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LET SOMETHING GOOD BE SAID

WHEN over the fair fame of friend or foe
The shadow of disgrace shall fall, instead
Of words of blame, or proof of thus or so,
Let something good be said.

Forget not that no fellow being yet
May fall so low but love may lift his head:
Even the cheek of shame with tears is wet,
If something good be said.

No generous heart may vainly turn aside
In ways of sympathy; no soul so dead
But may awaken strong and glorified,
If something good be said.

And so I charge you, by the thorny crown,
And by the cross on which the Saviour bled,
And by your own soul's hope of fair renown,
Let something good be said.

—J. W. Riley.

"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS"

LIFE is disciplinary. While in the world, the Christian will meet with adverse influences. There will be provocations to test the temper; and it is by meeting these in the right spirit that the Christian graces are developed. The standard is high to which we must attain if we would be children of God, pure, holy, and undefiled; but how could we reach this standard if there were no difficulties to meet, no obstacles to surmount, nothing to develop patience and endurance? Trials are not the smallest blessings that come to us. They are designed to nerve us to determination to succeed. Instead of allowing them to hinder, oppress, and destroy us, we are to use them as God's means of enabling us to gain the victory over self.

Those who walk in wisdom's ways, even in tribulation, are exceedingly joyful; for he whom their soul loveth walks invisible beside them. At each upward step they discern more distinctly the touch of his hand; brighter gleamings of glory from the Unseen fall upon their path; and their songs of praise, reaching ever a note higher, ascend to join the songs of the angels before the throne. "The path of the righteous is as the dawning of light,

that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Talk Faith

It is the duty of the children of God to talk faith, and not doubt. They are to be hopeful and cheerful in him. Christ accomplishes our salvation by inspiring faith in our hearts and a belief in the truth. The truth makes free; and those whom the Son makes free are free indeed. God's children should honor him by revealing a constantly increasing confidence in the assurance that he will accept every soul who serves him in sincerity.

The Lord would have us take comfort in his promises, and praise him much more than we do. He would have us cultivate the heart's best affection. Let the voice of thanksgiving and praise be heard in an acknowledgment of the grace of Christ vouchsafed to us. Render to the Lord the fruit of the lips. We are not as faithful as we should be in acknowledging the goodness and blessings of God. "Whosoever offereth praise, glorifieth God."

When we are in perplexity and trouble we would do well to consider how much our salvation cost the God of heaven. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We should do well to make an earnest study of the life of Christ. The only begotten Son of God consented to leave the heavenly courts, and come to live with an ungrateful people who refused his gracious mercies. He consented to live a life of poverty and to endure suffering and temptation. Let us consider what Christ has endured to make our salvation possible. This will hush every murmur and complaint. If we teach our hearts to respond to God's love, our voices will ascend in thanksgiving when we are called to suffer in any way for him who gave his life for us. Christ was a man of sorrows, yet he had peculiar joys—joys that did not spring from earth, but were born of his connection with divinity. He is the Saviour of those who are perishing for lack of his life. He desires to make them partakers of the divine nature, and thus escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. Amid perplexities and distress

the believing soul may have the assurance of sonship with God. Looking to Jesus, he learns how to conduct himself under every circumstance. He has the experience of Christ to guide him, and the consolation of Christ to sustain him.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

JUNIOR READING COURSE

Les. 16: "Christ Our Saviour," pp. 123-137 Calvary

1. CONTRAST Christ's conduct when being nailed to the cross with that of the thieves. On what was Jesus' mind then dwelling?
2. Who were embraced in the prayer, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do"?
3. Note the fulfilment of Psalms 22: 16-18.
4. Describe Simon as represented in this lesson. The mother of Jesus.
5. For what is Calvary noted?

Death of Christ

6. What caused Christ's terrible sufferings on the cross?
7. How did nature seem to sympathize with the agonizing Saviour?
8. What did the rending of the temple veil indicate?
9. Why was the blood of the offerings in the temple henceforth of no value?
10. When the Saviour cried, "It is finished," what was the feeling of the angels? Of Satan?

In Joseph's Tomb

11. Who were Joseph and Nicodemus? What part did they take in Christ's burial?
12. What effect did the scenes connected with the death of Jesus have upon the disciples? Upon Joseph and Nicodemus?
13. What caused the Jewish rulers much uneasiness while Jesus lay in the grave?

Notes

CALVARY. "Early in the fourth century Eusebius and Jerome wrote down the tradition and fixed the locality of Calvary in their writings. Pilgrims now streamed to Jerusalem from all parts of the world, and that site was fixed for Golgotha which has remained to the present hour. This was done

not merely by the testimony of these two learned fathers; but by the action of the Emperor Constantine and his mother Helena. This empress, when very far advanced in life, visited Jerusalem for the express purpose of erecting a church on the spot where the Lord Jesus had been crucified. On her arrival at Jerusalem she inquired diligently of the inhabitants. Yet the search was uncertain and difficult, in consequence of the obstructions by which the heathen had sought to render the spot unknown. These being all removed, the sacred sepulcher was discovered, and by its side three crosses, with the tablet bearing the inscription written by Pilate. On the site thus ascertained, was erected, whether by Constantine or Helena, certainly by Roman influence and treasures, a splendid and extensive Christian temple. This church was completed and dedicated A. D. 335. It was a great occasion for the Christian world. In order to give it importance and add to its splendor, a council of bishops was convened, by order of the emperor, from all the provinces of the empire, which assembled first at Tyre and then at Jerusalem."

EARLY HISTORY OF THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM.—No. 3

"A leading surgeon, prominent in the South and in connection with one of the medical schools and quite well known throughout the country, was called to a neighboring town to perform an operation. The patient was a godly woman. With anxiety about her case, just as he was about to begin, she asked, 'Doctor, won't you offer a word of prayer?' He straightened himself up and said, 'Madam, if you want prayer, you must send for a preacher.' She asked, 'Don't you pray?' He replied, 'No, I'm a surgeon.' 'Well,' she said, 'then you can never operate on me.' And he had to pack up his instruments and return home.

"The one telling me this added, 'I'll bet that woman got well if a blacksmith operated on her, a woman with such a faith as that.' The surgeon came back and told the experience to his students at clinic as a joke. Thus many are taught to regard God lightly, or even not to believe in him at all. And they have to wait on the sick, perhaps at their last moments, when they may feel that they are coming face to face with the Lord; when the next thing they will know perhaps will be the judgment. Oh, what an opportunity there is, brethren and sisters, for those who can go into a sick-room, perhaps a death chamber, and not only give help that will relieve suffering and perhaps save life, but can give words of consolation and help to prepare them to meet death much better than if stupefied with drugs.

"Another prominent physician I called on had little to say, but rather turned me away. One of his patients, the most prominent woman in the city at that time, was seriously ill, and her progress was watched with much interest by her large circle of friends. As she did not make very rapid recovery, some of her friends, who had taken treatment of

Mrs. Hansen, urgently advised that she have Mrs. Hansen give her massage treatment. The patient requested her physician to do this, but he refused, saying, 'I have my own nurses. They can give massage.' Finally the patient's mother decided to have her come anyway. Then the doctor said he would see about it, and called me up by telephone, asking me to come to his office.

"After questioning me about our work, he said, 'Yes, I know all about you Sanitarium people. They have some missionaries in town now, getting up a school of health, as they call it.' I did not tell him we were organizing a school of one hundred and seventy of the best people in the city, to be held in one of the leading churches that was given us for two weeks by the minister and board of trustees. 'But,' he said, 'I have a patient that I want your wife to take, but I do not want her to say anything about the Sanitarium, Sanitarium diet, or anything else of the kind.'

"The results in the case were such as to give us favor with many more persons, and opened the way for more patients from this doctor, some of whom, we learned, were put on Sanitarium diet. Later on the doctor himself took a course of treatment with us, and finally came to the Sanitarium. We have worked on in this way, one physician after another sending us patients, until now we have more or less co-operation from about thirty of the physicians."

(To be continued.)

THE CANVASSING WORK IN METCALF CO., KY.

THE writer joined Brother H. E. Beck in the work here about six weeks ago, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed our efforts in taking orders for "Daniel and the Revelation." We found many hungry for present truth; and the dear Lord blessed in getting a place to spend Sabbath and Sunday. The first week we spent the Sabbath with a family where Brother Beck had already sold a "Daniel and the Revelation," and they are interested in the truth. The man told us he knew that we were right. I canvassed out and sold another family a "Daniel and the Revelation," and made arrangements to spend the next Sabbath and Sunday with them, and we certainly were made welcome. They seemed deeply interested in our books.

I know the Lord is working for his people in helping to place the printed pages in the homes. I found one "Daniel and the Revelation" away back in the far corner of the county, and when I told the lady what I had, she told me that they had a book on the prophecies, and she did not think much of it. But I gave her a good canvass, and the Lord filled my mouth with words to speak. When I got through she told me that she would get her book and see if it was not the same work. It was, and she thanked me and said she would read and study it, that she had never heard it explained before. So I went away from that house praising God for such opportunities to talk with the people.

I have worked five weeks and my orders amount to \$240. Brother Beck has done well also. Many people said that it was the best book they had ever seen. There are many who seem anxious for the books, and people are calling for meetings all around. Truly the "harvest is great and the laborers are few." What a great work there is to be done, and who will answer the call, Here am I, O Lord, send me? I pray daily for more to take up the work. Who will help us? This is a needy field.

M. WHEELER.

THE NEED OF WORKERS

"THE night is far spent, and the day is at hand;" and the work is not yet done. This statement I fully realized when I received the light on this precious truth last summer. It has filled me with so much joy and peace that from that moment I could not, nor can I now, be idle in the Master's work, as I know the nearness of time for Christ's coming again. And the truth has done so much for me, that I must be telling others also. I know a grand work can be accomplished from house to house in placing our papers and books in them; and it is a much-needed work. I do not mean that every home you stop at is going to listen or buy from you, for you remember our Saviour's words, "Narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

I feel so happy when I am in this work, for my Saviour goes with me, and his Spirit enables me to speak forth these wonderful truths. I find I am daily strengthened in the faith. I say the Christian's highest joy is working for the Master. Though our pathway may not always be smooth, yet we know we have our Elder Brother to strengthen and encourage us in it always.

Our people should be out with these papers and books among the people, and hastening the soon-coming of our Lord. If we value the truth as we should, and have love for those who see it not, the response will be, "Here am I; send me."

LULA A. SMITH.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS' BUSINESS

ACCORDING to the teaching of Holy Writ, we are living in the very last days of probation; Biblical evidence to sustain this is not lacking in any particular whatever, but is indeed plentiful. The signs of the times stand out so prominently that it would be absurd to doubt the evidence. The great waymarks laid down in prophecy have been passed by, one by one, and the people on the earth to-day compose the last generation (spoken of in Matthew 24), which is to witness the fulfillment of all things. This is a fact, and a fact cannot be changed.

This being true, every follower of Christ has a great responsibility resting upon him. Now is the time to start into business; we are living in a business age, and every child of God should now get started in business. Let those who have already started go deeper into business than ever before.

Time is very short; we are on the verge of the eternal world; but that is no reason why we should not all have a profitable business. There is a remedy for those who are not succeeding. They do not necessarily need to go out of business; the only thing required is that they change their line. In order to have success, it is essential that we all realize that there is only *one* business in *this* age worth while, and that is the promulgation of the *gospel of the kingdom*. The man whose line is different from this cannot succeed.

Success is not acquirement of wealth; it is to gain a home in the kingdom of God, "For what is a man profited, if he shall *gain* the *whole world*, and lose his own soul?"

This business of publishing the gospel in any way the Lord may choose, is a business in which we all can and should engage; we cannot invest too much in it; we have nothing to lose, we have everything to gain. Is not this success?

When Jesus was on earth, he accompanied his parents to Jerusalem to attend the Pass-over. When his parents were quite a long way on their homeward journey, they missed Jesus. Retracing the distance, they found him conversing with the doctors in the temple. Upon questioning him why he had thus dealt with them, his reply gently rebuked them for their unthoughtfulness; he said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Luke 2:49.

Jesus understood his mission, and although he worked at the carpenter's trade to help along financially, his business was to do the work assigned him by his Father,—to save that which was lost. The apostle Paul worked at tent-making to aid him in finances, but his business was to lead men to the One that had come to save.

During the ministry of our Saviour, while on his way to Galilee, he paused at Jacob's well and had an interview with the woman of Samaria. During this time the disciples were gone to buy meat. When they returned and desired that Jesus should eat, he replied, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of;" and as they were wondering if some one had given him food, he again directed their minds to his vocation by saying, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." John 4:34. The meat, or that which satisfied his hungering soul, was to finish the work given into his hands. The spiritual food which satisfies the child of God can be acquired only by engaging in God's work. If we follow our Example, we must follow the instructions of the Lord, given through the apostle Paul in Col. 3:2.

When Jesus was about to leave this sin-cursed earth, he said in his prayer to his Father, "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." The Saviour was not satisfied with anything less than the completion of the work left in his charge. When he went to heaven, he left his disciples with these words sinking deep into their hearts: "Go ye into

all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

This, then, is the *business* of God's people. God has given to every one talents to be used in the accomplishment of his work. Are we using them? Let us not be slothful servants. Let us labor for God while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work. If we all engage in this business for the Lord, and do our duty with a fervent spirit, soon, very soon, he that shall come, will come, and from the lips of infinite purity these words shall resound: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

Such is the success of those who remain in the business assigned them by God, and the longing of their hearts will be realized as he continues, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."
ROSS S. LINDSAY.



MANY REASONS FOR IT

FOR many reasons that cannot be briefly stated, the coming General Conference, May 13 to June 6, 1909, will be the most important council ever held by our people. Our members all over the world are intensely interested in it. An unusually large number are to attend. It will be a large gathering of our foreign missionaries and home workers, with many lay members present. Those who cannot come in person from foreign lands, as well as those in the home field, are now sending for the *Bulletin*. One order for 500 copies is just received from Australia.

Besides the strong and influential representatives from all of our missions and home fields who are to be present, Sister White is now on her way to the conference. She is making a special effort to be at this important council of the Lord's chief messengers, and will doubtless have stirring messages for them and all the people. No one can afford to miss these. They will be printed in the *Daily Bulletin*, and promptly sent out to all subscribers. If you have not ordered the *Bulletin*, do so at once. It only costs 50 cents, while its real value to our people who cannot attend the conference cannot be estimated by money values.



GOD KNOWS AND HEARS

"A FRIEND of mine said to a life-saver at Newport, Rhode Island: 'How can you tell when any one is in need of help when there are thousands of bathers on the beach and in the water making a hubbub of noises?'"

"To which he answered, 'No matter how great the noise and confusion, there has never been a single time when I could not distinguish the cry of distress above it all. I can always tell it.'

"And that is exactly like God. In the midst of the babel and confusion he never fails to hear the soul that cries out to him for help amid the breakers and storms of life."—*The Expositor*.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending April 17, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
Carl Matthews	BFL	25	\$29 00	\$2 50
R Roberts	BFL	39	42 00	1 50
K Skidmore	BFL	51	25 70	10 15
Mrs Maude L Ivory	—	3		40
M L Ivory	BFL	41	9 00	12 45
I W Peavy	BFL	10	9 50	
Geo W Brown	BFL	38	9 65	4 35
Ben Griffith	—	43	49 50	1 50
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
M Wheeler	D&R	41	42 15	6 40
M J Weber	BFL	14	14 00	5 00
J W Abbott	BFL	5		5 00
H E Beck	D&R	34	17 60	3 60
J W Hicks	CK	3		3 50
Mrs A Reynolds	BFL	38	11 00	1 50
Charlsey Allran	BFL	33	16 50	50
H C Carmichael	DOFA	42	59 50	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
A B Cheek	D&R	47	39 00	4 50
Edwin Booth	CK	49	2 25	16 50
M A Battle	BFL	30	36 70	20
Joel Battle	BFL	12	29 90	40
B T Roberts	CK	35	33 50	6 00
Mrs J Almencero	CK	2	2 00	4 00
J N Steel	CC	18	11 70	6 20
Mrs R E Tate	BFL	15	16 50	
C L Collison	2W D&R BR	49	28 00	61 03
H C Bagley	2W GC	89	53 27	11 65
Jno Harzman	MOFN	15	7 00	2 00
W M Olmsted	MOFN	26	19 25	3 25
I T Reynolds	GC	20	13 75	2 75
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
H C Balsbaugh	SOFP	30	5 25	41 85
C H Chenault	D&R	51	48 00	
Carrie Goldcamp	BFL	16	15 25	1 00
R H Hazelton	D&R	60		140 00
J S Moore	D&R	11	8 95	4 20
Mamie Moore	D&R	25	18 55	9 70
Ben Romines	BFL	38	17 50	2 00
Chas Romines	D&R	38	36 50	5 75
C F Parmele	CK	29	34 50	3 00
SUMMARY				
Alabama Conference	250	164 35	32 85	
Kentucky Conference	210	160 75	25 50	
Louisiana Conference	407	292 82	120 48	
Tennessee River Conf	298	184 50	207 50	
Totals	1165	802 42	386 33	

OBITUARY

DIED.—Mrs. M. E. Gaines, aged 81 years, 5 months, and 4 days, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. D. Rutherford, near Daysville, Ky.

Sister Gaines had been a resident of Todd County for thirty-five years. She accepted the truth under the preaching of Elders Marvin and Garrett, and since then lived a Christian life.

She was loved by all who knew her, and through all her days of sickness was ever uncomplaining. The body was laid to rest in the family burying-ground, there to wait the soon-coming Saviour.

MAUDE RUTHERFORD

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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.

DO NOT BE LATE

It is now time to send in orders for the General Conference *Daily Bulletin*. No one should wait until just before the beginning of the General Conference, for at that time there will be a great rush in all details pertaining to this largest and most important session of the General Conference ever held. Everybody will have much work to do then that could not be done before, and no one should impose unnecessary work,—work that could have been done and out of the way at that busy time, especially if they do not want to subject themselves to delay or disappointment in getting the first numbers of the *Bulletin*. The *Bulletin* list is now being made up, and all orders should be made for it at once. Remember the subscription price is 50 cents for the session. Order through the State tract society office, or if not convenient to do so, orders may be sent direct to the Missionary Department of the General Conference.

A NEW FEATURE

A RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT will appear in the May *Signs Monthly*, and be a permanent feature thereafter. This will be good news to our many friends. The Current Events, Prophetic, Missions, Temperance, Bible Readings, Home, and first-mentioned department will give our people a well-balanced monthly magazine covering every point of God's truth. A better means of getting this truth before the people would be hard to find.

NASHVILLE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Report for First Quarter of 1909

Papers mailed to addresses furnished of professors, doctors, merchants, governor of the State, and two ex-governors.

<i>Life and Health</i>	60
<i>Liberty</i>	45
<i>Youth's Instructor</i> (Temperance)....	30

Monthly <i>Watchman</i>	150
<i>Gospel Sentinel</i>	350
Total	635
Papers mailed to private individuals.	

<i>Watchman</i>	75
<i>Gospel Sentinel</i>	170
<i>Youth's Instructor</i> (Temperance)....	40
<i>Life and Health</i>	30
Pages of tracts	1,150
Literature supplied to four reading racks.	
<i>Watchman</i>	75
<i>Gospel Sentinel</i>	270
Temperance <i>Youth's Instructor</i>	40
<i>Life and Health</i>	80
<i>Liberty</i>	30
<i>Signs of the Times</i>	30
<i>Review and Herald</i>	35

Total	540
Pages of pamphlets and tracts, etc....	6,750
Religious Liberty pamphlets.....	194
Total	7,394

Work done by church members	
<i>Watchman</i> given away.....	28
<i>Gospel Sentinel</i> given away.....	130
No. pages tracts given away.....	1,392
Garments given away.....	18
Childrens' toys (packets) given away..	22
Baskets of food given away.....	1
Bibles given away	2
Coal given away	\$.50
Subscriptions to <i>Watchman</i>	9
Missionary visits	8

Work done by Bible worker	
Missionary visits	85
Missionary letters written.....	3
Bible Readings held.....	94
People attending readings	24
People accepted truth through reading	2
Papers given away.....	40
Books sold	4
Books loaned	5
Hours of Christian help work.....	25
Persons supplied with food.....	1
M. H. CROTHERS, Church Missionary Sec.	

PRAYER

A LITTLE deaf and dumb girl was once asked by a lady, who wrote the question on a slate, "What is prayer?" The little girl took her pencil, and wrote in reply, "Prayer is the wish of the heart." And so it is. All fine words and beautiful verses said to God do not make a real prayer, without the wish of the heart.

"Payer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The glowing of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

"Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high."

AFTER the General Conference is over, those who have not had the *Bulletin* will regret it.

NEWS ITEMS

WE were glad to welcome Sister E. G. White and her party, who arrived in Nashville on Wednesday, April 21, 1909.

Mrs. E. G. White preached in the Memorial Church Sabbath, April 24, taking for her opening remarks 2 Peter 1:1-11. A large and appreciative audience paid careful attention all through her discourse.

Mrs. E. G. White also spoke to the colored church on Sunday at 11 o'clock, and afterward went to the Rock City Sanitarium, and was much pleased with all that she saw at this our last sanitarium purchased, it being also the first colored one in this city.

Mrs. E. G. White is now at the Nashville Agricultural and Normal School at Madison, and speaks to the teachers and friends that are gathered in convention there.

A number of our readers have inquired what the total receipts have been on the Thanksgiving *Review* in this conference. We would like the Tennessee River Conference treasurer to answer this question.

It is expected that quite a number of our people and workers will attend the General Conference. We wish it were possible for every member to attend; but those that cannot, should certainly do the next best thing—send in your order for the General Conference *Bulletin*, also fifty cents for the payment of the same, either to your tract society, or direct to the General Conference office, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

GOSPEL SENTINEL

WE have just received an order from a brother in Dixie, Ga., for two hundred of the current issue of the *Gospel Sentinel*, showing that he appreciates the value of this little paper as a medium through which the truth can be given to the people who need it so much. The price of the *Gospel Sentinel* is only one-half cent per copy, which is certainly a very low rate. Who will be the first to send us an order for a quantity?

WATCHMAN

ORDERS are coming in fast for the May number of the *Watchman*, which is a most excellent issue. Brother C. C. Hunt, who is selling *Watchman* on his way to the General Conference, has ordered one thousand to be sent to different places; several orders came in on the last mail for five hundred, and orders for one hundred are coming to hand on every mail. The universal testimony is that the *Watchman* grows better month by month. We are working and will not be satisfied until we reach the 100,000 mark. Send us your order.