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## HOLDING THE ROPES

"THOUGH far from friends and kindred dear,

We're holding the ropes for you.  
The work is God's. Cast all your care  
On him who doth thy burdens bear.  
(Matt. 11:28.)

Leave all to him; do not despair,  
Walk in his way, thy Saviour fear,  
(Deut. 13:4.)  
We're holding the ropes for you.

"Take courage, brother, fear thou not,  
(Josh. 1:9.)

We're holding the ropes at home.  
Though dark at times thy path appears,  
Though freely flows the fount of tears  
For darkened souls, thy Saviour hears;  
(Ps. 55:17.)

A rich reward will be thy lot;  
We're holding the ropes at home."

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## FORCED GIFTS

God is no tyrant. Neither is he a beggar. He made a fair world, and gave it, with all its resources, its fertile hills and plains, its stores of precious stones, its gold and silver, to man. God took delight in turning it all over, with all its wealth and beauty, to be used and developed by him. He wanted man to enjoy his home. He made it for him; and he proposes that he shall have it, too, even though he yielded his title to another, who has ruthlessly wasted the fair dominion. God still holds supreme title to the earth. In return for his manifested power, all utterly beyond the power of man, in keeping it in its proper place in its march with other worlds about the sun; in watering it and lighting it; and bringing its recurring seasons—surely for all this service man is continually piling up a great debt to his God.

In return, the Lord really asks only a trifle. He reserves one part in ten of man's resources, and in addition only asks that he offer gifts according as he has been prospered.

Yet it is in the *how* we give that our character is manifested. It is the *how* we give, we wish to emphasize. Jesus took pains at one time to sit down beside the treasury simply to observe this very thing—*how* men cast their

money into that treasure-chest. There was plenty of selfishness in men's hearts then. The adversary, also, no doubt, lingered around the treasury then, the same as now. He probably whispered a lot of things to the givers then, the same as now. He likely had a lot of stock expressions to pass out, suited to different dispositions—possibly enlarged upon a bit by his thousand years or so of experience since—all of which probably exhorted them "to be very careful not to overdue the thing, but be sure to give very judiciously." He might have suggested that it would not do to get too much money into the cause. It would spoil the good servants of God to have too much. Be sure this calamity did not overtake the cause of God, and other matters would regulate themselves.

Some of us train easily along this line. There is danger that we develop into givers something after the fashion of the farmer's cow. The farmer was asked how much milk a certain cow he had gave. He said: "She gives nothing voluntarily; but if a strong man can get her into a corner, where she can neither hook nor kick, she will give eleven quarts."

Do we truly love souls? Do we have faith in God's works, and believe that he will use the loving gifts somehow, in some way known only to himself, in bringing the light of truth to the honest souls seeking the light? These are the gifts Jesus is still watching by the treasury to see. It may be the mites, or it can be the pounds, lovingly given, not forced, that the benediction of his blessing falls upon as to-day they pass into the treasury to speed on the message of God throughout the earth. "Not grudgingly, or of necessity," is still the rule for Christian giving—a principle enunciated by the Master.

T. E. BOWEN.

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## ALABAMA

In this, my second report to the Southern Union Conference paper, I will make a few statements concerning the work in my new field.

I was transferred from Oklahoma to Alabama about three months ago and have since been busy getting acquainted with the people and the work in the conference.

I have visited and held meetings with the churches and companies in the following places: Birmingham, New Market, Huntsville, Wooley Springs, Elkwood, Cullman, Attalla, Fort Payne, Fruithurst, Anniston, and am now with the Oak Level church.

With few exceptions our meetings have been interesting, and we have found a general desire on the part of the brethren to go forward with the fast-closing message.

On our trip we kept before the churches the importance of the Ingathering for Missions, and their responsibility in that work. We also did what we could to encourage the brethren to do their part toward lifting the debt off the Nashville Sanitarium by selling their proportion of "Ministry of Healing," while the circulation of the *Signs* weekly, with its special series of articles, received appropriate attention. This paper should be carried to thousands of homes in Alabama.

We are doing all we can, but our conference is weak. We have been able to find only about one hundred white members. Some have removed from the State, and the colored believers have been transferred to the colored department of the union conference. This leaves us weak, both in funds and workers; but we must work the harder.

To the brethren at home I would say, be faithful. The Lord has given to every man his work. Find out your duties, and be diligent in discharging them. Other ways will open to those who are faithful. Some say, We cannot afford the time and expense, and do little or nothing. This is a great mistake. The only thing we cannot afford is to be idlers in the Lord's vineyard, for such will lose the reward of the righteous; while to be active in the Lord's work, will cost the sacrifice of time and means in this life, and gain for us the true riches and an unending life in which to enjoy them.

That God will inspire us with zeal and power to do the right thing at the right time in this needy field, is my earnest prayer.

J. R. BAGBY.

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"BLESSED are the pure in heart."

**"RUN, SPEAK TO THIS YOUNG MAN"**

THUS did the prophet hear one angel address another. Zech. 2:4. This text came to my mind as I examined the "Morning Watch Calendar" for 1910, and read a stirring letter from Professor Kern about the plans of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department for the young people of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

The text suggests activity. Daniel the prophet also tells us that in the last days there will be great activity, running to and fro.

In the providence of God opportunities are increased, and we must all bestir ourselves if we keep up with the progress of the message. Surely the angels are running to our young people to-day, urging them to qualify for work, and to bear responsibility.

The Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department is so thoroughly organized that every young person in our churches can connect with it, and receive the benefit of the counsel and help of experienced workers. Are you acquainted with the "Morning Watch Calendar?" Do you read the *Youth's Instructor*? Are you taking the Reading Course? Are you taking some part in the opportunities to work in the Lord's vineyard?

This is a good motto to memorize and act upon:—

"I cannot do all things; but I can do something. And what I can do, I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by God's grace I will do." The young people's secretary in your conference will be glad to hear from you, and to advise you. Why not begin by joining in the efforts to provide a scholarship in the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington, D. C., or in the Oakwood Manual Training School at Huntsville, Ala.? Both are worthy enterprises, and you can have a part according to your ability.

C. F. McVAGH.

Pres. S. U. C.

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**FAILURE VS. SUCCESS**

FAILURE or success in some way creeps into every undertaking at its very inception. How often the promoters of an enterprise earnestly wish themselves able to tell what the outcome will be. Did they know the results depended not only upon hard and continuous efforts on their part, but upon their mental condition, perhaps many a lost undertaking would have lived to bless humanity. Worthy objects are obtained by faith as well as work.

When the greatest of all enterprises, the plan for human redemption, was devised, it was at once declared, The Seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head. There was not the least suggestion of failure, and when prophets began to write of him who was to be the promised Seed, they said, "He shall not fail nor be discouraged." Now this invincible Servant of the Lord has become our Captain, and promises, "according to the power that worketh in us," to do for us "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." And he says to us, "According to your faith be it unto you." May we not, then, as workers, go to his work with "success" inscribed, not upon

perishable banners, but upon our very countenances?

As Christian canvassers we have a right to look for, and expect great things. "The Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." "Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, the evangelist's work will not, cannot, be without fruit."

C. F. PARMELE.

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**SADIEVILLE, KENTUCKY**

LAST spring two of our families located in this town, which is on the Q. & C. R. R. and fifty-seven miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. Their consistent lives won for them the friendship of the citizens of the town, which has about one hundred fifty white and as many colored inhabitants.

The Methodist Episcopal Church granted us the use of their church. Our people furnished us with good music. The people came and listened to the message for three weeks. Then we spent the fourth in going from house to house, holding Bible studies and urging obedience to the claims of God's law. Not one decided to obey. There were three families that became more interested than others, and Brother R. W. Harris will hold readings with them. One young woman accepted the message as a result of readings given by the families that went there. She sent her name in to unite with the McKinney church.

The Methodist Episcopal minister treated us with Christian courtesy, and we were invited to come back and use their church again. It gave us sad feelings to labor for four weeks under favorable circumstances and not turn one to obedience. The collections paid for the coal and lights.

Sister Beulah Harris by spending about one hour with the *Review* received \$3.45.

We go next to Bethel Ridge to hold a series of meetings, where there is but one Sabbath-keeper. We earnestly desire the prayers of the readers of the REPORT OF PROGRESS.

A. O. BURRILL.

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**QUITMAN, MISSISSIPPI**

AFTER our camp-meeting, Elder M. C. Whitmarsh and the writer, pitched the tent for the second time in another part of Meridian, where we continued to hold meetings with a good interest for five weeks. Two staunch men took a firm stand for the truth. One of these is now our Sabbath-school superintendent. Several others are also rejoicing in the truth as a result of this last effort. In all, eleven souls have accepted the truth as the result of the two tent-meetings held here this summer. This is a great encouragement to the Meridian church.

We pitched our tent at Quitman, and began meetings Sunday night, Nov. 7th, with all our seats filled. The following day we secured enough chairs from the court-house to seat all the available space beneath the canvass, but we were still unable to accommodate all the people that came.

At present we are in the midst of the Sabbath question, with no change in the attendance. We have the tent well heated with a stove, and will continue our meetings for some time.

We advertised through the local paper that we would speak on the "Eastern Question" Sunday night, November 14. The congregation was unusually large as the people from near-by towns and surrounding country also came to hear.

We have every reason to believe that a number will accept the truth as a result of the meetings held here.

F. R. SHAEFFER.

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**A CRISIS**

THE following words from a contemporary magazine emphasize the position of the church as it stands before the world to-day as forcibly as it could be placed before us. It says, "Every religious body faces to-day a crisis at least as great as slavery and one that will test her as by fire. If she fails, her tragedy will be this, that the very wrong-doers to whom she truckles will lose respect for their apologists. Plenty of our great lawbreakers know perfectly well that much they do is morally indefensible. A man of this stamp was once mildly chided by a clergyman for the free use of round and hearty oaths. He listened to the half-hearted rebuke and answered: 'Come now, parson, you and I are quits; I swear and you pray, but we don't either of us mean anything by it.'

"A witty dean of a theological seminary in the East was asked by a parishioner why the devil was so often painted with a smile. The dean replied, 'I am afraid that it is because he has found out that so many of us clergymen do his devil work so much better than he can do it, that it tickles him.'

"Never had the church so noble a field for regenerating service as she has to-day, and her bitterest enemy could wish her nothing worse than that she should be silent, faltering, and inarticulate in hours like these. So far as she sides against reform her awakening will be rude and her penalty costly and heavy to bear. Even now, quickened moral energies of our youths are seeking other channels outside her sanctuary."

With the illustrations that touch the lighter vein there is still more sober gospel truth in the above. The trouble with the churches of the day is that they have lost their message. The popular sinner sits in the front pew and the sermon is made to pass him over unscathed. The work in the home is undone and the truth untold and men go on in sin with the idea that sin is not so sinful after all. The only hope for the church for the present time is to get hold of God's messages for the world, teach them, cry aloud and spare not. Then and only then will the knowledge of what is wrong-doing, and the salvation found only in Christ, be known and appreciated for all that it is worth.—*The Columbia Union Visitor*.

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"INDULGE no doubts; they are traitors."

**SOCIAL LIFE AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE**

THE subject of social life among our young people is one of great importance, and one that can be studied with profit.

From the ranks of our young people are to come those who are to be God's instruments in the last closing message, and how important that while in their youth they study to show themselves approved unto God.

I will first take up the subject of associations. True is the wise saying that our characters may be judged by the company we keep. If we associate with those whose only thought is to please self and have enjoyment from a worldly standpoint, we give Satan full advantage, and we will be led away from God instead of growing into his likeness. We should be so filled with the Spirit of Christ that when in the presence of such influences, instead of being influenced, we might influence those around us for good; but how few are in that condition.

God wants us to associate together to the uplifting of one another, and the furthering of his cause in the earth. One can truly be judged by his conversation. If we hear one talking light, trifling talk we at once judge that one accordingly. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Luke 6:45. In James we read that a wise person is judged by his conversation. If we are to be God's representatives, his life must shine out in our conversation. Light, trifling talk unfits us for weightier things, and grieves away the Spirit of God. Social gatherings can be made enjoyable without the lightness characterized among worldlings. If we were truly converted how different would be the trend of our conversation from what it often is when in one another's company.

The soon coming of Christ and the saving of souls would be the theme uppermost in our minds, and consequently be more our topic of conversation.

We also need to read good books that we may know what has gone on, and what is going on, in the world, in order to converse intelligently among ourselves and those not of our faith. If we have not already, we should begin now to cultivate a taste for all that is uplifting. Then our social life as young people together will be just as God intended, and to the end that we will be fitted for translation and be able to enjoy the society of angels throughout eternity.—*Lillian Hicock in the Canadian Union Messenger.*

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**SCHOOL WORK IN SPANISH HONDURAS**

BROTHER HERBERT OWEN, who for several years has been breaking ground in Spanish Honduras, and preparing it for the reception of gospel seed through the educational work, spent a few days recently in Nashville. While here he gave a most interesting and inspiring lecture concerning the moral conditions and the difficulties to be surmounted in that land of Roman Catholic domination with its resultant ignorance, superstition, and general degradation.

The inspiring feature of Brother Owen's talk, that which touched the responsive chord in the hearts of his hearers, and enlisted their sympathies in a substantial way, was the relation of the remarkable ways in which the Lord has broken down prejudice, secured for the work the confidence and patronage of all classes of people, including the president and other officials of the country, who have also rendered material aid, given the free use of lands, and buildings, and have promised their support for the future, if better facilities can be provided.

The Spirit of the Lord was present during the meeting, and the congregation was impressed that the Lord was leading the work, and they made a voluntary offering to the cause in Honduras.

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**INSANITY, RESULT OF HYPNOTISM**

THE following is taken from the San Francisco *Call* of November 12:—

"Redding, Nov. 12. A startling explanation as to the cause for insanity of Miss Alice Carson, aged 19, who was to-day sent to the Napa hospital, is told by the girl's parents and friends. It is claimed that her mind was affected by being hypnotized by an old man whose name is not given.

"Miss Carson is a graduate of the Shasta High School, and has always been considered an exceptionally bright girl. She has been employed at a local candy store, and it was here that she met the man who, it is alleged, hypnotized her."

In Professor George W. Rine's pamphlet, "The Spirit World," you will find the basis for the existence of Hypnotism, Spiritualism and the like. 96 pages, 10 cents. Order from us.

THE SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

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**THINGS HERE AND THERE**

Good reports are coming in from the members of the Nashville church regarding the Missions Ingathering. One sister sent out one paper and a letter, and received one dollar. Another sister received fifteen dollars, and sent it direct to Brother Bordeau, Washington. I do not know how many papers this amount represents. We hope to receive many more reports like these. Let us have a few lines from all, even on a post-card if you do not have time for any more. This is encouragement to others if such good items are reported in our conference paper.

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THE readers of the REPORT OF PROGRESS will regret to learn of the death of Dr. W. H. Kynett which occurred recently at his home in Florida. We have not yet learned the particulars.

Brother Kynett's deep interest in the work in the South has long been well-known. He had accumulated some property during his long and busy life, nearly all of which in one way or another he invested in the cause of God. Of him it may be said, He rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

**CANVASSING REPORT**

**Southern Union Conference**

**For Week Ending Nov. 12, 1909**

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
B Griffith	BFL	108	\$178 90	\$ 7 50
A F Harrison	BFL	67	63 50	91 50
H G Moberg	BFL		1 00	47 00
C M Cockran	BFL	17	31 50	7 75
W G Ringgold	BFL	32	39 50	8 50
W V Wilson	BFL	26	16 50	1 00
R T Jacks	BFL	22	10 50	
Alex Wood	D&R	33	29 50	
C G Manns	BFL	33	28 00	2 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H C Carmichael	dofa	60	6 00	113 50
M J Weber	BFL	50	7 00	80 00
M Wheeler	D&R	41	50 75	6 00
H E Beck	D&R	46	37 25	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Virgil Smith	D&R	30	8 65	2 40
W H Haddonffi	moFn	20		21 00
J S Fry	D&R	38		96 25
Horace Miller	D&R	45		82 00

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference	338	398 90	165 25
Kentucky Conference	197	101 00	199 50
Mississippi Conference	133	8 65	201 65

Totals ..... 668 \$508 55 \$566 40

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**IT WOULD BE WELL**

"It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon his great sacrifice for us, our confidence in him will be more constant, our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with his spirit. If we would be saved at last, we must learn the lesson of penitence and humiliation at the foot of the cross."

Do you know that the texts in the "Morning Watch Calendar" for 1910 were selected with reference to our Sabbath-school lessons on the life of Christ? In studying the text for each day you will be drawing spiritual life from the Sabbath-school lesson for that week. Can you afford not to form the habit of spending a quiet hour with Jesus each day?

Order at once from Mrs. W. M. Crothers, 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. Price five cents. To those who want several for their friends, envelopes will be furnished for remailing on request.

M. E. KERN.

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THE December number of *Life and Health* contains an article by P. J. Eaton on What Parents Should Know Regarding the Infant, that every mother in the world ought to read. He recognizes the fact, that while nearly all children come into the world strong and healthy, a large proportion die before the third year on account of the lack of knowledge of mothers and nurses. Who will help the mothers, and save the lives of innocent babes by the circulation of this number of *Life and Health*?

# Report of Progress

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## IMPORTANT TO SABBATH-SCHOOLS

ON account of the ever increasing cost of the raw materials which enter into the production of our publications, the publishers upon the advice of the recent General Conference Council, held in College View, Nebraska, have arranged for an advance on the club rates of the *Youth's Instructor*, and the *Sabbath-School Worker*, after January 1, 1910. Previous to that time, however, new subscriptions may be given for any part of, or for the entire year, 1910. Old subscriptions may be extended, or renewals ordered at the old rates, provided the orders are received by the publishers before January 1, 1910.

The new rate on the *Instructor* clubs of 5 or more copies to one address is 75 cents per copy for one year; 40 cents for six months; 20 cents for three months.

The new rate on the *Sabbath-School Worker* in clubs of two or more copies to one address is 30 cents for a full year. Only yearly subscriptions on the *Worker* are received.

Old prices on single subscriptions for each of these papers remain unchanged.

Let all the Sabbath-schools take notice of these changes in the prices of these important periodicals, and if possible extend present subscriptions for the entire year of 1910.

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## NEW REVIEW PRICES

For a long time the Review and Herald Publishing Association has been struggling against the necessity for an increase in the subscription price of the *Review*. But on account of the great increase in the cost of producing the paper, they have finally been forced to submit to the inevitable to raise the prices of the *Review* to the following:—

One year, .....	\$1.75
Six months, .....	.90
Three months, .....	.50

These prices go into effect January 1, 1910, but all of our people are given the opportunity to subscribe, to renew, or to extend their subscription for any part of, or for all of the year 1910 at the old prices, provided their orders are received by the publishers before January 1, 1910.

Now is the time to attend to this important matter. Any believer cannot afford to be without the *Review*. Subscribe now, and save the increase in prices.

## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the second annual meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Thursday, January 20, 1909, at 11 A. M., at the Seventh-day Adventist church, on Twenty-third Ave., North and Seifried Street, Nashville, Tenn., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

R. HOOK JR., Secretary.

Dated Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 29, 1909.

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## HEALTH FOOD FACTORY ITEMS

ALTHOUGH we have increased our working force we are compelled to run over time to keep up with orders.

Not only are our people in the thirty-five States to which we are shipping foods pleased, but they are calling for them in foreign lands.

Our new Baked Beans seasoned with Nutfoda will be ready to ship in a few days. As is our custom we will use only the very finest material in these beans, and before baking will cook them in distilled water. The price will be only 10 cents a can, \$1.00 a dozen, and we anticipate a large sale for them.

Our workers are all cheerful and happy in the knowledge that the Lord is using us to do his appointed work in this field.

Our church building has been moved onto the factory land. This not only removes it from private property but gives it a more central location. The church is in a good, live condition, one indication being that we have a good church school.

If we were not so busy we might get a little lonesome, out as we are, nine miles from Nashville. The way to keep us happy is to keep us well supplied with orders. We wish all our friends who eat for good health would write Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory, Nashville, Tennessee, for order-blank and special freight-paid circular.

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## BAKED BEANS

OUR Baked Beans contain no pork, lard, or other animal fat.

We have now added to our excellent list of health foods BAKED BEANS that are as high in quality and delicious in flavor as are our other products to which we owe our reputation for producing the BEST foods.

Our Baked Beans are prepared from the very finest grade of Michigan-grown, hand-picked beans, with and without Tomato Sauce. These beans are really baked in a bake-oven until thoroughly cooked, not simply boiled or steam cooked as some are. "Nashville Sanitarium Baked Beans" is a clean, highly nutritious, wholesome food seasoned with Nutfoda, with which we are sure you will be well pleased.

We are in business for no other purpose than to supply the people with real health foods at greatly reduced prices—prices which they can afford to pay, that they may have them more abundantly. Accordingly our prices for

these Beans are 10 cents a can, and \$1.00 a dozen, instead of 15 cents a can straight. They are the regular full-size cans.

## NOTICE

We cook our beans in Distilled Water before baking in the oven. According to scientific authority, and proved by actual test, the gas usually produced in the process of digestion is thus eliminated. The mineral in hard water uniting with different elements in beans produces this unpleasant and unhealthful result.

All our foods are guaranteed by us under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Serial Number 27488.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY.  
Nashville, Tenn.

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## NEWS ITEMS

ELDER HORTON and Brother Hook Jr. went to Chicago last Thursday in the interests of the Chicago *Watchman* campaign. Elder Horton expects to be away about ten days. Brother Hook returned to Nashville last Monday.

Elder R. M. Kilgore was a welcome visitor at our office last week. He spent two days in the city visiting his son and other friends. We trust that all have read his encouraging report of the work in Dickson, Tenn., where he has been laboring for some time.

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"A NEAT, artistic, little booklet of ten pages, selling for five cents, is 'The Morning Watch Calendar' for 1910. While it is designed for the young, it will be found equally valuable to all classes in the outlines and suggestions it presents for daily Bible study, meditation and prayer. We hope every reader will secure a copy, and heartily unite in the daily prayer communion." Address your Young People's Missionary Secretary or send direct to the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

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BROTHER DOBBS of Florida, one of our most faithful canvassers, is very ill, and his family are in straightened circumstances.

Brother Dobbs has given many years to the missionary work, going through the country and from village to village with his ox-cart, selling small books and tracts and talking the truth to the people.

The employees of the Southern Publishing Association, with other friends who appreciate faithful service, have shown their sympathy in a practical way, by sending them some substantial aid. We wish that others might do the same. If contributions are sent to us, we will promptly forward them to the bereaved family.

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Two little girls were playing church. One said: "Now we are to have prayer. You kneel down and be a real Christian; I'll just sit down and put my hand up to my face. I'll be a stylish Christian."