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HARVEST DAY

We can never be too careful
What the seed our hand shall sow;
Love from love is sure to ripen,
Hate from hate is sure to grow.
Seed of good or ill we scatter
Heedlessly along the way,
But a glad or grievous fruitage
Waits us at the harvest day.

—Selected.

"HE IS FAITHFUL THAT PROMISED"

INTO almost every life there may come times of discouragement, when all around takes on a tint of blue, and we wonder if God has forgotten us. We may not give shape to the question either in word or thought, yet it may sometimes be implied in our actions.

If our vision were not so circumscribed, if we could see as God sees, would we not consider such a question—let it come in what shape it will—to be treason? God is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. He never forgets.

Take, for instance, his dealings with Abraham. God made him a promise, and later confirmed it with an oath. Abraham waited long for the fulfilment. His faith was sorely tried. He had an abundance of time in which to wonder, and question, and doubt,—and try to help the Lord keep his promise. But the Lord had not forgotten, and twenty-three years later the promise was fulfilled. He was faithful that promised.

Again, take the history of the Amalekites. To the casual on-looker it may seem a far cry from the battle of Rephidim to the prime minister at the luxurious court of a Persian monarch, if, indeed, the connection is at all discerned.

Let us view the battle-field, and see something of what was involved in that struggle. The Israelites had left Egypt, and were on their way to the promised land. They had passed through the wilderness of Sin, and came and camped at Rephidim. Here they met the great trouble of the wilderness. There was no water. Water, water, was the cry of the wilderness, and a well of good water nearly always proved to be a bone of con-

tention between two factions. Rephidim was no exception. The Lord miraculously provided water for his children; but there was more involved than simply the causing of a spring to break forth. Israel was a school. The Lord was teaching them his eternal purpose which he had purposed in Christ Jesus.

The smitten rock was emblematic of the spiritual Rock, their Saviour, for Israel "did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that went with them; and that Rock was Christ." 1 Cor. 10:3, 4, margin.

No sooner was Israel supplied with water than Amalek came up to give battle. The record is, "Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; how he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God." Deut. 25:17.

The Amalekites were a strong, warlike, treacherous nation. Their plan of campaign in this instance, however, was to carry on a guerilla warfare; to worry and harass and drive off the Israelites, and steal from them the blessing the Lord had provided for his children.

The act of Amalek was one of presumption for "he feared not God." This is further indicated in the death penalty pronounced upon them by the Lord. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua; for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. And Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi [the Lord my banner]: for he said, Because the hand of Amalek is against the throne of the Lord, therefore the hand upon the throne of the Lord hath sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." Ex. 17:8-16, margin.

Amalek was fighting against the Lord of heaven, and trying to thwart his purpose; but the Lord's promises were to Abraham, and to his seed forever, and "he is faithful that promised."

Amalek's doom was sealed, yet a long-suffering God delayed the execution, "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

However, there came a time in the history of the Amalekites when their cup of iniquity was full; and the decree came forth to Saul, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass." 1 Sam. 15:2.

Saul disobeyed, spared the royal family, and lost his kingdom because of his disobedience.

Later David had an encounter with them and destroyed all but four hundred young men that rode upon camels and escaped.

The next we hear of them is at the court of the Persian monarch, Ahasuerus. Haman the Agagite, the prime minister, was the Jew's enemy and oppressor. It was the old controversy continued. Once more the Lord worked for his oppressed and peeled people, and the last of the Amalekites went down before the Lord's chosen. He was faithful that promised.

Does the Lord forget?—Ah, no. He says, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." "But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me."

The Lord answers the charge. "Can a woman forget her sucking child?—Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee." Why?—Because, "Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands." By nail-prints we are engraved on the hands of our Saviour. The print of a spear thrust into a broken heart bears record of a Father's love.

God forget?—No, no. He made a promise one time and waited four thousand years before his people saw any signs of its fulfilment; but a Babe in a manger; a Youth in a carpenter-shop; a Man in the wilderness, on the storm-tossed sea, on the lone mountain, through dark Gethsemane to Calvary, all testify that "He is faithful that promised."

M. H.

ALABAMA

At the Southern Union Conference Committee meeting held in Nashville the latter part of June, the Southern Union Mission was organized as recommended at the General Conference. It was decided that the writer act as field secretary.

~~This made it necessary for me to close up my labors as president of the Alabama Conference. I called a meeting of the conference committee at Huntsville, Ala. Elder C. F. McVagh and Sister Helen McKinnon, our secretary and treasurer, were also present. A new president was chosen, and arrangements were made so that I could enter at once upon my new work.~~

I decided to visit most of our churches in Alabama before going to other parts of the field. I had good meetings at Birmingham, Sylacauga, Montgomery, Pensacola, and Mobile. Our colored brethren all seemed well pleased with the plans of the new department, and I believe they will all take hold of the work with renewed earnestness. They promised to consecrate themselves anew to God, and be more faithful in paying the tithe and giving of their means to help on the work.

We were deeply impressed that mission schools should be started this fall at three new places, Birmingham, Gadsden, and Pensacola, Fla. At the latter place about twenty new interested ones have taken their stand for the truth. I earnestly believe that if our brethren at these places will do all their duty to start these schools that they can be started.

I now close my work in Alabama for the present and go on to Mississippi to look over the field, and see the conditions of the work there, and plan to push it on this fall and winter. Professor F. R. Rogers will accompany me to different churches and companies, especially where school and tent work is needed.

As I leave Alabama after nearly four year's labor, I regret very much that I have not been able to accomplish more. But the Lord has helped, and we give him all the glory for what has been done. I earnestly pray that the new president and all our dear people in Alabama will enjoy much of God's blessing, and that the work may advance as never before.

I desire your prayers, brethren and sisters, that the Lord will guide and direct me in my new work, and that we may all be faithful and true to the work God has for us to do. May we all soon meet to praise our God through all eternity. A. J. HAYSMER.

KENTUCKY**Louisville**

I HAVE been with both churches in Louisville during the last two Sabbaths. Sister Callender had a successful Sabbath-school institute with the colored church. All enjoyed it very much, and were much profited by it. They are calling for a tent-meeting to begin the first week in September. We have everything but the ministers for such an undertaking. For this we have appealed to the

new secretary of the Southern Union Mission, Elder A. J. Haysmer.

The tent effort among the whites is having considerable interest. The last Sunday the captain of the Salvation Army of that city came to the tent, saying that he did not find spiritual food in the army. He was satisfied that the Sabbath should be observed, that the Holy Spirit has been striving with him for a long time, calling him to observe it. While with us he surrendered to the Lord, and decided to resign his position in the army. He had been brought up in the army. His father is one of the laborers in the "West India Mission." His mother's prayers for him had followed the young man. As parents, let us keep our prayers ascending for the children. They come up before the One who is touched by our petitions.

Quite a number are deeply stirred by the message. The workers are in the midst of the Sabbath question. May the Lord give them much fruit.

During the last week about fourteen canvassers from Indiana, led by Brother Spoler, encamped on the lot with the tent company. They are students working for scholarships with our magazines. They are canvassing the city from house to house. The evening after the Sabbath they went out on the streets, and their sales amounted to above forty-five dollars. On Sunday morning some went out again. One of the young sisters cleared above six dollars and another about five dollars. On this day their time was devoted principally to *Liberty*.

These twelve or thirteen young women connected with the company are all working for scholarships. The message is gathering new power. The work which these young people are doing can be duplicated by the sons and daughters of the believers in Kentucky. Our young men who are working for scholarships are averaging about one hundred fifty or one hundred sixty dollars worth of orders per month.

With this message has come the spiritual life and food and raiment. Our youth can get an education by the means that come from selling the message. How joyous are the young while canvassing for scholarships.

Sadieville

I have been here for two days. Brethren Harris and Bivins, with their families, came here this spring. They are holding up the light. One young woman has received the message through their efforts. On account of sickness in one of the families we did not hold public meetings. They all are encouraged to live out the message. A. O. BURRILL.

DICKSON, TENNESSEE, TENT

THE meetings this week have caused greater attractions and more of an awakening than are usually seen at this stage of the effort. Our congregations increased from the first till the tent was filled.

Elder J. A. Harding, of Bowling Green, Ky., who has been conducting a protracted meeting in the Christian church, preached last Sunday

on the Sabbath and Law. After asking the privilege, I announced a review of the discourse at the tent Monday night. Elder Harding said, "I'll be there," and then told his congregation all to go.

On Sunday we preached the gospel to a full tent, while two other meetings were in progress not far off. Monday night about five hundred people were present. They gave most excellent attention to our answer to the no-law position that was presented.

When I closed Elder Harding took the stand, and announced that he would speak the following night on the same subject, and asked for the tent, as it was much cooler here than at their meeting-house. We granted his request at once, for we did not want the congregation divided, and we saw an opportunity to meet their groundless assertions and assumptions before a great many more people than we could if the crowd was drawn away by a desire to hear the "other side."

We are, therefore, speaking alternate nights, conducting the services as each would in regular preaching. We have no stated propositions, no rules, or moderators to govern us, so we are free and untrammelled to take any course which seems best to us without regard to that presented by the other. The people are much better pleased with this plan than with the usual debates and attendant evils which they engender.

How long we shall continue on this line is not settled. There is, thus far, a good spirit in the meetings. All are feeling well, and the crowds continue to come, and are deeply interested.

The truth is gaining ground, and some are accepting it and planning to obey.

R. M. KILGORE.

FREEPORT, FLORIDA*Notes From a Canvasser*

THE following is a letter written to Brother Hook, and we are glad to have the privilege of publishing it in our little paper:—

"I am sending in my report for the two weeks ending September 17. The Lord has truly blessed me in many ways, and I have had many trials with Satan; but have relied on the Lord's promises, and have come out victorious.

"I had a good week. I went to one place and they told me they did not want any books, and that I was only wasting my time. I asked them if they would let me explain the book to them. The Lord softened their hearts so that I took three orders in that home. At another place the man was out in the field. He started to abuse me, but I talked very kindly to him. Then he let me give him a canvass, and I took his order.

"It is wonderful how the Lord works for his laborers if they will only trust him. I am just about through with Walton County. I am following right on the heels of a man that is selling Bibles and other religious books; and it makes it a little hard for me. I hope some day to see the results of my work. I sometimes want to tell the people the whole

truth, but have to curb my zeal, and let the book do that when they get it.

"To-day I took twenty-seven orders for 'Bible Footlights,' twenty-six of which are gilt and one plain edition; and sold for cash two 'New Testament Primers' in cloth. That is not so bad for Sunday. I gave a canvass in a church to-day, and did well.

"Yours in the work,

"B. GRIFFITHS."

WHOM SHALL WE OBEY?

At the first collision with the Sanhedrin the apostles said: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." They assumed that they were dealing with sincere men. When arrested the second time for no other offense than the preaching of a spiritual religion—serious enough in the eyes of the skeptical Sadducees—they no longer submitted the matter to their judges, but simply and firmly said: "We ought to obey God rather than men."

Evidently, this is not a debatable issue. To the man who knows what the will of God is and finds it in conflict with the commands of men, there is only one course open. The matter is not subject to debate. He has no occasion to submit it either to friends or enemies; his course is clear. Even to hesitate is to compromise with his conscience. To begin to debate is to be lost.

There is no firmer tribute to the value and the reality of religion in human life than is furnished by the long roll of martyrs. The very word has altered in its meaning. In the beginning it meant simply a witness—one who testified in behalf of his faith. Now it is taken everywhere to describe one who bears witness at the cost of his physical life, who pays the final and supreme tribute to the reality of those inner convictions which have to do with the spirit-world. "Greater love hath no man than this," said the Master, "that a man lay down his life for his friends." And greater proof of his faith can no man give than by the same sign. Commonly it is felt and said that the body is more real than the soul, the material than the spiritual. But there have always been eyes that pierced the veil, hearts to whom God is the most present of all facts.

"Faith lends its realizing light;

The clouds disperse, the shadows fly;

The invisible appears in sight,

And God is seen by mortal eye."

"I did see the heavens open," said a great musician, "and the great God himself sitting on his throne." So to Stephen, the veil was drawn aside that he might see Jesus "standing on the right hand of God." Acts 7: 56.

It is not only for the crises of experience, for the moment of martyrdom, for example, or the hour of public opinion; but in every time of temptation, when men will try to persuade you that it is such a small matter,—but what saith the Scriptures?—Let us obey God, when the question of right is at stake.

"HOLINESS cannot be bought or sold; it is not a marketable article."

OBITUARY

PEARSON.—Thursday morning, July 22, we received the sad news of the death of Brother N. S. Pearson, who was living at Trezevant, Tenn., and was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for about twenty-five years. He was one of the charter members of the Leach church, having taken his stand under the preaching of Elder Samuel Fulton in 1883. God blessed his work as a lay member, and also while he acted as elder in the Trezevant church, of which he was a member when he died; having joined about eighteen years ago.

He fell asleep in Jesus, believing that the Lord would come soon, and that he would be remembered at that time, and come forth to life and immortality.

In his last hours he was given his strength and clear voice and right use of his mind to speak the last message of mercy with clearness and power. This was marvelous to all. He called before him, one by one, his family and brothers, and gave to them his last and parting words. He spoke very feelingly as he talked of the weaker ones of his family, and those out of the ark of safety, asking that they might be helped to see this truth and meet him in the kingdom.

He was 69 years and 10 months old, and leaves a wife, four children, and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss; but without hope. He suffered much, but bore his pains with patience; and when informed by the physicians that he would soon have to die, that they had done all they could for him, he called for prayer, and was perfectly resigned to the will of the Lord.

Words of comfort were read from John 5: 28; 1 Cor. 15: 12-22; Rev. 21: 1-5; and Isa. 35: 1-10.

W. R. BURROW.

AN EPIDEMIC OF TORNADES

YEARS ago our tornado season came in the latter part of the summer. Almost all times of year seem to be propitious these days. The last of April was marked by what the newspapers call an epidemic of tornadoes. Cyclones, blizzards, and hurricanes swept the whole East from the Rockies to the Alleghenies, and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf. One paper gives the record of death at 140; another at 178. Three towns were wiped out in Tennessee; six villages in ruins in Arkansas; two towns wrecked in Alabama; two in Missouri; tidal wave on Lake Michigan doing great damage, fearful hail storms sweeping through Illinois, ruining crops: fruit crops of Colorado ruined; tornado in Ohio that swept three counties. Throughout the South we are told that there are hundreds of mangled bodies, and a general devastation of property worth many millions, and in the section around Memphis there are at least one hundred dead. It will take days before anything like a correct estimate can be made. Definite news seem to indicate that in Centerville, Tenn., twenty are killed; twenty in Chicago; eleven in Golden, Mo.; twenty in Pulaski, Tenn. Dead are recorded in nineteen different places. These increasing calamities are among the in-

dications of the aging earth.—*Signs of the Times.*

CHANGE OF SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION MANAGER

SOON after his return from the General Conference in Washington, Brother I. A. Ford tendered his resignation as manager of the Southern Publishing Association. Some time was needed to fill the position thus made vacant, and on July 15 this Board at a regular meeting decided to ask Brother Richard Hook Jr. to act as manager. We bespeak for Brother Hook the cordial support of all in the important position to which he has been called.

Brother Ford is taking a much-needed rest preparatory to accepting work elsewhere. We wish him Godspeed, a larger field, and increased usefulness.

PUBLISHING HOUSE BOARD.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CHEAP moving-picture shows are everywhere. The importance of more supervision, either of the class of pictures or of those who view them, has lately been illustrated by an incident in Atlanta, Ga. Three boys, the eldest eight years of age, the youngest six, visited a picture show and saw a representation of an execution by hanging. After they went home, they tried to repeat what they had seen, with the youngest boy as the victim. He was found barely in time to save his life.—*Youth's Companion.*

THE Navy Department is about to erect a tower six hundred feet high in Rock Creek Park, Washington, as the keystone to the greatest wireless station in the world. The tower, which will be built of concrete, will be fifty feet in diameter at the base, tapering to eight feet at the top, and among man-made structures it will be surpassed in height by three structures only—two "sky-scrapers" in New York and the Eiffel Tower in Paris. By means of the new station wireless messages may be sent across three thousand miles of space, and the Navy Department will be able to keep in communication with the fleets in the North Atlantic, and with any ships at Gibraltar, and to converse with the navy-yards on the two coasts.—*Youth's Companion.*

CONSECRATION TO THE WORK

TRUE piety begins when all compromise with sin is at an end. When the soul has surrendered itself to do the will of God, there is no feeling of self-security. And if we live under the guidance of the Spirit of God day by day and hour by hour, we shall not fail, nor be discouraged.—*Gospel Workers*, p. 363.

PAUL said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise." God had revealed to Paul his truth, and in so doing made him a debtor to those who were in darkness, to enlighten them.—*Test.*, Vol. 4, p. 52.

TEN WEEKS' WORK

DURING the past ten weeks ending July 17, 1909, the dear Lord helped me to take \$410.35 worth of orders, and deliver \$356.70 worth of books. I have had many rich experiences while taking the orders; also in delivering the books. Next morning after reading his book, I heard one man say that he would not have missed the book for a ten-dollar bill. I have heard others make like expressions in regard to the good books.

It is true I have worked very hard during these ten weeks. Part of these were spent in delivering. In some cases I could not take the horse and buggy, and had to walk. There was much rain and mud, and part of the time the weather was very warm. But I have met with so many rich experiences that I have proved the promise which says: "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." And again: "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

Yes, I am very thankful for a humble place in the fast-closing work, and I am of good courage, and want to stay in the field till the work is done. M. J. WEBER.

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

IN harmony with an action taken at its recent session, the General Conference has enlarged the work of its Educational Department by the organization of a correspondence school. For the sake of effectiveness and economy, this school will make use of the machinery already set in operation by the Educational and Young People's Departments, and will therefore be located in Washington, D. C.

The purpose of the school is to aid two classes of people; first, those who for any reason are detained at their homes and are not actively engaged in denominational work. This class the Correspondence School will carry until they may be able to enter one of our regular schools. The second class includes those who are already in the harness, but desire to become more competent in their special calling or to improve their general education.

The general policy will be that of co-operation and not of competition with the other schools of our educational system. On one hand, the Correspondence School will act as a feeder to our colleges, academies, and intermediate schools; on the other, it will do a work of extension or of supplementing what a student has already done in the usual way. Credits given by the Correspondence School will be accepted by our regular schools.

The cost of tuition for lessons by correspondence will range from ten to fifteen dollars for work equivalent to one study for nine months in our resident schools, the student paying the postage both ways. The work will be on a basis of forty lessons a course, and the preparation and recitation of one lesson a week. The School will furnish reci-

tation paper and return envelopes. Work will be begun October 1.

For the first year, the Board has decided to offer the following subjects:—

Bible—Academic Bible Doctrines; New Testament (Life of Christ).

Mathematics—Complete Arithmetic; Elementary Bookkeeping.

English—Applied Grammar (Use of words, common faults of speech, pronunciation); Foundations of Rhetoric (Sentence building, punctuation, short themes, figures of speech); Advanced Rhetoric and Journalism.

Greek—New Testament (Elements, use and interpretation of words and phrases, selected readings).

Pedagogy—School Management and Methods.

Science—Physiology and Hygiene.

History—United States; General; Church.

Will all who are interested please write the principal a postal card *at once*, indicating which of the foregoing subjects they desire to take up, that we may gain some idea of which are in most urgent demand, and make our preparations accordingly? If any subject not on this list is specially desired, please indicate that also on the postal card, and it will be taken into consideration. Look for future announcements in the *Review* and elsewhere. Address, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

W. E. HOWELL, *Principal*.

ALABAMA CANVASSING WORK

OUR canvassing report for June is the best record we have made so far this year. Still we hope July will be much better than this. Besides the \$257.85 worth of books delivered, we sold \$218.00 worth of papers, making a total of \$475.85 worth of literature delivered. Most of our workers that are canvassing for "Daniel and the Revelation" are now working for an October delivery.

Our report for the week ending July 3rd amounts to \$678.95 in orders, and \$95.85 delivered. This, I think, is the largest number of orders we have taken, at least in the last two or three years. However, there is no good reason why we should not do even better than this; for a number of our best canvassers have not started out yet this year; but I am in hopes they soon will.

As the best season of the year for delivering books, especially in the country, will soon be here, let every one who possibly can, take up this line of work; for it is the greatest means we have of giving the truth to the world, and *now is an opportune time*. Brethren, the Lord has told us to do so, then let us pray earnestly for more laborers for the great harvest fields.

Address me at Fort Payne, Ala.

R. I. KEATE.

CHRIST never comes into a life to be held there in confinement. He seeks our life that it may become a channel through which he may flow to bless others, make happy other lives.—*American Missionary*.

THE AUGUST WATCHMAN

THIS number of the *Watchman* is artistic, interesting, and instructive. On the cover page is a three-color illustration of a palm avenue; and the paper is well illustrated throughout.

The very interesting query, *What Is the Eastern Question?* and also, *Why is it that the repeated efforts made for centuries back, to settle this question, have all been unsuccessful?* are answered in an article in this number by Professor Magan. In this article the Eastern Question is presented as God's sign hung out before all the world, to herald the approach of the day of God.

"Spiritualism up to Date," is an article in this issue which will interest everybody. It describes the "Spirit Bureau" recently opened by the noted English journalist, W. T. Stead, for the purpose of affording an avenue of communication between the living and the dead.

"Protestantism Challenged" is another article of note. The writer shows how the very foundation principles of Protestantism are being repudiated by Protestants, so-called, and how this is being done in the highest institutions of learning in this country. The very foundations of family life and of civil government are being swept away by these teachers. Surely everybody has an interest in this subject.

A report of the recent Christian Endeavor convention in St. Paul, Minn., is given in this issue. This was an important convention, the program of which dealt largely with the theme of "civic righteousness." The great Christian Endeavor Society is, as this report shows, wheeling rapidly into line with the forces which are pushing the movement to usher in the kingdom of Christ by legislative enactments.

"Six Thousand Years" is an interesting Bible Study showing how the period of human history has been divided into six epochs of a thousand years each, and that we are on the verge of the seventh epoch, which, like the seventh day of the week, is to be a period of rest.

Testimony from a Roman Catholic authority showing that from the standpoint of that church, Sunday work is no sin, is given in this issue.

"America's Opportunity," "The Earthquake in Portugal," "Creation," "Recent Experiences in Russia," and "Papal Infallibility," are titles of some of the other articles of interest in the August number.

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You cannot tell the quality of a man by his stature; a little David may be worth ten Goliaths.—*Sel.*

MISSISSIPPI

On leaving Mobile, I went to Hattiesburg, Miss., where I met Professor F. R. Rogers. We walked into the country about four miles to visit one of our colored churches. Just as we arrived we heard the bell tolling, and on enquiry we learned that Sister Owen, the wife of the leader of the church, had died the evening before, and they were on their way to the burying-ground. We hastened, and arrived there just in time to conduct the service at the grave. A large crowd had gathered, and listened attentively, as I spoke on the blessed hope that awaits the righteous at the coming of Christ.

It seemed providential that we arrived just as we did, as there was no one to conduct the service. It rejoiced the heart of our sorrowing brother very much.

We took the nine o'clock train for Ellisville. Here we visited the summer school now in session. We then visited Meridian, Jackson, Yazoo City, Grenada, Greenville, Vicksburg, and Natchez. We had services at most of these places, laying before our people the object of the new department, and counseling together in regard to the present needs, and the best methods to carry on the work in this part of the field.

We have just spent a very pleasant Sabbath and first day at Natchez, holding five meetings, several from the outside attending the services. I believe earnest, faithful effort put forth in this city for both white and colored people would result in many accepting the truth for this time. Professor Rogers returns to his home from this place, and I go on to Louisiana.

A. J. HAYSMER.

KENTUCKY

I HAVE been noticing for some time that our canvassers have been putting in good time in the field. So, while waiting for the train to-day, I have been doing some figuring on the past few week's reports, with the following result:—

Agent	Average hours per week	Average value of orders per week	Average per hour
1	54	\$118.62	\$2.20
2	53	42.92	.81
3	46	68.41	1.49
4	46	38.41	.83
5	38	5.40	.14
6	37	21.22	.57
7	36	20.50	.58
8	32	55.00	1.12

This is very gratifying to me. You will perhaps appreciate this more when I tell you that in the past years I have found that the majority of agents only put in, on an average, fifteen to thirty hours a week. And now I find the average of the eight agents to be forty-three hours work, and \$46.31 worth of orders a week, an average of \$1.04 worth of orders for every hour's work.

I am certainly well pleased with the amount of time our canvassers are putting in in the field. The Lord is blessing them for their faithfulness.

Keep on dear canvassers. Be faithful to the end, and great will be your reward in heaven.

C. F. DART.

EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH TO WORK

How to get every member of the church to work with our missionary literature is a very important question. The publication of the *Gospel Sentinel* has opened an avenue for many to work. One State missionary volunteer secretary has adopted a good plan, and we pass it on as a good suggestion. She ordered three hundred copies of the paper; these cost her \$1.50. Out of this number the junior members of her local society sold two hundred copies for two cents per copy. This more than paid for the entire number, and left the members free to distribute one hundred papers gratuitously. The dollar and fifty cents will then be sent in for another lot of papers. Does not this appeal to every missionary worker as a feasible plan for securing abundant returns, thereby greatly multiplying the value of the \$1.50? Can you suggest anything better? If not, try this.

One of the largest tract societies in the United States has just sent out the following announcement concerning this paper: "Here is the opportunity the children have been looking for. We would like to see the children handling this paper, selling it at, say, two cents a copy. We believe it can be done. How would you like to try it? We would suggest that you subscribe for a club for six months, and then divide it among the children. Now children let us show the older people and young folks what we can do." This is another good suggestion.

In clubs the *Gospel Sentinel* is only twenty-five cents per copy for one year; one-half cent per copy when large quantities of one issue are ordered. The *Gospel Sentinel* is not a child's paper, but it is full of short pointed articles. Address your State tract society or the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

AN EXPERIENCE WITH PAPERS IN ALABAMA

A SISTER handling *Life and Health* writes as follows: "I am working for a scholarship, and I am having excellent success. The Lord wonderfully blessed me in the efforts put forth. I did much better in Montgomery than I expected; as it is worked nearly every week with some of our magazines; but notwithstanding this, and the fact that it was the day after the celebration of the fourth, I sold 105 papers, and took two yearly subscriptions in four hours."

Others are having equal success, and I am sure there is still plenty of room for more to join in this grand work.

R. I. KEATE.

"THE implanting of good and noble principles is the best means of destroying those that are unworthy. The cultivation of courage will drive away fear and cowardice; the nurture of fortitude will overcome a repining spirit; the development of love and sympathy will banish a host of hateful and selfish motives."

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference For Week Ending July 9, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
H C Balsbaugh.....	GC	55	71 50	3 00
C H Chenault.....	D&R	13	18 00	
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	35	25 00	
G H Powers.....	CK	31	12 50	
C D Wolff.....	MISC	58	54 75	45 25
Mamie Moore.....	D&R	11	9 75	

For Week Ending July 16, 1909

ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
Ben Griffith 2 wks....	BFL	100	\$204 85	\$ 6 85
R F Thompson.....	D&R	40	110 50	
C M Cockran.....	D&R	27	58 30	15 60
R V Cory.....	D&R	25	39 90	23 10
Mrs W R Elliott....	BFL	—	39 50	3 00
Mrs R V Cory.....	D&R	15	36 75	7 20
D F Cook.....	BFL	18	18 50	
W R Elliott.....	D&R	10	15 50	
A F Harrison.....	D&R	15	7 00	55 00
M L Ivory.....	BFL	52	23 90	7 90
R Roberts.....	BFL	20		9 25
Mrs Maud Ivory....	BFL	6	1 00	2 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
M J Weber.....	BFL	52		118 00
L E Taylor.....	BFL	53		48 50
H E Beck.....	D&R	69	22 00	20 75
M Wheeler.....	D&R	39	36 80	9 80
Sans Philmont.....	CK	24	16 25	5 00
Edward Whittier....	CK	39	44 75	1 50
Mrs Alice Reynolds..	BFL	10		2 50
W P Ethington.....	BFL	37	46 50	1 00
H C Carmichael....	dofA	43	70 50	
Charlsey Allran....	BFL	21	12 00	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
A B Cheek.....	D&R	60		73 05
Edwin Booth.....	CK	36		43 75
John Harzman 2 w	MofN	60	23 75	9 75
B L Roberts.....	CK	43	35 00	38 00
W H Noyes.....	D&R	10		5 00
I T Reynolds.....	BFL	30	60 00	
J N Steel.....	GC	21		9 25
Wm Olmsted.....	MofN	32		24 00
H C Bagley.....	GC	30		20 75
C L Collison.....	D&R BR	24		35 35

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
J S Fry.....	D&R	50	51 75	5 00
W H Haddon.....	MofN	44	41 25	6 50
Virgil Smith.....	D&R	39	49 70	3 45
C F Lowry.....	BR	33	20 75	2 00
H E Loftin.....	BR	29	42 50	16 58
C R Callicott.....	BR	27	51 75	5 50
Mary Mundy.....	BFL	24	7 20	11 80
Celestia Wilson....	BFL	21	1 75	2 05
H G Miller.....	MISC	5	5 75	

SUMMARY				
Tennessee River Conf...	203	191 50		48 25
Alabama Conference....	328	555 70		130 40
Kentucky Conference....	387	248 80		207 05
Louisiana Conference...	346	118 75		258 90
Mississippi Conference..	272	272 40		52 88

Totals 1536 1387 15 697 48

"CHARACTER is essentially the power of resisting temptation."

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CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1909 IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

Mississippi, Meridian.....July 29 — Aug. 8.
Tennessee River, Dickson.....August 12-22.
Kentucky, Louisville.....August 19-29.

ALABAMA ATTENTION

THE camp-meeting announced to be held at Birmingham, Ala., has been postponed.

R. I. KEATE.

PERIODICALS WANTED

BROTHER OLE TRONSON, Worthington, S. D., would be glad to receive nice clean copies of the *Watchman*, *Gospel Sentinel*, *Review and Herald*, *Life and Health*, and *Youth's Instructor*, for missionary purposes. Send post-paid.

IMPORTANT

ALL who have important matter or notices for the REPORT OF PROGRESS should send it in at once, as there will be no paper during the Tennessee River Conference camp-meeting.

A NEW TRACT

A NEW tract has just been issued by the Southern Publishing Association. It is entitled, "Our House which is from Heaven, or, Departing and Being with Christ, a study of 2 Cor. 5:1-9 and Phil. 1:23, 24."

This tract which contains sixteen pages, envelope size, is written in an easy, non-combative style, well calculated to allay prejudice rather than to arouse it. The author uses the texts under examination affirmatively, rather than negatively, showing what they teach instead of arguing that they do not mean what they are by many supposed to teach. We believe this tract will prove popular, and exceedingly helpful in assisting many honest souls to see the truth relative to the nature of man and his condition in death.

Price, 25 cents for a package of twenty-five tracts. Order through your tract society or nearest publishing house, or direct of the Southern Publishing Association.

Usual discounts to tract societies or publishing houses.

"WHAT is greatness?—Self-respect is the early form in which greatness appears."

SPECIAL OFFER

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

1 pkg. Plain Graham Crackers.....	10c
2 pkg. Sweet Graham Crackers.....	20c
2 pkg. Plain White Crackers.....	20c
2 pkg. Sweet Oatmeal Wafers.....	20c
2 pkg. Whole Wheat Wafers.....	20c
1 pkg. Plain Oatmeal Wafers.....	10c
1 pkg. Hand-made Whole Wheat Sticks..	12c
1 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 2¼-pound cans, or 18 ½-pound cans)	
4 one-pound Nutcysa.....	60c
1 2½-pound can Nut Butter.....	33c

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.

Not good after August 1.

WATCHMAN AGENTS' CORNER

BEGINNING with this week we plan to publish reports of sales and experiences in selling the *Watchman* and *Gospel Sentinel*. To make this feature interesting and encouraging we request all who are thus engaged, to give us a weekly report if possible.

Here are some recent experiences:—

"The *Watchman* is good, and a good seller, and is making friends."—Mrs. S. E. Richardson, New Orleans, La.

"Your magazine is certainly extra good. It would be difficult indeed to make it better."—H. D. Bowers, Newberg, Ore.

For week ending July 24 W. J. Keele sold 168 July *Watchman* in Union City and Dyersburg, Tenn.

From a recent letter under New York date:—

"To-day I bought a copy of the July *Watchman* from a young lady who called at my office in Wall Street, where I am employed. . . . If you can in any way give her my name and address I shall be glad to give her my subscription to the *Watchman* to help her cause along."

S. B. H.

The publishers of the *Signs* monthly issue a four-page paper which is full of helpful and instructive matter for the periodical worker. It is mailed free to all regular or prospective agents. Send for a copy of the *Signs Worker*. Why not begin work with the excellent August issue of the monthly? Ask your tract society to order twenty-five at least for you. They will cost \$1.00; you sell them for \$2.50. One hundred cost \$4.00. You sell them for \$10.00

ATTENTION, TENNESSEE

HERE is a plan by which some may be assisted in defraying expenses to the camp-meeting at Dickson, Tenn., Aug. 12-22:—

We have on hand several thousand copies of recent numbers of the *Watchman* which we will dispose of at the rate of two cents per copy.

This is an opportunity to place good literature in the hands of the people as well as to secure funds for camp-meeting purposes. Send in your orders early, and take advantage of this offer.

This offer is extended to other States as well as Tennessee.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

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SAMPLES of books needed for the church school can be seen at the book-tent, Dickson camp-meeting.

HAVE you tried using the dollar package of tracts in your missionary society?

Twenty-six varieties, on ten subjects, 117 tracts in all, or 1,180 pages. On sale at book-tent, or send direct to Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn. If sent by mail add 25 cents to pay postage.

THERE will be a well-stocked book-stand at the Dickson, Tenn., camp-meeting, where a full line of our denominational books can be purchased, including hymn-books, Bibles, tracts, and pamphlets to meet all requirements.

Our papers, the *Watchman* and *Gospel Sentinel*, will also be on sale, and subscriptions can be given.

Come prepared to purchase the books you need.

Send for price-lists of school-books. Only a few weeks until school begins, and your order should be sent early.

A FEW copies of the book "Child Life in Mission Lands" are still left. Price, 25 cents. A splendid book for the children. Order of Southern Publishing Association.

WE are sure it would be interesting to our faithful canvassers to step inside the factory, and see the busy workers who are laboring to get the books ready for the field.

In the bindery the work continues until late at night; the factory presenting a busy appearance with the many bright lights. We are also crowded in the pressroom, as the demand has been so heavy, and we are just going to press with large editions of "Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," and "Christ Our Saviour."

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"It has been well said that no man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is when to-morrow's burden is added to the burden of to-day that the weight is more than a man can bear."