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THE MASTER'S CALL

THE Master calls, but the servants wait,
Fields gleam white 'neath a cloudless sky,
Will none seize the sickle before too late?
Winds of winter come sweeping by,
Who is delaying? Is it I?

—Selected.

TO MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER

THE time had come for Christ to ascend to his Father's throne. As a divine conqueror, he was about to return with the trophies of victory to the heavenly courts. Before his death he had declared to his Father, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." John 17:4. After his resurrection he tarried on earth for a season, that his disciples might become familiar with him in his risen and glorified body. Now he was ready for the leave-taking. His disciples need no longer associate him with the tomb; they could think of him as glorified before the heavenly universe.

As the place of his ascension, Jesus chose the spot hallowed by his presence while he dwelt among men. Not Mount Zion, the place of David's city; not Mount Moriah, the temple site, was to be thus honored. There Christ had been mocked and rejected. There the waves of mercy, still returning in a stronger tide of love, had been beaten back by hearts as hard as rock. Thence Jesus, weary and heart-burdened, had gone forth to find rest in the Mount of Olives. The holy shekinah in departing from the first temple had stood upon the eastern mountain, as if loth to forsake the chosen city; so Christ stood upon Olivet, with yearning heart overlooking Jerusalem. The groves and glens of the mountain had been consecrated by his prayers and tears. Its steepes had echoed the triumphant shouts of those who had proclaimed him king. On its sloping descent he had found a home with Lazarus at Bethany. In the Garden of Gethsemane, at its foot, he had prayed and agonized alone. From this mountain he was to ascend to heaven. Now with the eleven disciples he made his way toward it.

Upon reaching the mount, Jesus led the way across the summit to the vicinity of

Bethany. Here he paused, and his disciples gathered around him. Beams of light seemed to radiate from his countenance as he looked lovingly upon them. He upbraided them not for their faults and failures; words of the deepest tenderness were the last that fell upon their ears from the lips of their Lord. With hands outstretched in blessing, and as if in assurance of his protecting care, he slowly ascended from among them, drawn heavenward by a power stronger than any earthly attraction. As he passed upward the awe-stricken disciples looked with straining eyes for the last glimpse of their ascending Lord. A cloud of glory hid him from their sight, and the words came back to them as the cloudy chariot of angels received him, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

All heaven was waiting to welcome the Saviour to the celestial courts. As he ascended, he led the way, and the multitude of captives set free at his resurrection followed. The heavenly host, with shouts and acclamations of praise and celestial song, attended in joyous train.

As they draw near to the city of God, the challenge is given by the escorting angels:—

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in!"

Joyfully the waiting sentinels respond,
"Who is this King of glory?"

This they say, not because they know not who he is, but because they would hear the answer of exalted praise:—

"The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads O ye gates;
Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in."

Again is heard the challenge, "Who is this King of glory?" for the angels never weary of hearing his name exalted. The escorting angels make reply:—

"The Lord of hosts;
He is the King of glory!"

Then the portals of the city of God are opened wide, and the angel throng sweeps through the gates amid a burst of rapturous music.

There is the throne, and around it the rainbow of promise. There are the cherubim and the seraphim. The commanders of the angel hosts, the sons of God, the representatives of the unfallen worlds, are assembled. The heavenly council before which Lucifer had accused God and his Son, the representatives of those sinless realms over which Satan had thought to establish his dominion,—all are there to welcome the Redeemer. They are eager to celebrate his triumph, and to glorify their King.

But he waves them back. Not yet; he cannot now receive the coronet of glory and the royal robe. He enters into the presence of his Father. He points to his wounded head, the pierced side, the marred feet; he lifts his hands bearing the prints of the nails. He points to the tokens of his triumph; he presents to God the wave-sheaf, those raised with him as representatives of that great multitude who shall come forth from the grave at his second coming. He approaches the Father, with whom there is joy over one sinner that repents. Before the foundations of the earth were laid the Father and the Son had united in a covenant to redeem man if he should be overcome by Satan. They had clasped their hands in a solemn pledge that Christ should become the surety for the human race. This pledge Christ has fulfilled. When upon the cross he cried out, "It is finished," he addressed the Father. The compact had been fully carried out. Now he declares, "Father, it is finished. I have done thy will, O my God. I have completed the work of redemption. If thy justice is satisfied, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am."

The voice of God is heard, proclaiming that justice is satisfied. Satan is vanquished. Christ's toiling, struggling ones on earth are "accepted in the Beloved." Eph. 1:6. Before the heavenly angels, and the representatives of unfallen worlds, they are declared justified. Where he is, there his church shall be. "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Ps. 85:10. The Father's arms encircle his Son, and the word is given, "Let all the angels of God worship him."

With joy unutterable, rulers and principalities and powers acknowledge the supremacy of the Prince of life. The angel host prostrate themselves before him, while the glad shout fills the courts of heaven, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power." Rev. 5:12.

~~Songs of triumph mingle with the music from angel harps till heaven seems to overflow with joy and praise. Love has conquered. The lost is found. Heaven rings with voices in lofty strains proclaiming, "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever." Rev. 5:13.~~

From that scene of heavenly joy, there comes back to us on earth the echo of Christ's own words, "I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God and your God." The family of heaven and the family of earth are one. For us our Lord ascended, and for us he lives. "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." MRS. E. G. WHITE.

LOUISIANA CAMP-MEETING

I FOUND a good representative company of Sabbath-keepers encamped in a beautiful pine grove across the Red River from Alexandria. The first Sabbath was a day of special blessing and consecration. Practically the entire camp came forward to seek a better experience, and the spirit of love and harmony prevailed throughout the entire meeting.

The reports of the officers of the conference showed substantial gains in the number of Sabbath-keepers, and in the financial strength. Two new churches were admitted. One of these, the Lake Charles church, has erected a neat church building which is free from debt. Not only have the ministers and Bible workers had a good year, but the canvassers have been blessed with increased prosperity, having distributed over six thousand two hundred dollars worth of books and periodicals during the year.

Elder Maxwell was re-elected president. The people responded loyally to the call for means with which to carry forward the work. The debt so long owing to Brother Coleman was entirely wiped out. In all nearly one thousand dollars was raised in cash and pledges. Louisiana is keeping up the ten-cent-a-week offering for missions, and promises to maintain it throughout the year. A resolution recommending that all the Sabbath-school donations be devoted to missions passed unanimously. I hope that all the conferences in the Southern Union will do likewise. Another good example was set in agreeing to sell an average of two copies per member of "Ministry of Healing" for the relief of the Nashville Sanitarium.

Besides the regular conference laborers there were present for a part of the time Elder A. J. Haysmer, A. F. Harrison, Professor M. B. VanKirk, Dr. George, Professor P. T. Magan, and the writer. The outside interest was good with prospect that some will accept

the truth. The conference business was all finished the first week, and I left camp before the rising bell the last Friday for Meridian, Mississippi. C. F. McVAGH.

BARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

~~The work is onward. The people are delighted with the book, "Daniel and the Revelation," and several are anxiously waiting for my delivery in the southwestern part of the county. I canvassed one man and did not get his order, but his wife wanted the book. Another lady to whom I had sold "Best Stories," told me that it was one of the best books she had ever read, and she wanted "Daniel and the Revelation." When about to leave one place the lady asked me to what church I belonged, and when I told her she remarked, "They keep the seventh-day Sabbath." I told her they did. She too believes the seventh day is the Sabbath and said that she wanted to know what else the Adventists teach. When I took the Bible and answered several questions that were asked, then I could hardly get away. She said that she had learned a little about the Sabbath from some tracts her sister had given her when she was home from the West. She felt she wanted more light on it. Brethren it makes me feel like rejoicing when I can see the interest that is being taken in this county just from the reading of books. The people here are hungering and thirsting after the truth. Pray for us that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into this field, that many may receive the invitation, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4.~~

H. E. BECK.

HALCOM, KENTUCKY

ON my way here I stopped one day at Lexington to counsel with Elders Jones and Irving. There was so little interest to hear the message in that city that they had taken down the tent, and were looking for a site in the country. We pray that the Lord will lead these brethren to some location where the people will have a desire to hear the last message.

Thursday afternoon brought me to Webbville, and Brother J. W. Ratcliff was at the depot to meet me. It seemed good to again meet this faithful brother. It was nine miles to his home in the mountains. We had traveled but five miles when it began to rain, and we were forced to seek shelter with a friend of his, who kindly cared for us until morning. By nine the next day we reached his home. That afternoon and evening we spoke to the few in the new church building which is not yet completed. We held the Sabbath-school and three meetings on the Sabbath. Sunday we held three meetings, one three miles from the church. Monday night we held the last service.

These homes in the mountains have none of what the world calls luxuries, unless it is the good and abundant supply of fresh air and water. Our meetings were much appre-

ciated. This church needs a school very much. If we had a devoted God-fearing teacher to go there and take up work for the love of souls, they could do a great work for the Master. All the church could do would be to board the teacher. There are a large number of bright children and youth.

~~It had been more than a year since a minister had visited them. We were hospitably entertained at the home of Brother and Sister Ratcliff.~~

All renewed their subscription to the REPORT OF PROGRESS, which is highly appreciated by them. The Lord has many souls in these mountain homes who would receive the message if it were taken to them. We rejoice to know that though the preachers are so few, the faithful canvassers are visiting many hundreds of these homes, and the people are buying our books which have the message of salvation for these times. Some are receiving the Sabbath from the literature, and calling for the living minister. We thank the Lord for this. A. O. BURRILL.

CANVASSING NEWS OF ALABAMA

Week Ending July 24

THIS week's report is much below the one for last week. This is due to a number of causes.

First, Brother Griffith headed the list last time with a two-weeks' report. This time he has none. However, we expect to have a two-weeks' report from him again, which will help bring us up next time.

Then Brother R. F. Thompson who has been doing so well is taking a vacation. We have no report from him, though we think he will soon be at work again.

Sister R. V. Cory and Brother C. M. Cockran have been sick. Brother Cockran was able to get to work the last part of the week. Both of these did well for the time they were able to work.

Brother Carl Matthews stopped canvassing to go to camp-meeting, and Brother W. R. Elliott has not been able to canvass much, as he is busy with Brother Isles in a tent effort at Falkville.

Sister Elliott and Sister Ivory, whose names were in our last week's list, have their household duties to attend to, and so have little time to spare to do this work. They usually send in their reports once or twice a month.

Brother K. Skidmore was sick last week, but is now at work again, and has a nice report in this time.

The outlook is bright. A good number wish to take up this glorious work, and we expect they will as soon as we can give them the necessary training. Brother D. F. Cook has just begun work in the upper part of Morgan County, and H. L. Waters has just left Birmingham to work in the lower part of it.

The workers are all of good courage, and they are doing well. Most of them are now working for a fall delivery. Pray for their success. R. I. KEATE, State Agent.

Fort Payne, Ala.

NEW MARKET, ALABAMA

A LETTER received last week from Brother W. M. Crothers brought the good news that several persons have begun to keep the Sabbath as the result of a tent effort being conducted by him and Brother Ross Lindsay at Sulphur Springs, near New Market, Ala. The interest is still good, and they hope that others will yet take their stand for the truth.



EXPERIENCES WITH A NEW BOOK

IN April I took up "Great Controversy." My faith was not strong enough to take it up outright, so I offered a pamphlet "Family Bible Teacher" with every subscription. However, I so often forgot to speak of the "Family Bible Teacher" at the right time that I dropped it in a week.

I took one order the first day. It was from a young colored man. At the close of the day I prayed in particular that God would bless me to surely deliver this book to his glory, and he did. I averaged about three "Great Controversy" orders a day, after the first day, for about three weeks, and lost four orders in deliveries.

One day, out of a recent delivery of three days, proved a great trial of my faith. From morning until nearly night the people were not ready for their books. I had long waits, tramps over fields, much extra driving, returning to houses where at first subscribers were not at home, and objections because I had a Seventh-day Adventist book. My wife was with me, and during the day, and also before the time of delivery, we sought God's favor in fervent prayer, but the day continued to be a trial of our faith until almost dark, when God gave us quick deliveries to the end of the route.

The next two days an Aaron and a Hur held up my hands, and strengthened by our united prayers these two days proved the best deliveries of all my former experiences. My wife and a sister were the Aaron and Hur. I lost one "Great Controversy" order and sold one for cash, lost four "Best Stories" and sold two for cash. I had thirty-four "Great Controversy" orders and thirty-six "Best Stories" orders. For this blessing after so great a trial of our faith we praised God out of full hearts.

By faith and experience I know that God is well pleased if we are constantly watchful and prayerful to have pure hearts. Then he can and does bless us with his presence, and our work is not in vain.

Other canvassers may find an item in my experience of some interest to them. To avoid stiffness and formality I get quite well acquainted with my book by reading it through and re-reading. I then tell its principal features, hardly ever reading from it. By such a preparation I find I can readily vary the canvass as I notice what is of most interest to prospective subscribers.

Yet most and best of all, we know by theory

and practise, that we can put no confidence in the flesh, but in God only.

H. C. BALSBAUGH.

Paducah, Ky.



THE RESULTS OF ROBBING GOD IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"YE are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." When the message of the coming of the Lord is to be carried to every individual, is it not very wrong for his professed children to withhold the very tithes and offerings that the Lord wants placed in the treasury of the Lord to forward his work, and use it for our personal benefit?

Suppose that you should send to town by some of your brethren and sisters to purchase some article, and they take and spend the money for themselves. How would you feel when you heard them bear testimony in meeting the next time? Would you not wonder how they could do so, and yet keep your money that you let them have to pay for goods for yourself? You would think that they were not honest. Is it not as bad to keep the Lord's money that he has intrusted to you, and use it for your own personal benefit?

Those who do so have it recorded against their names that they are robbers, and that too, of God. Who wants the word "robber" placed in the books of heaven against their names? Read again and ponder Mal. 3: 8-12. Brethren if we have been doing this kind of work, then change. Who can afford to live under the "curse" of the Lord?

A. O. BURRILL.



KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Tithe for July, 1909

Henderson	\$14.06
Louisville No. 2.....	93.07
Louisville No. 1 (2 mo.).....	84.34
Lexington No. 2.....	10.97
Lexington No. 1 (3 mo.) (part of ch.)	43.16
Grove	4.88
Bowling Green	28.23
McKinney	24.89
Individual	17.92
Locust Branch	5.53

Total \$327.05

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STRENGTH is given for the present. "Give us this day our daily bread."



"Do not stop so long to review the past as to hinder your prompt entrance on the new course."

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending July 16, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
H C Balsbaugh.....	GC	52	\$52 45	\$
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	30	26 00	1 50
G W Powers.....	CK	41	18 50	3 25

For Week Ending July 23, 1909

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

K Skidmore	BFL	46	66 85	
R V Cory.....	D&R	36	60 30	12 20
C M Cockran.....	D&R	8	27 00	12 00
Mrs R V Cory.....	D&R	11	21 05	3 15
R Roberts	BFL	27	16 75	10 50
D F Cook.....	BFL	5	12 00	
W R Elliott.....	D&R	2	2 75	
Carl Matthews	BFL	15		32 40
M L Ivory.....	BFL	49	1 00	14 35

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H C Carmichael....	DofA	62	26 25	85 25
L E Taylor.....	BFL	51		63 50
Charley Allran	BFL	40	17 50	26 50
R S Philmon.....	CK	12		20 50
Z S Arey.....	BFL	84	17 00	1 75
M Wheeler	D&R	34	13 95	1 70
W P Ethington.....	BFL	32	30 50	1 00
Edward Whittier	CK	45	30 50	1 00
H E Beck.....	D&R	57	28 00	1 00
Mrs Alice Reynolds..	BFL	15	4 00	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Virgil Smith.....	D&R	48	54 40	3 15
J S Fry.....	D&R	28		11 25
W H Haddon.....	MofN	12	4 00	2 75
C F Lowry.....	BR	26	8 50	4 00
H E Loftin.....	BR	10	1 50	5 50
C R Callicott.....	BR	7		1 00
H G Miller.....	D&R	24	4 50	38 50
Mary E Mundy.....	BFL	38		76 35
Cora Smith	BFL	11	14 70	
Celestia Wilson	BFL	15	70	35
Louise Jackson	BFL	13	2 20	4 80

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh.....	GC	34		163 30
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	38		71 00
G W Powers.....	CK	64	38 25	2 50
C F Parmele.....	D&R	26	22 00	1 00

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference....	199	207 70	84 60
Kentucky Conference...	432	167 70	202 20
Mississippi Conference...	232	90 50	147 65
Tenn River Conf 2 wks.	285	157 20	242 55

Totals 1148 \$623 10 \$677 00



TO OUR AGENTS

(WORD has come to this office that some of our agents do not take from the post-office the papers which we are sending to them. Is this right, Brother Agent? If these periodicals are not taken out of their offices we hear from the postmasters. Shall this not be a word to the wise?—S. B. H.)

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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.



SEPTEMBER WATCHMAN

THE cover page of the September *Watchman* shows a typical Southern scene—a cotton field, located in Georgia.

The editor has an article addressed to Arkansas Baptists on the subject of an inconsistent attitude to the ten-commandment law. The article shows considerable research in the matter of denominational teaching on the question of the divinity and inviolability of God's law.

Against the Day of Armageddon, by C. P. Bollman, is an article of moment. Armageddon, the name applied in the Scriptures to the last great international military holocaust, has passed from the realm of the novel. Statesmen realize that something is "brewing." Magazine writers, who are generally students of world affairs, write as seers, so to speak, when they announce the appearance of "another *Dreadnaught*."

Another article on the Eastern Question is furnished by Prof. P. T. Magan, entitled, He Shall Come to His End and None Shall Help Him. It is full of history and political data, and is well worth careful study.

O. A. Johnson furnishes for this number his second article on Creation. This one deals with the question of organized matter from the standpoint of the Bible as well as science. The author assists the reader to differentiate between science falsely so-called and truth.

There has been much said in recent years concerning the "unwritten law" in the decision of criminal cases. In an article on this subject F. D. Starr makes a parallel by drawing into the arena of his discussion the system of religious "unwritten law," and

shows that this term is but another name for tradition. We commend this article to all.

True Education by Mrs. E. G. White is an excellent article. The author treats the subject in her usual versatile and practical way, and the production is worth more than the price of the magazine.

Our Answer takes up the relative merits of Sabbath and Sunday observance, as institutions, the one, the product of the Creator, to be used as his sign of authority, the other, the mark of an ecclesiastical power claiming authority to act in the place of God. This is a paramount issue in the closing work of the gospel.

The new university gospel, which has been given wide circulation in popular magazines of recent date, furnishes ground for a second article on the subject of Protestantism Challenged by S. B. Horton. The current article is entitled, The Challenge Met, in which the writer shows that the work of Seventh-day Adventists is of Biblical origin, and is in effect the finishing of the work committed to Protestantism by the Reformation period.

In the formation of the American government and subsequent history of the country the Southland played a conspicuous part. This is the basis of an interesting contribution to the department of general articles.

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THE August number of the *Watchman* is generally commended for its artistic as well as its literary value. The plan is to spare no effort to make each number better than its previous publication.



"COME out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord." 2 Cor. 6:17.

That command means not only come out, but it means also stay out. Some come out and then go back. Some come only half way out. Christ draws sharp lines. "He that is not with me is against me." Some church members have their roots on one side of the church wall, and their boughs all hang over and drop the fruit on the world's side.