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HE LEADETH ME

WHAT if the way be rough and drear, "He leadeth me" shall greet my ear; And though sharp thorns are in the way, Yet to my soul I e'er will say: "He leadeth me."

Should storms of grief my spirit meet, And lie my path through waters deep, I'll still press on, and trust, and pray, While to my weary soul I say: "He leadeth me."

And if at times from trials free, Through "pastures green" He leadeth me, I'll meekly walk the brighter way, While to my soul I gladly say: "He leadeth me."

And when my days on earth are past, When death's dark stream I meet at last, I'll gladly cross the deep, dark way, While to my fainting soul I say: "He leadeth me."

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THE TEACHER'S NEED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S AID

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THE Holy Spirit is an effective helper in restoring the image of God in the human soul, but its power and efficiency has not been appreciated in our schools as it should be. The Holy Spirit comes to the world as Christ's representative. It not only speaks the truth, but it is the truth - the faithful and true Witness. It is the great Searcher of hearts, and is acquainted with the characters of all.

The Holy Spirit came into the schools of the prophets, bringing even the thoughts of the students into harmony with the will of God. There was a living connection between heaven and these schools, and the joy and thanksgiving of loving hearts found expression in songs of praise in which the angels joined If teachers would open their hearts to receive the Spirit, they would be prepared to co-operate with it in working for their students; and when it is given free course, it will effect wonderful transformations. It will work in each heart, correcting selfishness, molding and

refining the character, and bringing even the thoughts into captivity to Christ.

It is one thing to consent to the Spirit's work in conversion, and another thing to accept that Spirit's agency as a reprover, calling to repentance. It is necessary that both teachers and students not only assent to truth, but that they have a deep practical knowledge of the operations of the Holy Spirit. Its cautions are given because of the unbelief of those who profess to be Christians. Both teachers and students should be able to recognize the voice of the Shepherd. Let those who have lost the spirit of prayer, pray, pray earnestly, Pity thy suffering cause; pity thy church; pity the individual believers, thou Father of mercies. Take from us everything that defiles; denv us what thou wilt; but take not from us thy Holy Spirit.

Instead of being repressed and driven back, the Holy Spirit should be welcomed, and its presence encouraged. When teachers sanctify themselves through obedience to the Word, the Holy Spirit will give them glimpses of heavenly things. When they seek God with humility and earnestness, the words which they have spoken in freezing accents will burn in their hearts; the truth will not then languish upon their tongues.

The agency of the Spirit of God does not remove from us the necessity of exercising our faculties and talents, but teaches us how to use every power to the glory of God. The human faculties when under the special direction of the grace of God, are capable of being used to the best purpose on earth. Ignorance does not increase the humility or spirituality of any professed follower of Christ. The truths of the divine Word can be best appreciated by an intellectual Christian. Christ can be best glorified by those who serve him intelligently. The great object of education is to enable us to use the powers which God has given us in such a manner as to represent the religion of the Bible and promote the glory of God.

We are indebted to him who gave us existence for the talents that have been entrusted to us; and it is a duty we owe our Creator to cultivate and improve the talents he has committed to our trust. Education will discipline the mind, develop its powers, and understandingly direct them, that we may be useful in advancing the glory of God.

The study of the Bible should occupy a large place in our school work; its precepts and principles are to be prayerfully and daily studied. All the instruction given should be based on the principles revealed in the life and teachings of Christ. This is the time to follow in our experience the plan of Christ for the inculcation of the Word of God .- principles that men may carry with them into the future life.

Everlasting life! Oh, if we can comprehend this in the lessons that Christ gave. The questions that the disciples brought to the Saviour after the crowds had dispersed, and the teachings that he then explained more fully to them, are essential for the multitudes to-day to understand and to practise. Practical godliness must be learned. Those who study and practise the teachings of Christ, will gain an essential education in belief and practise of Bible truth. By Bible truth, by the Word of God, every teacher will one day be measured by the greatest Teacher this world ever knew. Let whose who attend our schools make the lessons of Christ their chief study; for he came from heaven to teach the human family the principles of the kingdom of heaven. Belief of the grand truths he presented will work a reformation in all who truly receive them.

The love of the truth as it is in Jesus, means the love of all that is comprised in the truth Christ taught. Let our teachers strive to follow his example, to cherish his spirit of tender sympathy. Let none leave the love of Christ out of their labors, but let each ask himself the question. Is my life, as a Christian, a consistent life? Am I guided by the Holy Spirit? It is the privilege of every teacher to reveal the moral power of a pure, consistent, Christ-loving workman. The spiritual minded teacher will never have an uncertain religion. If he truly loves the service of Christ, he will have spiritual discernment, and spiritual life. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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"HE who knows thy frame will spare burdens, more than thou canst bear."

ALABAMA

DURING March and April I spent some time with the following churches and companies: March 1 to 15 was spent with the church at Citronelle. Elder Haysmer had preceded me, and had some interest started which needed further development. The interest remained fair until about March 10 when rains set in and some sickness in the vicinity cut the attendance down to only a few, and it was deemed best not to continue the meeting longer. One man and his wife who had lately embraced the message were greatly strengthened in the truth, and a few others admit the truth, but seem to not have courage enough as yet to step out and obey. April 2 to 4 I returned and held quarterly services with them which was greatly appreciated. April 5 and 6 were spent at Yellow Pine, where Brother W. H. Waite, one of our faithful canvassers, lives. Two services were held in the union church at that place, which seemed to create some interest to hear more of the message.

April 7 and 8 were spent visiting scattered Sabbath-keepers at Chatom and Millry. April 9 to 11 the time was spent with the church at Souwilpa. Four services were held which were a source of encouragement to the few believers here.

April 12 to 14 services were held at Samuel and Collum Springs, one service at the former, and two at the latter place. There are a few scattered believers at these places and not often do they have the privilege of a minister's visit. Fair crowds were in attendance at these places, notwithstanding the short notices given of the services.

April 15 I returned to Chatom, remaining until the 18th. Here I found a remnant of an old church that was organized about 1880 by Elder C. O. Taylor. Shortly after its organization it was visited by Elders A. O. Burrill, J. O. Corliss, G. G. Rupert, W. H. Wilbur, and Oscar Hill and wife, but it had been nineteen years since an Adventist minister had visited them; and while the most of them had gone back to the world, yet, as far as I found, they still believed that the third angel's message was the only truth and message for the times. They were astonished to hear that this message had made, and is making, such progress, and I believe a good work could be done here. I held two services in private homes, and two services in the courthouse, and many of the county officials and leading citizens were in attendance, and a number expressed a desire to hear more.

The donations on the trip amounted to \$8.00, and \$5.00 was collected on the tent fund.

The work is opening up in southern Alabama as never before, and many calls are coming asking to hear and have the message presented in places where two or three years ago there was no interest. I know of fifteen or more places in Mobile, Baldwin, Washington, and Choctaw Counties where openings are now ready to have the message presented. Who will respond to these calls? I wish that I could do more, but much of my time is required at home on account of my wife's poor health. May the Lord send workers into his harvest. W. S. CRUZAN.

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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

THE next session of the Mississippi Conference will be held in connection with the campmeeting at Meridian, July 29 to Aug. 8, 1909. We are planning to have a good meeting at that time, and we want to see every white Sabbath-keeper in the State present to enjoy it. Let all begin now to plan to be there.

We must plan at this meeting to push the work in our conference as we have never done before. Come parents, and do not leave the youth and children behind.

There will be tents for all to live in. Do not let anything keep you at home so that you will miss this great spiritual feast.

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W. S. LOWRY.

LETTER FROM WASINGTON

To the Workers of the Tennessee River Conference

IN MY last letter to you, I promised to write again before leaving this place. The General Conference closes to-day. This has been a wonderful meeting in many respects. Thousands and thousands have attended and helped to lay plans to hasten the work to the ends of the earth. If I get it correctly the Sabbath-school collections for the three Sabbaths spent here amounted to nearly five hundred dollars. About one thousand five hundred dollars were given and pledged last Sabbath for the work. To carry out the plans now before us, it will take about five hundred thousand dollars per year. Many of our conferences will give from one fourth to one third of their tithe for this cause in missionary work another year, and will send many of their workers to foreign lands.

A great move is on to finish this work. It is becoming more and more evident that the ten-cent-a-week plan of giving, to help our foreign work, is of the Lord. How is it with you, are you laying aside some money every week for this purpose? If not, why not? If you could hear, as I heard yesterday, people from all parts of the world talk in social meeting, it would be good to your soul, and would fill you with zeal to see this work done quickly. We feel to thank God for this meeting. Tomorrow we will begin to scatter to the four winds. Many are being booked for other lands by the distributing committee, and scores of others will be called soon. Soon we will be in our home conferences putting up our tents, getting ready for tent meetings for this season. Do not forget to pray for our workers, and pay your tithe. Our tithe last month was less than three hundred dollars; surely some one has failed to pay his tithe-is it vou?

God is blessing us, and this has been, so far, the most fruitful year in the history of our conference. Will you help me by your prayers, and work to continue to make it so?

Your brother worker,

W. R. BURROW.

TO ALL THE BRETHREN IN LOUISIANA

No DOUBT you have been reading the reports in the *Bulletin* and the *Review*, and as you have seen the manifest leading of God in the work now being done by our brethren in the mission fields, your hearts have been encouraged to greater faithfulness to God and love for his cause.

We are all called to go "into all the world," to labor "together with God." And surely no soul who feels that God has redeemed him, can neglect the call that ever grows louder to come over and help us.

That scene was but a small view of that final gathering on the "sea of glass" for which we have prayed so long. It was made possible by the sacrifices of our loyal people through past years. Many more are to be warned, and more means must be provided. The time for the annual midsummer offering for missions is upon us. While the world burns its money in fireworks, let us celebrate our freedom from sin, by giving freely to carry the gospel of true liberty to the millions in darkness in all the world.

"And this gospel of the kingdom *shall* be preached in *all the world* for a witness unto *all nations;* and *then* shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

We ought to be able to pay ten cents per week this year per member. Suppose we do that much for the twenty-six weeks of the first half of the year. now!

We will not be laying up much, but God will certainly keep account of it in the bank of heaven.

E. L. MAXWELL.

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KENTUCKY

WE returned from the great missionary conference, inspired with the marvelous work that the Lord is doing in all portions of the world. The third angel's message is continually gathering new forces in all the continents and islands of the seas. One is reminded of what John saw as recorded in the first verse of Revelation eighteen. The plans that were mapped out for the work in the future regarding the heathen countries, showed that the men that have this work in charge are broadening their plans.

The missionaries that seemed to be from all lands were so full of hope and courage, that it was inspiring to hear of the opening fields. The laborers from this conference were Elder Hayes, Brother and Sister Russell, Sisters Annie Horning and Dollie Callender, our field missionary, C. F. Dart, and his wife, Mrs. Burrill and the writer. We believe that these workers will be able to do much better work because of this experience at the General Conference.

June 9 the Kentucky Conference Committee held a meeting at Elder Irving's home in Lexington, and arranged for the summer's work. Calls for ministerial help are coming in from a number of fields. This is where our faithful canvassers have been with our books. Our canvassers are doing more to bring the message in Kentucky to the people than all us ministers. They are greatly blessed in their work. We thank the Lord for this. A. O. BURRILL.

TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORKERS

WE are drawing to the close of another quarter, and we will deem it a favor if one and all of our State secretaries of the Young People's work will send in their reports on time that they may be forwarded to the head department at Washington. Do not wait until you receive a letter: there is much to be done since our return from the General Conference meetings, and we may be a little late in sending out our letters to you.

We had a good time at the meeting, and many plans were laid for the advancement of the work, and we will endeavor to tell you some of the good plans that were formulated at that time. I wished that you could have been there, especially when our foreign missionaries gave in their reports of the work. Of one thing we are sure, and that is, the work is going with power, and the time is short; then let us as workers together with God not fail in the work allotted to us. This work is going to triumph, and we must triumph with it. MRS. W. M. CROTHERS. Southern Union Sec'y of Y. P. M. V. Work.

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THE SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

ARRANGEMENTS. have been made whereby our young people can earn scholarships through the sale of our ten-cent magazines. Definite information along this line may be found in the *Review and Herald*. dated April 22, 1909, on pages 21, 22. Please hunt up the paper and read it. Are there not some of our young men and women in Mississippi who would like to earn scholarships during the summer months for next year's schooling? The Temperance Number of the *Instructor* will be just the paper for you to handle this season. The papers will be furnished you at a discount. Who will have courage to try the plan?

A number of young men and women have been attending our mission schools and intermediate schools the past year and will soon be ready to enter the Graysville, Madison, and Huntsville schools.

"Waste no time in foolish wishing. but ' cast a line for yourself."

"Where necessity pinches, boldness is prudence." That means a righteous boldness, a willingness to push right out into work and do whatever your hands find to do. Make an opening for yourself.

"If the farmer fails to plow and sow, God

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does not work a miracle to undo the results of his neglect."

Just so with your education, dear young people. Will you neglect to plow, fertilize and sow your minds with knowledge now? If so, what kind of a harvest do you expect to reap?

I will be glad to hear from any of the young people in Mississippi who wish to try this plan. You should begin to lay your plans for work at once. My present address is as given below, and will be for some little time yet.

RATES

5 to 20 copies, 5 cents each; 25 to 400 copies, 4 cents each; 500 to 800 copies, $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents each; 1,000 copies or more. 3 cents each.

A final discount will be given the student when the required number of papers has been sold for the scholarship or half scholarship, making the papers cost him only 3 cents a copy, regardless of the number ordered at any one time.

These rates are applicable to any of our ten-cent magazines which you might wish to handle. MRS. MARY M. CRAWFORD. Sec. of the Y. P. M. Volunteer Work in Miss. Box 175, Nevada, Iowa.

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HEALTH FOODS

WE are glad to be able to say to our readers of the REPORT of PROGRESS that our Food Factory is now well able to supply health foods at very reasonable prices, as you will see from the price-list found on the back page, and we do not see any reason why this *new child* of the denomination should not have a strong and steady growth if properly nurtured by our people all over the Southern States.

These foods were used at the General Conference meeting, both in the dining-hall and also in the dining-tent; one and all that had an opportunity, pronounced them "excellent." Unfortunately there was only a meager supply. We were told by the brother in charge that several thousand dollars worth of these foods could have been disposed of had they been on hand. The General Conference people were well pleased with the foods, also the sanitariums in various parts of the country who are reordering after having received sample shipments.

"It is the plan of the factory to favor the consumer by making as low prices as possible

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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Tithe for May, 1909

Henderson	\$18.71
Louisville No. 2	80.14
Louisville No. 1 (3 mo.)	72.28
Richmond	2.50
Lexington No. 2	16.13
Sand Hill	14.00
Rio	3.55
Bowling Green	18,12
Individual	6.67
Milledgeville	2.84
McKinney	7.60
Total	\$242.54

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A most encouraging report from one of our missionary paper sellers is before us, and we are glad to be able to pass it on to our readers: "From January 1 to June 5, 1909, I sold 3,697 Watchman and took 12 yearly subscriptions for the Watchman.—Wm. J. Keele, Ill."

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A MISTAKE OF INGERSOLL

TWENTY-FIVE years ago, Robert Ingersoll declared in a public lecture that the Bible was an exploded book; that its sales were falling off rapidly, and that within ten years it would not be read any more. But since then, six Bible houses have been established, and the sale of the Bible has been quadrupled. The American Bible Society alone issued more than 1,500,000 Bibles last year, and the British and Foreign Bible Society more than 5,000,000. Other Bible companies show correspondingly large outputs. The total number of Bibles in English alone, produced in a single year, is upwards of 10,000,000 copies.

The Oxford Press turns out 20,000 Bibles in a week. More than 40,000 sheets of gold are used in lettering the volumes, and the skins of 100,000 animals go into Oxford Bible covers each year. The British and Foreign Bible Society prints the Bible in 400 languages.

During the first year of America's rule in the Philippines, 10,000 Bibles were distributed there. Contrary to expectations, since the <u>Boxer insurrection in China, the issue of Bi-</u> bles for China last year was 428,000 copies.

<u>The fact is, the Bible to-day is the most</u> popular book in the world, and more copies are sold than of any other hundred books combined.—*Phil. Pres.*

THE NEW FOOD FACTORY

The hearty handshake accorded the Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory is indicated in the fact that already orders have been received from twenty States and one foreign country and still they come from Maine to California and from Michigan to South America.

It is gratifying to state that our foods are giving universal satisfaction. A telegram from General Conference reads: "Nutfoda gone. Express 500 pounds immediately."— and we shipped 600 pounds by express.

We are making a full line of foods of a very high quality and at prices that are surprising. The Lord is wonderfully blessing in our efforts to do the work alloted to us that of supplying health foods at a nominal cost. The factory which is owned by the denomination is not run for profit and if we meet all expenses we shall be satisfied.

If you have not already sent in your order you should do so at once and encourage others to do the same,— don't wait. We need your orders now and you need the foods.

Food for camp-meetings should be ordered early,—give the railroads plenty of time.

SPECIAL OFFER

HEALTH foods manufactured by the Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory, Nashville, Tenn. Let us ship you a sample lot as follows:---

I pkg. Plain Graham Crackers 10c
2 pkg. Sweet Graham Crackers 20c
2 pkg. Plain White Crackers 20c
2 pkg. Sweet Oatmeal Wafers 20c
1 pkg. Plain Oatmeal Wafers 10c
1 pkg. Hand-made Whole Wheat Sticks 12c
I pkg. Hand-made Graham Sticks 12c
2 pkg. Fruit Crackers 30c
6 pkg. Ruskola 42c
6 pkg. Malted Fruit Nuts 48c
2 pkg. 20 per cent. Gluten Meal 24c
2 pkg. Dixie Kernel 30c
2 pkg. Cereal Coffee 20c
12 one-pound cans Nutfoda \$1.65
(or 7 2 ¹ / ₄ -pound cans, or 18 ¹ / ₂ -pound cans)
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Total \$5.76

We want you to have a general assortment of our foods and will make you this special introductory shipment for \$5.00, or will double it for \$10.00. The freight will be no more on a \$10.00 shipment than on a \$5.00 lot.

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SIFTINGS FROM THE GENERAL CON-FERENCE REPORTS

THE printing work in West Australia was begun on a hand-press in a bed-room. The publishing work is now carried on in a mountain district at Warburton, Victoria, where water power is employed.

ELDER J. E. FULTON, reporting the work in the Malaysian Union, stated that the Philippine Islands have a population of eight million people. Some work has been done in the circulation of literature, such as Signs of the Times (Australian) and other periodicals.

JAVA is an island six hundred and thirtyfive miles in length by one hundred miles in width, and has a population of thirty-two million people. This island contains the most densely populated section in the world.

SUMATRA has a population of three million people.

SINCAPORE, another island in this union conference, contains three million people. Of this number two millions are Chinese. Singapore is a great seaport. Fifty different lines of steamships call at this port, and in point of tonnage it is the seventh in the world.

In most of these islands rice is the principal product, and many of the most delicious of the tropical fruits are found.

In a town of Finland, only two miles from the Arctic circle, we have a faithful Sabbathkeeping family, and many interested souls.

FINLAND is sometimes called the "Land of a Thousand Lakes."

SABBATH, May 29, was a day that will long be remembered by all who were present at General Conference. Sister White gave a very impressive talk in the morning service; and Elder I. H. Evans spoke in the afternoon. After his discourse on the work in foreign lands, over \$12,000 was raised in cash and pledges for foreign missions. One sister gave \$500.

THE great burden of the present session of the General Conference was the laying of plans for an advance in the great foreign fields. A great forward movement in the carrying of the message to the regions beyond, was the key-note of the conference.

"UNLESS we understand the importance of the moments that are swiftly passing into eternity, and make ready to stand in the great day of God, we shall be unfaithful stewards. The watchman is to know the time of night. Everything is now clothed with a solemnity that all who believe the truth for this time should realize. They should act in reference to the day of God. The judgments are about to fall upon the world, and we need to be preparing for that great day."