from Corbin, under date of Feb. 28: "There are six persons here who say that they are keeping the Sabbath, and about six more are about ready to take hold of the truth; two of them are waiting to be baptized. So please come as soon as you can. The Lord helped me to

deliver eighty 'Bible Footlights' last week."

This sounds good. I am on my way to the place to help him finish the work. Others can do likewise. The Lord of the harvest is calling our people to enter the work. Who will say, Here am I, send me?

A. O. BURRILL.

REPORT FROM KENTUCKY

LAST year in June we came to Kentucky, having been sent here by the West Michigan Conference. We went first to McKinney, where Elder A. O. Burrill was intending to hold some meetings. Our tenting outfit was supplied by the conference sending us, so when it came we pitched our tent in Junction City. There we were joined by Brother Davis of Michigan. Our tent was the attraction of the town; yet we found the people would not come to meeting. Our labors in this place lasted about six weeks. We were forced to seek a new location, owing to the fact that the people seemed so very indifferent.

The next place of meeting was six miles in the country, between Danville and Stanford. From the first our meetings were well attended, and the people manifested much interest. The meetings and the things to be heard at the tent, were the subject of conversation by many. We were located close to the road, which gave us a chance of seeing many people and inviting them to our services.

Some of the neighbors advised their best Bible students to come to the tent and hear what was being said, alleging that we were "tearing the Bible to pieces." They came; and in coming one found the truth for these days. The first meeting to which this brother came caused him to look for more truth, so he came as often as possible, and could see the harmony of the last message of mercy to a dying world. He is now keeping the Sabbath and rejoices to have his mother with him in his efforts to do the whole duty of man. Besides these, two others praise God for a message so clear and plain. Four in all have taken their stand for this truth, and though meeting some opposition, they are firm in the faith and glad to have the great privilege of suffering for the cause they have learned to love.

We are now in Lexington, a city of forty thousand, and we need your prayers that God will lead us to the honest in heart; for there must be many. This is the stronghold of the Disciple Church, and from it we may look for much opposition.

Before going out to-day I asked God to lead me to some place where I might have the opportunity of holding a meeting; and just about 5:30 this evening I found the place. I was selling *Watchman*, and stopped at a home where the subject of Christian Science was under discussion. The magazine arrested the attention, and after a few words I was asked to step inside the home. A few scriptures when read, then I arranged for a study on the prophecies to be given Friday evening.

There are many such openings. My prayer is that God may lead us to those homes, and

ever keep us in that close relationship to him that we will be willing to be led.

MR. and MRS. J. M. IRVING.

OAKWOOD

The School

I HAVE just made a two-days' visit to this school. This was the first time I had seen the school farm. I was favorably impressed with what nature has done for it. I have read about it since a school was first started at this place.

About seventy-five colored students are in attendance. They have erected a good school building with seating capacity for about one hundred. The other building accommodates the teachers and students. Besides farming, they have gardening, blacksmithing, broom-making, harness repairing, and printing for the boys. The board considered other industries for the girls.

The Sanitarium

This building is nearing completion. While it is not large, it will be convenient. We expect it will enjoy a good patronage from the colored people. Professor Blake and his assistant teachers enjoy the confidence and support of the students and of our people.

The Orphanage

There is reason to think that means will be forthcoming to enter at once upon the work of erecting a cottage for an orphanage. We located a stream of water near the site where a cellar had been begun, one near the cannery, and another near the barn.

We expect that soon some of the students here will be prepared to take up work in various lines of the message. We thank the Lord for what he has and is doing for this school.

A. O. BURRILL.

THE WORK IN MISSISSIPPI

BROTHER WHITMARSH is holding meetings, with good interest, in a Methodist church near Ellisville. He writes: "The Sabbath institution is the order of the day here, and we hope to be able to report five or six new Sabbath-keepers."

We will now listen to a few words from Brother T. E. Coltrin of New Albany: "Our little company of new Sabbath-keepers is growing stronger in the faith. They all attend meetings on the Sabbath. We expect to have our new church building ready for meetings by the middle of April. We will have some more title to send in soon."

Brother Shaeffer writes: "I am helping Brother Whitmarsh all I can in the meetings. I go to Meridian and meet with the company there over the Sabbath. Mrs. Shaeffer has several new interested Bible readers of the better class."

Meridian is the place where we expect to hold our next camp-meeting and conference. There is a nice company of Sabbath-keepers there now as a result of Sister Shaeffer's work.

Brother James Bellinger says: "We are having good congregations at a schoolhouse a

few miles from Amory, where he is preaching every night."

Brother Thomas Murphy has a few words to say. He writes: "I have been at Natchez all the week, holding meetings with good interest. Last night the house was full of the best colored people of this city." May the Lord bless Brother Murphy in his efforts to save some of his people.

Next we will listen to a few words from Brother Miller, our missionary field agent: "The canvassing work is moving along smoothly and encouragingly. We are planning and working to sell \$7,000 worth of books this year." He says of Sister Miller's work: "My wife has four families with whom she is holding Bible readings. They are all interested. One lady, a lawyer's wife, is keeping the Sabbath and attends Sabbath-school every Sabbath." Let the good work go on.

A few words from one who is interested in and a patron of the Pine Grove school: "The school is doing well; everybody is well pleased. I have not heard a word of complaint from any one this winter." Another one: "We are well pleased with the school, and we want it to go on another year under the same management and teachers."

These workers are all doing good work. Now let us all be faithful in paying our tithe that these workers may have their support and go on in the good work. There was not money enough in the treasury to pay all for their work in February. Look around you and see if you have not some of the Lord's money that you have not turned in. If so, turn it in to your treasurer at once, and have the Lord's blessing that he has promised in Mal. 3:8-10.

W. S. LOWRY.

A TESTIMONY MEETING

THE canvassers' institute at Louisville, Ky., closed Feb. 28 with expressions of gratitude to God from the various ones, as follows:—

"I thank the Lord for the privilege of attending."

"I had planned to be away at this time, but I am so glad I stayed."

"This has been a blessing to me. I want to do all I can for my Saviour."

"I had not expected to attend, as I was going away. But I asked the Lord about it and decided to stay."

"I want a part in this work. My soul is in it."

"I have not been attending, but thank the Lord I am here, and I want a part in his work."

"I intend to go out in the Lord's work. This institute has been very profitable to me."

"The canvassing work has a warm place in my heart. I can only think of what I have done with great joy."

"I have enjoyed what time I have been here. It has encouraged me."

"I never engaged in a work that is more enjoyable. I wanted to be here and am glad I came."

"I have just attended a larger meeting, but have enjoyed this more. I never enjoyed an

institute any more. I am hungry to get out in the field."

"I surely have been benefited, and hope the way will open for me to get out to work."

"Praise the Lord for the institute. I want a part in the closing work."

Other good things were said, but I have only quoted a sentence or two from each one. Every one, I think, used this expression, "I am glad I have been here."

It will pay you to attend a canvassers' institute whether you aim to canvass or not. We expect to hold one or two more in Kentucky soon. C. F. DART.



TO THE HELP OF THE LORD

IN the fourth and fifth chapters of Judges an account is given of war between the Israelites and the Canaanites. The children of Israel had done evil in the sight of the Lord, and so he sold them into the hand of the king of the Canaanites. But in their distress they began to cry unto the Lord, and in his love for them he raised them up a deliverer. And when they went up to battle against the Canaanites, they put their army to flight and slew them, so that there was not a man left. Some of the children of Israel, the inhabitants of Meroz, did not join in the battle against the Lord's enemies. For some reason, perhaps a lack of courage, or a failure to see the importance of the battle, they did not come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and a curse was pronounced upon them in the following words: "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5:23.

What lesson has this experience of the children of Israel for those living in the last days, and why is this experience written? In Rom. 15:4 we read, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." So we conclude, if these things were written for our learning, that there is something for us to learn. Again another statement in 1 Cor. 10:11 shows why these things happened and why they were written, and for whom they were written. "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples [types, margin]; and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come." Let us see if we can draw a lesson from the above experience of the children of Israel. Have not we, the true Israel of God, a great battle to fight? Is not every one called to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty? Do we all obey the call; or are there some who are like the inhabitants of Meroz, and fail to come up to the last great battle against sin and unrighteousness?

A great battle is being fought between the kingdom of Christ and the power of darkness. The conflict, which for six thousand years has been waging in the world, is nearing its final end. The greatest conflict of all ages

is upon us. The hosts of sin are organized for the last great conflict against the kingdom of righteousness. The fiercest of the battle draws on apace. "The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." He has captured the inhabitants of the world at large, and deceived the professed churches by causing them to believe that a form of godliness is sufficient. So he is waging war, particularly against the remnant church who are keeping the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus or the spirit of prophecy.

The church of God marches on to battle dressed in the beautiful robes of Christ's righteousness and carrying the banner of righteousness upon which is written, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." Every inch of ground is being contested. Our general is Prince Immanuel, who leads the armies of the Lord on to a certain and glorious victory. Well may we sing—

"Onward, Christian soldier! marching as to war,

With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;

Forward unto battle, see his banners go!"

EDWARD L. ILES.

(To be continued.)



NASHVILLE SANITARIUM

BROTHER J. D. CALDWELL, who was for several years secretary and treasurer of the Nashville Sanitarium, has accepted a position with the Southern Publishing Association.

Don't fail to send for a good supply of our Sanitarium circulars. They are just the right size to enclose in a letter when you write to a friend.

Sister Ida Simmons, our matron, is spending a few weeks' vacation with her brother in Mississippi. Sister Helen Price is acting as matron in the absence of Sister Simmons.

Eleven patients are now registered at the Sanitarium. Six from Nashville, two from other parts of Tennessee, two from St. Louis, and one from Alabama. And still there is room for more.

Many thanks to our brethren and sisters for their co-operation in sending us patients. We assure you we appreciate it very much.

Life and Health is so full of good things for the people that it sells at sight. You can sell it and take subscriptions too. Try it. Be sure to point out our Nashville Sanitarium "ad" every time you sell a paper.

B. W. SPIRE, Manager.



ALL providences are doors to trials. Even our mercies, like roses, have their thorns. Our mountains are not too high, and our valleys are not too low for temptations; trial lurks on all roads. Everywhere, above and beneath, we are beset and surrounded with dangers. Yet no shower falls unpermitted from the threatening cloud; every drop has its order ere it hastens to the earth. The trials which come from God are sent to prove and strengthen us.—Spurgeon.

CANVASSING REPORT

For Week Ending Feb. 27, 1909

Southern Union Conference

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Debit'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
Hugh W Jones.....	H&H	50	22 00	6 00
M L Ivory.....	—	49	15 00	3 40
W C Wales.....	BFL	22	12 00	7 00
Mrs W C Wales....	BFL	7	14 00	
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
M J Weber.....	BFL	40	2 00	84 00
M Wheeler zw.....	BFL	23	7 75	13 50
J W Abbott.....	BFL	5	4 00	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
H C Bagley.....	HM	35	16 95	4 40
C L Collison.....	D&R BR	36	36 15	3 90
G S Rogers.....	D&R	24	15 15	
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
Virgil Smith.....	dofa	36	12 95	95
J S Fry.....	D&R	32	35 30	
A C Maddock.....	D&R	41	33 00	25
H G Miller.....	D&R	13	12 50	
W H Haddon.....	mofN	22	33 85	4 55
Mrs E Warren.....	D&R	5	7 50	8 50
Louise Jackson.....	stoc	15	5 80	3 60
Delia Wilson.....	stoc	3	3 00	1 20
Celestia Wilson.....	BFL	15	7 85	70
Ruby & Grace Holt	PAP'RS		30 50	30 50

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

(For two weeks.)

H C Balsbaugh.....	sofp	68	39 25	83 00
T J Fry.....	BFL	20	8 55	
C H Chenault.....	D&R	28	13 25	3 25
Carrie Goldcamp.....	BFL	41	24 00	
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	78	53 50	7 75
M E McCaughan.....	BFL	20	22 50	
J S Moore.....	sofd	14	4 60	2 65
Mamie Moore.....	D&R	42	53 00	4 00
Ben Romines.....	BFL	56	34 90	2 40
Chas Remines.....	D&R	72	79 50	17 00
Wm J Keele.....	WATCH		22 40	22 40

RECAPITULATION

Alabama Conference.....	128	63 00	16 40
Kentucky Conference....	68	13 75	97 50
Louisiana Conference....	95	68 25	8 30
Mississippi Conference...	182	151 75	50 25
Tennessee River Conf....	439	355 45	142 45

Totals .. 912 652 20 314 90

[Through a clerical error in the office the wrong report was given last week for the Tennessee River Conference, hence report covering two weeks in this issue.]



TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Tithe for February, 1909.

Nashville No. 1.....	\$613.87
Nashville No 2.....	14.02
Memphis No. 1.....	94.90
Memphis No. 2.....	29.55
Hazel	14.92
Leach	9.28
Cedar Grove	9.00
Springville	7.66
Individual	13.00

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THOS. E. PAVEY, Treas.

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BY WAY OF REMINDER

THIS paper is mailed each Tuesday. All matter, other than canvassers' reports, designed for publication in any special issue, should be in the editor's hands not later than the preceding Wednesday to insure its insertion.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PLEASE notice that the post-office address of Mrs. C. A. Saxby is henceforth Woodlawn, La.; but all post-office money orders should be made payable to her at Welsh, La., as formerly, as Woodlawn is not a money order office. MRS. C. A. SAXBY, *Sec. and Treas.*

THIRTY THOUSAND WATCHMAN

THE success that has attended the circulation of the February *Watchman* is conclusive evidence of its value as a magazine. Many new names have been added to the mailing list, and with nearly every renewal there is an expression of appreciation of the paper in its new form.

Thirty thousand copies have been printed for March. Each contains twenty-six short, pointed editorials, five general articles, and three articles in the department of Scripture Study, which is opened with this number. There are three stirring articles from the Mission Field, five in the Home and Health department, also some striking items in the Scrapbook Column, which is resumed. Besides these and the last page items, there are two excellent poems, and two pages of Things Here and There. The numerous illustrations, including the cover page, are excellent.

The March *Watchman* gives special consideration to the increase of lawlessness in these days; its causes and their meaning. Each article is complete in itself, and aids the reader to more clearly comprehend the terrible situation which now exists on every hand. The seed for the present harvest was sown in substituting tradition for God's Word, and in destroying the integrity of the law of ten commandments. Lawbreaking by high and low, rich and poor, by means of trusts, combines, and night riding naturally follows the setting aside of God's standard. All this is shown in a most convincing manner.

The *Watchman* sells readily at ten cents a copy. It is furnished to agents in quantities as follows:—

5 to 24 copies, each..... .05
 25 to 499 copies, each..... .04
 500 to 1,000 copies, each..... .03½
 Special rates will be made to agents selling 1,000 or more copies of each issue. Who will help to place these 30,000 papers in the hands of people who need this message of warning and invitation? Order a supply at once. Address the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

BETTER THAN ANY OTHER

THOSE who have seen the March number of the *Watchman* are highly pleased with it. One conference president, upon getting a copy of this paper, immediately wrote a letter to all the churches in his field, urging them to improve the special opportunity afforded in the distribution of this number.

A new worker in one large city ordered \$7.50 worth from the first copies off the press. A few days later this worker sent another remittance of \$7.50 and said, "Please send me more of the March *Watchman*. This sells better than any other paper ever sold in our city."

The March number shows why and how the seeds of lawlessness have been sown in years past, and are now bearing the sad and bountiful harvest of crime in every form. The meaning of all this is pointed out in interesting language. Each department is filled with choice articles and illustrations. Who will help in the distribution of this issue? Further information on request. Send orders to the Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

LIBERTY

THE first issue of 1909 is now being rapidly scattered. It again brings to bear its testimony against the influence of the church in political matters. Attention is given to the rapid strides that have been made during the last three months among different organizations for bringing the Sunday movement to the front.

The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which recently held its convention in Philadelphia, is shown to be a dangerous religio-political combination to control legislation. The First American Catholic Missionary Congress; A Reply to President Roosevelt's Letter by the Lutheran Synod; The Labor Unions and Freedom of Speech, are all articles calling attention to recent developments.

Liberty enlarges its influence this quarter by a new department dealing with the attacks of scientists and the higher critics upon the Word of God. The leading articles are: Reason and Faith; After the Higher Criticism, What? God in Nature.

The number is especially well illustrated, giving a full-page group of men now prominently before the public in political life, also a full-page picture of the National Conservation Commission which recently met in Wash- ington.

The variety of topics considered in *Liberty* for the first quarter of 1909 makes it a rapid seller. All classes find in it something of interest. One agent has ordered fifteen hundred copies. Send for copy at once. If you have never done any work with *Liberty* write for terms and suggestions. Address your state tract society of *Liberty*, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES MONTHLY FOR APRIL, 1909

THE *Signs of the Times Monthly* for April will present a veritable "feast of good things." One of the special themes will be that of the Resurrection. The cover design is in harmony with this theme, being a reproduction of one of Plockhorst's masterpieces, entitled "The Morning of the Resurrection," showing Mary kneeling at the feet of Jesus on that memorable morning before his ascension to his Father.

Following are the titles of some of the leading articles:—

- The Resurrection, by Eld. S. N. Haskell.
- Bible Study on the Resurrection, by Eld. J. O. Corliss.
- A Momentous Present-Day Movement; or Optimistic Mysticism, by Prof. Geo. W. Rine.
- The Great Sabbath Gift, by Eld. C. L. Taylor.
- True Divine Healing, by Dr. D. H. Kress.
- A Laymen's Great Missionary Conference, by Eld. R. A. Underwood.

The Three Worlds, by Eld. R. A. Underwood.

The Sermon on the Mount, by Mrs. E. G. White.

Creation as a Proof of Inspiration, by Geo. McCready Price.

Studies in the Prophecies, by Eld. E. J. Hibbard.

Revival of the Papacy and What It Means to This Generation, by Eld. George A. Snyder.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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Jennings .. .	7.40
New Orleans .. .	49.30
Welsh .. .	130.44
Shreveport .. .	13.00
Hammond .. .	20.00

Total .. . \$222.14

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