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## THE BURDEN BEARER

"THE little sharp vexations,  
And the briars that catch and fret,  
Why not take all to the Helper,  
Who has never failed us yet?"

"Tell him about the heartache,  
And tell him the longings too;  
Tell him the baffled purpose  
When we scarce knew what to do.

"Then leaving all our weakness,  
With One divinely strong,  
Forget that we bore the burden,  
And carry away the song."



## THE HOLY SPIRIT AN AID TO BIBLE STUDY

THE Holy Spirit has been given as an aid in the study of God's Word. Jesus promised, "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Those who are under the training of the Holy Spirit, will be able to teach the Word intelligently. When the Bible is made the book of study, with earnest supplication for the Spirit's guidance, and a full surrender of the heart to be sanctified through the truth, it will accomplish all that God has promised.

The results of such study will be well-balanced minds. The understanding will be quickened; the sensibilities will be aroused; the conscience will become sensitive; the sympathies and sentiments will be purified; a better moral atmosphere will be created; and a new power to resist temptation will be imparted.

The knowledge of God is not to be gained without mental effort, without prayer for wisdom. We should search, diligently search for its hidden treasures, and seek wisdom from heaven that we may be able to distinguish between human inventions and the divine commands. The Holy Spirit will aid the seeker for great and precious truths which relate to the plan of redemption. A casual reading of the Scriptures is not enough. We must

search, and this implies a doing of all that the Word implies. As the miner eagerly explores the earth to discover its veins of gold, so we are to explore the Word of God for the hidden treasures that Satan has so long sought to hide from man. The Lord says, "If any man willet to do his will, he shall know of the doctrine."

The great error of the Romish Church is found in the fact that the Bible is interpreted in the light of the opinions of the "fathers." These opinions are regarded as infallible, and the dignitaries of the church assume that it is their prerogative to make others believe as they do. Those who do not agree with them are pronounced heretics. But the Word of God is not thus to be interpreted. It is to stand on its own eternal merits, to be read as the Word of God, which declares his will to the people.

The blessed Bible gives us a knowledge of the great plan of salvation, and shows us how every individual may have eternal life. Who is the author of the book?—Jesus Christ. He is the true Witness, and he says to his own, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." The Bible shows us the way to Christ, and in Christ eternal life is revealed. Jesus said to the Jews, and to those who gathered about him in multitudes, "Search the Scriptures." The Jews had the Scriptures which testified of Christ, but they were not able to discern Christ in the Scriptures. The truths of the Old Testament they had so mingled with human opinions that its teachings were mystified, and the will of God to man covered up. Christ's sermon on the mount virtually contradicted the doctrines of the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees. They had so misrepresented God that he was looked upon as a stern judge, incapable of compassion, mercy, or love. They presented to the people endless maxims and traditions that had no "Thus saith the Lord" for their authority. Though they professed to know and to worship the true and living God, they wholly misrepresented him and his character as revealed in his Son. Christ labored constantly to sweep away these misrepresentations, that the confidence of men in the love of God

might be restored. He taught men to address the supreme Ruler by the new name "Our Father." This name represents our true relation to him, and when spoken sincerely by human lips, it is music in the ears of God. Christ leads us to the throne of God by a new and living way.

Men need not the dim light of tradition and custom to make the Scriptures comprehensible. It is just as sensible to suppose that the sun, shining in the heavens at noonday, needs the glimmerings of the torchlights of earth to increase its glory. In the Bible every duty is made plain, every lesson is comprehensible. The gift of Christ and the illumination of the Holy Spirit reveal to us the Father. The Word is able to make men and women and youth wise unto salvation. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God; and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." No other book is so potent to elevate the thoughts, to give vigor to the faculties, as the broad, ennobling truths of the Bible. If God's Word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose that is rarely seen in these times.

Little benefit is to be derived from a hasty reading of the Scriptures. One may read the whole Bible through, and yet fail to see its beauty or to comprehend its depth of meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind, and its relation to the plan of salvation evident, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view and no positive instruction gained. Keep your Bible with you. As you have opportunity, read it; fix the texts in your memory. Even while you are walking in the street, you may read a passage and meditate upon it, thus fixing it on the mind.

Never should the Bible be studied without prayer. Before opening its pages, we should ask for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and it will be given. When Nathaniel came to Jesus, the Saviour exclaimed, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." Nathaniel said, "Whence knowest thou me?" Jesus answered, "Before that Philip called;

thee, when thou wast under the fig-tree I saw thee." And Jesus will see us also in the secret place of prayer, if we will seek him for light, that we may know what is truth. Angels from the world of light will be with those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance.

The Holy Spirit exalts and glorifies the Saviour. It is his office to present Christ, the purity of his righteousness, and the great salvation that we have through him. Jesus says, "He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you." The Spirit of truth is the only effectual teacher of divine truth.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.



### TO THE WHITE SABBATH-KEEPERS IN MISSISSIPPI

I WANT to call your attention again to the camp-meeting and conference to be held in Meridian, July 29 to Aug. 8.

In order that you may more fully realize the importance of this meeting I want to quote a few words from the Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 38: "It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth. . . . Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people."

These words have a special application to us in Mississippi.

W. S. LOWRY.



### THE ISOLATED IN THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

OUR work is onward at a rate not realized by many of our people, even by some in our well organized churches, to say nothing of those scattered here and there who keep the Sabbath alone, and have not the privilege of attending Sabbath-school as we do, and other meetings where they can hear the gospel, and of the progress of the work from time to time. Yet the Lord is providing for these scattered ones, and many of them know about the progress of the work, and are holding on faithfully in spite of the opposition made by the enemy.

The following are quotations from a few of the many letters received, from our lonely Sabbath-keepers:—

"We received your letter and were glad to have it. I wish we all could have attended the meetings at Washington. We are the only ones keeping the Sabbath here, and are standing firm under many difficulties."

"I will now answer your letter. I am sorry to have waited so long. There are only Brother ——— and a part of my family keeping the Sabbath here. I am in business five miles from ——— and my closing on the Sabbath causes a great deal of interest; and that gives me a chance to present the

truth to a great many people. I give away many tracts, pamphlets, and papers. I have one young man and his mother living near me interested in the truth. I intend to go to ——— next summer to canvass. I have a friend there who says that he knows of no Sabbath-keepers on that island. Pray for me that I may do a good work for the Lord."

If you are a lonely Sabbath-keeper, and have not received a letter from us telling you of the progress of the work, send us your name and address with the request to be placed on our list. We want to hear from all of you.

W. R. BURROW.



### LOUISIANA CAMP-MEETING

THE Louisiana camp-meeting will be held at Alexandria, July 22 to Aug. 1. This being the most central city in the State, it is hoped that there will be a large attendance from every church. We also expect a full attendance of the scattered Sabbath-keepers living in the north part of the State.

From ancient times the Lord has commanded his people to meet together yearly for worship and counsel. It is his plan that these gatherings shall unify and encourage the waiting pilgrims. Here also plans are laid for the more rapid advancement of the message. As we near the end the need of careful preparation for that event becomes more apparent. Satan is at work. We must be prepared to meet his devices. Our strength lies in co-operation with God and our brethren. Those who in the past have attended camp-meetings will testify to the strength, encouragement, breadth of vision, and general spiritual uplift received there.

The spirit of prophecy says: "It is no small matter for a family to stand as representatives of Jesus, keeping God's law in an unbelieving community." "The faith of most Christians will waver if they constantly neglect to meet together for conference and prayer. If it were impossible for them to enjoy such religious privileges, then God would send light direct from heaven by his angels, to animate, cheer, and bless his scattered people. But he does not propose to work a miracle to sustain the faith of his saints. They are required to love the truth enough to take some little pains to secure the privileges and blessings vouchsafed them of God. At least they can devote a few days in the year to a united effort to advance the cause of Christ and to exchange friendly counsel and sympathy. Many devote nearly all their time to their own temporal interests and pleasures, and grudge the few days spent, and the expense involved in going a distance from their homes to meet with a company gathered together in the name of the Lord. . . . It is required that we meet together and bear testimony to the truth."

"It will pay then, to improve the privileges within our reach, and, even at some sacrifice, to assemble with those who fear God and speak for him, for he is represented as hearkening to those testimonies while angels write them in a book. God will remember those who

have met together, and thought upon his name, and he will spare them from the great conflagration. They will be as precious jewels in his sight, but his wrath will fall on the shelterless head of the sinner. It is not a vain thing to serve God. There is a priceless reward for those who devote their lives to his service." "Our camp-meetings are arranged and held at great expense. God's ministers who advocate unpopular truth, labor excessively at these large gatherings to bear the message of mercy from a crucified Redeemer to poor fallen sinners. To neglect or treat these messages with indifference is to slight the mercy of God and his voice of warning and entreaty." *Testimonies, Vol. IV, pp. 107-115.*

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible." *Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 38.*

We have the promise of good help at this meeting. The president of the Union Conference, and other workers will attend.

Tents will be for rent at the usual prices. Be sure to bring sufficient bedding. A book stand will be operated where all our books, papers, and a full line of Bibles may be obtained. We will also have a line of the Nashville sanitarium health foods at the grocery stand.

It is hoped that all will arrange to board themselves, but for a limited number who may not be able to do so, board will be provided at a reasonable price.

Be sure to bring the children, and come praying for a new experience for yourselves and them. "Hymns and Tunes" will be used in the singing.

The annual meeting of the conference will convene in connection with the camp-meeting, for the election of officers and such other business as may come before us at this time. Each church will be entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one additional delegate for every fifteen members. The election of delegates should be attended to at once, and their names immediately forwarded to Mrs. Saxby, at Woodlawn, La.

E. L. MAXWELL, Conf. Pres.



### ALABAMA CAMP-MEETING

It has been decided to hold the camp-meeting for central and northern Alabama, August 5-15. The time is drawing near, and we trust all our people are laying plans to attend.

The exact location has not been fully settled; but it will be centrally located. We are expecting good help and a very profitable time. We cannot afford to stay away from this meeting. We believe the time appointed is the best that could be for all our people in this locality.

Begin now to plan to attend. There will be family tents at the usual rate for all who come.

The place for this meeting, and the meeting for the southern part of the state, and for the colored people, will be announced later.

A. J. HAYSMEYER, *Conf. Pres.*

### TENNESSEE RIVER CAMP-MEETING

OUR camp-meeting is to be held August 12-22, at Dickson, Tenn. Dickson is almost in the center of our conference geographically, and is made easy of access from all points by the N. C. & St. L. and L. & N. railroads.

All coming to this annual conference and camp-meeting, please remember to take certificates of the railroad agents when buying your tickets, just as we have done in the past. If one hundred come, this will give us rates home for one cent per mile, or one and one-third cents fare for round trip plus twenty-five cents.

Let all of our churches elect delegates to this conference. There should be one for each organized church, and one additional for every ten members.

Let all begin now to get ready for this meeting. It will be of great importance to our conference.

Write at once to Brother T. E. Pavay or myself for a tent.

The camp will be located in a beautiful grove.

W. R. BURROW.

*For Conference Committee.*

### "FORWARD! MARCH!"

I WAS so interested in the resolutions contained in the following article by O. A. Hall, that I am impressed to have it printed in our little paper and ask for a careful reading of the same by our Missionary Volunteer secretaries, and the young people of this department of the work. The Christian's command is not, "Right-about face! mark time!" but "Right-about face! forward! march!" Let this be our inspiring motto as we are entering upon another six-month's work:—

"Resolved, That we heartily approve of the action of the General Conference Committee in the establishment of this department, and of the earnest efforts that have been put forth to inspire our young people with high purposes, and to organize them for service.

"In considering the great work which this denomination has undertaken to carry through to its completion in this generation, the fact becomes more and more apparent that our young men and young women must be looked to as volunteers in the great army of workers that is moving at rapid pace to the front. But are our young people, generally speaking, ready for this call?

"The second resolution recognizes, 'that the greatest need of our young people is a deep spiritual life that they may meet the approval of God in their own lives, and be able to lead others to Christ.' May this great need not be recognized simply in a resolution, but may we as young people recognize it in our own hearts, and earnestly seek for that

which alone will supply this need—thorough conversion and the indwelling presence of the Spirit of Christ.

"But this does not yet produce the required qualifications. There must be an intellectual preparation. As at least the beginning of a means to this end, the educational features of our young people's work were considered and much emphasis was given to the importance of reaching the Standard of Attainment which includes a thorough study of Bible doctrines and of our denominational history. The Reading Course also received as hearty approval as could possibly be given. I am sure we shall see results in the kingdom of God from the Reading Course this year, which included the book, 'Great Controversy.' Many letters of appreciation and testimonies of blessings received, reach our desk.

"To assist our young people in becoming acquainted with the doctrines of the Bible it was recommended that a series of society lessons be prepared, and published in the form of a text-book and also conducted as a series in the *Youth's Instructor*. Will all of our young people's leaders kindly take note of this, and watch for the appearance of these lessons? We feel sure that all other readers of this will lend their hearty co-operation in this good effort to establish the old-time spirit of Bible study that we hear about.

"Other features of the work which were given careful consideration are published in the *Bulletin*, page 374,—the plan of organization, junior work, camp-meeting work, and the financial policy which may be followed in raising funds for missions and other enterprises.

"A spirit of earnestness was manifested in laying plans for the future work of this department. In the departmental meetings held from three to six times each week, the Spirit of the Lord came near to teach the young people's workers, and our hearts were stirred to a deeper sense of the importance of this work, and the need of united prayers and efforts of all that our dear young people may be saved to the cause of Christ."

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS.

*Sec. Miss. Vol. Department.*

### CANVASSING WITH HORSE AND BUGGY

BROTHER B. GRIFFITHS writes from Boggy, Fla:—

"THE Lord is truly blessing me in the work. My little ponies get very tired sometimes in this sandy country. I wish you could see my outfit. You would say I was in the work to stay. I will get a snap shot of them some day, and send it to you. I wish there were more of them going through the country. We could take the message to a great many people in a short time. I wish I could write to the REPORT OF PROGRESS to let our people know how to canvass with horse and buggy, and how easy it is to pay expenses with the helps. My expenses for the last two weeks with a team of ponies was four dollars.

### CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending June 18, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
C M Cockran.....	D&R	36	\$105 05	\$
R F Thompson.....	D&R	25	75 00	
W H Waite.....	CK	18	7 10	9 40
M L Ivory (col) 2 w	BFL	96	34 60	15 70
I W Peary (col)....	BFL	85	52 00	27 00
R Roberts (col) 2 w	BFL	85	36 00	21 50
Geo H Brown (col)..	BFL	15	12 25	10 35
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
H C Bagley.....	GC	41	19 45	2 95
J Almendro .....	CK	10	8 00	
I T Reynolds.....	GC	20		16 50
E Booth .....	CK	33	37 20	20 45
Mrs A E Frank.....	H&H	37	74 50	
Wm Olmsted ....	HofM	16	22 00	1 50
C Gordon .....	BFL	14	12 00	2 00
A B Cheek.....	D&R	43	20 25	
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
Howard Loftin .....	BR	29	17 00	
C R Callicott.....	BR	28	50 75	
C F Lowry.....	BR	24	58 50	
Mary Mundy .....	BFL	24	16 05	
Celestia Wilson ....	BFL	29	8 75	3 60
W H Haddon.....	MOFN	14	3 20	1 95
H G Miller.....	D&R	28	5 20	37 00
Louise Jackson ....	BFL	20	2 80	2 80
Virgil Smith .....	D&R	15		49 00
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
H C Balsbaugh.....	GC	52	63 70	1 00
C H Chenault 2 wks.	D&R	117	86 75	
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	70	30 00	100 00
Mamie Moore .....	D&R	26	30 70	2 85
C D Wolff.....	MISC	10	4 75	11 00
SUMMARY				
Alabama Conference....		360	322 00	83 95
Louisiana Conference...		214	193 40	43 40
Mississippi Conference..		211	162 25	94 35
Tennessee River Conf...		275	215 90	114 85
Totals .....		1060	\$893 55	\$336 55

"A GREAT style of hero draws equally all classes. Abraham Lincoln is perhaps the most remarkable example of this class we have seen,—a man who was at home and welcome with the humblest. His heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong."

MAKE yourself necessary to the world, and the sense of spiritual independence is like the lovely varnish of the dew whereby the old hard, peaked earth, and its old selfsame productions, are made new every morning, and shining with the last touch of the Artist's hand.—Emerson.

"TO EDUCATE is to develop both mind and body. The ancient Greeks cultivated the physical, as a means of gaining mental and moral power."

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## BY WAY OF REMINDER

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## CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1909 IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

Louisiana, Alexandria.....July 22—Aug. 1.  
Mississippi, Meridian.....July 29—Aug. 8.  
Alabama, Birmingham.....August 5-15.  
Tennessee River, Dickson.....August 12-22.

## TO OUR CUSTOMERS

DURING the hot weather we must ask those sending postage stamps in payment of their bills, to please purchase the regular booklet of stamps sold by the postal authorities; or send their remittances by postal money-order.

Stamps received during the hot weather are often so stuck together as to be utterly useless, hence a total loss to all concerned.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

## LIBERTY

THE next issue of *Liberty* which will be out this week, is a special number, and well adapted for our young people to work with, and we wish to call the attention of our young people to this number. *Liberty* only comes once a quarter, and we ought to make the most of it.

Brother M. E. Kern, chairman of the Y. P. M. V. Department, Washington, writes: "I have learned of the plans of the July *Liberty*, and felt that I should mention it. The Christian Endeavor Convention is to be held at St. Paul, Minn., July 7-12, and as usual they will discuss the problems of Christian Citizenship. *Liberty* is to have an article on this subject and on Civic Righteousness, as well as other strong articles on different phases of the question. It seems that our young people ought to take this issue of *Liberty* to the Christian Endeavorers and other young people of their communities. An occasion like this is an opportune time for getting the truth before the people. The Christian Endeavor young people are a strong factor in the world

to-day. They are being educated by the great conventions, and through their literature, in these principles of the union of church and state, which we know are evil. Our young people ought, under God, to make themselves a factor in the dissemination of the truth.

"Aside from the topics mentioned above, the July number is to be a temperance number. One of the articles is by Miss Erickson."

Let us rally to the call of these that are at the very head of the work, and that bear such heavy responsibilities, and let us take a goodly number of this special *Liberty*. Send in your orders at once either to your society where you are, or to the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville. We should send out thousands of this special paper, and let them go "as the leaves of autumn." Let us hear from you as soon as you can, and may the Lord put upon you the spirit of service; the battle must be fought. Then comes the victory, and when the redeemed stand before the Lord, many precious names will respond who are there because of your faithful efforts put forth in their behalf. Thus those who in this world have been laborers together with God will receive their reward.

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS.

Sec. of Young People's Work in Southern Union Conf.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF NASHVILLE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

### Financial

	Receipts	Expenses
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1909....	\$ 9 00	\$
Gospel Sentinel Fund.....	18 05	16 40
Colored Work .....	8 40	
Life Boat for State Penitentiary .....	4 91	4 91
Washington Seminary Fund..	5 00	5 00
Library Fund .....	15	
Collections .....	4 01	
General Disbursements .....		6 56
Balance on hand.....		16 65
	\$49 52	\$49 52

### Individual

Visits to State Penitentiary.....	45
Papers Mailed and Given Away.....	3550
Letters Written .....	45
Letters Received .....	32

### Band Work

BIBLE readings have been conducted with interested ones by some of the members with good results.

The Christian Help Band has supplied needy ones with articles of clothing and other necessary things, also assisting one of our schools in a small way with labor and means.

A club of the little paper, *Gospel Sentinel*, has been used since that paper was started. A good-sized list of these have been mailed weekly to friends and interested ones whose names were given by some of our faithful canvassers; others have been given away on Sundays in poor districts of the city.

A good work has been done at the city market by giving away old copies of our denominational literature. Gifts of this literature would be appreciated for we intend to keep this work up regularly.

Correspondence has been taken up with many who have in some way received copies of our papers. This has been a source of interest and encouragement to those who have taken part in it.

Lately we have been taking a small club of *Good Tidings*, and work among the Jews has been started. We feel that this branch of the Lord's work should be given more attention, for there are several thousand "lost sheep of the house of Israel" near our doors.

The outlook for the future work of the society is encouraging, and progress is onward and upward.

W. C. WALLACE, *Leader*,

DOLPHIA PIPKINS, *Sec'y and Treas.*

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

A SURPRISE party was held at the home of Brother and Sister Ford on the evening of June 20; when about thirty young people gathered to wish Brother Daugherty "God Speed" in his new field of labor. The evening was pleasantly spent in singing and recitations. After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" the young people separated with a hearty hand-shake at 10 o'clock. He left the following morning to join Elder W. C. Young, president of the Manitoba Conference, to connect with him in the work in Canada.

We have since received a letter from him, and he expresses himself as well pleased with his surroundings, and wishes the prayers of all the young people. We confidently believe that he will be an efficient worker and soul-winner for the Master.

ELDER J. N. ANDERSON in his report of the work in China gave some very interesting facts. China has an area of four million square miles with a population of four hundred thirty million.

CHINA is divided into eighteen provinces, and for convenience in our work these have been subdivided into six districts with a director or leader for each division. In one of these six divisions the population averages 683 to the square mile.

CHINA has no banking system. It is a great undertaking to get money to our workers scattered through the great empire. The rate of exchange when it can be obtained at all is as high as eight and ten per cent.

"To FILL the hour—that is happiness."

"HAPPY will that house be in which the relations are formed from character, after the highest, and not after the lowest order."