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THE LIFE I SEEK

Nor in some cloistered cell
Dost thou Lord, bid me dwell,
My love to show;
But mid the busy marts
Where men with burdened hearts
Do come and go.

Some tempted soul to cheer
When breath of ill is near
And foes annoy;
The sinning to restrain,
To ease the throb of pain;
Be such my joy.

Lord, make me quick to see
Each task awaiting me,
And quick to do;
O, grant me strength, I pray,
With lowly love, each day,
And purpose true.

To go as Jesus went,
Spending and being spent,
Myself forgot;
Supplying human needs
By loving words and deeds—
O happy lot!

—R. M. Offord.

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MISSIONARY INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

THE General Conference Committee has suggested that we write soliciting hearty co-operation in the gathering of funds for missionary work in our forthcoming missionary campaign. The committee agreed to place the date beginning with Nov 1, as many as solicited last year report that those whom they invited to give often said that they had already given their Thanksgiving offering for another purpose.

We are planning for the printing of five million copies of the *Review and Herald*. It will be a thirty-two page, well-illustrated periodical. We are planning to use the same quality of paper as is used in *Life and Health*, that the cuts may show up better, and that the periodical may present a better appearance.

We shall endeavor to use better illustrations, but have followed the same general arrangement covering the world-wide field as last year.

Up to August 1, 1909, we have received on the 1908 ingathering, \$43,359.91. We believe we should receive this year at least twice this amount, and would be exceedingly glad if we could raise the sum of \$100,000.

Our treasury is empty. For weeks the General Conference Mission Board has not had so much as \$1,000 in the bank and its till. We are greatly behind with our foreign work, and are remitting to these workers only enough to keep them from serious want. This condition cannot long continue, and we must provide more means for the support of our foreign mission work. We believe this missionary campaign offers a splendid opportunity for our people to gather up a large sum of money for the advancement of the third angel's message. No one can give to a better cause than foreign mission work, and to help spread the gospel is one of the best investments that man has ever made.

Let us lay it before the Lord day by day in our prayers, that God may give the people liberal hearts, give our churches a disposition to work, and to make this the most successful undertaking in our denominational history.

A. G. DANIELLS.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE FINANCIAL REPORT

[THIS report was part of the president's address, which appeared in this paper under date of August 17. For lack of space in that issue, it was not printed with the rest of the report of which it was a part.—Ed.]

The financial condition of the conference is certainly a cause for thankfulness. The Father of mercies has not only blessed us with means, but has made us willing to sacrifice liberally that his work might be sustained. I shall not attempt to anticipate the report of the treasurer, but will make a few comparisons. Our resources on Feb. 20, 1908, were \$6,236.62. On July 1, 1909, they were \$6,600.43. Our liabilities on Feb. 20, 1908,

were: on the New Orleans Mission, \$5,111.25; back tithe, \$618.74; unpaid mission funds, \$286.79; local funds, \$21.65; due on back time to laborers, \$357.25; old book bills, \$328.04; Coleman note, \$811.45.—a total of \$7,535.17. By the Lord's blessing we have been able to reduce the debt on the New Orleans building to \$3,341.75, have paid in full all back tithe, mission funds, and back laborers' accounts. We still owe on the Coleman note \$423.75, of local funds, \$154.47, and on old book bills, \$224.04, this making our total liabilities July 1, 1909, \$4,144.01. On Feb. 20, 1908 we had a deficit of \$1,298.55. On July 1, 1909, instead of a deficit we have a present worth of \$2,456.42. Our net gain for the sixteen months is therefore \$3,754.97 or over \$230 per month. During this time we have paid to the treasurer of the Southern Union Conference in tithes and mission offerings \$2,890.32, and have supported our own work in the field.

Among our most urgent needs, the means to pay the balance of the Coleman note stands first. Then we have purchased five new tents, and we should have flies for those that we had before. To properly care for our tents we need a tent-house located in some central place. We also need a new field tent as those that we now have are so old and rotten. The New Orleans mission is helping to meet the payments on the property there, but is not yet fully able to meet them. It will be necessary to keep up the fourth-Sabbath offerings for the emergency fund till this matter is disposed of. We have done well toward raising our ten cents a week for missions. By continued faithfulness we will be able to make up that amount this year. But above all these financial needs there is that greater need of entire consecration that we must have to be ready to meet Jesus. He has told us to "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

E. L. MAXWELL.

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"ONE buttonhole bouquet offered amid life's stress of trial, is worth a thousand wreaths laid on the coffin of the man who died discouraged and broken-hearted."

MARLOW, ALABAMA

THE more we canvass, the greater is the desire to canvass. We frequently meet people who know not the Lord, who never enter a church, and some who can neither read nor write. To this class I usually devote the more time. Sometimes I read a lesson to them from my book, and, at others, I give them a tract, and find a kind-hearted Christian neighbor who will read it to them. Some who cannot read have purchased my book just for the pictures, and with the hope that some one could be found who would read it to them.

Last summer we left reading with some who knew nothing about Adventists or their teaching, and seemingly did not care to investigate. But the Lord awakened their interest, and now they are rejoicing in the knowledge of the truth, and we trust will be among those of whom it will be said, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." How many will be gathered into the fold by the faithful efforts of the canvasser will not be known until Jesus comes, and, with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, gathers the redeemed from off the earth and takes them to their heavenly home.

Brother canvasser, let us be up and doing with more energy and zeal than ever before. Time is short, and souls are perishing in darkness. A crown of glory, a robe of immortality, and eternal life awaits those who will give them the light. Let us do the work, praying at every step for the Holy Spirit and divine wisdom that hearts may be impressed; for "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Trials and difficulties we are sure to have, but in Christ we may surmount them all and win the overcomer's reward.

E. A. KEATE.

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DOES GOD CARE FOR HENS WHOSE PRODUCT IS TITHED?

HE cares for "oxen." I Cor. 9:9. So he does for the hens. The following statement was prepared by one of our sisters who heeds the admonition of Mal. 3:8-12:—

"I began on the first day of January to write the number of eggs brought in each day from thirty hens. On the 15th of May, I counted and found that they had produced 908 eggs or seventy-five dozen. These had been sold at twenty-eight, twenty-two, eighteen, thirteen, and twelve and one-half cents per dozen, averaging eighteen cents per day, which amounted to \$13.62. I sold one dozen of my hens the 17th of May. I had eighteen left. I set some of them and 111 chickens have been hatched since that time. Besides this I have sold twenty-nine dozen at 15 cents, of \$4.25 worth."

One who has been looking at this and the life the sister lives, said to me, "That family is prospered." "And all nations shall call you blessed." Mal. 3:12. Only think how the great God notices the faithful and true. It will pay to tithe the eggs and chickens in

every family. Why not have the blessings, reader? A. O. BURRILL.

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REPORT FROM KENTUCKY

THE first seven months of this year, we have averaged seven canvassers. They have put in 6,655 hours; taken 2,802 orders for books, having a value of \$4,503.60; orders for helps amounting to \$322.70; making a total of \$4,826.30. There have been delivered 1,898 books to the value of \$2,038.25.

Each month has had a better record than the corresponding month of last year. Even July, with only two thirds as many agents as we had last year, shows a larger number of sales. We praise the Lord for this.

One brother has already sold and delivered 606 copies of "Bible Footlights," and a sister, with "Home and Health" averaged \$1.23 per hour for books sold and delivered.

The average of all the workers for orders taken is 72½ cents per hour, while one brother, since the last of March has taken over \$1,600.00 worth of orders for "Desire of Ages," averaging \$1.89 per hour.

C. F. DART.

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"THE PASTIME SALOON"

"WHOEVER named it named it well," for it is the brilliant lights, the attractive music, and jolly associates that allure the unsuspecting youth to spend a little "pastime" in the gilded palaces of sin. Someone has observed that most young men who fall are ruined after supper. How true! Something for a change after the day's work is done!

How important that our homes be attractive and provide as a pastime something that is pleasant and profitable. What is more enjoyable than reading a good book. While you have been rested and refreshed, you feel that you have gained something of value besides.

To travel with Henry Harper through the land of Palestine, to enjoy with Dr. Reed his bird neighbors, to study with Samuel Zwemer, on the ground, that wonderful phenomena of history, the rise of Mohammedanism, to review with Elder Loughborough the providences of God in connection with the advent message, and to listen to quiet talks by S. D. Gordon on the element of service in the Christian life, are among the pleasures in store for those who choose to spend their spare moments this year in profitable reading.

Have you received from your Missionary Volunteer secretary the Reading Course leaflet yet? The books to be read are as follows:—

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSE

No. 3

1. *Quiet Talks on Service.* Cloth, seventy-five cents.

2. *The Moslem World.* Cloth, fifty cents; paper, twenty-five.

3. *The Great Second Advent Movement.* Cloth, \$1.25; paper, fifty cents.

JUNIOR READING COURSE No. 2

1. *Letters from the Holy Land.* Cloth, fifty cents; paper, twenty-five.

2. Three historical books of the Bible.

3. *My Garden Neighbors.* Cloth \$1.25.

Numbers one and two in the Missionary Volunteer course will be ordered from the Review and Herald, Washington, D. C. Number one in the Junior course from the Pacific Press, Mountain View, Cal. The others through any of our tract societies or publishing houses. M. E. KERN.

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ALABAMA CONFERENCE

THE camp-meeting for the southern part of the State will be held at Fairhope, Baldwin Co., across the bay from Mobile, from the morning of September 23rd to the 28th inclusive.

The president of the conference, Elder J. R. Bagby, has been called to Oklahoma for a few days on account of serious illness, but expects to be with us soon again. We hope all in the southern part of the State will make an effort to come, and bring others with you. We all need the blessing that the coming together to seek the Lord will give, and we need the instruction that we may better understand the work for this time.

In a recent report from Brother Lindsay he tells us that eight have decided to keep the Sabbath. He says, "Others are still interested, and for these we continue to work and pray."

Brethren Iles and Elliott report that twenty have accepted the message where they are laboring near Falkville. We are all glad to hear this good news. It will give us courage to labor more earnestly that the harvest may be gathered. HELEN MCKINNON, Sec'y.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

A SECRETARY asks, "What is the relation of the Missionary Volunteer secretaries to this new Correspondence School?" To which we answer "They are the special agents of the school in the field." Perhaps the strongest reason for the location of the school at Washington was the fact that the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments have complete machinery for carrying forward a work of this kind.

The great Scranton Correspondence School has found it necessary to have an army of field agents to solicit students, and to cooperate with the home offices in keeping them at work.

To interest young people in education is one of our special duties. How fitting then that you should be the special representative of this school in your territory. The burden for the youth is on your hearts. What a blessed privilege to be able to recommend study by correspondence to those who cannot yet enter one of our regular schools. We find there are many older persons and workers, too, who desire to take work.

Again, this work will appeal to a class of young people that our other lines of work will not. Have you not wished for some common ground on which to appeal to many

unconverted youth which was not distinctly religious or missionary?

Professor Howell will send you a package of announcements, matriculation blanks, etc. Let our Missionary Volunteer secretaries enter a friendly race for the largest enrolment.

Doubtless you have read every word of what has appeared in the *Review, Instructor*, and local papers in regard to this school. You will, of course, thoroughly inform yourself regarding it that you may be able to talk about it, and to give full information to all who are interested.

The Reading Course leaflet will soon be sent you. How many can you use? If you will send names and addresses of those whom you especially desire to have take it, we will be glad to write them.

Another important matter is the *Christian Education* magazine. It is a recognized necessity for the promotion of the gospel of Christian education. It ought to be in every Seventh-day Adventist home, and in thousands of other homes. Besides, it cannot live unless we push it. Note special price till October 15.

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IS THE LORD CALLING YOU?

CERTAINLY he is. The Lord has given to every man his work (Matt. 25:15), and we are told on page 1 of "Call to Canvassers" that we may know our work. The reason we do not is because we do not search for God with all our heart. Jer. 29:13.

I have just received a letter from a brother in which he says, "Well, Brother Dart, I have decided to try the canvassing business. I have fought it most all the time since I have been a Sabbath-keeper, but I am thoroughly convinced it is one of God's ways of spreading the truth. So now I am selling out as fast as I can to enter the work." This brother has already taken fifty-six orders during his spare time. I rejoice to hear this good news.

This is not an isolated case. There are others, whom the Lord is calling to take up the canvassing work, who are fighting their convictions, and are trying hard to convince themselves that they are called to do something else.

I beseech you, dear brother and sister, be reconciled to God. Make a full surrender to do what he has called you to do, and then such a joy and peace will be yours as you have never experienced before.

C. F. DART.

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THE SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL

Fall Term

THE fall term of the Southern Training School opens September 29. The courses offered for this term have been carefully arranged to meet the needs of the young people of this field.

The catalogue giving full explanation of plans, cost of tuition, etc., will be sent upon application to the principal, M. B. VanKirk, Graysville, Tenn.

Since this school is the training-school for the Southern and Southeastern Unions it is desired that all the laborers of both unions should encourage the attendance of the young people within this territory.

The school is prepared to carry out the work offered in the courses. Christian teachers of experience have been secured.

The attendance last year was good, and plans have been laid to provide accommodations for all who may attend.

Plan to come in time for the opening, September 29, and be on hand for the organizing of the school.

Those who come would do well to correspond with the school before starting for Graysville.

M. B. VANKIRK.

Principal of School.

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PINE GROVE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, AMORY, MISSISSIPPI

THIS school will open up October 5th and will be conducted by Professor Moyers and wife of Graysville, Tennessee.

We hope all the students who expect to attend this school this year will be there at the opening.

This school is under the direction of the Mississippi Conference. For further information address M. T. Billinger, Amory, Mississippi, or the writer at Purvis, Mississippi.

W. S. LOWRY.

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NASHVILLE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Treasurer's Report for August, 1909

CASH RECEIPTS

Tithe	\$238.65
First-Day Offerings	1.60
Foreign Missions	11.98
Rent	20.00
Poor Fund	3.93
Mid-Summer Offering	1.15
Hazel School	1.50
Furnace	17.20
Church Expense	10.03
Total	\$306.04

MARK STIVERS, *Treas.*

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REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SOCIETIES OF THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Quarter Ending June 30, 1909

THE summary of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer work done in the different conferences for the third quarter, although not so large as the first quarter, shows a fair amount of work accomplished. And, yet, please notice that this work was all reported by a very small proportion of our membership. Will you who read these words not help in swelling the aggregate of our missionary efforts by reporting your work, and if you have not been doing any work of this kind, resolve that by God's help no succeeding

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending Aug. 27, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Lyndon Taylor	BFL	26	\$ 2 00	\$10 00
Edward Whittier	CK	32	18 25	3 75
Charlsey Allran	BFL	51	17 00	3 00
R W Harris.....	BFL	46	70 00	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
C L Collision.....	D&R BR	34	88 50	3 25
Edwin Booth	CK	34		60 50
I T Reynolds.....	BFL	10		6 50
C Gordon	BFL	20	10 00	6 50
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
Virgil Smith	D&R	48	48 00	7 00
W H Haddon.....	MofN	17	16 50	
C F Lowry.....	BR	28	16 75	
Rees Callicott	BR	25	9 00	
H G Miller.....	MISC	20	12 60	12 60
J P Campbell.....	sofp	67	72 00	3 00
Cora Smith	BFL	6	4 45	
Mary Mundy	BFL	20		12 00
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	30	25 00	
G W Powers.....	CK	39	16 00	1 25
R A Crider.....	D&R	20	19 45	3 00
SUMMARY				
Kentucky Conference ...		155	107 25	16 75
Louisiana Conference ...		118	98 50	76 75
Mississippi Conference ..		231	179 30	34 60
Tennessee River Conf....		89	60 45	4 25
Totals		593	\$445 50	\$132 35

three months from now shall be so barren of results. Let us live and work as though the "finishing of the work" depended on us, and pray and trust as if it all depended on God.

No. of societies in the five conferences as reported	8
No. of members reporting.....	93
No. taking Reading Course.....	12
No. of junior members.....	13
No. of letters written.....	207
No. of letters received.....	117
No. of missionary visits.....	898
No. of Bible readings, or cottage meetings held	573
No. subscriptions taken for periodicals	15
No. papers sold.....	3870
No. of papers mailed or given away...	1096
No. of books sold.....	114
No. of books lent, or given away.....	64
No. of pages of tracts sold.....	50
No. of pages of tracts given away.....	8800
No. of hours of Christian-help work...	1032
No. of articles of clothing given away..	159
No. of meals provided.....	21
No. of signers to the Temperance Pledge	5
Offerings to foreign missions.....	\$6.65
Offerings to home missions.....	\$16.00
Offering to local society work.....	\$8.31
No. of treatments given (not free)....	621

Mrs. W. M. CROTHERS, *Secretary.*

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"GRIT is a match for any handicap."

Report of Progress

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HOW TO ORDER THE "MISSIONS" NUMBER OF THE REVIEW

BROTHER J. H. ROBISON, of Florida, has the honor of sending in the first order for the forthcoming "Missions" number of the *Review*. He says:—

"Will you please send me one hundred copies of the special *Review*. I used fifty copies last year, but think I can do better this time, as I have had some experience."

Judging from the enthusiastic letters already received from our conference presidents and other workers, we believe that Brother Robison but voices the experience of most of those who participated in the campaign last year.

To expedite matters, kindly bear in mind these four suggestions when placing your order:—

1. All orders for this special "Missions" number of the *Review*, and for circulars, canvasses and other campaign supplies, should be sent to the secretary of your conference tract society.

2. Where there is no conference tract society, or in case the tract society address is unknown, order direct from A. J. S. Bourdeau, Takama Park, Washington, D. C.

3. To avoid confusion please do not order the "Missions" *Review*, nor any campaign supplies from the *Review* and Herald Publishing Association.

4. Give us as much time as possible to fill your orders. Tardiness in ordering last year caused disappointment to hundreds of faithful workers.

A. J. S. BORDEAU.

Missionary Secretary General Conference Publishing Department.

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THERE has just come to our table the annual announcement of the Oakwood Manual Training School for 1909, 1910.

This school, which is now entering upon its fifteenth year, is located near Huntsville, Ala., and is in every way well-equipped to do the work for which it was established,—the education and training of our colored youth. The Lord's blessing has attended the school in the past, and a large number of students have benefited by the opportunities afforded by its different departments. Already about one hundred names have been enrolled for the next term.

The calendar, which contains thirty-six pages, and gives full information concerning

the different departments, courses, and other features of the school, including conditions of admission, expenses, etc., was printed on the school press, and speaks well for the efficiency of that department. Copies may be obtained by addressing the principal, Prof. W. J. Blake, Box 414, Huntsville, Ala.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Enrolment Blanks for the Correspondence School, established by the General Conference, are now in the hands of the Missionary Volunteer Secretary. This school furnishes a new opportunity to our young people and will be appreciated by many. Those who desire copies of the announcements or the enrolment blanks may receive the same by writing for them to Mrs. W. M. Crothers, 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

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TO OUR CANVASSERS

REALIZING the fact that our canvassers who travel from point to point appreciate reading our periodicals, we shall be glad to be notified promptly of any change of address, so that no disappointment will be sustained by tardy appearance of the papers.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

Circulation Department.

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THE Southern Publishing Association have issued a new catalogue of the famous Oxford Bibles. We can now furnish you the largest and finest list of these Bibles ever handled by this house. The catalogue will be mailed free on request.

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NASHVILLE AGRICULTURAL AND NORMAL INSTITUTE NOTICE

THE Annual Meeting of the Constituency of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute will be held at ten o'clock, A. M., Wednesday, October 13th, in the chapel of the Gotzain Hall Building, near Nashville, Tennessee.

The annual meeting of the Trustees, as required by law, is called to meet in the same place at three o'clock on the same day and date.

Signed, P. T. MAGAN, Secretary.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

By a recent action of the Southern Publishing Association board after due and careful consideration of the subject it was decided to raise the price of the *Watchman* to \$1.00 a year in the United States and Canada, and \$1.25 a year to foreign post-offices, after January 1, 1910.

This action becomes necessary because of the loss attending the publishing of this first-class magazine. It has also been decided to give the friends of the *Watchman* an opportunity to secure renewals for one or more

years between this and the first of January at the present subscription rate, namely, 75 cents a year. The purpose of the publishers is to make the *Watchman* improve with each issue, and we believe that our friends will see the righteousness and the wisdom of this action. Send in your orders for renewals for one or more years at once.

Agents for the sale of the *Watchman* are wanted in every city, town, and county in the United States and elsewhere.

Write us for *Watchman* outfit.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

P. S.—This does not affect club rates.

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PAPERS WANTED

THE circulation department of the Southern Publishing Association desires the following numbers of the *REPORT OF PROGRESS* for its files: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26, 33. These numbers are for the present year. Any one sending the papers in will greatly oblige and facilitate the work of the office.

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"THE King's Royal Life Insurance Company" is the title of an interesting little tract on life insurance. It presents the subject from the Scriptural view-point in short, pointed paragraphs, the usual terms and conditions relative to insurance companies being given in a unique style. Price per hundred, 50 cents, or ½ cent each.

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ONE of the best helps we know of for the church and missionary society is the little work "The Missionary Idea." It is written by one of long experience in our work, and every church library should contain a copy. Prices 50 cents and \$1.00.

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AMONG the recent visitors to our publishing plant were Mrs. Hill, with a party of friends who are being entertained at her home, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alexander and Miss Webster of West Nashville.

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ELDER C. F. McVAGH returned to Nashville last week after having visited the different camp-meetings of the Southern Union Conference. He reports very excellent and encouraging meetings throughout the field. Elders Haysmer and Christian and Professor Magan were also in attendance at some of the meetings.

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BROTHER O. H. RUDISALE of the Southern Publishing Association shipping department has gone to his home in Arkansas for a short vacation.