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A LITTLE SONG OF HOPE

"SOMEWHERE the weary spirit
Shall reach a haven calm;
Somewhere the heart that's broken
Shall find a healing balm.
Somewhere what men call failure
May be success most true;
Somewhere the crown and laurel
Shall replace the errors and rue.

"Sometime the sky shall brighten,
And shadows flee away;
Sometime we shall be happy
Forever and a day.
Sometime faint hearts shall strengthen,
And dead hopes live again;
Sometime we'll meet our loved ones—
To part no more. Ah then!"

THE YOUTH TO LEARN THE PRINCIPLES OF TRUE TEMPERANCE

AN intelligent conscientious care of our bodies is a duty we owe to our heavenly Father, who "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We are individually the property of Christ, his purchased possession. It is required of each one of us to preserve our health and strength by the practise of temperance in all things. The appetites and passions must be controlled, that through them we may not weaken or defile God's human temple.

Any wrong habit that lessens the physical powers, enfeebles the mind, and makes it less clear to discriminate between good and evil, between right and wrong. This principle is illustrated in the case of Nadab and Abihu. God gave them a most sacred work to perform, permitting them to come near to himself in their appointed service. But they had a habit of drinking wine, and they entered upon the holy service in the sanctuary with confused minds. There was the sacred fire, which was kindled by God himself; but they used the common fire upon their censers, when they offered incense to ascend as sweet fragrance with the prayers of God's people. Because their minds were beclouded by an unholy indulgence, they disregarded the

divine requirement. "And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord."

The Lord himself has spoken upon this subject. He says, "If any man destroy the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." And again, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

God has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us in these last days, that by walking in its light we may escape many of the dangers to which we shall be exposed. Satan is working with great power to lead men and women to indulge appetite, gratify inclination, and spend their days in heedless folly. He presents attractions in a life of selfish enjoyment and of sensual indulgence. He who is thus overcome places himself upon Satan's ground where he will be tempted and annoyed, and finally be overcome by the enemy of all righteousness.

Parents need to be impressed with their obligation to give to the world children having well-developed characters—children who have moral power to resist temptation, and whose lives will be an honor to God and a blessing to their fellow-men. Those who enter upon active life with firm principles, will be prepared to stand unsullied amid the moral pollution of this corrupt age.

The work of the mother is sacred and important. She should teach her children from the cradle habits of self-denial and self-control. Her time in a special sense belongs to her children. Many mothers who deplore the intemperance that exists everywhere do not look deep enough for the cause. Too often it may be traced to the home table. Many a mother, even among those who claim to be Christians, is daily setting before her household rich and highly-seasoned foods which tempt the appetite and encourage overeating. Whoever eats too much or partakes of food which is not healthful, is weakening

his power to resist the clamors of other appetites and passions. Many parents, to avoid the task of patiently educating their children to habits of self-denial, indulge them in eating and drinking whenever they please. The desire to satisfy the taste and to gratify inclination does not lessen with the increase of years; and these indulged youth, as they grow up, are governed by impulse. When they take their places in society and begin life for themselves, they are powerless to resist temptation. In the glutton, the tobacco devotee, and the inebriate we see the evil results of erroneous education and of self-indulgence.

(To be continued.)

MRS. E. G. WHITE

JUNIOR READING COURSE

Lesson 14: "Christ Our Saviour," pp. 81-99.

At Gethsemane

1. WHAT caused Christ's awful agony in the garden of Gethsemane?
2. What lesson is here contained as to the value of sympathy?
The value of watchfulness in time of a crisis?
3. What considerations caused Christ to choose to drink this cup of suffering?

The Betrayal and Arrest

4. Account for the mob dropping as dead men to the ground.
5. Note the lesson for us in Jesus' treatment of Judas.
6. What illustrations are here contained as to Jesus' unselfishness in time of his great trial?

Before Annas, Caiaphas, and the Sanhedrin

7. Contrast this court before which Jesus was tried with that when the Son of man shall sit on the right hand of power and come in the clouds of heaven.
8. Characterize Annas, Caiaphas, the Sanhedrin.
9. When questioned by his judges, under what circumstances did Jesus answer? When was he silent? Isa. 53:7.
10. Note the abuse to which our Saviour was subjected.

Notes

"GETHESEMANE (seemingly for oil-press): the name of a small field, or garden, just outside of Jerusalem, over the brook Kidron, at the foot of the Mount of Olives. That which is now pointed out as the garden in which our Lord underwent his agony, occupies part of a level space between the brook and the foot of the Mount, and corresponds well enough in situation and distance with all the conditions which the narrative requires. It is about fifty paces square, and is enclosed by a wall of no great height, formed of rough loose stones. Eight very ancient olive trees now occupy this enclosure, some of which are of very large size, and all exhibit symptoms of decay clearly denoting their great age. The garden belongs to one of the monastic establishments, and much care has been taken to preserve the old trees from destruction."

THE SANHEDRIN was the supreme judicial council of the Jews, especially for religious matters. This council consisted of seventy members, to which was added the high priest, provided he was a man of wisdom. It seems to have been composed of priests, elders, and scribes. It was not in the province of the Sanhedrin to execute the death sentence, but in some cases it was done, and the Roman authorities were bribed by large sums of money to make no investigation, as in the case of the martyrdom of Stephen. Nicodemus and Joseph were members of the Sanhedrin, but were not present at the council where Jesus was condemned.



EARLY HISTORY OF THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM.—No. 2

"We have found all classes in need of help. I might mention a case or two. One Sabbath, when appointing cottage meetings for the following week, an old man and his wife, strangers, asked that we hold a meeting at their house. They said they were very poor, but could give us sitting room. It fell to me to hold the meeting the following Thursday night. It was raining hard and I was alone. I found the place, a single room in an old colored tenement house, in a very poor district. These were white people; their living in this place showed that they were indeed poor. I knocked at the door and the woman answered, crying out,—

"O doctor, you have come at last."

"I said, 'No, this is not the doctor. This is Brother Hansen. Don't you remember we were to have a meeting here to-night?'"

"She replied, 'Well, we can't have the meeting. My husband has been sick nearly all week, and I have been trying to get the doctor for two days from the hospital, but he doesn't come.'"

"I went inside. The only article of furniture in the room was an old cot which a colored neighbor had loaned them. Some empty boxes served for seats and a table, and an old smoking lamp gave a dim light. The old man lay on a pallet of rags and straw on the floor. He could scarcely speak. I stooped down and asked him what the trouble was. In a very feeble voice he told me. I

put aside my satchel, in which were my Bible and hymn book. I might have said, if I had been a worker who was prepared only to pray and read with him, 'We can have prayer and a song or two, since I am here.' But that man was in need of something else. Of course, a prayer and song would not have hurt him; it might have helped him; but I believe we have the example of Jesus, the great Medical Missionary, in sometimes doing for the bodily needs before we can do much for the spiritual needs. A man who is cold, or hungry, or suffering pain, can better appreciate spiritual help when he has had physical relief.

"So I hurriedly went out and telephoned for supplies. After a few hours of treatment he felt much better. As I was preparing to leave, he said, 'Brother Hansen, now we can have the prayer meeting.' And then we did have one, and a praise meeting, too.

"Again: I was called by telephone to one of the prominent colleges in the city. I was ushered into the president's bedroom, where he lay, surrounded by his family, and with all the comforts that his means could afford. Three of the best physicians in the city were waiting on him. I was told that one of his troubles was paralysis of the throat. Being unable to get relief, it had occurred to him that we might do something for him with massage or electricity or some other means. After about fifteen minutes of treatment we tried him with bits of ice, to see if he could swallow, and he swallowed them. 'Oh,' he said, 'that is the first thing I have swallowed for thirty-six hours.' A little later he was able to swallow some milk. Then he began praising the Lord, saying, 'Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, that is the first thing I have tasted for forty-eight hours.'

"At another time I was called to a prominent infirmary where a man was just at the point of death. He was an unbeliever, but it so happened that I had waited on his father in his last moments, and through a rather remarkable experience had opportunity to reach the unbelieving son with some gospel principles. Now, as he lay at death's door, with his family and physicians about him, he sent for me to come and pray with him. Those great physicians, their names prominent in the medical world, stepped aside for a humble prayer service."

(To be continued.)



ALABAMA

OUR tent efforts in Selma and Pensacola have been reported already by Elder T. B. Buckner, who conducted them with the writer. Owing to the weather, our last effort was very brief, nevertheless a start was made, and by the aid of Bible readings from house to house, sixteen souls started to keep the Sabbath, and more are on the eve of doing so.

One brother who was very much opposed to modern Protestantism, after having had about six Bible readings, accepted the truth. He is worth several thousand dollars and runs two grocery stores, etc. His first Sabbath

was quite a test. That night some one broke into his store and, after searching in vain for money, left the door open, and, as far as he had noticed, not even as much as a can of anything was taken. Our brother, when he learned of it Sabbath morning, simply quoted Job 1:21: "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." He then had his first family worship and came right away to his first Sabbath-school and service. He is still faithful.

I left for Mobile last month, and am now here in the interests of the church. Five have joined since I came. Two were baptized. We have a new hall rented in the center of the city. I found great need of help, but thank the Lord the cloud is being lifted.

I leave here as soon as possible for Selma, to strengthen the work there. Leaving Selma, I hope to open up tent work in Pensacola with Brother Peters.

We sincerely ask the brethren and sisters, especially those in Alabama, to remember the tent efforts daily in your prayers this summer.

J. H. LAWRENCE.



MISSISSIPPI

BROTHER M. C. WHITMARSH and the writer held meetings lately in the Universalist church near Ellisville, in answer to their pressing invitation. They stated that they wanted their children, as well as themselves, to hear all sides, so that each and all could decide for themselves as to what is truth. They said their church was open to ministers of every denomination, excepting two, the Mormons and the Universal Church, but that the ministers of the popular churches were afraid to preach there.

At the conclusion of the first night's service Brother Whitmarsh announced his subject for the following night to be "The Signs of Christ's Near Coming in Matthew 24." There seemed to be no opposition; but their chief pastor, the president of their work in the Southern States, was present, and during the second day sent riders out to get the people in at 6 P. M., announcing that he would preach at that hour. He spoke for one hour and a half on the very subject announced by Brother Whitmarsh. He made an open attack, thus thinking to take Brother Whitmarsh unawares. But Brother Whitmarsh is a scholar and a historian, and made his points clear and convincing. Even the Universalists themselves admitted that their pastor was defeated. He left very early the next morning for other fields.

On the fourth night they took the church away from us. This had the effect of making friends for us, and we were invited to conduct a series of meetings in the M. E. church about one mile from the former place. We held nine meetings. Three have taken their stand for the truth and others are interested.

On account of the farmers being busy putting in their crops, and there being considerable sickness, the meetings were discontinued for a time.

As it has been decided to make a tent effort in Meridian this spring, following the

same with our State camp-meeting and annual conference, Brother and Sister Whitmarsh have located there, and will have charge of the work. We have between thirty and forty Sabbath-keepers in Meridian.

Brother and Sister Whitmarsh came to this conference from Michigan, and are supported by that conference. We are sure that they will receive a warm welcome from our people in Mississippi.

Mrs. Shaeffer has returned from California, improved in health, and is again engaged in Bible work in Meridian.

F. R. SHAEFFER.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE TITHE FOR MARCH

Individual ..	\$14.85
Jennings ..	32.90
New Orleans No. 1.....	66.34
Welsh ..	15.35
Shreveport ..	410.80
Lake Arthur ..	46.11
Hayes ..	10.75
Lake Charles ..	35.95

Total .. \$633.05

MRS. C. A. SAXBY, Treas.

Woodlawn, La.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN

THE General Conference is very anxious that our people get their orders in for the *Bulletin* at once. The time is drawing near, when the General Conference will be required to make application for entry of the *Bulletin* as second-class matter. They will need, therefore, a large number of subscriptions to get it entered. I would urge all of our people in the Southern Union Conference to send in their subscriptions at once, as this will save confusion and unnecessary trouble later. As we have mentioned several times before, this will be one of the most important sessions of the General Conference ever held by our people. We trust the good people of this union conference will be awakened to the importance of this issue of the *Bulletin* before it is too late.

You may be thinking about the reports of the last General Conference, when they were printed in the *Review*. We know these reports were not very satisfactory, but we can safely promise our people that this issue of the *Bulletin* will be filled with matter of importance and interest to all, and, in fact, all who do not attend the conference cannot very well afford to miss the reports this year. There will be a larger representation from all parts of the field at this conference than has ever been present at any previous session.

The developments of the work in the different parts of the earth really demand some very positive advancements to be made at this particular time. Those of us who have connected ourselves with this great work, and to whom the work is of more importance and interest than all other earthly considerations, could have nothing of more interest than what is done at this session of the General Confer-

ence. It means so much to us. It so vitally touches our greatest interests that we cannot afford to be without the facts and to have these facts just as soon as possible after they become facts. I will say again: those who are not able to attend the conference cannot afford to do without the *Bulletin*. It will be issued daily, and will have about thirty issues. This amount of matter will only cost you the small sum of fifty cents. Send in your order as soon after you receive this announcement as you can, to avoid disappointment.

THE FORT WORTH FIRE

A TELEGRAM received evening after the Sabbath, April 3, stated that a terrible fire was raging in Fort Worth, and that our branch house there was totally destroyed. Only the book-keeping records, the typewriters, and one or two other small things were saved.

We felt very sad at receiving this information, on account of the loss sustained. We are glad to say, however, that when the insurance is paid, the net loss will probably not exceed two thousand dollars.

A more recent telegram states that a new location, better than the old one, has been leased for three years at a smaller price than was paid for the former place. This certainly shows the good hand of the Lord in helping us in our great need. A new stock of books has been shipped, and in a few days we will have everything in shape to take good care of the orders from the canvassers. In the meantime, orders are being shipped direct from the main office at Nashville to the agents, so that we believe no one will suffer by not receiving books promptly.

This fire was one of the worst that we have read of for several months. Twenty-two blocks of the city were completely wiped out. The loss is estimated at from two to four million dollars. The fire spread rapidly, being fanned by a high wind, and many were unable to save anything.

Much credit is due to Brother Pierce, manager of the branch office, and his wife, who assisted him in saving the few things that could be saved from the terrible conflagration.

I. A. FORD.

DID YOU EVER THINK —

THAT a kind word put out at interest brings back an enormous percentage of love and appreciation?

That though a loving thought may not seem to be appreciated, it has yet made you better and braver because of it?

That the little acts of kindness and thoughtfulness day by day are really greater than one immense act of goodness once a year?

That to be always polite to the people at home is not only more ladylike but more refined than having "company manners"?

— Sel.

"THEY are never alone who are accompanied by noble thoughts."

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending April 3, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
B Griffith 3w.....	BFL	150	\$215 50	\$21 50
M L Ivory 2w.....	—	111	141 75	10 45
Mrs M L Ivory.....	BFL	18	15 00	
Carl Matthews	BFL	27	34 50	1 50
W C Wales.....	BFL			4 00
R Etheridge	BFL			111 00
K Skidmore	BFL	42	41 50	1 50
I W Peavy.....	BFL	13	15 50	2 50
Geo W Brown	BFL	20	5 75	10 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

M Wheeler	D&R	35	1 50	34 50
H E Beck.....	D&R	40	46 35	7 85
Charlsey Allran	BFL	40	18 50	4 00
M J Weber.....	BFL	32	14 50	3 00
Alice Reynolds	BFL	42	26 25	1 75
H C Carmichael.....	DofA	21	31 50	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Oscar Frank	GC	18	19 25	17 75
A B Cheek 2w.....	D&R	74	36 75	48 75
E Booth 2w.....	CK	103	56 50	5 75
Henry Roberson	D&R	35	38 00	
C L Collison.....	D&R BR	30	40 10	17 60
H C Bagley	GC	46	33 15	7 30
J N Steel	GC	35	26 30	4 30
Wm Olmsted	MOFN	47	28 50	6 00
Jno Harzman	MOFN	45	11 75	5 25

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon.....	MOFN	10	9 00	1 25
J S Fry.....	D&R	24	8 75	27 25
Mary Mundy	BFL	12	3 35	7 90
A C Maddock.....	D&R	38	21 15	15 15
Celestia Wilson	BFL	35	7 15	7 00
Ruby and Grace Holt.....	P'RS	50		14 80

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh.....	SOFP	44	7 00	60 15
C H Chenault.....	D&R	60	88 50	5 00
Carrie Goldcamp	BFL	9	2 00	30 00
Mamie Moore	D&R	37	19 45	65 45
Ben Romines	BFL	24	5 75	75
Chas Romines	D&R	30	21 75	2 75
C F Parmele.....	DofA		9 75	9 75
Wm J Keele.....	WATCH		24 00	24 00

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference....	381	469 50	162 95
Kentucky Conference....	210	138 60	51 10
Louisiana Conference....	433	290 30	112 70
Mississippi Conference...	169	49 40	73 35
Tennessee River Conf...	204	178 20	197 85

Totals .. 1397 1126 00 597 95

"To-morrow's triumphs will not compensate for to-day's inaction. Opportunities, like orders, are not waiting around to be served on silver platters. You must dig for them."

"If we do but one-third of that which we have entrusted talents to do, the other two-thirds are working against Christ."

"The Lord does not judge us according to the elevation of our various spheres, but according to the faithfulness with which we fill them."

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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.

NOTICE

THE canvassers' institute announced for McKinney, Ky., to continue two weeks, beginning April 15, will be changed to Millidgeville, Ky., one mile from Moreland station on the O. & C. Railroad.

C. F. DART, *Field Missionary.*

WANTED

TO CORRESPOND with a Seventh-day Adventist sister who desires a permanent home with family of two.

MRS. W. J. J. JORDAN.

Bowling Green, Ky.

ERRATA

WE call the attention of our readers to an error in the article "The Sabbath Was Kept by Our First Parents," which appeared in this paper of April 6. The quotation from Kitto ends with the words, "Philo calls it the universal festival of mankind." The last sentence is not Kitto's, as indicated by the quotation marks following it, but a remark of our own.

EDITOR.

KILLED BY A STREET CAR

THE many friends of Elder J. M. Rees, former president of the Tennessee Conference, will be pained to learn of the sad accident which caused his death in Washington, D. C. We quote from the *Washington Post*, dated April 8: "Rev. Jos. M. Rees, of Parkersburg, W. Va., died to-night at the Emergency Hospital from injuries received to-day in a street-car accident near the Capitol. The minister had just left the latter building and was attempting to dodge a car when he was struck by another car going in an opposite direction. He died soon after reaching the hospital. Mr. Rees was president of the Seventh-day Adventists' Conference of West Virginia."

By this unfortunate occurrence another faithful laborer has been taken from his post. This sad incident should emphasize in the minds of all the importance of being ever ready, for in the midst of life and health we are liable to death. We sympathize deeply with the loved ones he may have left behind. Full particulars will no doubt be given in the *Review and Herald*.

"SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCES"

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THIS little work contains all-told over 2,200 references, or an average of nearly one hundred twenty-five references to each of the eighteen subjects treated, exclusive of the chapter entitled, "The Holy Scriptures." The book contains over three hundred propositions, each of which is clearly proved by plain texts of Scripture.

The plan of the author has been to make the Bible its own expositor. In some cases, however, quotations are made from writers and scholars of recognized standing. The high character of the men quoted makes this feature of the book exceptionally valuable.

The unique arrangement of the general index enables the student to find instantly any text upon any subject treated in the book. The following letter from E. R. Palmer, Secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, refers especially to this feature:—

"To-day I was greatly pleased to receive a copy of 'Scriptural Evidences,' by Elder W. M. Crothers, and particularly pleased to find it so beautifully bound. I showed it to Professor Prescott, and he expressed himself quite emphatically in favor of the unique arrangement. He thought the book would be very, very useful. I hope it may have a large circulation, and will do all I can toward that end."

This little book is not designed alone for the minister or Bible reader, nor yet for the student in school, but for everybody who is interested in Bible study to any degree. It is not a creed nor a confession of faith, and yet there is nothing better to put into the hands of the neighbor or friend who asks, "What do you people believe?" Those newly come to the faith should have it as a ready defense against the attacks of all who may try to overthrow them, and as an aid to the ready answer that is due all who ask the reason of our faith.

The book is attractively bound in two styles: English cloth and red leather. It is a convenient pocket size, 3/4 x 6 inches, contains 212 pages, and sells for 30 and 60 cents. Order of your tract society, or direct of the publishers, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.; Atlanta, Ga.; Fort Worth, Texas.

"Good nature is a glowworm that sheds light in the darkest places."

MAY 13 TO JUNE 6

Time of the General Conference

TIME is always of great value. Next to life it is heaven's best gift; but the time covered by the above dates, though short, will record events in which all heaven will be intensely interested. The Lord himself, with all the affairs of the universe to control, will be more interested in what takes place during this time at the General Conference in Washington, D. C., than in all other matters pertaining to his kingdom, for this important gathering represents the special, rapidly-closing work the Lord has committed to man in connection with the closing events of this world's history. If God notes the appointments of his people in the lesser gatherings, and commissions angels to be present to encourage, to strengthen, and to inspire his servants, is it not reasonable to expect that he will make special provisions for the gathering fraught with so much importance as the coming General Conference?

The Lord will certainly meet his people on this great occasion, and impart wisdom, skill, and power to his Gideon's army of special messengers. There will be many things taking place in connection with this session of the General Conference that all of our people will need to know as early as possible. The General Conference, realizing this, have provided a daily *Bulletin*, which will contain a full report of all the proceedings of the session. The price has been fixed at only fifty cents for the entire meeting.

Churches should meet daily, either as a church, or in companies, and read and study the *Bulletin* together, and most earnestly pray for God's messengers assembled in conference, that they may be imbued with the spirit of the message, clothed with strong faith, and endowed with pentecostal power. Those of our members who will have the *Bulletin* and study it daily will be imbued with the spirit of the conference, and will be able to keep up with all advances made, and ready for active, acceptable service. No one who is expecting to keep up with this work from this time on should think of being without the *Bulletin*. Let all who have not done so, order the *Bulletin* at once, sending the orders, either through the State tract society, or, seeing the time is so short, directly to the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION, KENTUCKY

THE orders for the General Conference *Daily Bulletin* are not coming in as they should. I am sure this paper is just what we should have at this time. We ought to keep abreast with the times.

Just think of it, there will be about twenty-five numbers of the *Daily Bulletin* for only 50 cents. I beg of all those who have not subscribed to do so at once before the great rush comes in, because when people are rushed they are more liable to make mistakes. Send your orders to Mrs. Clara Russell, 108 E. Gray St., Louisville, Ky.

C. F. DART, *Missionary Sec.*