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HAVE ye looked for my sheep in the desert,
For those who have missed their way?
Have ye been in the wild and waste places
Where the lost and the wandering stray?
Have ye trodden the lonely pathway,
The foul and the darksome street?
Ye may see, as ye tread the gloaming,
The prints of my wounded feet.

Have ye folded in love to your bosom
The trembling neglected lamb?
Have ye taught to the dear little lost one
The sweet sound of the Good Shepherd's
name?
Have ye searched for the poor and the needy,
No clothing, no home, no bread?
Oh, the dear Son of man was with them,
With nowhere to lay his head!

Have ye carried the pure living water
To some weary and thirsting soul?
Have ye said to the sick and the wounded,
"There's One who has grace to make whole"?
Have ye told to my fainting children
How strong is the Father's hand?
Are ye guiding the tottering footsteps
To yonder fair "Golden Land"?

Have ye stood by the sad and the weary,
With cheer, in the hour of death,
To bring comfort to hearts sorrow stricken,
And to strengthen the feeble in faith?
Have ye felt when ye saw the glory
Stream in through the open door,
Flitting sunlight across the shadows,
That I had been there before?

Refrain:—

Go ye out in the wide world and seek them,
Earth's perishing, bring them in;
They are mine, and I died on Calv'ry
To redeem and save them from sin.

—*Selected.*

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TAKE HEED WHAT YOU READ

THE world is deluged with books that might better be consumed than circulated. Books upon Indian warfare and similar topics, published and circulated as a money-making

scheme, might never better be read by the youth. There is a satanic fascination in such books. The heart-sickening relation of crimes and atrocities has had a bewitching power upon many youth, exciting them to see what they can do to bring themselves into notice, even by the most wicked deeds. Even the enormities, the cruelties, the licentious practises, portrayed in some strictly historical writing have acted as leaven in many minds, leading to the commission of similar acts. Books that delineate the satanic practises of human beings are giving publicity to evil works. These wicked, horrible particulars need not to be lived over, and none who believe the truth for this time should act a part in perpetuating the memory of them. We have no permission from the Lord to engage either in the printing or in the sale of such publications; for they are the means of destroying many souls. I know of what I am writing, for this matter has been opened before me. Let not those who believe the truth engage in this kind of work, thinking to make money. The Lord will put a blight upon the means thus obtained; he will scatter more than is accumulated.

There is another class of books—love stories, and frivolous and exciting tales—that are a curse to every one who reads them; and this, although the author may attach a good moral. Often religious sentiments are woven all through these books; but in most cases Satan is but clothed in angel robes to deceive and allure the unsuspecting. The mind is affected in a great degree by what it feeds upon. The readers of frivolous and exciting tales become unfitted for the duties lying before them. They live an unreal life, and have no desire to search the Scriptures, to feed upon the heavenly manna. The mind that needs strengthening is enfeebled, and loses its power to contemplate the great problems that relate to the mission and work of Christ, the plan of salvation. These subjects will fortify the mind, awaken the imagination, and kindle the strongest desire to overcome as Christ overcame.

The youth must take heed what they read as well as what they hear. I have been shown that they are exposed to the greatest

peril of being corrupted by improper reading. Could a large share of the books published be consumed, a plague could be stayed that is doing its fearful work upon human minds, and corrupting human hearts. Satan is constantly seeking to lead both the young and those of mature age to be charmed with foolish stories. None are so confirmed in right principles, so secure from temptation, that they can feel safe, and think no one need feel anxious about them. Resolutely discard all this trashy reading, which will not increase your spirituality, but will introduce into your minds sentiments that captivate the imagination so that you think less of Jesus, and dwell less upon his precious lessons. If you are a learner in his school, you will become like him, and will overcome the manifold temptations as he overcame. What a joy has Jesus in placing the crown upon the heads of those whom his lips can pronounce "good and faithful servants." They have resisted the blandishments of vice. They are victors.

The minds of many of the youth are already sown with seeds of evil, which are ready to spring into life, and produce an abundant harvest. Strive to implant pure principles in the soul. Encourage the youth to store the mind with valuable knowledge. Let that which is good occupy the soul and control its powers, leaving no place for low, debasing indulgences. Let the standard of piety and devotion be elevated.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

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MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

ABOUT the first of April we moved from Jackson, Miss., to this place to engage in tent work with Brother and Sister Shaeffer.

After getting located and looking the city over we pitched our tent in a good locality, and began holding meetings. It rained continually during the first six weeks, which greatly hindered us in our work. When the weather became more favorable, we moved the tent to a different part of the city, and continued the meetings until camp-meeting time.

The camp-meeting was held in a beautiful grove one block from the street-car line. But

because of the inclement weather few of the town people attended the services.

After camp-meeting we pitched our tent in the south side of the city, where we had a good attendance of the better class of people. As the result of the work done here this summer eleven precious souls are rejoicing in the third angel's message, and several are in the valley of decision. One young man who accepted the truth is now in one of our schools, preparing himself for a place in the Lord's work.

Sister Shaeffer, who has labored faithfully in this city for the past four years, has been compelled, because of her failing health, to return to California. As the result of Sister Shaeffer's faithful work in Mississippi a goodly number are rejoicing in the truth.

M. C. WHITEMARSH.



"HE SHALL NOT FAIL NOR BE DISCOURAGED"

SCHOOL was out, but one boy lingered. When the room was cleared he made his way to the teacher's desk.

"Well, John, what is it?"

"It's no use," said John, the tears choking his words. "I just can't do these examples. I don't understand a thing we have been trying to do, and my work is all wrong. If it was n't for having the other boys laugh at me, I would go back. I can't get anything right."

"Let me see your paper," said the teacher. "See, this one is right."

"May be it is; but I don't know how I did it, and the rest are all wrong."

"No, here is another that is almost right. You began well, and made just a trifling mistake. Let us correct that and see how well it will come out."

It would be too much to say that the teacher showed John how to do the work. He was too weary and discouraged to understand very much of what she showed him. But one thing he understood—the teacher had confidence in his ability to succeed.

"She thinks I can do it, and I believe I can," was about the way he put the case.

"The teacher is a brick! She has faith in me."

That the teacher was not discouraged about him rebuked his own discouragement concerning himself, and gave him power to succeed. He was not a brilliant scholar, but he was a faithful student, a worker who needed just the encouragement his teacher gave him to add hopefulness and outlook to the work.

Years afterward, in a time of perplexity and doubt, the lesson came back to him. He had suffered disappointment and his faith was sorely tested. He was tempted not to try again. Then he found the prophetic words, "He shall not fail nor be discouraged."

"I wonder if that means that God has faith in us?" he asked. "That is what it seems to mean. 'A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench. . . he shall not fail nor be discouraged.'"

His own lamp had been burning dimly enough, and sometimes had given smoke in-

stead of light. He had been bruised, wronged, disappointed. Had God any oil for a lamp so nearly dry? Could God bind up so bruised a reed? Would God count himself to have failed if one poor man like himself should let his light flicker and go out, or if a reed so bruised should die?

"He shall not fail nor be discouraged."

The words came back to him with the clear ring of assurance. He remembered the day when he stood, a big boy, ashamed to cry, but humiliated and discouraged, before the teacher's desk, and how her faith in him had given him faith in himself. Man that he was, he sobbed again before the Great Teacher who "giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not":—

"O God, if thou art not discouraged concerning me, I will not give up in despair of myself."—Selected.



NASHVILLE CHURCH

Offerings for Foreign Missions for the Year 1908

First-Day Offerings	\$ 35.55
Annual Offerings	135.16
Sabbath-School Offerings	69.33
Mid-Summer Offerings	34.79
Mission Board	168.34
\$150,000.00 Fund	14.81
Thanksgiving Ingathering	123.35

Total\$581.33

Membership of church per directory is 196, giving an average of \$2.96 per capita.

Offerings for Foreign Missions for Eight Months Ending Sept. 1, 1909

First-Day Offerings	\$19.15
Annual Offerings	14.00
Sabbath-School Offerings	50.58
Mid-Summer Offerings	71.15
Mission Board	56.71
Thanksgiving Ingathering	23.85

Total\$235.44

MARK STEIVERS, Treas.



TO DISCONTINUE WEARING OF "RATS"

THE Cincinnati *Enquirer* of recent date prints the following news item under the above heading:—

"Kansas City, Mo., October 29.—On and after November 1, all lady clerks and employees must discontinue the wearing of 'rats' in their hair-dress. Please govern yourself accordingly."

"This order was issued from the office of the superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Company here.

"The women declare that the modern feminine hats cannot be worn without the universal 'rat.'"

This order was probably based upon business considerations. Christians, it seems to us, might consistently protest against this latest innovation of vain fashion for higher reasons. The hat which requires this unnatural and

uncomely support, might also be dispensed with in the interests of modesty and good taste.

Marshall Field and Co., one of Chicago's largest business concerns, employing about one thousand young women, has gone still farther in the matter of feminine dress reform, too, for the purpose of emancipating their employees from the slavery of foolish, immodest and tyrannical fashion. This firm has absolutely forbidden, on pain of dismissal from their service, the use of the following superfluous and unbecoming articles of attire:—

"Pads and false busts; hair puffs, rats, false curls, and hair bows; frills and fluffy lingerie; low neck collars, and short or extremely long sleeves; peek-a-boo waists or sleeves; powder, paint, or other 'make up'; flashy rings, buckles, and pins; waists of any other color than black or white; skirts of any other color than black."

The use of jewelry has also been correspondingly limited.

This action is most commendable, and reflects much credit upon the firm; but it is too bad that a worldly business concern had to take the lead in a reform which falls more properly within the province of the church. Will the latter endorse the new régime and follow the example set? What will the readers of this paper do? Had we heeded the Testimonies we would have been in the forefront of the reformatory procession. Will we now take second place, or fall still farther behind? In such movements Seventh-day Adventists should always carry the colors, instead of lagging behind or bringing up the rear.

When this order was issued a spirit of wounded pride and rebellion manifested itself; but all submitted and without any sacrifice to a neat personal appearance, as the following after testimony of one of the fore-women indicates:—

"At first I thought I would look just dreadful without my puffs and curls, but now I comb my hair back on my head in a new way I never thought of before, and it looks as nice as ever. Besides it is n't as bothersome."



WHAT COURAGE WILL DO

THE New York *Herald* says that fifty students of the Columbia University have engaged Newell Perry, a blind man, to coach them. Mr. Perry is a wonderful man. When a boy of eight years old, he lost his eye-sight; but even this affliction did not discourage him; and he entered the California School for the Blind. When nineteen years of age he matriculated in the University of California, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, afterward becoming a teacher, and served in that capacity for a year.

Subsequently he took a course in higher mathematics at the University of Chicago, and received a degree. In 1900 he went to Europe and studied in the University of Munich, taking there the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He is now regarded as one of the best mathematicians in the country, and has made wonderful attainments in that branch of study; and thus it is that these students of Columbia

University have engaged him to coach them in their work.

We relate this story for the benefit of our young readers, and hope it will encourage and stimulate them.

After all, it is work that tells. This man had talent, but he had industry also. He had more than that; he had courage. He was not cast down by even so great an affliction as blindness. He determined to succeed, and he has succeeded where many others with good eyesight have failed. If all the young men and women too, had the same courage and determination, there would be fewer failures, and there would be fewer to say that there is no chance for young people in the United States.

There is a chance of this character for every young person who is courageous and industrious, and who determines to overcome obstacles. Indeed, such men never had so good a chance since the world began.

—Selected.

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NEW YORK AND ITS PEOPLE

NEW YORK CITY is no longer American, if by that term we mean that its present population is of American born ancestry. It is the largest Irish city in the world. It is the largest Hebrew city in the world, having a Jewish population fifteen times as large as the Jewish population of Jerusalem, and ten times as large as the Jewish population of all Palestine. There are only two nations that as nations have a Hebrew population equal to that of the city of New York. It has more Germans than any German city except Berlin, there being more residents of the city with German parents than with American parents. It has a larger Italian population than any city in Italy.

The tenement population of New York City is larger than the combined population of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Connecticut.

During the past year the increase in population of the city of New York has been equal to the total increase of all the States west of the Mississippi River.

Wendell Phillips once said, "The time will come when our cities will strain our institutions as slavery never did." That time is drawing near.—*Ex.*

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"APROPOS of the popular movement against the slaughter of birds for the ornamentation of women's hats, Miss Emma G. Denby writes some very pretty verses, in which she bemoans the fate of the feathered songsters:—

"Shall merry voices be silenced,
And wings in death droop low,
And spots of blood stain tiny breasts
As white as driven snow?

"God speed the time when womankind
Shall say with throbbing breast,
'No more God's creatures I will slay,
No more their joys molest.'"

WHO WILL VOLUNTEER?

"YOUNG men and young women, cannot you form companies and as soldiers of Christ enlist in the work, putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service, that you may save souls from ruin? Let companies be organized in every church to do this work. Will the young men and women who really love Christ organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath-keepers, but for those who are not of our faith?"

Here is the call that God sends our youth to-day. Many have already responded. The young people's work is growing with great rapidity. Especially in our large churches have active bands been formed. Yet our ranks are not yet complete. Jesus wishes every one to enter his service.

Much more can be gained by united action than by each one trying to work by himself. By gathering together in bands, we gain strength as we meet for prayer and counsel over our work.

Many of our young people cannot have the privilege of meeting with others. For this reason it is well to form a "Conference Society of Missionary Volunteers" that we may all work together along the same lines.

Who are willing to enroll as volunteers for Christ's service? We may not meet in bands, but we can by correspondence aid one another in working for the great Commander. We hope soon to see all of our young people who are church-members, united in bands, as the Lord has requested. Will you not send in your name?

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NASHVILLE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY BALANCE-SHEET

For Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1909

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1.....	\$ 1.06
Second-Sabbath Offering	4.75
Watchman55
Review	1.50
Donations50
Collections in Publishing House.....	31.45

Total Cash\$39.81

DISBURSEMENTS

Watchman	\$ 5.00
Gospel Sentinel	5.62
Life and Health.....	2.40
Signs of the Times.....	5.50
Review	1.50
Tracts47
Stamps and Wrappers.....	.50
Sister Crothers for Relief Work.....	2.00
M. Stivers for Bible Worker.....	10.00
Cash on hand.....	6.82

Total\$39.81

Mrs. L. O. MOORE,

Missionary Secretary.

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"SOME people are opposed to the Bible because the Bible is opposed to them."

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending Oct. 22, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
R T Jacks.....	BFL	45	\$	\$92 50
R I Keate.....	D&R	45	8 25	76 60
W V Wilson.....	BFL			58 00
A F Harrison.....	BFL	34	54 70	
H Moberg	BFL	19	29 00	
C M Cockran.....	BFL	18	11 25	3 50
K Skidmore 2 wks....	BFL	58		96 00
I W Peevy.....	BFL	45	6 00	33 25
R Roberts	BFL	26		20 35
C G Manns.....	BFL	27	18 00	13 00
Alex Wood	D&R	38	5 25	9 75

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

M J Weber 2 wks....	BFL	75	75 50	5 00
H E Beck.....	D&R	45	39 05	1 50
M Wheeler	D&R	15	7 85	1 35
H C Carmichael....	DofA	57	164 75	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Mrs A E Frank 2.BFL	HH	72	76 75	20 00
Gerhard Jorgenson .	BFL	22	11 50	7 00
W D Bush.....	CK			26 75
I T Reynolds.....	GC	27	109 00	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Virgil Smith	D&R	26		33 15
Cora Smith	BFL	13	12 00	11 70
J P Campbell 2 wks.	sofp	73	122 50	21 60

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbugh.....	GC	49	49 95	
C H Chenault.....	D&R	50		133 25
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	28	20 00	
Carrie Goldcamp ...	BFL	20	25 00	
Mamie Moore	D&R	36	54 60	5 85
G W Powers.....	CK	35		48 15

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference ...	355	132 45	402 95
Kentucky Conference ...	186	287 15	7 85
Louisiana Conference ...	121	197 25	53 75
Mississippi Conference ..	112	134 50	66 45
Tennessee River Conf....	218	149 55	187 25

Totals 992 \$900 90 \$718 25

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A CURE FOR DESPONDENCY

As OUR people engage in earnest work for the Master, murmuring and complaints will cease. Many will be aroused from the despondency that is ruining them body and soul. As they work for others, they will have much that is helpful to speak of when they assemble to worship God. The testimonies that they bear will not be dark and gloomy, but full of joy and courage. Instead of thinking and talking about the faults of their brethren and sisters, and their own trials, they will think and talk of the love of Christ, and will strive earnestly to become more efficient workers for him.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

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"THERE is enough about the life of our Lord Jesus from the cradle to the grave to keep the attention of all the scholars that come under the influence of our schools."

Report of Progress

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ANOTHER REMINDER

AGAIN we call upon our workers of every class to send us reports of their labor. Not lengthy articles, at long intervals, but short, crisp, spicy reports of your efforts, experiences, and success at frequent intervals, are what are wanted and appreciated by our readers.

Let all remember that the mission of the REPORT OF PROGRESS, is, as its name implies, to keep its constituency throughout the field informed about the doings of the workers and the progress being made all along the line.

Our home people want to know how the battle is going, and what individual warriors are doing, as well as general reports from conferences. Nothing cheers or encourages them more than good pointed accounts of the work done by individual ministers, canvassers, paper-sellers, and home workers. It is not so much the money you are making, but how much truth you are circulating, and how many people are being taught. The REPORT OF PROGRESS is the machine of communication between the laborers themselves, and also between the laborers and the people, and we must depend upon those who are in the field for the matter which will make it what it should be—a letter of good cheer, hope, and encouragement to every reader.—Ed.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSE

THE book needed for the Junior Reading Course No. 2, is "Letters from the Holy Land," paper, 25 cents; cloth, 50 cents. "Its one hundred and sixty pages contain not only splendid descriptions of customs in Palestine, but link with each description a good practical lesson for daily living." "Quiet Talks on Service," price 75 cents, is a most valuable book to have for daily reference even after the reading course is ended. Send in your order for one or both of these books, as we have only a limited number in stock. Address Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

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FREIGHT PAID ON HEALTH FOODS UNTIL JAN. 1st

ALTHOUGH our prices are extremely low, many hesitate to order, fearing the freight will cost too much. Our foods take fourth-class freight rate in the Southern classification,

and so the freight charges do not amount to much per package on fair-sized shipments. We want as many people as we can possibly reach to become acquainted with our foods, within the next few weeks or months, and so have decided to pay the freight on shipments to every State in the Union as follows:—

Send your order for \$6.00 or more at listed prices and we will include enough extra to fully cover the freight, you selecting the foods with which we shall make up the freight charges. Do not include more than one gallon cooking oil to each \$6.00. This applies to all States east of the Mississippi River.

In the same way we will pay the freight to all States lying between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi River on orders for \$15.00 or more.

In the same way we will pay half the freight to all States lying west of the Rocky Mountains, on orders for \$25.00 or more.

On smaller orders we offer until Jan. 1st one 3-pound bag Dixie Kernel with a \$3.00 shipment, and two bags with a \$5.00 shipment.

This is the time for our people to do some real earnest work among their neighbors, introducing these health foods into as many outside families as possible, thus doing real missionary work. Write for order blank and price-list.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY.
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MANY PRACTICAL HEALTH QUESTIONS ANSWERED

THE following are some of the many common, yet important, questions clearly answered in the November number of *Life and Health*:—

1. What is pneumonia?
2. What is food intoxication?
3. Is overeating hereditary?
4. What is the "hookworm disease"?
5. How should grains be cooked?
6. How should pneumonia be treated?
7. Is it ever safe to use "cheap milk"?
8. What is the "Conquest of Malaria"?
9. What effect does worry have upon the digestion?
10. Is a great variety of food at one meal best?
11. Is PURE raw milk preferable to Pasteurized milk?
12. What is chronic bronchitis? Can it be cured?
13. What is the new theory regarding constipation?
14. What are the most common carriers of diphtheria?
15. Does not alcohol prepare the bed for tuberculosis?
16. Why do LIKES and DISLIKES in food affect digestion?
17. Why is there a present demand for "untrained nurses"?
18. Should an education be gained at the expense of health?

19. What are some of the most common carriers of tuberculosis?

20. What nutritive value do cereals possess above that of flesh?

21. Why is it that reforms in eating are sometimes disappointing?

22. Wherein is "moderate" drinking dangerous, hurtful, and often fatal?

23. Are the causes of ill health in different persons difficult to determine?

24. Why is it that a RELISH for the food eaten is necessary to good digestion?

25. What is the present greatest neglect in both home and school training?

26. What is the best, most simple, reasonable, and sure cure for biliousness?

27. Is the individual cup indispensable to individual and public health?

28. What special fruit is good for one whose digestion of proteids is deficient?

29. How many State legislatures have passed laws pertaining to tuberculosis?

30. What is the benzoate controversy? Is benzoate as a food preservative injurious?

31. What are some of the causes of nervous children? How should they be treated?

32. What TWO THINGS are usually the principal causes of lack of vitality and poor health?

33. What are the things one must do in order to bring about an approximate condition of health?

34. Is frequent coughing, clearing the throat, and blowing the nose hurtful or helpful when suffering with a cold?

35. What kind of dress is most appropriate and desirable for housework? Of what is it made? HOW is it made?

36. What foreign city has made the greatest progress in sanitary conditions during the last five years?

37. What disease results from the use of eating damaged corn? from poor nutrition? bad hygiene? the use of alcohol?

38. Is it good sense for one to eat a certain food simply because it is considered to be generally healthful, whether he likes it or not?

39. What are some of the simple things parents must do for their children in early life, in order to save them from ignorance, life temptations and ruin?

40. What is the death-rate from tuberculosis among Chinese residents of the United States? What is it in Syria and Turkey? What throughout the United States?

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