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COMING HOME TO THE CHILDREN

Oh, to come home once more, when the dusk
is falling,

To see the nursery lighted and the children's
table spread;

"Mother, mother, mother!" the eager voices
calling,

"The baby was so sleepy that he had to go
to bed."

Oh, to come home once more, and see the
smiling faces,

Dark head, light head, clustered at the pane;
Much the years have taken, when the heart
its path retraces,

But until time is not for me, that image will
remain.

Men and women now they are, standing
straight and steady,

Grave heart, gay heart, fit for life's emprise;
Shoulder set to shoulder, how should they be
but ready!

The future shines before them with the light
of their own eyes.

Still each answers to my call; no good has been
denied me,

My burdens have been fitted to the little
strength that's mine,
Beauty, pride, and peace have walked by day
beside me,

The evening closes gently in, and how can
I repine?

But Oh, to see once more, when the early
dusk is falling,

The nursery windows glowing and the chil-
dren's table spread;

"Mother, mother, mother!" the high child
voices calling,

"He could n't stay awake for you, he had to
go to bed!"

— *Selected.*

OUR HOMES

Poets have written about the home. They
have led the mind to the quaint old country
place surrounded by creeping vines and blos-
soming shrubs, and have gently unfolded to
our view the sweet-faced mother and the kind-

hearted father bent with age. Our great men
of the world in their lectures have tenderly
spoken of their boyhood days at home, of
mother, whose never-ceasing care and love
have kept them in the path of integrity. Au-
thors of note have many times written that
which has touched an answering chord in the
hearts of their readers, and many have been
made purer as the memories and teachings of
home come back to their minds.

Just now, when Satan is holding out every
inducement to our loved ones, we need pure,
attractive, and pleasant homes. "More pow-
erful than any other earthly influence upon
human hearts and lives is that of a true home."
What is a true home? It is not a home where
father sits during the evening with a deep
frown upon his brow, and where after reading
the evening paper, he puts on his coat and hat
and goes out to greet Mr. ——— and others,
and then as he nears home, puts on his frown
once more. Such a man cannot be a true
head of the household, for he cannot become
acquainted with his children or win their love.
Perhaps ere his return, mother has quietly put
the children in their little beds, for "father
is tired and out of sorts to-night."

Neither can a home be a true home where
the mother scolds and frets from morning
until night; where she appears at meal-times
with uncombed hair, and soiled dress. Per-
haps she has scolded until she is on the verge
of tears. Her house is untidy; everything
seems to have gone wrong all day. What
excuse has this mother?—She is "so nerv-
ous."

But the children have no encouragement in
such a home. The little ones that God has
given us to care for, the ones we are to give
an account for in the great day of God—these
are having their feet started in the pathway of
ruin through the influence of such a home.
God intends the home to be the dearest spot
on earth; and each member of the household
should do his part toward making it so.

The father, as the head of the household,
should strive to make his home a place where
cheerfulness, courtesy, and love abide. He
should enter his home with smiles and pleasant
words. He should establish the family altar,
and all should gather for worship. He should

take time to become acquainted with his chil-
dren. Even if his business cares are very
pressing, he can afford to spend some time
with his family, and he will find that it is not
time wasted. Human souls are at stake. How
much more important one human soul is than
all the business cares of life! In the morning
before taking up the cares of the day let the
father gather his family around him, and bow-
ing before God commit the loved ones to the
care of the Father in heaven.

On the mother seems to rest the greatest
care of the family. Each little trial is brought
to her. A little hand or head must be kissed
and cared for to cure the bump or ache. The
duties of the household press upon her. Every
little detail must come under the mother's no-
tice. With patience she should care for her
children. With a gentle, God-fearing spirit
she should lead her loved ones to the side of
Jesus. Her house should be kept clean and
tidy, that it may be an attractive place for the
husband and children. Solomon has spoken
of the faithful wife: "She looketh well to the
ways of her household, and eateth not the
bread of idleness; her children arise up, and
call her blessed; her husband also, and he
praiseth her."

A great responsibility rests upon parents. In
their home life they are sowing seed which
will bear fruit for Christ or Satan. As fathers
and mothers let us draw near to the Saviour,
that he may lead us in this great work of
making our homes pure, elevating, love-in-
spiring, until we reach the blessed home of the
faithful which is just ahead.— *Selected.*

JUNIOR READING COURSE

Les. 17: "Christ Our Saviour," pp. 139-158.

He Is Risen

1. WHAT three guards surrounded the tomb
of Christ?

2. By what was the hour of Jesus' death
marked? The moment of his resurrection?

3. As Jesus lay in the tomb what had Satan
dared to hope?

Go Tell My Disciples

4. Describe the scene at the sepulcher when
the women arrived there early on the resur-
rection morning.

5. After appearing to Mary where did Jesus immediately go? Why?

6. Where do the following quotations apply: "Let all the angels of God worship him," and, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain; and that lives again a triumphant conqueror"?

Witnesses

7. Relate the conversation of Christ and the disciples as they journeyed to Emmaus.

8. Describe the scene when Jesus made himself known to the other disciples. Who was absent? For what is he noted?

This Same Jesus

9. What place was honored by Christ's ascension?

10. Describe the ascension. Repeat the words of the angels on that occasion.

11. Give the testimony of three Bible writers assuring us that he will come again.

Their Ascended Lord

12. What was the manner of the disciples after the ascension? Why?

13. Commit to memory Ps. 24:7-10 and apply each part.

14. What scene took place in heaven when Christ entered the city?

Notes

MOUNT OF OLIVES. A noted mountain or range of hills east of Jerusalem and separated from the city by the valley of the Kidron. The mountain derives its name from the many olive trees which formerly grew in abundance on its slopes, some of which still remain. Of the peaks prominent in this range the central one, or Mount of Ascension, is 2,665 feet in height, lying directly east of the temple area. On the top of this peak is a chapel erected by Helena the mother of Constantine, since tradition points out this spot as the place of Christ's ascension. The monks pretend to point out the foot-prints of Jesus as he ascended the mount. But the Scripture designates the place of our Lord's ascension as being across the summit in the vicinity of Bethany. When Christ shall descend again to this earth and all the saints with him, "his feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof, . . . and there shall be a very great valley."

EARLY HISTORY OF THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM.—No. 4

"WHEN we wished to open up treatment rooms, the only suitable building to be had was one belonging to a Congressman who was not friendly to us. It was already occupied, but the tenant was willing to sublease to us, if the owner would agree to it. I visited him, but he turned me down at once, saying, 'I don't know anything about you, and besides, I have a good tenant, and do not wish to change.' But we persevered, and he made investigations of our work, receiving favorable replies. Some of his relatives had been patients of ours. Final arrangements for the lease were to be finished by one Friday, but he was not quite ready, and told me

to come the next day. I told him I could not come the next day, as that was the Sabbath. He said, 'And so you are Seventh-day Adventists. That settles the whole business. I won't have anything to do with it,' and he called us a bad kind of Seventh-day Adventists. 'I won't have it in my building at all.' But we secured the building after considerable delay.

"Well, he went off to Congress, and when he returned he came in one day to see us. He was very much pleased at the change in the appearance of his building. I persuaded him to take a complimentary treatment, and I took opportunity to make it a good long one and to have a good talk with him. When he was through, he felt like a different man in more ways than one. He said, 'And this is what you do here. And you close on Saturday and open on Sunday. If there is anything you could do on either Sabbath or Sunday, I think it certainly would be this kind of work.' This was Sunday, too, by the way. He went down town, and sent us more patients that day. And that man has done all he could for us ever since. When he went to Congress again, he assured me that if the Sunday question came up he would remember us there.

"Thus we have been getting these things before prominent people. We have something that will interest all classes, from our mission work in the poorer districts to our work among the people of influence. And, brethren, I believe it is our privilege to aim high. God has given us a message that we can present to anybody. Now is the time to reach people of influence, if we expect them to favor us later on.

"But it has not been all smooth sailing. Some of our financial difficulties have not been small. We have not had a phenomenal success. Reforms of this kind do not go with a boom in the South. We are to-day getting patients who have been studying the matter ever since we have been there. The people are conservative. Nashville has been said to be the most conservative city in the country. One doctor said, 'They will come when they hurt.' They have not come fast enough to enable us to meet our current expenses and have something besides, and sometimes it has been difficult even to meet the expenses.

"Down there, when we rent a house, we have to sign notes for the entire time that we rent it. Once I gave notes for four and a half years, at \$100 a month, \$5,400. The notes are put in the bank for collection, and if you do not pay them when due, judgment is taken against you just the same as in failure to meet any other note. One winter it had been getting harder and harder each month for us to meet the rent. As soon as one month's rent was paid, we had to begin to save for the next. We had to count our nickels and pennies pretty closely. One month it came down to the last hour of the last day, and counting every cent we had we found we did not have enough. That was a time of test for us that we had not yet had.

"As we talked the matter over, we said, 'We have dedicated this work to God. We believe that it is his will that it should be supported. From time to time he has given us what we needed. Now we have not the money. It is not simply a question of the payment or the failure to pay this amount. It means to us, Can't our faith take hold of God, and carry us through even such a small matter as paying rent?' I went out on the street to see if I could not meet some one that might be owing us, and I did see one or two, until finally, just a few minutes before bank-closing time, counting it again we thought we had the exact amount.

"I hurried with it to the bank. The clerk counted it, and then counted it again, and handing it back said, 'There is not enough, it lacks ten cents.' What should I do? I knew nothing but to turn sadly homeward. Serious questions were in my mind. I thought, 'Have we come here in the name of the Lord? Does the Lord mean to sustain us, or are we doing only our own work, and are we to be left on our own resources?' As I reached home and began to tell my wife about it, she handed me fifteen cents that she had just received for a package of granose biscuits. I ran to the bank and entered just as the bell rang for closing. So we got the rent paid in time. That was the closest shave we ever had. But that is about how it goes financially."

(To be continued.)

MISSISSIPPI

It is now a little over a year since my husband and I came to Jackson, Miss., and I am encouraged to labor on for the advancement of this glorious message in the good old State of Mississippi. I so often wish I had the strength and vitality I had twenty-three years ago, when I first entered the Master's service.

Truly it is sweet to work for Jesus. Soon the work will be finished and we go "home," taking with us precious sheaves we have gathered for the kingdom. I often long for that glad day.

Our little company, seven adults and seven children, are all of good courage, and seem to be making advancement in spiritual things. Two of the number are new Sabbath-keepers—a lawyer's wife and her daughter, a girl of nineteen. They are happy in the truth, and rejoice in each additional ray of light. They plan to attend our coming camp-meeting, and the daughter thinks some of attending one of our schools.

I have other readers who are interested, and I have hope of three more obeying. The dear Lord hath done the work, to him be all praise.

To-day we were granted the free use of the "annex" of a church, with the organ for Sabbath services. It is a beautiful little stone chapel, situated in a good locality. We all rejoice, knowing the Lord hath wrought for us.

As I behold the greatness of the work and solemnity of the time in which we live, my

soul cries for more of the love and self-sacrificing spirit of the Master, that I may be a real soul-winner. What a joy to know that "angels of God attend us to the dwellings of those we visit." "The heavenly universe is astonished at the apathy, the coldness, the listlessness of those who profess to be sons and daughters of God." Come, sisters of Mississippi, let us go forth in faith; let those among whom we live and for whom we labor, see that to us it is a living reality—that Jesus is coming in this generation.

My husband has been away now for almost a month visiting the canvassers and helping new ones get started in the work. The Lord is so good to me day by day.

MOLLIE MILLER.

WORDS FROM THE CHILDREN

We are two little girls—sisters. We live in Jackson, Miss. Since last January we have sold 575 papers—*Liberty, Watchman, Life and Health, and Signs*,—at 10 cents a copy. We enjoy our work and many people ask us about the Sabbath. We quote the Scriptures to them. We would like to hear from other little girls who are selling papers.

RUBY HOLT, 11 years,
GRACE HOLT, 10 years.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Tithe for April, 1909

Henderson	\$19.08
Louisville No. 2.....	71.19
Richmond	11.75
Lexington No. 1 (part of church)....	42.50
Lexington No. 2.....	18.48
Grove	15.14
Bowling Green	19.88
Individual	12.84
McKinney	17 65
Locust Branch	7.61
Rio	1.20
Campbellsville	6.60
Milledgeville	7.80
Total	\$251.72

MRS. CLARA RUSSEL, *Treas.*

FOOD FACTORY

You will all be glad to know that the Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory is in operation, and turning out a fine grade of health foods. The Lord has spoken very positively of this enterprise, and since the Southern Union Conference took possession of the plant the developments have been most encouraging.

Brother M. Hare, who has had a long and successful experience in the food business in Australia, put in months of conscientious labor in putting the premises and machinery in condition. Just as it was about ready for operation Brother Hare was obliged to retire from the field on account of his health. Had it not been for firm faith in God and his leading we should have felt much depressed, as we had counted on Brother Hare to superintend

the factory and take the general oversight and burden of the business. After prayerful study and negotiation with a number of persons, Brother M. F. Knox, a Nashville man of good Christian and business experience and one of the elders of the church, was chosen as business manager, and Brother J. A. Hart, of St. Helena, Cal., who has had eighteen years' experience in health-food work, as head baker.

The work is being conducted on a missionary basis, and I am sure that both the quality of the foods and the prices will please you. Those of us who have tested the foods can testify to the excellence of both nut and cereal products.

Sister White and party visited the factory on the way to General Conference, and expressed pleasure with what has been done. The factory is now turning out a large order from Washington, D. C., to be used at the General Conference dining-hall. If you have not had a price-list, send to M. F. Knox, Manager, Nashville, Tenn., and make up an order.

C. F. McVAGH.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Tithe and Offerings for April, 1909

TITHE	
Nashville No. 1.....	\$226.64
Nashville No. 2.....	9.55
Memphis No. 1.....	183.78
Memphis No. 2.....	35.00
Madison	85.21
Hazel	35.35
Trezevant	29.97
Springville	19.18
Leach	15.10
Paducah	13.89
Individual	103.62
Total	\$757.29

OFFERINGS	
Sabbath-School Offerings	\$ 53.68
Religious Liberty Offerings.....	22.97
First Day Offerings	20.27
Ingathering (Special Review).....	12.75
Orphans	9.51
Annual Offerings	5.00
\$150,000 Fund	2.55

Total \$126.73

THOS. E. PAVEY, *Treas.*

THE MILLEDGEVILLE INSTITUTE

THE canvassers' institute held at Milledgeville, Ky., closed April 25, with every one feeling they had been well paid for attending. Although there were but six in attendance, yet it was a success, and the Lord was just as near to us as if there had been a hundred.

As a result of this institute, one young man has taken up the canvassing work in earnest, and is working for a scholarship. He is doing real well. If this were the only result we would feel paid for holding it, but that is not all. The two canvassers that were in the field returned to their work with renewed courage, and felt they had spent a profitable

CANVASSING REPORT

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For Week Ending April 24, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
Carl Matthews	—	26	\$22 00	
G H Waite.....	—	12	5 70	3 00
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Mrs Alice Reynolds..BFL		40		60 00
Charley AllranBFL		19		44 70
M WheelerD&R		34	31 25	6 50
Z S Arey.....BFL		25		3 55
H E Beck.....D&R		31	14 50	3 00
H C Carmichael....DofA		47	70 00	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
A B Cheek.....D&R		41	34 15	8 75
E BoothCK		49	3 85	25 70
Wm OlmstedMofN		10	6 75	2 25
I T Reynolds.....H&H		30	30 25	2 75
Mrs R E Tate.....BFL		32	9 50	5 00
B L Roberts.....CK		39	33 75	15 25
H C Bagley.....GC		43	36 65	1 55
C L Collison.....BR D&R		37	21 45	37 20
J AlmendroCK		4	4 00	
C GordonBFL		17	11 50	
J N Steel.....GC		47	7 30	74 05
O F Frank 4w.....GC		47	19 25	99 65
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
A C Maddock.....D&R		39	31 50	5 25
J S Fry.....D&R		1	3 50	
Leroy CaseBFL		20	8 75	8 75
Virgil SmithDofA		45	11 60	3 85
Louise JacksonBFL		11	1 60	3 40
Ruby and Grace Holt... ..				
.....PAPERS		60	11 50	11 50
Mrs Mabel Maddock PAPERS		20	6 70	6 70
J S Fry.....PAPERS		20	8 60	8 60
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
Carrie GoldcampBFL		14	14 75	
R H Hazelton.....MISC		25		70 00
Jas S MooreD&R		34	8 00	1 75
Mamie MooreD&R		27	11 10	46 30
Ben RominesBFL		20	5 25	1 25
Chas RominesD&R		38	30 50	1 50
SUMMARY				
Alabama Conference.....	38	27 70	3 00	
Kentucky Conference....	196	115 75	117 75	
Louisiana Conference....	396	218 40	272 15	
Mississippi Conference...	216	81 75	48 05	
Tennessee River Conf....	158	69 60	120 80	
Totals	1004	513 20	561 75	

time. And one or two others expect to take up the work later.

The canvassing work is steadily moving along in this conference. The letters from the canvassers in the different parts of the field are so full of cheer and courage. It certainly does me good to read them.

C. F. DART.

"Look up, for God looks down." Thus can we see him face to face. There is inspiration in looking up to God. It acknowledges his superiority over us, and our dependence upon him, while it assures us that all his power is pledged to our help. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."—*Christian Observer.*

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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.

THE LAST CALL

THIS is the last call for General Conference *Bulletin* subscriptions. While there are many subscriptions for the *Bulletin* sent in, and others are still coming in, there are thousands of our people who have not arranged for the *Bulletin*.

The time for holding the coming session of the General Conference is now at hand. Those who expect to have the *Bulletin* sent to them during the session have no time to lose in connection with sending in their *Bulletin* orders.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Tithe for April

Individual	\$ 6.65
Jennings	51.45
Newellton	18.30
New Orleans No. 1	130.97
Welsh	54.50
Shreveport	33.02
Lake Arthur	27.56
Hammond	27.16
Hayes	6.40
Hope Villa	31.05
Lake Charles	10.08
New Orleans No. 2	65.86

Total \$463.00

MRS. C. A. SAXBY, Treas.

Woodlawn, La.

A NUMBER of students at the Foreign Mission Seminary, Washington, D. C., have been carrying on a splendid missionary work with our magazines. When the *Signs of the Times* magazine was added to the list, Brother W. D. Workman took the responsibility of ordering 300 copies for students. The orders have been enlarging until in February 1,700 copies were sold, and the work with 1,800 copies of the March number has just closed. They order 1,500 of the April issue. In referring to the work with the March number, Brother Workman writes:—

"Those who have worked hardest have succeeded, and that in a wonderful manner. Three young men have reached fifty in the afternoon. We have some workers here of whom I am proud, not so much for brilliant success, but because of their earnest perseverance, which always brings success in God's work. One young man is a Finn who came here from Berkeley, Cal., and can scarcely speak English; but he has persevered until yesterday he was rewarded with a sale of fifty in the afternoon."

"SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCES"

Bible Texts on Doctrinal Subjects Collected, Classified, and Compared

THIS is the suggestive title of the most practical and comprehensive help to Bible study ever printed in convenient pocket size. This work of 211 pages, 3½ x 6 x ¾ inches, contains in all more than 2,200 references covering all phases of the following eighteen subjects, not including a study on the Holy Scriptures: The Second Coming of Christ; The Resurrection of the Dead; The Millennium; The Home of the Saved; The Moral Law; The Ceremonial Law; The Sabbath or Seventh Day; Sunday or the First Day; The Two Covenants; The Sanctuary; The Judgment; The Nature and Destiny of Man; Religious Liberty; The Spirit of Prophecy and Other Gifts; The Tithing System; Baptism; The Lord's Supper; Feet-Washing.

The references on each subject, except two, are first arranged in the order in which they occur in the Bible, under the names of the different books, with notes and comments suggesting the substance of the text and its bearing upon the subject; thus making easy a critical study of each text, after which the references are classified and grouped upon each phase or division of the subject in a series of propositions leading from one point to another in the most natural and logical order, with further copious explanatory notes. Of these propositions there are in all more than three hundred.

Answers to Objections, or a Refutation of Anti-Arguments, is a valuable feature of controversial subjects, such as the Sabbath, the Law, while a large number of carefully selected *Admissions, Testimonies, and Quotations*, from the most eminent scholars and authoritative works, such as encyclopedias; Bible dictionaries; church histories; church catechisms; religious publications; etc., etc., both Protestant and Catholic, in favor of the truth, are worth the price of the book.

The Index is so arranged that anything wanted can be found instantly. This has been especially commended. This work should be in the hands of every worker and believer.

Order of the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

WE have sent 1,200 of the *May Watchman* into Alabama up to this time, and expect to send many more. We hope to have the privilege of sending as many into every State in the Union, especially in the Southern States.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

WE have received a reply from our Tennessee River Conference Treasurer and will let him answer:—

"I have received to date on the 'Thanksgiving Ingathering Fund' \$368.05. There is still a little coming in, but I think most all is in now.—THOS. E. PAVEY."

ELDER FULTON, Superintendent of the Malaysian Mission, arrived in Nashville April 30, and spoke in the Memorial church Sabbath, May 1, on the Fiji Island work and how much had been accomplished among the natives. He also told the number of churches there were on the different islands in the Pacific.

By adopting a new form of strawboard box instead of wooden ones, in which to ship products to England, Australian dairy interests will save \$200,000 a year.

It is claimed that a newly-invented cotton picker, operating on the vacuum system, will pick seven hundred pounds in ten hours at a cost of less than three dollars.

BOSTON's new subway through the heart of the shopping district is the most costly mile of underground railroad in the world, having cost, with equipment, \$10,000,000.

INDIA grants to Americans each year almost as many patents as to residents of all other countries combined, Great Britain alone excepted.

ARE YOU a reader of the *Review and Herald*? If not, you cannot expect to keep pace with the message for the last days.

A NUMBER of the brethren and sisters from Nashville and vicinity left Monday night for the General Conference. There were about twenty in this party, including the president of the Southern Union Conference, president of the Tennessee River Conference, manager of the Southern Publishing Association, the president of the Mississippi Conference, and the secretary of the Missionary Department of the Southern Union Conference. A tourist sleeper carried the party all the way from Nashville to Washington, via Atlanta, arriving in Washington Wednesday morning.

Several brethren and sisters from Graysville boarded the car as it passed through Chattanooga, and several others got on at Atlanta; so the party numbered over forty on leaving Atlanta.

WE have just received an order for 200 of the *May Watchman* from C. C. Hunt and wife, who are selling the magazine on their way to the General Conference. This makes 1,200 *May Watchman* that they have ordered. They write us that they are having good success selling the paper.