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## WHEN I HAVE TIME

WHEN I have time, so many things I'll do  
To make life happier and more fair  
For those whose lives are crowded now with  
care;  
I'll help to lift them from their low despair,  
When I have time.

When I have time, the friend I love so well  
Shall know no more the many toiling days;  
I'll lead her feet in pleasant paths always,  
And cheer her heart with words of sweetest  
praise,  
When I have time.

When you have time, the friend you hold so  
dear  
May be beyond the reach of all your sweet  
intent;  
May never know that you so kindly meant  
To fill her life with sweet content,  
When you have time.

Now is the time. Ah, friend, no longer wait  
To scatter loving smiles and words of cheer  
To those around whose lives are now so drear;  
They may not meet you in the coming year:  
Now is the time.

—Selected.

## "HE WILL FINISH THE WORK"

OFTEN the following text is quoted: "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." That it applies to this work and this generation, is very evident; for it relates to the finishing of God's work upon the earth, and other texts reveal that when God's work is finished, then comes the end.

But, while it says that "he will finish the work," it should not be concluded that God, in some supernatural way, of which we now know nothing, will take it out of human hands and himself do it. No; God does not work that way. He did not deliver Israel from Egypt in any such manner. He did not deliver his people the scores of times they afterward fell into sin, and, in consequence, into the hands of their enemies, in some mystical way.

He wrought with chosen instrumentalities filled with the Holy Spirit. Always this has been God's way of doing things. And may we not safely conclude that as we face the mighty problem of finishing the work in this generation in all the world, it will still be through consecrated human instrumentalities filled with his Spirit, that he will do it?—We believe so.

And what seems to be one of the greatest evidences that God is steadily bringing his servants into line for the accomplishing of what he has promised—the finishing of his work in the earth—is that there is a unanimity of sentiment, a oneness of purpose, taking possession of the leaders of this cause, serving in different capacities, in different countries, that is truly inspiring—all joining hands in the one work of hastening with the message out into the dark corners of the earth. This was the real inspiration of the recent General Conference. Upon this point all saw eye to eye. That it may be accomplished, conference presidents are willing to share their best workers, as well as a portion of the tithe. Who dare say that this is not God's working to bring about the answer to his own promise that "he will finish the work?"

With strong conferences offering to release their best workers, and definitely setting aside as sacred to mission fields a certain per cent. of the tithe coming into the treasury, a long step is made toward reaching the goal of warning the world within the limits of this generation. This can be brought about, though, with no little self-sacrifice on the part of conference officials. And while it will bring great courage to every believer, yet at the same time it brings additional responsibilities to every church-member. With devout thankfulness can every one lay aside sacredly the tithe of the Lord. To think that a portion of it will enable some heathen land to hear the message, by helping to provide some messenger, should thrill every loyal Seventh-day Adventist heart with joy.

This is a noble stand for a conference to take. And, as expressed by one conference president, "If we do this, I believe in my soul we shall see more people added to our

churches, and more churches raised up in our own borders than we are seeing now." No doubt this will prove true; for God has other valuable workers—humble men and women, perhaps not now known, whom he has in reserve to step in and carry forward the work at home, as other laborers are sent on to distant fields. God blesses liberality. It is the withholding of resources that impoverishes.

The oneness of purpose shown by every delegate from the homeland assembled, to share men and tithe with the mission fields; the willingness to endure some of the deprivations here at home, rather than consume the greater part of the resources here and let other fields suffer and wait—this was the greatest feature of the recent General Conference, that truly brought the most courage and hope to more than simply the missionaries themselves gathered from distant lands; for it at least contains a portion of God's answer to every believer in the third angel's message as to how "he will finish the work" in this generation. Let us all enter heartily into the plan; for with God's continued blessing, it will mean much in the rapid advancement of the cause in all the earth. T. E. BOWEN.

## GLADLY OBEYING

THE following are extracts from an interesting letter received by Brother Hook from a sergeant of the U. S. hospital corps located at Ft. McPherson, Ga:—

"Your very encouraging letter came to hand upon my return from the range, and I was very much pleased to hear from you in a semi-personal letter. Coming, as it does, from one who is quite familiar with the peculiar and unfavorable conditions extant in the military service, I feel that you may, more than a complete 'outsider,' understand something of the difficulty that has presented itself to me since I came in contact with Mr. J. L. McElhany in Manila and through him (a S. D. A. elder) to a knowledge of the truths your denomination proclaims. Through his interest and unselfish devotion I spent a very profitable period of three months, studying some things in the books of Daniel and the Revelation that I never dreamed were

there. From this, interest was aroused to know more about this strange doctrine, so I read your literature, some in the Philippine Islands and much at the range, including Smith's 'Daniel and the Revelation' with other books.

"I have corresponded with this devoted elder since his departure from Manila (January, 1908); he being now in New Zealand.

"I became greatly impressed with the fairness of the interpretation, and of the lucid explanation of portions of the Word that I, in my ignorance, thought a lot of nonsense; and have become amazed at their significance when studied in the light of history and prophecy. So greatly has it impressed me, and particularly the Sunday question, that I feel constrained to leave the service after nine years, and get into a sphere of life and action that will permit me to obey God and his law rather than the conditions that I find around me here.

"If this message is true, and I believe with all my heart that it is, this old world surely needs it, including the churches, for they are indeed stumbling along a dark way, and confirming, by their stumbling, the honest doubts of many a man who inherently longs for religion, but who cannot reconcile the many and confused dogmas that he finds in the churches(?) to-day. I cannot observe the true Sabbath in the army, so I must leave it. I have been burning with a desire for the past eighteen months (ever since being taught by Mr. McElhany) to devote what talent I may possess, to the spread of this important truth; for I firmly believe that the world is indeed in a terrific crisis, and that this is the closing century.

"I have, for that purpose, saved my earnings, and have, since being at the range, communicated with Mr. Daniells, and I am anxiously awaiting my discharge the 27th of next month, to go to Washington and interview him relative to my fitness for missionary timber. Mr. McElhany wrote him concerning me, and it was in reply to Mr. Daniell's letter that I commenced corresponding with him. If I am not deemed fitted for this work I will leave the service anyway, and just this point produces a proposition. The Sunday question, in my opinion, has an immense principle involved, and as the commercial world is regulated to fit the Catholic day, it is going to be a stiff bargain; but I am not worrying any, for surely if God be worth anything he will help a fellow who leaves the service because of religious principles involved, and I believe that he will find an opening somewhere, somehow, whereby I can observe the Sabbath. For that purpose, I wondered, as I read your letter, if I could sell your publications for the twofold purpose of extending the work in this way and to be consistent on the Sabbath question. I never did anything like that, but I believe God would and will honor a man who strives to throw up everything, and get in harmony with the divine will and law. At all events I am not going to re-enlist because I am not strong enough to be a Christian in the army.

"The subsistence problem will take care of itself all right, I guess, if I trust him for whom I am doing it.

"How anxiously I look forward to the day of my release from service, and that day will find me on a train bound for Takoma Park Station to offer myself and all my savings to defray the expense of a very necessary preparation for Bible teaching and missionary work.

Dear Mr. Hook, if I held the highest rank in the service I would *honestly* resign it tomorrow and labor cheerfully for nothing save the cause and a clear conscience. Of course I realize we cannot all be missionaries; some are not adapted, some are not qualified; but, somehow I feel that it is just there I would fit into best.

"I care not where I am sent, if it only gives me the opportunity to work. I care not for rank, emoluments or pay, if this truth is worth anything at all the preaching and spread of it is sufficient reward, with the knowledge, as you said in your letter, that you are living for another world and for things 'different' than rank, status, pay, etc., such as they are arranged in human society. If I could be permitted to devote my time to this work I would love it, and render the best that was in me. It is not with any sentimental desire to see a foreign country or being "stage-struck" as it were, if you will pardon the expression; I have seen all of this world I want to see, after having gone around it, but it is with an earnest desire to acquaint the world, whether it be in China or Georgia, with the great truths that are so closely related to this very present generation and day. This becomes more and more serious as the Turkish question presses hard upon the diplomatic scales of Europe, and it overwhelms me when I think of the probabilities of the near bomb-burst in the European arena. I am hardly worthy of such a great commission, but I would labor my best. I feel a peculiar consolation in knowing that you became convinced of this truth sufficiently to practically give up military service in the pay department, for it confirms my determination that I am doing the right thing too."

#### KENTUCKY

THURSDAY night and Friday morning I had the pleasure of being with Brother and Sister Sutton at Leitchfield. It was a great pleasure to meet these aged servants of the Lord. I found our periodicals in their home, and they were intelligent regarding the progress of the message. The coming of the Lord is a live issue with them. They renewed their subscriptions for the *Review* and *REPORT OF PROGRESS*. He also ordered twenty-five of the *Protestant Magazine* to sell among his neighbors. They have passed the threescore-and-ten mark.

At noon Brother G. S. Coble came to take me with him to his home which is fourteen miles from Leitchfield, and eight miles from Grayson Springs. It was nearly night when we reached his home. Here I found seven children, aged from four to sixteen years. The

home is in the country. These parents feel the need of training their children for the Lord. While there they asked us to find a teacher for their children for a six month's school.

We received word from Sister Maude Rutherford of Russellville, while at Brother Coble's, that she had engaged a three month's school at Locas Branch, beginning July 19, and that she wanted another school at the close of that one. We have connected her with the proposed six month's effort, and likely she will accept of the situation. God will bless the work for the children and youth.

There are two families there. Some of them had been unfaithful in regard to rendering to the Lord his tithe. We laid before them the sad results of doing thus. "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully." Jer. 48:10. "That no man might lose the blessed results of benevolence, our Redeemer formed the plan of enlisting him as his coworker. By a chain of circumstances which would call forth his charities, he bestows upon man the best means of benevolence, and keeps him habitually giving to help the poor and to advance his cause. He sends the poor as the representatives of himself. . . . In bestowing, we bless others, and thus accumulate true riches."—*Testimonies, Vol. III, p. 382.*

They have a little Sabbath-school. We remained with them four days. These parents and children are planning to attend the camp-meeting in Louisville, August 19-29. They pledged six dollars on the midsummer offering, and twenty-five dollars on the tent fund. This family are regular subscribers for the *Review* and *REPORT OF PROGRESS*. We greatly enjoyed our stay with them.

A. O. BURRILL.

#### ROBBING GOD

THERE are warnings for the Lord's people in the New Testament as well as in the Old. "The history of Ananias and Sapphira is given us that we may understand the sin of deception in regard to our gifts and offerings."—*Testimonies Vol. V, p. 148.*

"If the presence of Achan was sufficient to weaken the whole camp of Israel, can we be surprised at the little success which attends our efforts when every church and almost every family has its Achan. The work might have gone forward with far greater power had all done what they could to supply the treasury with means." *Ibid. p. 157.*

"God's plan in the tithing system is beautiful in its simplicity and equality. All may take hold of it in faith and courage, for it is divine in its origin. . . . If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God; and there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the message of warning to the world. The treasury will be full if all will adopt the system, and the contributors will not be left the poorer."—*Spirit of Prophecy.*

"The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Prov. 11:25. "Thou shalt be blessed above all people." This was said of ancient Israel, but it is as true of us. "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently . . . to observe and do all his commandments, . . . that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth." Deut. 28:1.

A. O. BURRILL.

**TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE**

*To Our Brethren and Sisters*

We have, by the favor of God, been blessed with life, food, and raiment almost to the close of another conference year. For this I trust we feel very grateful.

August 12-22 is the time set for our annual conference and camp-meeting which will be held this year at Dickson, Tenn. We trust and believe this will be one of the most important gatherings ever held in our conference. If you have not made up your mind to attend, do so now, for you cannot afford to miss it. Write to Brother T. E. Pavey (who is now at Dickson) for a tent. Be sure to get a certificate from the railroad agent when you buy your ticket. The camp will be in a beautiful grove near the depot.

Your brother,

W. R. BURROW.

**DICKSON, TENNESSEE**

THE tent-meeting at this place has been in progress a little over a week. The severe wind storm we have passed through, and the continued rains we are having, have deterred the attendance of the people living at a distance; however we now have the tent filled and are having as good an interest as we could expect, and this is increasing every night. We are hoping for settled weather.

A protracted meeting began yesterday in the Christian church. The churches have union meetings every Sunday night. We are doing all we can to attract the people to the tent by holding up the truth for this time, and lifting up the Saviour, and he says, "I . . . will draw all men unto me."

But one month is before us till camp-meeting will be upon us, which, we fear, will interrupt this meeting; for the tent will have to be moved to the **camp grounds**, as the tent is now located on Main Street in the central part of the city.

Brother Thos. E. Pavey is with me, having charge of the tent, and attending to his regular conference official work. My daughter, Mrs. Eldridge, is in charge of the music. These two, with my wife and I, constitute our tent company, my wife and daughter not being in the employ of the conference. We greatly feel the need of more workers to help us in household-work, and of the prayers of God's dear people.

R. M. KILGORE.

SELDOM can the heart be lonely,

If it seeks a lonelier still:

Self-forgetting, seeking only

Emptier cups of love to fill.

—Francis Ridley Havergal.

**CANVASSING REPORT**

**Southern Union Conference**

**For Week Ending July 2, 1909**

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
R F Thompson.....D&R	48	\$149	25	\$
Ben Griffith 2 wks...BFL	91	137	00	8 50
R V Cory.....D&R	42	81	75	
W G Ringgold.....BS	29	53	50	54 50
C M Cochran.....D&R	27	53	50	
Carl Matthews ....BFL	30	48	50	6 05
Mrs R V Cory.....D&R	31	33	80	
A F Harrison.....D&R	21	33	00	5 50
K Skidmore .....BFL	52	60	75	
M L Ivory.....BFL	33	16	10	10 30
R Roberts .....BFL	55	12	00	11 00

**MEMORIES OF THE SOUTHLAND**

HAVING labored for a time in the sunny South, my thoughts naturally revert with much interest to that field. It was thirteen years ago last spring that I was requested by Elder Olsen, or rather the General Conference Committee, to labor in the Tennessee River Conference. I rather unwillingly complied with the request, and remained there about two and one-half years. I must say that my attachments for the friends and the work there became very strong, and it is with much interest that I think of experiences and associations in Nashville, Murfreesboro, Memphis, Trezevant, Springville, Hazel, Bowling Green, Sand Hill, and many other places that I might mention; also of camp-meetings at Clarksville, Milan, Guthrie, and Elizabethtown. Neither have I forgotten the laborers with whom I was associated there, some of whom, such as Elders Allee, Boyd, and Collie now rest from their labors.

It is with much delight that I learn of the advancement and growth of the cause there during the ten years of my absence. How little did I suppose when I baptized a young man in the baptistry of the church in Nashville, now owned by our people there, that that house of worship would ever come into our possession. Much less did I dream that in a short time a large publishing house, sanitariums, and educational institutions would be flourishing within a radius of a few miles.

It was with a good degree of sympathy that I recently took up a collection for the Rock City Sanitarium. Possibly it may seem to laborers now in that field that the work moves slowly, but viewing it from this remote locality it looks like a very rapid and remarkable progress. May courage fill the hearts of all the workers and members in that interesting field. "What hath God wrought?"

F. D. STARR.

Forest, Idaho.

**QUITMAN, LOUISIANA**

At the close of the tent-meeting at Hodge, the believers in the country near Quitman who came out last summer, and those who have embraced the message this season in the meetings that have been held by Brethren

**KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

M J Weber.....BFL	40		58 20
Charley Allran ....BFL	35	15 00	6 00
Rochelle Philmon ..H&H	30	55 75	2 75
H E Beck.....D&R	57	47 25	2 50
Mrs Alice Reynolds..BFL	26	50	2 50
Z S Arey.....BFL	80	30 50	1 50
Lyndon Taylor .....BFL	20	4 00	

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

E Booth .....CK	31	27 25	1 00
C L Collison.....D&R BR	20	12 25	20 50
Mrs A E Frank....H&H	20	25 75	1 00
I T Reynolds.....BFL	24	40 00	6 50
B L Roberts.....CK	34	45 00	11 00
H C Bagley.....GC	42	5 65	36 75
J N Steel.....GC	31	8 25	5 00

**MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**

J S Fry.....D&R	36	34 00	2 00
W H Haddon.....MOFN	31	37 25	2 50
C F Lowry.....BR	30	66 00	
H E Loftin.....BR	30	53 50	
C R Callicott.....BR	27	46 75	
H G Miller.....CK	15	13 25	4 25
LeRoy Case .....BFL	37		32 50
Mrs Mary Mundy...BFL	21	11 45	
Celestia Wilson ....BFL	24	5 15	1 35
Louise Jackson ....BFL	14	4 00	7 00
Emily Billups .....BFL	60	22 00	14 00
Ruby & Grace Holt PAP'S	50	18 00	18 00

**TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE**

H C Balsbaugh.....GC	56	71 40	
C H Chenault.....D&R	39	24 05	2 05
R H Hazelton.....MISC	40	23 00	1 50
Mamie Moore .....D&R	22	15 50	44 95
G W Powers.....CK	22	6 50	

**SUMMARY**

Alabama Conference....	459	678 95	95 85
Kentucky Conference....	282	153 00	73 45
Louisiana Conference...	202	164 15	81 75
Mississippi Conference..	375	311 35	81 60
Tennessee River Conf...	179	140 45	48 50

Totals ..... 1497 1447 90 381 15

**WATCHMAN AGENT'S REPORT**

Name	Hrs.	Orders	Value
Wm J Keele.....	23	134	\$13 40

Hanson and Frank, were organized into a church by the writer. Six were baptized, and eight united to form the church. There are some others who will unite later.

This work was begun by Brother Cheek, who sold books here about a year ago. Thus this is one more evidence of the high calling of the canvasser, and of the results that will attend his work when it is done in the fear of God.

Yours in the work,

E. L. MAXWELL.

THAT a person who has been truly converted should endeavor to lead other souls to the same results by the same route, is not unnatural, unwise, nor likely to be unsuccessful. The man who can say, "I know," gets a hearing if any one can do so.—Selected.

# Report of Progress

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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.  
Kentucky, Louisville.....August 19-29.

## KENTUCKY CAMP-MEETING

THE next conference and camp-meeting will be held on Magnolia and Brook Streets, Louisville, August 19-29. The location is in the heart of the city, and easily reached from all railway stations by street-car lines. Elder Hayes and Brother Russell are now holding a tent-meeting with a good interest about four blocks from the camp ground.

A. O. BURRILL, Pres.

## TENTS FOR RENT

THOSE coming to the Kentucky camp-meeting will need tents. We will have a sufficient supply of 12 x 14-foot tents which will rent for three dollars for the entire meeting. Those wishing tents, please address me at Milledgeville, Ky. We cannot assure tents to those who do not order them before they arrive on the ground for the meeting.

A. O. BURRILL,

## NOTICE!

THE first annual meeting of the Kentucky Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will meet at Louisville, Ky., Aug. 23, at 9 A. M. This meeting is called for the election of officers, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the association.

A. O. BURRILL, Pres.,  
E. G. HAYES, Sec.

"A STRAIGHT line is the shortest in morals as in mathematics."

## EXPOSITION NUMBER

ELDER A. O. TAIT on his return from the General Conference visited the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle for the purpose of gathering material for one feature of the August number of the *Signs* monthly. He was given every advantage possible by those in charge of the fair, and secured some very fine illustrations. His article presents the purposes of the exposition, and facts concerning the Northwest, with numerous interesting photographs.

The real purpose of the *Signs* in presenting this most interesting feature is emphasized in Elder Wilcox's article, *Westward the Course of Empire Takes Its Way*, in which is given a review of the world's kingdoms, and the real prophetic setting of the period of progress which has attended development in the United States.

Its general articles touch every phase of the message; its home, temperance, and religious liberty features are up to the usual standard.

The Lord is richly blessing definite effort with the magazine. Fifty-three thousand of the July number were sold. "I sold one hundred copies a day every day last week. The Lord is wonderfully blessing me in my work" writes a young woman of five week's experience.

The suggestions and canvasses in the *Signs Worker* will assist you in making a success. The August number is an excellent one with which to begin work.

Twenty-five copies cost \$1.00; they bring \$2.50.

One hundred copies cost \$4.00; you sell them for \$10.00.

Order of the tract society.

## TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

BRETHREN Kilgore and Pavey are now busily engaged in a tent-meeting in Dickson, Tenn. We are praying God to bless them. The camp-meeting will be held here August 12-22.

A letter from Brother Keele tells of his wonderful success in selling the *Watchman*. He says, "I have sold over four thousand *Watchman*, and took about fifty yearly subscriptions, besides preaching several sermons which were very effectual, and had several personal talks and prayer with the people. I am much encouraged over my work."

Are there not others among us whom God is calling to take hold of this work the same as Brother Keele is doing? If God is calling you, do not fear to trust him. Walk out by faith, and do your duty.

The tent-meeting in Memphis is now going on with fair success. The tent is located on the car line, corner Lamar Avenue and Oak View Street, in a beautiful grove. The men that own this beautiful property gave us the use of these lots free. Brother Charlie Kilgore and family are located on the ground. They will prove a great help in singing, selling papers, advertising, holding Bible readings, and praying with the people. All gave them a welcome to join the force of workers in Memphis. Brother Washburn is now putting his

whole life into tent work again, and we pray for his success, and believe God will give it.

Sabbath and Sunday, July 2 and 3, we spent with Professor Rowe at the Springville church. The brethren and sisters here were glad to see us. The cause of our going (we found after we got on the ground) was that a Baptist minister was to speak against the law and Sabbath. On Saturday night we all went to hear him. The effort to expose us was so feeble that we thought it not necessary to even mention it; so we went on with our work at the church and had some good meetings. The brethren and sisters here are preparing to come to camp-meeting. W. R. BURROW.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

THE midsummer offering taken up in the Nashville church July 3, amounted to \$62.05. A pretty good sum for one collection considering that the members have been raising \$200.00 for their new furnaces which have just been placed in the basement of the church.

Reports from State missionary secretaries; also State secretaries for the Young People's Missionary work are now due. Have you sent in yours?

Thursday evening the employees of the Southern Publishing Association and other friends met at the hospitable home of Brother and Sister R. B. Owen, to bid Brother Spear and family Godspeed on their journey to Australia, where Brother Spear goes to take charge of the bindery of the *Signs* of the Times Publishing Association at Warburton, a suburb of Melbourne.

Brother Spear is a man of sterling worth, and the Southern Publishing Association regrets very much to lose his valuable services.

About eighty-five friends met to bid him farewell. Brother Ford, in a few well-chosen words, on behalf of the publishing house employees, presented him and his wife with a substantial suit case.

Brother Spear responded with a few remarks, after which refreshments were served, and the guests dispersed to their homes, feeling that it was good to have been there.

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

### Tithe for June

Individual .....	\$12.85
Jennings .....	77.46
New Orleans No. 1.....	60.58
Welsh .....	42.37
Shreveport .....	20.10
Hammond .....	4.30
Hayes .....	12.50
Lake Charles .....	8.30

Total .....

\$238.46

Mrs. C. A. SAXBY, Treas.  
Woodlawn, La.

"DISCRETION in speech is more than eloquence."