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FOR THE MASTER'S USE

Oh to be nothing, nothing!

Only to lie at his feet,

A broken and emptied vessel

For the Master's use made meet.

Emptied, that he may fill me,

As forth to his service I go;

Broken, that so unhindered

His life through me might flow.

Oh to be nothing, nothing!

Only as led by his hand;

A messenger at his gateway,

Only waiting for his command.

Only an instrument ready

His praises to sound at his will;

Willing, should he not require me,

In silence to wait on him still.

— J. M. Taylor.



A CALL TO SERVICE

Two more bills, evidently religious in character, have been introduced into the United States Senate. The first is Bill No. 404, entitled, A Bill for the Proper Observance of Sunday as a Day of Rest in the District of Columbia. The second is House Joint Resolution No. 17, entitled, Joint Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, So That It Shall Contain a Recognition of God, and Shall Begin with These Words, "In the Name of God." The first one shows upon its face that its passage would be religious legislation. The second one proposing a Constitutional amendment, while mild in tone and innocent in appearance, is also proposed religious legislation, but dressed in a little different garb, and if passed could, and probably would be used as a lever to secure other and more stringent religious legislation.

In short, this last Bill, No. 17, is religious legislation in disguise, and the Lord has told us that these things would be done in disguise. In "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 5, page 449, we read, "Church and state are now making preparations for the future conflict. Protestants are working in disguise to bring Sunday to the front, as did Romanists." Again, on page 452, same volume, we read, "The Sunday movement is now making its

way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the under-current is tending."

For years the National Reform movement has been calling for such an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as will "place all the Christian laws, institutions, and usages of our government on an undeniable legal basis in the fundamental law of the land." So it is plain that the passing of this bill would lay its foundation for a religious establishment, which in the end means nothing less than religious persecution.

The National Reform movement will, before the end, exercise the power of religious legislation, and the Lord has told us the result. "The National Reform movement, exercising the power of religious legislation, will, when fully developed, manifest the same intolerance and oppression that have prevailed in past ages."—*Vol. 5, p. 712.*

In the face of these facts, that Protestants are working in disguise to bring Sunday to the front; that the National Reform movement is endeavoring to exercise the power of religious legislation, how true the words in Vol. 5, page 711: "A great crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us." On page 451, we find what the struggle is to be over: "To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the decalogue. On this battle-field comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error."

In the past, bills calling for religious legislation have, in a great measure, been defeated. The Lord in love and mercy has commissioned the angels to hold the winds a little longer. The Lord's work is not yet finished. It may be that if we do all we can to avert the coming danger, that a respite will still be granted God's people to let the light shine, and to finish the work. "Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter his people. We are

not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience."

So while these bills are pending, who will answer the call and do all they can to defeat these bills and preserve liberty of conscience? Let there be a general awakening of our ministers and lay members in Alabama, and let us come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Petitions are being sent out to our churches to secure signatures against these bills. This is a work in which the most humble can engage. Let it be brought before the churches in all its importance.

As we work let us also pray that the angels may still hold the winds a little longer until the work is finished and the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. If by mistake some church should not receive petitions, or if there are isolated ones who do not have church privileges, please notify the writer, and petitions will be gladly and promptly forwarded.

E. L. ILES.



"PEDDLERS OF HERESY"

OUR several thousand missionary workers who are devoting their entire time to the circulation of our literature, will read with peculiar interest the following paragraphs written by J. E. Love, a Baptist, and published in the *Baptist Standard* of June 17, 1909. Our workers will find no difficulty in reading the words "Seventh-day Adventist" and "the third angel's message" into these paragraphs in the place of the words "Baptist" and "the Baptist creed." Mr. Love says:—

"A few days ago as I was about to board a train in ———, a rather comely woman approached several of us at the car steps, and in a very pleasant but persistent manner, tried to sell us a publication which, if I mistake not, is set for the defense of Seventh-day Adventism. . . . If Christianity has been erroneously set forth for two thousand years, it is scarcely probable that these particular people have now found the truth and are able to set all the world right. . . .

"But what suggestion is there in the incident cited above for our Baptist people? This: The rapid multiplication of religious

fads, isms, doctrines, sects, confounding and confusing men who want a straight path of religion in which to walk, make a loud call to Baptist people to affirm and emphasize their distinctiveness. The Baptist creed is a very short one, and if set forth with clearness, will gain us great advantage at a time like this. No other people have so distinct and individual a note in their message for the world, and nowhere else can there be found so certain a corrective of the present tendency toward the multiplication of denominations and the subversion of sound doctrine. No age in which we have lived needs our message more than this, and we never had more to gain by clearly, faithfully, and with tender human compassion, preaching the truth as we hold it. The very bewilderment of men caused by the contradictions of religious teaching all about should appeal strongly to the spirit of Christ within us, and call forth a strong, steady note of doctrinal teaching.

"But, again, the zeal of these peddlers of heresy in pressing their campaign everywhere contains a suggestion for Baptists. Those who hold the truth should not withhold it. Indeed, no one is under such obligation to dispense the truth as the man who has the most of it, and zeal should be proportionate to doctrine. There is no New Testament example for the theory that the truth is simply to be proclaimed from the pulpit by a certain class who are charged with this responsibility. In one thing at least, those who follow the vocation of peddling religious fads can cite New Testament example, namely, for the personal and individual method which they pursue. Baptist people ought to carry their individualism a little further than they do, recognizing that men are not only saved one by one through the personal faith in Christ, but that they are also won one by one through the personal work of Christians. We need to talk our doctrines as well as to preach them. We ought to go to men and tell them about salvation, as well as invite them to go to our churches and hear about it. If Baptist people possessed zeal in personal work in a degree surpassing the people referred to as much as we surpass them in the amount of truth we hold, a new day would soon break for Baptist people."

On the whole, this comment on our methods of circulating the printed page of truth ought to gratify our faithful house-to-house workers with the periodicals and books. We fear, however, that our Baptist brother has forgotten the early experiences of the Baptist people, when they were obliged, like all true reformers, to break away from "Christianity" as it had been "erroneously set forth for two thousand years."

All reformers, from Jesus Christ down through the ages, have been branded as "peddlers of heresy." The Master himself, who "went about doing good," is our example as a colporteur. "The book-hawkers," or *colporteurs*," says Samuel Smiles in his book on "The Huguenots," "were among the most active agents of the Reformation." And De Felice, in his "Protestants of France," says

"They were called *bale-bearers*, basket or *literary carriers*. They belonged to different classes of society; many were students in theology, or even ministers of the gospel. Staff in hand, basket on back, through heat and cold, by lonely ways, through mountain ravines and dreary morasses, they went *from door to door*, often ill received, always at the hazard of their lives, and not knowing in the morning where to lay their head at night. It was chiefly through them that the Bible penetrated into the manor of the noble as well as the hut of the peasant."

The patient Waldenses were wont to introduce their publications from door to door as an incidental part of their work as venders of silks and other wares. Eugene Lawrence, the historian, informs us in his "Historical Studies," that in France "the humble *colporteur*, or Bible-seller, the most hated and the most feared of all the agents of reform, in this remarkable period, by priest and pope," was "often disguised as a *peddler* of ribbons and trinkets."

Luther, Calvin, and other Reformers engaged printers, established depositories, and trained and directed thousands of canvassers who sold Protestant tracts, pamphlets, and copies of the Scriptures in France, Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands. Luther established a depository in Basel, Switzerland, called "The Evangelical Society of Book-hawkers." As active agents in the great modern Reformation, let us give our lives to the calling of men back from their wanderings, to the teachings of God's Word. Thank God for the consecrated "peddlers of heresy,"—our large and faithful army of canvassers.

A. J. S. BORDEAU.

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LOUISIANA'S AUGUST EXPERIENCE MEETING

WE had no meeting for July on account of the camp-meeting, but we will try to atone for our failure by a good one this time.

Sister Edna Walker has been spending some time visiting relatives in Michigan. We hope to hear of her return to New Orleans soon.

The meetings that continued after the camp-meeting at Pineville have resulted in five new Sabbath-keepers, and Sister Young is still working with others who are interested. She writes: "I have four new readers. Our Sabbath-school last Sabbath numbered twelve. I am of good courage, and enjoy my new field."

From Calhoun where Brethren Rees and Hanson are conducting meetings comes an encouraging report. They write: "Our attendance has been good, and the best people in town are deeply interested. We hope to see several step out."

From several letters written by Elder Saxby we learn that the month has been very warm in New Orleans, Sister Saxby has spent some time at Mandeville, and the workers have been working carefully till cooler weather. All are of good courage.

The meetings at Ringgold are well attended

and a number are deeply interested. It is hoped that here and at Calhoun, companies may be developed.

Sister Saxby writes that the emergency fund is about exhausted. Will you not be one who will stir up this matter in your church so that at least five dollars may be sent in each fourth Sabbath? We are getting out. Now let us climb.

Sister Olmstead, who was badly hurt in a runaway just at the close of the camp-meeting, was later taken to the sanitarium in Alexandria, and she left there August 22 for her home near Monroe, very much improved. Let us all pray for her complete recovery.

How many of our Sabbath-schools are giving all their donations to missions? How many are averaging ten cents a week? Can we not do this and thus make Louisiana the first Southern State to reach the mark? "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, . . . but he that doeth the will of my Father." What does God will? "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world." Who shall preach it? "Go ye into all the world."

Brother Reynolds writes that though sickness and other causes have kept some of our canvassers out of the work, still we have been able to sell several hundreds of dollars worth of books during our hottest month. We should have more canvassers. Are you impressed that your duty is in this work? If so, God is seeking to put you to work. The devil never impresses men to sell books to spread the truth. He would rejoice to see all who are now in this work, drop out.

Reports from Brother McLennan and Sister Cassie Wilson who are trying to hold Bible readings in New Orleans in spite of the heat, show that God will bless those who "stick to the bush." Let us never become weary in well-doing. Jesus never tires of us.

Some have not yet sent in their reports and may be heard from later.

Let us all pray for our workers that they may be sustained till our blessed Saviour comes.

E. L. MAXWELL.



LEADERS TAKING THE LEAD

LETTERS full of good cheer, good suggestions, and good plans are coming in from conference presidents concerning the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. These are a promise of good things to come in behalf of foreign missions.

Elder William Covert, president of the Northern Illinois Conference, writes:—

"I have dictated a letter to be sent to all our churches concerning this campaign. This is done in order to enlist their interest *immediately*, so that we may secure as large an offering as possible this fall."

Elder B. F. Kneeland, president of the New Jersey Conference, writes:—

"I am in hearty sympathy with the plan. I know that in this conference we have felt the uplift which came from the effort last year. Before your letter reached me I had sent out a call for a meeting of our conference committee, to consider plans for the present

campaign, and thoroughly organize the field for labor. We have learned some very valuable lessons from the experience last year, and I believe we can make this campaign much more effectual. It will be safe to plan on our conference using a larger number of the *Reviews* than last year. We shall do our best to have our orders in on time."

These letters have the right ring. We trust that every conference will organize for thorough, effective work, so that all the units in this cause may count full value in their proper place. The calls from the great harvest-field are many, and the needs are great. The missionaries already sent out must be supported, and many others must soon go. May the Lord greatly bless both leaders and people. "For that the *leaders* took the *lead* in Israel, for that the *people* offered themselves *willingly*, bless ye Jehovah. My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people: bless ye Jehovah." Judges 5:2, 9, A. R. V.

A. G. DANIELLS.



A CATECHISM

Question. What books will be read in the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses?

Answer. There are two courses. The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course No. 3 will comprise the books, "Quiet Talks on Service," "The Moslem World," and "Great Second Advent Movement." Those who join the Junior Course will read "Letters from the Holy Land," three historical books of the Bible, and "My Garden Neighbors."

Q. How much time will it take to read the books in the Missionary Volunteer Course?

A. To finish the course in eight months you will have to read about twenty-five pages each week. The Junior course does not include so much. Supplementary books will be suggested for those who desire to do more reading along these lines.

Q. Where can I get the books?

A. Order "Quiet Talks on Service" and "Moslem World" from the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, D. C., "My Garden Neighbors" from the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, Cal., the others through any of our tract societies or publishing houses.

Q. What will the books cost me?

A. The three books in the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course No. 3 will cost from \$1.60 to \$2.50 according to the bindings. Those in the Junior Course from \$1.25 to \$1.50. See *Instructor* of September 7.

Q. When does the course begin?

A. It begins in the *Instructor* of October 5, and continues eight months.

Q. Are there any examinations to take?

A. No, there are no examinations, but in each course three written reviews are required. The books may be used in answering the questions, and the answers should be sent to your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary. These reviews are the only evidences that the secretary has that those enrolled are following up the work.

Q. Why does the secretary desire this definite information?

A. For the evidence it furnishes that you are putting good material into your character-building; and that your name may be recommended to the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department for a Reading Course Certificate.

Q. But these certificates are of no value, are they?

A. Yes, they are valuable. They are awards of merit showing that you possess "stickability." One college president says, "The Reading Course Certificates are an excellent letter of recommendation for young people who are entering our schools. They indicate habits of systematic study and interest in the best things."

Q. How can I enroll?

A. Send your name and address to your conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary, stating which course you wish to take.

Q. Is there any good reason why I should take this course?

A. Yes, there are many. Space forbids giving them, but remember Solomon says, "Wise men lay up knowledge."

M. E. KERN.



ALABAMA CANVASSING REPORT

For Four Weeks Ending Aug. 27, 1909

Ben Griffith	.....BFL	100	\$	\$252	50
R V Cory	.....D&R	42	72	60	3 20
Carl Matthews	.....BFL	20	20	50	1 00
W R Elliott	.....D&R				17 50
Mrs W R Elliott	.....BFL				26 25
W G Ringgold	.....BS	68	57	00	35 00
B F Harmon	.....BFL	36	50	50	2 75
W H Waite	.....CK	16	11	65	5 95
R I Keate	.....D&R	21			38 05
M L Ivory	.....BFL	147	37	10	10 50
K Skidmore	.....D&R	164	270	85	50
C G Manns	.....BFL	94	106	00	
Alex Wood	.....D&R	52	109	55	
I W Peary	.....BFL				6 00

Totals 760 \$741 75 \$393 20
R. I. KEATE, *State Agent.*



ALABAMA CAMP-MEETING FOR THE COLORED

I WISH to say to our colored brethren in Alabama that we are planning to hold a camp-meeting at Sylacauga in October. We were planning to hold it Oct. 7-17, but we may have to change the date a little so as not to interfere with other meetings. We are expecting to have a good meeting, and I hope all are planning to attend. We expect to have good help, and plans will be laid to push the work as never before. We will let you know later the exact date of the meeting. Bring your heavy clothing, and plenty of bedding.

A. J. HAYSMER.



ALABAMA CAMP-MEETING

THE camp-meeting for the southern part of the State will be held in Fairhope, which is on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, in Baldwin Co. It will start—the Lord willing

—promptly on the morning of September 23rd and it will end with the night service on the 28th.

It is hoped that at least every believer in the southern part of the State will be there if that is at all possible. And in order that we might know about how many to have accommodations for, all those who expect to attend will please let the writer know of it.

Elder J. R. Bagby, our new president, has been called to his home in Oklahoma, on account of the serious illness of his wife. Let us pray that if it is the Lord's will she may soon be restored to health and strength again, and that Elder Bagby may be back in time for the camp-meeting.

After Sept. 20th address me at Fairhope.

R. I. KEATE.

Fort Payne, Ala.



CANVASSING IN COVINGTON, KY.

It has been some time since I have written anything to the readers of the REPORT OF PROGRESS. But it has not been because the Lord has not blessed me in his work, for he certainly has. I can see his hand in all that has come to me during the past year.

When I closed my school in the spring I was a little undecided where I would go or what I would do this summer. But my thoughts went back to the precious times I had with my Saviour, in the canvassing field last summer. It did not take me very long to decide what I would do if the Lord directed that way. I began praying over the matter, and immediately the way was opened for me to enter the canvassing work.

Accordingly, after a short visit to my home in Hildebran, N. C., I began work in Frankfort, Ky., and although the floods had been making havoc in that city, and the people were discouraged, and a great many of them were in trying circumstances, yet the Lord helped me to deliver over forty-four dollars worth of books there in less than one month.

We left Frankfort, and after a short stop at Versailles we came to Covington; and it is of our experiences here that I wish to tell you.

When we arrived here May 4th, and began work the people told us that there was not much use of our trying to sell books; for two thirds of the people were Catholic, and that times were too dull in Covington, to sell books. That was not very encouraging, but we went to work and the Lord has blessed us. While it is true that the late money panic has made it hard for the working class to buy very much except their daily food, yet the Lord has used that very condition of things to awaken the people to a sense of the times in which we are living, and they are now ready to hear the truth.

I have had the privilege of giving the truth to many hungry souls, who declare, "I never heard it like that before." As they would tell me how much they would like to understand the Bible as I had explained it to them, I could tell them that it was in their power to obtain a much clearer knowledge of these things by making a small sacrifice and pur-

chasing a book that would explain it to them. As a result I would succeed in taking their order. One poor old lady was so blue and discouraged at the way the world was going, that she had become an infidel. But when I showed her that this was only a fulfillment of the Word of God, and that the Lord was longing to encourage her to study his Word and learn his love, she was melted to tears, and said, "I wish I could understand and believe as you do." I told her if she would study the Word, and accept its teachings by faith, she would understand. She bought a book, and promised to study it.

There are many more experiences that I might relate to show how God's hand was in our coming to this place.

While my work in taking orders and delivering has not been just what I had hoped it might be, yet the Lord has helped me to take over two hundred forty-eight dollar's worth of orders, and deliver over ninety dollar's worth. I will have three deliveries to make yet, and by that time I hope to have left a good many seeds of truth in this place.

My daily prayer is that the Lord will increase our courage and strength for his work. Pray for us.

CHARLSEY ALLRAN.

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DICKSON, TENNESSEE

At the close of our good camp-meeting here we moved the tent back onto the same lot on which it stood prior to the camp-meeting. We have had good audiences every night, missing but one appointment, and the interest is still good.

Last Sabbath we enjoyed a precious season together. Three new ones took a noble, decided stand for the truth. One of these is an influential member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, another of the Presbyterian Church, and the third had never enjoyed any fellowship with God or his children. Since that last Sabbath meeting we find five others who now have declared themselves—deciding to "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus," all of whom are good people, and one of them is the editor and proprietor of the county paper. His wife unites with him in this, and he is happy now that the decision is made, and conviction is settled into obedience. Another one said that her conviction of sin in this case is as deep as it was when she was first converted. There are many others who are fully satisfied that they have heard the truth, and we expect some of them will obey.

Brother Pavey returned to Hazel over two weeks ago. Now I am both preacher and tent-master, and am thankful for strength to perform the work. Pray for us, dear brethren.

R. M. KILGORE.

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KENTUCKY

THE second annual conference and camp-meeting of Kentucky is past. With the scene in mind we feel like saying with the psalmist, "Oh, how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them" that trust in thee

before the sons of men!" How we wished that those who were present and had misgivings as to the advisability of Kentucky being made a conference, might know that the Lord's hand was in the movement.

Our meeting was one not to be forgotten, being so marked by the presence of the Lord. Many said it was the best they ever experienced. The first Sabbath was a day of consecration to the Lord. The afternoon service continued from half past two until sundown, and no one seemed to be weary. It was good to be there.

We could not see when we asked that Kentucky be organized into a separate conference, how the Lord would make the needed provisions for our workers, tent companies, and camp-meetings, but we knew he was faithful who had promised, and our needs have been supplied. With all new tents neatly arranged, our camp presented a nice appearance. The Lord put it into the hearts of the owners to allow us the free use of the grounds.

Several young people are planning to attend school, two will go to Beechwood, and others will attend at Graysville.

We are looking forward to the time when we will have a school in our own conference and educate our young people without sending them so far. The Lord can provide all our needs, and he is pleased when we exercise faith in him.

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

I feel to praise the Lord for what he has done for Kentucky.

WALTER JONES.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

MUCH is now being said and done to arouse the interest of our young people in the subject of Christian education, and to encourage them to attend our schools and colleges which have been established for the purpose of imparting such knowledge as will strengthen and establish their faith and confidence in divine truth, lead to genuine personal experience, enable them to discern between truth and error, and fit them to take an active part in giving to the world the special truths for these last times. We wish that all of our young people could complete a course in one of these schools, and we hope that as many as can do so, will. But there are many who are unable to do so, and for them a course of home reading and study has been arranged which, if prayerfully, diligently, and perseveringly pursued, will do much to improve the mind, store it with a knowledge of the truth, and make up for their lack of school privileges. These studies can be pursued at home, during our spare moments, and without interfering with our regular work or duties. The courses have been arranged especially for our young people and children; but those of more mature years are not debarred from participating therein.

The urgent need of a deeper spiritual experience and a thorough knowledge of the truth must be recognized by every one who realizes

the character of the times in which we are living and the demoralizing, faith-destroying influences everywhere surrounding us, in both the social and religious worlds. The most subtle and delusive errors are everywhere being taught as newly discovered light and truth, while unbelief, skepticism, and apostasy are taking the place of faith in, and fidelity to, the inspired Word. We must now have a personal experience in the things of God, and a personal knowledge of the truth, if we expect to "escape all these things" and "to stand before the Son of man." We cannot lean upon others, however good and strong they may be. Personal experience in the Holy Ghost and individual knowledge of the Word, will alone save us. We here quote a few pertinent passages from the spirit of prophecy:—

"I saw that the saints must get a thorough understanding of present truth, which they will be obliged to maintain from the Scriptures. They must understand the state of the dead; for the spirits of devils will yet appear to them, professing to be beloved friends and relatives, who will declare to them that the Sabbath has been changed, also other unscriptural doctrines."—*Early Writings, Supplement to Experiences and Views, p. 3.*

"I saw that some minds are led away from present truth and a love of the Holy Bible, by reading other exciting books." "What leisure time we have should be spent in searching the Bible which is to judge us in the last day."—*Early Writings, p. 40.*

"We must learn to stand alone, and to depend wholly upon God. The sooner we learn this the better."

Much more might be quoted and said, but space will not permit, and it ought not to be necessary. The conference leaders of the young people's societies have been made acquainted with the details of the work, as outlined by the General Conference department; and I hope that every conference officer and worker, together with the church elders, librarians, and parents will interest themselves in this work and do everything they can to encourage and organize the young people in every church, into classes which will be ready to begin the courses of study when the first lesson appears in the *Youth's Instructor* of October 5. Isolated families should also join in the studies.

It would be well for all those wishing to take one or both of the courses to correspond with their state secretary at once, and obtain all necessary information, and learn how to procure their books. MRS. M. H. CROTHERS.

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"TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, VOL. 9"

We call the attention of our readers to the new volume of the "Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9," just published, and now ready for mailing.

Five years have passed since the church has had delivered to it a bound volume of the message so essential to its prosperity. During

this time important messages of encouragement, reproof, and counsel have been given and are now printed under eight general sections as follows:—

FOR THE COMING OF THE KING

The Last Crisis; Called to be Witnesses; Home Missionary Work; The Need of Earnest Effort; "Freely Ye have Received, Freely Give."

LITERATURE IN SERVICE

Our Publications; Circulating the Publications; A Broader View; Camp-Meetings and Our Publications.

THE WORK IN THE CITIES

Conditions in the Cities; A Present-Day Work; Methods of Labor; An Appeal to Laymen; Words of Counsel to Ministers.

THE HEALTH WORK

Faithfulness in Health Reform; An Appeal for Medical Missionary Evangelists; The Loma Linda College of Evangelists.

THE SPIRIT OF UNITY

Unity Among Different Nationalities; Unity in Christ Jesus; The Publishing Work at College View; German and Scandinavian Conferences.

AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE

A Call for Colored Laborers; Proclaiming the Truth; Where There is Race Antagonism; The Color Line; Consideration for Colored Laborers; The Needs of a Mission Field.

THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK

A Time of Trial Before Us; Sunday Labor; Words of Caution.

TIMELY COUNSELS

Faithful Stewardship; Beneficence; The Spirit of Independence; A Distribution of Responsibility; In Humility and Faith; To the Workers of Southern California; "I Am But a Little Child;" The Reward of Earnest Effort.

This volume might be regarded as a special appeal for renewed consecration, greater courage, and activity in finishing the special work committed to the church. No one who is interested in, or in any way connected with the work of the third angel's message, should be without the help of this new number of the Testimonies to the Church.

It is bound in the usual cloth and flexible leather, 75 cents and \$1.25, also a special thin edition, flexible leather on Bible paper, round corners, \$1.25. Order through the State tract society.



THE NEW LINCOLN PENNY

The October issue of the *Watchman* will be an interesting number, and should receive wide circulation. Among the timely topics which will appear in that number are: An article by the editor entitled The Abuse of Power, in which it is shown that the only power the church should seek for and enjoy is that which comes from God; and that when the church calls for state aid it is inviting the state to exercise a power not vested in it by Him who ordained the powers that be. Also an article by C. P. Bollman, editor of the *Gospel Sentinel*, Evolution vs. Redemption, in which it is maintained that evolution is a denial of creation, and that redemption is de-

pendent upon creative power—a re-creation. Creation and redemption stand or fall together.

An interesting article from the pen of R. A. Underwood on the Setting up of Christ's Kingdom, appears, in which the Biblical plan is contrasted with the popular idea of setting up this kingdom. Professor E. A. Sutherland, of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, writes of Attractions of Country Life in the South. Professor Magan continues his articles on the unsettled Eastern Question. Among the other articles are, Test of Faith and Sincerity, by Mrs. E. G. White; How the Challenge to Protestants is Being Met, by S. B. Horton; mission field reports from Bolivia and Peru, by J. W. Westphal, illustrated; outline of work in Kaffirland, South Africa, by W. S. Hyatt; The New Lincoln Penny, by Our Washington Correspondent; All Honor to a South Carolina Jury; A Righteous Decision, in which is reported the trial of a Sunday-law case in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Among the testimonies recently commending the *Watchman* are the following:—

"The *Watchman* is good, and is a good seller. The *Watchman* is making friends."

"I will be very glad to assist you all I can in enlarging the circulation of the excellent paper of which you write. I have a living interest in the spread of present truth."

"Your magazine is certainly extra good. It would be difficult indeed to make it better."

Agents wanted in every city and town for the sale of the *Watchman*. Send for outfit.

Sincerely yours for the spread of the truth.

THE WATCHMAN.



DICKSON, CAMP-MEETING

WORDS of battle cheer!

Tidings from the war!

How goes the conflict?

Our good camp-meeting is now in the past. We have nothing but a good report to give of the meetings. There was a good spirit on the grounds, a spirit of unity and good fellowship that was quite noticeable. There was present a disposition on the part of some to labor and pray for and with others. This was quite noticeable among the young people. The 5:30 P. M. hour was devoted to the young people's work, followed each evening by a meeting where special prayer was offered. I do not recall ever having been to a camp-meeting where the woods were so thoroughly turned into temples of prayer as at this place.

The 5:30 P. M. meetings were conducted by Professors VanKirk and Sutherland, Mrs. G. G. Lowry, State Secretary for the Young People's work in Tennessee, and the writer. Our young people are becoming a strong factor in the work to-day; and our young people ought, under God, to make themselves a factor for the dissemination of the truth. As workers let us "forward! march!" and let the word pass all along the line, that the raw recruits for whom we labor may get the spirit of the work and come into rank for the most glorious conflict ever witnessed.—Ed.

**CANVASSING REPORT
Southern Union Conference**

For Week Ending Aug. 27, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
Mrs W R Elliott....BFL			\$	\$26 25
W G Ringgold.....—	37	19 00		35 00
K Skidmore (col)...BFL	50	91 75		50
C G Manns (col)...BFL	40	36 00		
Alex Wood (col)...D&R			38 00	
R Roberts (col)...BFL	44	34 50		2 75
I W Peary (col).....—			6 00	

For Week Ending Sept. 3, 1909

B F Harmon.....BFL	34	51 35		3 00
W G Ringgold.....BS	39	45 50		8 50
D F Cook.....BFL	28	35 00		
R Roberts (col)...BFL	37	30 10		3 50
C G Manns (col)...BFL	29	15 50		3 00
Alex Wood (col)...D&R			9 25	
M L Ivory (col).....—				3 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

W P Ethington.....BFL	10			5 35
M J Weber.....BFL	18	2 50		5 00
Charlsey Allran ....BFL	39	8 00		4 50
M Wheeler .....D&R	24	14 50		1 50
Edward Whittier ....CK	16	3 00		1 00
Lyndon Taylor .....BFL	10	1 00		

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Mrs A E Frank 2 w H&H	50	97 50		12 15
Gertrude Evans 2 w..BFL				2 50
I T Reynolds.....MISC	10			6 00
Jno Almendro .....CK	40	24 00		
C Gordon .....BFL	17			3 50
C L Collison.....D&R BR	40	96 75		3 25

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Virgil Smith .....D&R	40	41 60		5 60
W H Haddon.....MofN	39	45 00		
W E Covington 3 w..BFL	86	68 80		
Parmelia Sparks .PAPERS	20	5 25		5 25

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh.....GC	42			135 80
R H Hazelton.....MISC	35	30 00		
Mamie Moore .....D&R	32	5 75		15 75
C F Parmele.....D&R	10	2 25		15 25
G W Powers.....CK	52	30 25		2 00
C D Wolff.....MISC	75	46 00		54 00
Wm J Keele.....PAPERS	59	23 90		23 90

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf. 2 wks....	338	411 95		86 00
Kentucky Conference ...	117	29 00		17 35
Louisiana Conference ...	215	218 25		27 40
Mississippi Conference ..	185	160 65		10 85
Tennessee River Conf... 305	138 15			246 70

Totals 1160 \$958 00 \$388 30



ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Tithe for August, 1909

Birmingham	\$55.33
Montgomery	43.00
Marlow	36.11
Individuals	16.77
Attalla	8.48
Mobile	2.57

Total \$162.26

HELEN MCKINNON, Treas.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT AMONG OUR COLORED BRETHERN

By invitation of the pastor, the editor attended a meeting of the Nashville colored church, Sabbath, the 12th inst., which was called for the purpose of organizing its eligible members into a young people's society.

They were already interested in the work, and as the aims, objects, purposes, and plans of the organization were fully set before them, every one present, both old and young, were desirous that the work should begin, and all, whose ages would permit them to do so, signed the membership card. There were sixteen names given in, and more have promised to sign.

A lively interest was taken in the Reading Courses and the Bible Studies, and the organization will be completed next Sunday. We hope that all our colored brethren in the Southern Union Conference will enroll themselves under the banner of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Movement, and organize themselves for earnest study and work along the lines outlined by the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department.

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WANTED

ON account of my wife's poor health, I desire to correspond with a sister who desires a home for at least a while. Must be competent to care for children. Address E. L. Iles, Cullman, Ala., stating age, experience, and wages desired.

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CAPITAL AND LABOR

THE October number of the *Signs of the Times Monthly* magazine will deal with that most perplexing problem, "Capital and Labor." Articles have been secured from prominent writers, representing the different sides of this controversy, thus making it an interesting and popular number, and one that will appeal to all classes. The subjects will be taken up in the following order:—

An article by John Kirby Jr., president of the National Association of Manufacturers, will present the subject from the manufacturer's standpoint.

Selected statements from the recent utterances of Mr. John Mitchell, the great labor leader, will present the subject from the viewpoint of organized labor.

A special article on Capitalism and Socialism, by Eugene V. Debs, will present the matter from the socialistic standpoint.

The editor, who has given years of study to the question, will present the subject from the prophetic and Christian standpoint, giving the only true solution of this perplexing problem.

The regular departments of the magazine will be kept up the same as usual, in which will appear the following articles:—

Go Ye Into All the World, by Mrs. E. G. White.

The Sabbath Institution, by Elder H. W. Cottrell.

Struggles for Religious Liberty in the Western World, by Elder J. O. Corliss.

What Constitutes Divine Healing, by D. H. Kress, M. D.

The Nations and Prophecy, by Elder Clarence Santee.

The How of the New Birth, by Elder Wm. A. Westworth.

The Jubilee of Calvin in Geneva, by Jean Vuilleumier.

The cover for this number is a three-color design, presenting in striking figures the only true solution of the capital and labor problem. It is a beautiful conception, and tells the story at a glance.

This number will be one of the most interesting, attractive, and important yet published, and is sure to meet with a ready sale. Agents wanted in every city and town.

5 to 25 copies, 5 cents per copy; 25 to 500 copies, 4 cents; 500 to 1,000 copies, 3½ cents; 1,000 copies or more, 3 cents.

Address your tract society, or *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, Cal.

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TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report for August, 1909

TITLE	
Trezevant	\$29.63
Nashville No. 1	20.69
Hazel	19.30
Paducah	15.92
Cedar Grove	15.26
Conference Church	20.00
Springville	7.92
Hustburg	3.35
Leach	3.33
Memphis No. 1	2.50
Individual	1.00
Total	\$138.90

OFFERINGS

Mid-Summer Offerings	\$29.13
Sabbath-School Donations	32.47
First-Day Offerings	2.40
Ingathering .....	.75
Temperance	2.75
Scholarship Fund	5.00
Hazel School	5.00
Tent and Camp-Meeting Fund.....	276.33
Total	\$353.83

THOS. E. PAVEY, Treas.

NEWS COLUMN

WE wish to call especial attention to the article in this number about the series of "Missionary Volunteer Society lessons on Bible Doctrine." We wish every young person would read the article carefully, and be thinking of it, and planning to take hold of this opportunity. The lessons begin early in October.

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WE have just received stock of new Oxford Bibles and are now prepared to offer our people the finest line of these Bibles we have ever handled. The new catalogues are also ready, and will be sent free to any address.

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AMONG the new Bibles are several illustrated ones containing full-page illustrations in colors. These are beautiful books, and prices are very reasonable. We invite correspondence.

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WOULD you like a pocket concordance? We have something nice to offer you. Size 5½ x 4 inches, bound in French morocco, divinity circuit, and red under gold edges. Price only 85 cents. Our first stock was all sold as soon as unpacked.

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THE Sabbath-school quarterlies for the fourth quarter are ready for mailing. All orders from the Southern Union Conference should be sent to the Nashville office. Order at once, and avoid delay of late orders.

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"SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCES"

HAVE you secured a copy of this valuable little book? If not, do so at once. It is a veritable arsenal of Bible truth, and treats exhaustively all the distinctive doctrines of the church, not including prophecy. It is so arranged, classified, and indexed, that any proof text upon any subject may be found almost instantly. It can be carried in the pocket, and should be in the possession of every believer.

"Scriptural Evidences" is also one of the books recommended by the General Conference young people's department for use in connection with the course of study mentioned elsewhere in this paper. Prices: leather, 60 cts.; cloth, 30 cts. Order of your state tract society, or the Southern Publishing Association.

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THE LIFE BOAT

THE September number of the *Life Boat* comes to our table full of good things. A report of an address by Mrs. E. G. White, delivered last month at the Rescue Home at Hinsdale is given. The paper is doing a good work. It is published at Hinsdale, Ill. at 50 cents a year.