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"LIFE'S BATTLES"

SOMETIME, when all life's battles have been fought,
And we the last leaf in life's book have turned,
What though our way with grief and pain was fraught,
What though we missed the joys for which we yearned?
We'll find the chastening rod was for our good.
Yes, when we reach the better land of rest,
We'll know 't was best, had we but understood;
God chastens most the ones he loves the best.

And if our hearts are breaking at the thought
Of voices stilled and friends who proved untrue,
Oh, think not that the Father counts as naught
These burning tears that oft our pathway strew!
And as the sun of springtime drives away
The clouds of winter, and the flowers bloom,
So shall life's joys departed some sweet day
Shine forth in radiant beauty from the gloom.

Let not our hearts be troubled; though we see
But darkly through the glass, we know not why,
Yet God knows best, and in the future we
Shall find it is not all of death to die.
And we shall somehow know and understand
Why all these bitter sorrows and heartaches
Were for our good. Yea, in the better land
All will be right, for God makes no mistakes.

—Zoa Main.

THE NEED OF THE HOUR

WHO, we ask, will follow the example of his Lord in self sacrifice and disinterested benevolence, to save his fellow men? There are young men and women and those of middle age who have had experience in the truth, but do not advance in the divine life, and increase in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and they do not know

the cause. One cause of their lack of spiritual strength, and of their not being full-grown men and women in Christ is, they are not workers with Christ. If they would work for Jesus, their sympathies would be brought in close union with Christ, and they would grow in him their living Head, and have a better understanding of his work, and his sacrifice for man; and would place that estimate upon souls proportionate to the value of the price Christ paid for man. There are a large number who, if they would come near to God by entire consecration, would hear his voice saying, Go labor in my vineyard and ye shall receive your wages by-and-by.

Many are not sufficiently aroused to their duty to do the work they might do if they would, and that they do not do because they do not have the spirit of sacrifice. God will hold such accountable for the souls of their fellow men. They might have done a good work in union with Christ, and they will be called to render an account for the good to souls they could have done and did not.

We are not, as a people, sufficiently aroused to the short time in which we have to work, and we do not understand the magnitude of the work for the time. The night soon cometh, in which no man can work. Satan is earnest, zealous, and persevering in his work. If he fails to accomplish his work the first time, he tries again. He will try other plans, and work with great earnestness and perseverance to bring in various temptations to ensnare souls. *He never became so discouraged as to let souls alone.* If the zeal and perseverance of Christ's followers in their efforts to save souls were equal to Satan's efforts to deceive them to their eternal loss, we should see hundreds embracing the truth where we now see one.

God calls for men and women to qualify themselves by consecration, to do his will, and by earnest study of the Scriptures, to do his special work for these last days. He calls for men now who can work. As they engage in the work in sincerity and humility to do all they can, they will be obtaining a more thorough experience. They will have a better knowledge of the truth, and better know how to reach souls and help them just

where they need to be helped. Workmen are needed now, just now, to labor for God. The fields are ripe already for the harvest, and yet laborers are few. There are those among us who could work if they were awake to the wants of the cause, and were willing to bear burdens. God calls for men and women, who are followers of Christ to volunteer to work under his dictation to rescue souls from ruin. All who engage in the work of presenting the truth to others must have true courtesy, and Christian politeness, and sincere love for souls, so as to make, not general efforts merely, but personal efforts.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

SINCE my last report I have had the privilege of attending the camp-meeting at Fairhope, Ala., the council meeting of the North American Negro Department at Huntsville, Ala., and after spending two days at home came on to the meeting of the General Conference Committee at College View, Neb.

The Fairhope meeting was a very important and encouraging meeting. The attendance from the southern part of the State was good, our own people were much refreshed and encouraged, and a favorable impression was made upon the community.

Elder J. R. Bagby, the new president of the Alabama conference, had just moved his family to the State and located at Cullman. He was present at the meeting, and presided at a meeting of the executive committee.

Elder Bagby has taken hold of his work with courage and faith, and under God can be a great blessing to the conference if all take hold as they are doing and co-operate with him and pray for him.

It was decided that it would be best to call the next annual conference in connection with a State camp-meeting next summer. I believe this is wise, and I trust that it will appeal to the brethren in Alabama, and that they will begin at once to prepare to respond to the call to camp-meeting next summer.

At Oakwood School Elders Daniells and Christian met with representatives of the work among the colored people in the three union

conferences of the South, and broad plans were laid to press and enlarge and make more efficient the work among the negroes in North America. The headquarters of the department are to be located in connection with the Oakwood Training School. The organ of the department will also be printed by the students, and published at the school. The organization of negro missions in the Southern and Southwestern Unions was endorsed. It will doubtless take some time to make transfers, but all felt encouraged.

One very pleasing feature of the meeting was the graduating exercise of the first nurses' training class of the medical missionary department of the training-school. There were five members in the class. Elder Daniells delivered the principal address, and the students rendered an appropriate program.

At this writing the council at College View, Neb., is in progress. C. F. McVAGH.



PRAYER

"O LORD, I come to thee in prayer once more; But pardon, if I do not kneel before Thy gracious presence; for my knees are sore With so much walking. In my chair, instead, I'll sit at ease, and humbly bow my head."

Just a bit of sarcasm. But it is striking. And how does it strike you?

There is a growing tendency among our ranks to sit and "humbly bow my head." O the pity of it, when sinless angels veil their faces in His presence!

If there is anything impressive in this day of irreverence, when the average church-member "sits at ease" with humbly (?) bowed head, it is to see a congregation on their knees in humility before God.

This attitude in prayer, which is an outward expression of humility, has gone out of style in the popular churches. It is a cross they refuse to bear. To them it is a needless form—to a great many a very uncomfortable one.

But the contrite child of God instinctively bows his knees. It is not a form to him. He has some conception of the majesty and power of the One he worships, and feels "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth." Phil. 2:10.

BERTHA ILIFF.



ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

THE forthcoming thanksgiving ingathering effort, November 1-6, affords another opportunity for every lover of truth, old and young, rich and poor, great and small, to show their appreciation of what the Lord has done for them, by doing something in return for him and his.

To Christ we owe a debt we never can pay, and are not expected to pay. Pardon, forgiveness, redemption, salvation, the world to come, and unending life in which to enjoy the rapturous delights of the realms of glory, were all beyond the power of man to purchase. They are all the free gift of God to man

"without money and without price." We cannot cancel our obligation, but we may please and satisfy our Benefactor by loving obedience and faithful service, and cheerful co-operation with him in making known to others the things which belong unto their peace, and the conditions upon which they with us, may enter into the joy of the Lord.

The chiefest desire and joy of the true Christian, is to see, and be with, his Lord and Redeemer, and yet his coming is being delayed, and our sojourn in this world of sin, sorrow, and trouble is being prolonged, because we are so slow to do the work which must be done before the day of our deliverance can come. God is no respecter of persons. All must hear the glad tidings and have the opportunity to accept and be saved, before any may receive their reward. Therefore, the more devoted we are to the cause, and the more diligence and energy we put into personal preparation and labor for others, the sooner will our conflicts be over and the day of deliverance come. Many people who are not yet of this fold, will help us to finish the work when we win their confidence and acquaint them with what we are doing. We are now little known to the masses, and, therefore, much misunderstood as regards our moral and spiritual standards, and the nature of our teaching and work. They must be enlightened; and the wide circulation of our special number of the *Review*, which is being prepared for this very purpose, will prove a blessing to thousands of souls, and also place ourselves and our work in a true light before them. Personal contact and intercourse with the people while distributing the papers, will prove a blessing to those engaged in the work, while the money received from those who are visited, will greatly help to strengthen, and advance the Lord's work in heathen lands.

The papers will be furnished free to all who will use them. They are not to be sold, but given away after we have shown them to the people, explained to them the object of our visit, and what we are doing for the people in other lands, and invited them to help us by contributing of their means as much as they feel disposed to give.

This is a work which requires no great talent or ability (although the more we possess the better will be our success), but may be engaged in by all. Let every church and company organize at once for a vigorous effort, and order from your conference or State secretary as many copies of the paper as the members will agree to use.

Seek the Lord earnestly, ask him to open the hearts of the people and make them generous; carry the spirit of the message with you; go to the people in confidence, faith and love, and the Lord will reward your effort with success.



"For embittering life, for destroying the most sacred relationships, for devastating homes—in short, for sheer, gratuitous, misery-producing poison—evil temper stands alone."

LOUISIANA EXPERIENCES FOR SEPTEMBER

FROM New Orleans comes the word that there were six new Sabbath-keepers at the quarterly meeting, also that the tithe for the quarter was \$300.06, a gain over the previous quarter of ten per cent.; also gains in First-day and Sabbath-school offerings. "Let us go on" with the good work.

The severe gulf storm of the 20th inst. ruined our field tents so that we will have to purchase new ones for next year. We hope all will remember the pledges made at camp-meeting.

Brother Rees reports one sister and three colored men as the result of the effort at Calhoun. The sister mentioned is a very influential woman and church worker. Brethren Rees and Hanson have moved their tent to Bernice, La., where they are at present.

Twenty-six adults and several children are now keeping the Sabbath at Ringgold, La., where three months ago we had only the family of Brother Smith. Meetings were held five weeks there by Brother Frank and the writer, and closed October 3.

Elder Rees was compelled to leave Bernice, and the writer has joined Brother Hanson in the effort there. A fair interest prevails, one sister has begun to obey. Pray for us.

The New Orleans mission work is rapidly recovering from the effects of the hot weather. The Bible workers all report good interests and people accepting the truth.

Sister C. A. Saxby is just recovering from a severe attack of tonsilitis.

The work at Pineville is still going forward. Sister Young says that a new meeting-house is an absolute necessity.

Of course you are going to do your part in the work of circulating the missions *Review*? Let every one get under this work and lift, lift, LIFT.

E. L. M.



DICKSON, TENNESSEE

Two nights this week, September 29, 30, our tent was packed to overflowing to hear Elder J. E. White, of Nashville, speak on the Coming of Christ, and the evidences of that most solemn event. His lectures were illustrated by stereopticon scenes of a high type. These added very much to a clear and good understanding of the themes presented. The views were simply perfect, and were all up-to-date, plainly and clearly representing the parts designed. That scenes of this character, illustrating Bible themes, will attract and draw, is demonstrated from the fact that all who were out the first night returned the second, and brought so many others with them that standing room could not be had inside the tent.

In this time of worldly activity and attractions, why should not the servants of God make a wise use of means employed in other lines to attract and draw the crowds to come, see, and hear the last warning message? Is it not proper and right that they should employ all legitimate, elevating agencies to attract and draw men and women to hear the Word of God? Can anything be more affecting or

pathetic than the scene of Christ's suffering? or more solemnly convincing and impressive than to look upon the finely represented ascension, and his coming the second time with all the holy angels?

We have long advocated and taught by the use of illustrated charts, maps, and diagrams, and we have recognized their utility. But have we no more to do in this direction? I am confident the stereopticon has within it the power to develop all we shall need, in addition to the fine line of charts now published by our publishing houses.

Brother White certainly has succeeded in collecting a very fine variety of Bible scenes, views of storms, tidal waves, floods, and earthquakes.

Last Sabbath we enjoyed a most precious season together, nearly all taking part. Seven more were added to the Sabbath-school.

R. M. KILGORE.

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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

It was voted at our last conference that each church-member would endeavor to sell two copies of "Ministry of Healing" for the relief of the Nashville Sanitarium. The time is rapidly passing, and the sanitarium is very much in need of the money that will come to it from the sale of these books.

Let each church call a meeting and decide how many books you will sell, and send your order to me, and I will have the books shipped to you. When you have sold the books you can send the money to Brother B. W. Spire, Nashville, Tennessee. The books sell for \$1.50 each. Let all the isolated members send in their orders the same way. I hope there will be a liberal response on the part of all to this important call for help. Send in your orders at once.

Have you ordered the missions number of special Review for the harvest ingathering? If not, send in your order at once, and be ready to engage in this worthy enterprise of helping to spread the gospel in other lands. No one can give to a better cause than to foreign mission work.

W. S. LOWRY, Pres. Miss. Conf.

Amory, Miss.

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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Tithe for August and September, 1909

Louisville No. 2	\$387.19
McKinney	350.69
Bowling Green	60.73
Henderson	45.60
Individual	24.11
Sand Hill	20.33
Lexington No. 2	12.65
Richmond	12.20
Locust Branch	9.90
Richmond (col.)	3.35
Bowling Green (col.)	1.37
Grove	.50
Total	\$928.62

MRS. CLARA RUSSELL, Treas.

Graysville, Tenn.

ALABAMA CANVASSING REPORT

For Five Weeks Ending, Oct. 2, 1909

Name	Hrs.	Orders	Value
Ben Griffith	BFL 100	\$	\$266 75
R V Cory	D&R 32		26 70
Mrs. R. V. Cory	D&R 22		27 30
Carl Matthews	BFL		13 00
D F Cook	BFL 30	32 50	15 50
W G Ringgold	BS 104	95 50	75 55
Ross Lindsay	BFL	25 00	24 00
R T Jacks	BFL 143	139 00	
T R Baugh	BFL 28	23 25	
W V Wilson	BFL 63	58 00	
R Roberts 2 mo.	BFL 268	199 65	54 50
M L Ivory	BFL 17	24 50	9 50
K Skidmore	BFL 150	132 65	75 75
C G Manns	BFL 67	40 50	13 50
Alex Wood	D&R 49	23 75	
I W Peevy	BFL 39	49 00	3 25

Totals 1112 \$843 30 \$605 30

R. I. KEATE, State Agent.

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WANTED.—Consecrated paper workers for our large cities. Four of our workers for the summer were students, and they have returned to school. Sister Vaughn is taking a trip through the North and so this month we only have one report;—one young lady in all this 58,342 square miles of territory, who is giving all her time to the work of scattering the printed pages.

This work pays well, not only in this world, but will bring the faithful consecrated worker returns throughout all eternity that have not entered into the heart of man.

We have plenty of good territory for faithful, energetic workers. Who will answer this call to service?

R. I. KEATE.

Fort Payne, Ala.

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ALABAMA PAPER REPORT

For August, 1909

Name	Paper	Hrs.	Orders	Value
Miss May Vaughn	MISC 52	1038	\$103 80	
Miss Effie Nelson		130	925	92 50

Totals 182 1963 \$196 30

For September, 1909

Miss Effie Nelson		91	724	\$72 40
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TO MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

A FEW evenings ago I stood on Brooklyn Bridge and saw the thousands of people surging through,—on streetcars, heavily loaded electric trains, in vehicles, and afoot. As I studied the grandeur of the structure nearly a mile and an eighth long, anchored at each end in such massive masonry, and with a single span nearly sixteen hundred feet long; stretching across the river one hundred and thirty-five feet above the water, I thought of a statement once made, that the young men of America represent strength sufficient to mine the ore, manufacture the materials, and build Brooklyn Bridge in three hours.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Two Weeks Ending Sept. 24, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
Ben Griffith	BFL 100	\$	\$266 75	
W V Wilson	BFL 32		36 00	
R T Jacks	BFL 62		56 00	
W G Ringgold	BFL 57		38 00	59 50
R Roberts	BFL 30		15 40	5 00
C G Manns	BFL 34		10 00	7 50
Alex Wood	D&R 18		7 25	
K Skidmore	BFL 12			18 00
M L Ivory	—		7 50	

Totals 345 \$170 15 \$356 75

For Week Ending Oct. 1, 1909

ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
W G Ringgold	BS 18	22 00		2 50
W V Wilson	BFL 31	21 50		
R T Jacks	BFL 24	18 00		
Carl Matthews	BFL			13 00
I W Peevy	BFL 39	43 00		3 25
R Roberts	BFL 34			18 00
K Skidmore	BFL 56			43 75

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

C F Dart	D&R 37			91 75
Luther Alexander	D&R 30	15 25		31 90
M Wheeler	D&R 39	21 25		20 50
R W Harris	BFL 24	17 00		10 00
H E Beck	D&R 37	14 00		2 00
W P Ethington	BFL 25	16 00		50
H C Carmichael	DofA 59	96 00		
M J Weber	BFL 55	43 50		

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

C L Collison 2 w.	D&R BR 70	103 75		13 00
John Hayman	MofN 16	8 75		6 00
Mrs A E Frank 3.	HH BFL 111	151 65		11 50
C Gordon	BFL 16	12 00		6 00
Gertrude Evans 2 w.	BFL 55	22 25		8 00
W D Bush	CK 64	31 00		38 25
Monroe Simmons	BFL 19	2 00		7 00
J N Steel	GC 6	4 25		1 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Virgil Smith	D&R 40	40 40		6 65
Cora Smith	BFL 5			5 35
J S Fry	D&R 35	20 50		

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh	GC 50	79 70		
R H Hazelton	MISC 27	23 00		
Mamie Moore	D&R 31	44 85		4 00
G W Powers	CK 35	14 40		1 25
C Romines	D&R 40			52 50

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference	202	104 50		80 50
Kentucky Conference	306	223 00		156 65
Louisiana Conference	357	335 65		81 25
Mississippi Conference	80	60 90		12 00
Tennessee River Conf.	2033	161 95		57 75

Totals 1148 \$886 00 \$388 15

And what could not our own thousands of young men and women do in the cause of Christ if all their powers were dedicated to the one object of saving souls and finishing God's work. To-day we face the opportunity for a valuable service to the cause of God. Some young people complainingly say, "O,

Report of Progress

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A NEW TEXT BOOK ON U. S. HISTORY

A NEW text book on "U. S. History in the Light of Prophecy," written by Professor Bunch, is now ready. It is being used in a number of our schools, and is highly commended by many of our teachers. It outlines our nation in its rise, growth, and in its final destiny.

The history atlas is also being used by a number of teachers with good success, as it helps to impress the facts of history indelibly in the mind.

The following are the prices for the United States History and Foster's "Outline Maps" for the student and teacher:—

"U. S. History," per copy, post-paid,...	\$.85
Foster's "Outline Maps" (for student), post-paid,30
Foster's "Outline Maps" (for teacher), post-paid,	1.00
"U. S. History" and "Outline Maps" (for student), post-paid,.....	1.00
"U. S. History" and "Outline Maps" (for teacher), post-paid,.....	1.75

Orders for the "U. S. History" and "Outline Maps" will be promptly filled by addressing M. E. Cady, College Place, Wash.

I can't sell papers or books." Surely even such faint-hearted ones can give away papers! What benefits will accrue from this ingathering campaign?

1. As you decide to take this message-filled paper to the people, and solicit their help for our great missionary enterprise, you will receive the blessing which comes from a right decision. And as you seek for power to attend you, a greater measure of the Holy Spirit will be given.

2. The people who receive the papers and who give of their means will be blessed. Many are looking with longing eyes away from the pleasure-loving world, and from the world-loving churches, for something satisfying. When they see the precious truth we possess, and our zeal in carrying it to the entire world, many will come to the light.

3. Those who sit in darkness will be blessed by the means gathered, for with it we can sustain the workers already in the field, and send forth more.

4. May I say that Jesus will be blessed? Yes, for as long as sin reigns Jesus still suffers. See "Education," pp. 263, 264.

Note the good work done by last year's ingathering; and let the piteous pleas from those who sit in darkness shatter your cowardice, and send you forth to meet the people and gather funds to help sustain this work.

"THERE'S a cry in the wind to-night,
From the lands where the Lord is unknown;
While the Shepherd above in his pitiful love,
Intercedes at his Father's throne.

"There's a sob in my prayer to-night,
When I think of the millions of homes,
Where never a word for the Lord is heard,
Nor a message from Jesus comes."

May God help our Missionary Volunteers to offer themselves freely for this service.

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FREE-MALTED-NUTS OFFER EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 1, 1909

THE question of proper foods is certainly an important one at this time. Every consecrated Seventh-day Adventist can do acceptable missionary work in her own home and neighborhood by using our health foods and introducing them among her neighbors. This factory was established that you might have this opportunity as you have never had it before. It is not being operated to make money, but to supply you with the very best foods at prices that all can pay.

Read this encouraging letter,—we get many of them:—

"Dear Brethren: The foods you shipped reached us last week in excellent condition. We have used and sold the Battle Creek foods for a long time, and after we received your price-list we compared them with the prices of above foods. When we found your regular prices for small quantities of your foods less than the wholesale prices for the Battle Creek health foods, we concluded that they must be somewhat inferior. But to our great surprise we find your foods equal, and some superior, to any of the kind we have ever used or sold. We thank God for this consecrated health food factory, and will do all we can to make our people acquainted with your good foods. We wish you every possible success.

"Yours for the gospel of health,
"MR. & MRS. J. W. HIRLINGER."
Lancaster, Pa.

You should by all means take advantage of our free-malted-nuts offer which we have decided to extend to Nov. 1, 1909. With every five dollar's worth of foods at listed prices, you get—free—two pounds Malted Nuts, until November 1st, 1909.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY.
Nashville, Tennessee.

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"SHALL THE LIQUOR CURSE BE CONTINUED?"

SEND for a quantity of the little tract, "Shall the Liquor Curse be Continued?" It contains facts and figures of great interest on this subject, and should be scattered broadcast. Prices: \$2.00 per 1,000, or 20c per 100.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Tithe for September, 1909

Individual	\$ 7.00
Jennings	26.55
New Orleans	95.95
Welsh	213.55
Lake Charles	48.13
Total	\$391.18

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

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NEWS ITEMS

ON the evening of the 11th inst. we were pleased to greet Brother I. A. Ford, who made a brief business stop in Nashville on his return trip from College View, Nebraska, to Washington. He reports a profitable and harmonious meeting of the General Conference at the former place, and is well pleased with his location and work at head quarters.

On Sunday, the 10th inst., Brother Hook, manager of the Southern Publishing Association, returned from his trip to Fort Worth, Texas, and College View, Nebraska, where he spent several days at the General Conference meeting. On the following day Elder S. B. Horton arrived after a ten day's trip to Chicago and Kansas City, in the interests of the *Watchman*. During his absence he also spent a short time at the College View meeting which will continue until the fifteenth of this month.

Christian Education plans for the individual growth; the betterment of the home; the improvement of the school; the development of the church, and the general advancement of our special message.

Did any of our readers miss that report in the *Review* about a sister in Portland, Maine, seventy-three years of age selling one thousand copies of the September number of *Life and Health* in less than four weeks? This same sister has placed an order for five hundred copies of the October issue to begin another month's work. Think of it,—seventy-three years old, selling one thousand papers a month, and earning seventy dollars, and bringing blessing to thousands of homes besides. None are too old or too young for our periodical work.

Our brethren in England are rejoicing over the fact that the college they have been working for is now being constructed. It is beginning to materialize.

Pacific College is the name given to the educational institution which takes the place of Healdsburg College. The location is eight miles from St. Helena, California.