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INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

OUR work is aggressive. We need the heavenly anointing, that our spiritual eyesight may be clear. We are living in the last remnant of time. Truth is now to be sought for as hidden treasure. The commandments of men have taken the place of the commandments of God. The Lord calls upon his workers to watch and work and pray. Precious truths are to be recovered from the human traditions under which men have buried them. God desires his people to show a constantly increasing interest in the things of eternity. He desires us to value more highly the favor of his friendship. Let us not become Satan's agents to belittle the solemn, important truth which we profess to believe. Let us not show an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.

God did not give his only begotten Son to die on the cross of Calvary in order that man might have liberty to transgress his law. He did not pay such an expensive price to make his law null and void. The falsehood that Christ died to abrogate the law, originated with the enemy of all good. By giving his life for the life of the world, Christ placed the immutability of the law of God beyond controversy. His death on the cross is an indisputable testimony that not one jot or tittle of the law shall ever fail. Hear the words of the Saviour, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven." The disobedient will never find entrance there. "But whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

God weighs every man in the balances of the sanctuary. In one scale there is placed the perfect, unchangeable law, demanding continuous unswerving obedience; if in the others there are years of forgetfulness, of selfishness, or rebellion and self-pleasing, God says, "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found

HE LEADS US ON

He leads us on,
By paths we do not know,
Upward he leads us, though our steps are slow,
Though oft we faint and falter by the way,
Though storms and darkness oft obscure the day;
Yet when the clouds are gone
We know he leads us on.

He leads us on,
Through the unquiet years;
Past all our dreamland hopes and doubts and fears
He guides our steps. Through all the tangled maze
Of sin, of sorrow, and o'er clouded days
We know his will is done;
And still he leads us on.

And he at last,
After the weary strife,
After the restless fever we call life,
And the dreariness we call pain,
The wayward struggles which have proved in vain,
After all our toils are past
Will give us rest at last.
—*Australasian Signs of the Times.*

wanting." But Christ has made it possible for us to keep the law. He lived on this earth a life of perfect obedience, that his righteousness might be imputed unto us. To us is given the glorious assurance that though we have fallen through disobedience, we may, through the merits of the Son of God, hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."
MRS. E. G. WHITE.

PERHAPS "prohibition does n't prohibit." But Portland, Maine, found it helped her recently in the seizure of six thousand dollars worth of intoxicants.—*Youth's Instructor.*

NOTHING can bring you peace but yourself. Nothing can bring you peace but the triumphs of principles.—*Self Reliance.*

THE WORK IN ADAIR COUNTY, KY.

THE work in this part of the Master's vineyard has gone rather slow and hard at times. But I was determined by the grace of God to work all the harder, and the Lord has given the victory.

During the eight weeks that I canvassed here the Lord helped me to take 314 orders for "Bible Footlights." The past two weeks the Lord helped me to deliver 206 of the books. I lost nine orders, and sold just nine books for cash while delivering, thus making good the loss. So the Lord helps in delivering as well as in taking orders. Surely this is the Lord's work.

Many a time I have clearly seen where the angels of the Lord have gone before to open up the way. Oh, that we could all more fully realize and appreciate the privilege of co-operating with the heavenly intelligences, and thus become workers together with God. My courage is good, and I feel that I want to stay in the field until the work is done.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Ps. 34:8.

M. J. WEBER.
One of the secrets of success is a desire and determination to "stay in the field until the work is done." Such a spirit conquers hard times, trials, bad roads, poor food, hard beds, the "blues," and Satan himself.—*Ed.*

GOOD NEWS

"As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

News is not always good, but it generally is from Kentucky, and especially from the canvassers.

Brother Wheeler writes that he is well and of good courage, and that Sister Wheeler is much improved in health.

The October report of the canvassing work in Kentucky shows 761 hours work, and \$92.85 worth of orders for books. This is \$1.29 per hour.

One canvasser averaged \$2.63 for every hour during the month, and he put in good time, too.

I am proud of the good time the Kentucky canvassers are putting in. Last week's report

shows respectively 66, 55, 48, 47, and 27 hours, averaging over 48½ hours. This is pleasing to the Lord.

The one who is "not cut out for a canvasser" does not put in time like this.

Surprising as it may be to some, we can canvass twelve months in the year in Kentucky. Isn't that good?

We are just having fine weather and good roads for canvassing. Now is the time to canvass.

All persons selling our periodicals in the Kentucky Conference have the privilege of reporting their work to the missionary secretary, C. F. Dart, at Moreland, Ky.

What are you doing with the *Missions Review*? Let us hear from you. Write your experience to the REPORT OF PROGRESS.

There is at least one person that will certainly appreciate a report from the periodical workers—the missionary secretary. Isn't that good?

"A word fitly spoken [by the canvasser] is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

One man, mentioned in my article on page 174 of the REPORT OF PROGRESS, is worked up over the second coming of Christ, and is just carried away with his book, "Daniel and the Revelation." C. F. DART.

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PURVIS, MISSISSIPPI

We organized a Sabbath-school of six members yesterday as a result of the tent-meeting held here in the summer. These few young Sabbath-keepers seem to be in the best of courage, and willing to go forward in collecting for foreign missions. Pray for us that we may have success. LEONA BENNELL.

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TO THE BRETHERN IN MISSISSIPPI

I TAKE this opportunity of speaking to you about those pledges you made at the Meridian camp-meeting, and will say that we are very much in need of some of the money with which to meet some pressing obligations.

Can you not pay a part of your pledge now, if not all? If you can it will be greatly appreciated by those who are responsible for the settlement of these debts.

Remember the books, "Ministry of Healing" that you have agreed to sell for the relief of the Nashville Sanitarium. Send in your orders to me and I will have the books shipped to you. Let those who have not promised to sell take hold and send in their orders for as many as they think they are able to sell, and I will have them shipped direct to them. Send all the money to F. R. Shaeffer, Meridian, Miss. W. S. LOWRY.

Amory, Miss.

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"THERE is no creature on earth of whom obedience is not required, none of whom it does not grace, none whom it does not invest with a majesty of contentment which nothing else supplies."

FROM KENTUCKY

ONLY another month to canvass before the holidays. Let us improve the time.

We expect to hold a canvassers' convention at Milledgeville, near Moreland, Ky., during the holidays.

Last week, Brother Weber delivered one hundred and twenty-nine "Bible Footlights." He lost six orders, but sold six books for cash. So he delivered one hundred per cent. This breaks our record for delivering.

A letter from a canvasser formerly in Kentucky, says: "Well, Brother Dart, I find that canvassing in _____ is quite different from what it was in Kentucky. Every one charges me 50 cents for a night's lodging. The people here are not as hospitable as they are in Kentucky."

From a letter sent to the Southern Publishing Association by a lad of seventeen years, who bought a book of one of our agents, I quote the following: "I have one of your books called 'Bible Footlights,' and it has interested me. I think that you are on the Lord's side. . . . I am a poor boy. My mother is dead, and my father is out West many miles from me. I have to make it for myself. Can I get employment there, so that I could keep the Sabbath day? Here I could not live if I did not work on the seventh day. I believe that when I got posted on the Bible, I would become a Christian. . . . I want to be saved."

It is not the editor's fault, but ours, that the REPORT OF PROGRESS of November 9 contains only one article from laborers in the field, while it contains several selections from other literature. This is *our* paper in which to report the progress of the work, but we must furnish the reports.

It must be embarrassing to the editor when the time comes to make up the paper and she has so little material to put into it. Let us do our part by reporting the progress of the work in our charge. C. F. DART.

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THE CANVASSING WORK

I FEEL full of praise to God that I am able to be in the field again after having lost quite a lot of time on account of sickness. I greatly praise the Lord for the blessings he bestows upon us daily. My health seems better than it has been for nearly two years. My wife's health is also improving, and we praise the Lord for it all. I am full of courage in the work; it does my soul good to meet the people where I have placed the books and papers, and learn the good results. One man who prized his book went to a neighbor's where I had sold "Daniel and the Revelation," and found him locked in his room and reading his book. He, also, prized his book and believes that the coming of Christ is at hand.

Last Monday night I spent with a man to whom I had sold "Daniel and the Revelation." He is very much interested in the truth. One man who has "Bible Footlights," told me that he believed the message, and asked several questions, expressing interest and conviction. He has four children and wants to place them

where they will get a Christian training. I told him of our schools, and he seemed interested. I praise God for his blessings and the interest following my efforts.

With Brother Dart and others I spent the Sabbath with a sister who has accepted the truth through reading "Bible Footlights." Another family that is interested came in and Brothed Dart gave them a talk which seemed to cheer them all and deepen their interest.

There are many hungry souls scattered in the earth, but few laborers to search them out. We find in "Manual for Canvassers," page seven, that "where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred." Brthren and sisters, let us sense the time in which we are living and encourage as many as possible to take up the canvassing work. Who will help us to press forward the work?

M. WHEELER.

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REPORT OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOLS OF THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

For Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1909

	Members	Off'gs.	Expense	Missions
Pensacola, Fla.	42	\$14.36	\$	\$14.36
Clarksalpe, Miss.	17	12.57		12.57
Yazoo City, Miss.	22	8.42	.50	7.92
Vicksburg, Miss.	28	4.80	2.45	2.35
Natchez, Miss.	17	5.24		5.24
Soso, Miss.	17	2.36		2.36
Greenville, Miss.	7	1.06		1.06
Jackson, Miss.	13	3.60		3.60
Nashville, Tenn.	32	7.11		7.11
Selma, Ala.	6	.75		.75
Gadsden, Ala.	29	5.60		5.60
Mobile, Ala.	12	1.00		1.00
Sylacauga, Ala.	44	4.05		4.05
Birmingham, Ala.	29	7.96		7.96
Montgomery, Ala.	23	4.98		4.98
Huntsville, Ala.	88	10.09		10.09
Lexington, Ky.	18	3.83	3.33	.50
Louisville, Ky.	17	4.35	4.35	
Dickard, La.	8	.25		.25
Newellton, La.	29	1.08		1.08
New Orleans, La.	37	6.97		6.97
Home Schools,	16	1.74		1.74

Totals 551 \$112.17 \$10.63 \$101.54

MRS. HELEN M. KEATE, Sec.

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MISSISSIPPI CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

To many of God's people comes the question, What can I do to help give the third angel's message to the world? How can I hasten my Lord's return? The Lord, through his servant, has answered these questions. In the Testimonies we read "that many would never hear the truth for this time were it not for the faithful efforts of the consecrated canvasser. Our publications should be scattered like the leaves of autumn."

We ought to have a hundred to do such work right here in Mississippi. Do not be afraid of coming to want if you take up this work. God is able, and has promised to supply our every need. "Whatsoever is right

I will give you." Can we ask for more, and be clear before God?

For the especial purpose of aiding you to enter this work and to engage in it successfully, we are to have a canvassers' institute in Mississippi, beginning December 28. The place will be announced later.

We want this to be the best institute ever held in Mississippi. I wish we could have fifty additions to our force. Brethren, is it not high time for many of us to cut loose from common occupations, and help give the message? You cannot discharge your duty by proxy; you must say: "here am I; send me." May God help you to know duty, and do it.

Please let me hear from all who desire to enter the work. H. G. MILLER.

611 S. Congress St., Jackson, Miss.

MEMPHIS

BROTHER F. T. WALES, who is laboring in Memphis, Tenn., under date of November 10, sent us, along with an interesting letter of several pages, the following report of his work for October:—

Bible Readings Given.....	52
Visits Made	54
Papers Distributed	194
Missionary Letters Written.....	10

This report would do credit to any one engaged in these lines of work. But when we remember that Brother Wales is bearing the burden of advanced age, it must be considered unusually good.

Brother Wales tells us that the interest among the people of Memphis is good, and that he receives many urgent calls for Bible readings, which his time and strength will not permit him to accept.

As the result of the tent effort by Elder Washburn a number of persons for whom Brother Wales had labored before, accepted the faith and during the month covered by this report; six more of his readers signed the covenant. This is cause for thanksgiving and true joy and rejoicing far exceeding anything the world can afford.

Brother Wales is rejoicing in the faith and the hope of the soon return of his Lord, and himself and co-workers are of good courage in the Lord. Calls for tent-meetings are coming from different parts of the city, and many more seem anxious to be taught.

The Lord, through the Testimonies, has been for several years urging us to enter the large cities with the message, and the experience of the workers in Memphis indicates that God will co-operate with those who will take up the work with consecrated hearts and hands and a zeal and energy commensurate with the importance of the message we have to bear.

"Be as cheerful as you can in well-doing. There is a double grace in good actions when they are done cheerfully and brightly."

STATE AGENTS' REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For October, 1909

Conf. Agts.	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Del.	Grd. Total
Ala.	21 1446	556	\$833.65	\$1008.45	\$1842.10
T. R.	10 866	496	619.20	746.75	1365.95
La.	10 750	374	876.45	417.10	1293.55
Ky.	7 761	427	982.85	94.95	1077.80
Miss.	5 528	258	343.16	480.55	823.71

Tot. 53 4357 2111 \$3655.31 \$2747.80 \$6403.11

Dear Workers in the field: You will see by this report that the work is still onward. How glad I am to see October right up even with September in orders taken, and ahead of it in books delivered. Alabama leads this month; she has delivered over one thousand dollars' worth of orders, and Tennessee comes next. I believe that every field man and every worker is doing his best, for each month shows a gain. I thought when school began we would fall back, but the Lord has prevailed upon others to take the places of those who left the work to attend school, and thus the good work goes forward.

But soon 1909 will be in the past, and already we should be planning for the year 1910.

I trust that every worker will plan to go to the field right from the conference institutes. Let us make next year the best in the history of the South. I will complete my work at Talladega, Alabama, this week, and will then go to the Tennessee River Conference, to assist Brother Parmele. My address until further notice will be Nashville, in care of Southern Publishing Association.

Yours in the Master's service,
A. F. HARRISON.

DICKSON, TENNESSEE

Now that the tent is taken down, stored away for the winter, the smoke of battle cleared away, and things are in a more settled condition we are able more fully to see results. The opposition still quietly works, while we have gone on doing our work. We have lost one because he thought his debts could not be paid, and his family would starve if he continued to observe the Sabbath. There are others who fear they would lose their jobs in the various factories, and are deterred from keeping the Sabbath.

About sixteen new ones are now standing with us, our Sabbath-school numbers about twenty-five. We have rented and fitted up a small hall for our meetings, five each week, besides cottage meetings as the way opens, and house-to-house work.

Brethren, pray for Dickson.
R. M. KILGORE.

LIFE is often difficult; it is never impossible for the man that has to live it. If the trial be very sore, if it shake your strength and strain your patience almost to the breaking point, if the agony of conflict surprise you, then that only shows that you are stronger than you took yourself to be. Had you been unfit for it, this post of danger would never have been assigned to you.—John Kelman.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference For Week Ending Nov. 5, 1909

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
W G Ringgold.....	BFL	38	\$	\$75 95
R F Thompson.....	BFL	40	47	90
R T Jacks 2 wks.....	BFL	33	22	50 19 00
H G Moberg.....	BFL	30	20	00
W V Wilson.....	BFL	16	8	50 4 50
Mrs R V Cory.....	D&R	10		12 15
R V Cory.....	D&R	20		27 50
K Skidmore	BFL	35		66 25
C G Mann.....	BFL	39	37	00
Alex Wood	D&R	51	26	25

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

M J Weber.....	BFL	50	10	90 132 00
C F Dart.....	D&R	23	1	00 22 45
M Wheeler	D&R	50	38	50 8 50
H E Beck.....	D&R	45	19	50 3 50

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

C L Collison.....	D&R BR	40	23	75 51 25
Gertrude Evans	BFL	46	5	00 5 00
Gerhard Jorgenson 2.....	BFL	40	23	00 3 00
H C Bagley.....	CK	30		16 50
I T Reynolds.....	GC BFL	29	69	50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

J S Fry.....	D&R	30	40	50 40 50
J P Campbell.....	sofP	21	12	50 7 95
W H Haddon.....	moFN	21	1	25 48 50
Cora Smith	BR	12	9	00
Virgil Smith	D&R	16	12	05 12 05
Horace Miller	D&R	35		54 25
Irregular	D&R	20	26	25

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh.....	GC	46	75	50
C H Chénault.....	D&R	19		47 00
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	36		70 00
J S Moore.....	MISC	50	16	00 11 85
Mamie Moore	D&R	38	76	10 9 40

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference	312	162	15	205	35
Kentucky Conference ...	168	70	00	166	45
Louisiana Conference ...	185	121	25	75	75
Mississippi Conference ..	155	101	55	163	25
Tennessee River Conf....	189	157	60	138	25

Totals 1009 \$612.55 \$749.05

LOUISIANA CANVASSING REPORT

For Month Ending Oct. 30, 1909

W M Olmstead....	moFN	40	\$ 6	50 \$ 4 25
R C Smith.....	CK	38	61	30 3 30
C L Collison.....	D&R BR	170	117	40 193 65
I T Reynolds.....	GC	121	505	00
J N Steel.....	GC	87	32	25 41 25
Mrs Jno Almendro....	CK	30		56 25
Gertrude Evans	BFL	34	5	25 2 00
Mrs A E Frank.H&H BFL	88	100	25	59 65
W D Bush.....	CK	68	15	00 29 75
Gerhard Jorgenson ..	BFL	76	33	50 27 00

Totals 750 \$876.45 \$417.10

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ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Tithe for October, 1909

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Montgomery	\$33.00
Marlow	28.23
Attalla	21.37
Birmingham	19.78
Oak Level	9.17
Individuals	7.33
Mobile	5.77
Elkwood07
Total	\$124.72

MRS. HELEN M. KEATE, *Treas.*



"BE READY ALWAYS"

ARE you always ready to give a scriptural reason for your faith and hope?

Did you ever let pass, unimproved, an opportunity to present the truth to your neighbor because you could not find the required texts of Scripture, or because you did not know how to arrange them convincingly?

Were you ever embarrassed when asked why you believe, and do, as you do, because you could not give a Biblical answer?

Do you dislike being questioned concerning your faith because you are unable to give an intelligent answer?

Were you ever silenced by an opponent of the truth, because you could not successfully meet his arguments or answer his objections?

Would you like to carry something in your pocket which will enable you to find any particular one, or all, of the proof-texts in the Bible, on the whole, or any phase of any doctrinal subject, as quickly as you can find a song in your hymn-book when its number is known; thus equipping yourself for all occasions?

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After making personal use of "Scriptural Evidences," by W. M. Crothers, I am convinced that there is no more useful, convenient, or comprehensive aid to the study of Bible doctrines published in pocket size. The whole truth is presented in a nutshell.—*R. Hook Jr, Manager, Southern Publishing Association.*

Not all "Bible helps" are Bible helps; but "Scriptural Evidences" is a real and valuable aid in gaining a knowledge of the most important of all books.—*L. A. Smith, Editor of THE WATCHMAN.*

I regard the little book "Scriptural Evidences," by W. M. Crothers, as a great aid in the study of the Bible. It is simple, plain, and easy of reference; concise, and direct in its statements; and is in harmony with, and loyal to, the scriptural views of our people. It is a good book to hand to both believers and unbelievers.—*R. M. Kilgore.*



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.

Nashville, Tennessee.

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ATTENTION OF PERIODICAL AGENTS

OUR publishing houses, having thoroughly demonstrated after several years of experience that it is not possible for them to produce the ten-cent magazines at the old rates without sustaining destructive losses on each year's business, are forced to advance agents' prices to the following:—

5 to 40 copies,..... 5 cents each.
50 or more copies,..... 4 cents each.

These prices will go into effect on the January business. All January ten-cent magazines will be furnished to agents at the new prices.



"If every person would be half so good as he expects his neighbor to be, what a heaven this world would be."

....., 1909.

DEAR WATCHMAN:

Availing myself of your offer which lasts until January 1, 1910, I enclose \$..... for the following subscriptions at 75 cents a year:—

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Post-office

Name

Post-office

Name

Post-office

Signed:



TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

October Receipts

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Memphis	\$176.48
Nashville	260.00
Paducah	16.97
Leach	14.95
Springville	14.35
Lane	12.51
Conference Church	40.60
Cedar Grove	5.00
Hustburg	1.94
Total	\$542.80

OFFERINGS

First-Day Offerings	\$ 6.30
Sabbath-School Donations	20.44
Colored Work	3.50
Hazel School	10.00
Total	\$40.24

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