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IT MUST BE SETTLED RIGHT

"HOWEVER the battle is ended,
Though proudly the victor comes,
With fluttering flags and prancing nags
And echoing roll of drums,
Still truth proclaims this motto,
In letters of living light;
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

"Though the heel of the strongest oppressor
May grind the weak in the dust,
And the voice of fame with loud acclaim
May call him great and just,
Let those who applaud take warning,
And keep their motto in sight:
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

"Let those who have failed take courage,
Though the enemy seems to have won,
Though his ranks are strong, if he be in the
wrong,
The battle is not yet done;
For sure as the morning follows
The darkest hour of night,
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right."

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

REVIEW Questions on "Quiet Talks on Service" are now out, and you will find them in another column of this paper. The answers are desired as soon as you can send them. Last term the Missionary Volunteer Department sent congratulations for the goodly number who finished the course. We should have doubled this number, as so many more have enrolled. Each one can be a material help by keeping up their own part and encouraging others.

In order to have the next Reading Course book on time, send your orders to the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn., now. "The Moslem World" is the book. Cloth binding is only 50 cents.

The 1910 "Morning Watch Calendar" is out. "Its very appearance is an invitation to more faithfulness in daily communion with

God. If the object for which it is published could be attained to in every home, a revival wave of spirituality would sweep over the denomination that would carry everything before it." Order at once from this office. Price, five cents. To those who want several for their friends, envelopes for remailing will be furnished on request.

Our young people's work is onward. We must go forward. We must not sound one note of RETREAT, but press the battle to the gate. "The Lord calls upon every Seventh-day Adventist young person, in every locality to consecrate themselves to him, and to do their very best according to their circumstances, to assist in his work. . . . He desires them to reveal their appreciation of his blessings and their gratitude for his mercy." We earnestly pray that God may inspire our young people to greater activity.

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

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A CAMPAIGN OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK

THE coming winter's campaign in behalf of religious liberty in connection with what is likely to take place in Congress, gives evidence of being one of the most strenuous we have yet experienced. The repeated defeats that the promoters of Sunday legislation have experienced in Congress during the past few years, as the result of our efforts in opposing Sunday legislation, have aroused them to more determined efforts in their work of securing a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

You are aware that there are already two religious measures pending in Congress. One is the Johnston Sunday Bill for the District of Columbia that was re-introduced into the Senate during the special session of Congress, May 17, 1909, known as Senate Bill 404; the other measure, known as House Joint Resolution, No. 17, "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States so that it shall contain a recognition of God and shall begin with the words, 'In the name of God,'" is equally dangerous.

Movements are already on foot in Washington for the purpose of strengthening the forces

of those seeking a Sunday law for the District during the coming session of Congress. The following is the first announcement that has appeared in the public press concerning their contemplated campaign:

"At a meeting of the Laymen's Confederation, held last night at the Y. M. C. A., a large assembly took decided steps toward obtaining a better law governing Sunday observance in the District.

"A committee of three was appointed to co-operate with the Interdenominational Rest Day Committee in an effort to secure the passage at the next session of Congress of the Johnston Bill. Another committee, composed of A. T. Endicott, Washington Topham, E. I. Booraem, S. J. Barker, Charles S. Bradley, W. W. Everett, and C. B. Holland, was appointed to wait upon the commissioners regarding the lack of sabbath observance by certain departments of the District government. Special attention will be called to the street-cleaning department."—*Washington Herald*, Oct. 30, 1909.

On Sunday, the 21st instant, the first of a series of four Sunday-evening sermons was delivered in behalf of a District Sunday law by the pastor of one of the leading Methodist churches in Washington.

Wilbur F. Crafts, Chairman of the International Reform Bureau, also announces that a convention of the bureau will convene in Washington, December 12, for the purpose of inaugurating a more aggressive campaign in the interests of Sunday legislation and other so-called reforms.

There is little doubt that the other churches and religious organizations in Washington will unite with these efforts to carry on a concerted movement this winter, with the hope of influencing Congress to enact a Sunday law for the District.

It will also be remembered that thirty-one States out of the forty-six in the Union, have expressed themselves in favor of an amendment to the United States Constitution which will provide for the election of United States Senators by popular vote. It will be readily seen that should this matter come before Congress for action it will afford a most ideal opportunity for the National Reform element

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to attempt to secure the adoption of their long-cherished amendment to the Constitution, viz., to have the name of God incorporated in it.

In view of all these dangerous issues already before us, and the possibility of others arising, it will be evident to every wide-awake Seventh-day Adventist that he must arouse to action.

There is no better way to enlighten the people concerning the dangers that threaten freedom of conscience in this country than by the circulation of our splendid religious liberty literature, namely, *Liberty*, the *Protestant Magazine*, "American State Papers," "The Rise and Fall of Religious Liberty in America" (a new book), and the Religious Liberty Leaflets. All who can should also prepare nicely written matter for the public press in their vicinity upon some phase of this great question. Those who do not feel competent to write for the press will be furnished gratis with a copy of the little leaflet, "How to Write for the Press," by writing to the Religious Liberty Department of Seventh-day Adventists, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

K. C. RUSSELL.

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LOUISIANA NOTES

BROTHER HANSON sends good reports of his visits to Hodge, Calhoun, and Bernice. Brother Norred, elder of the Hodge church, has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, but is much better now.

The canvassing work is still going forward quietly and effectively, and the message is being proclaimed. No better means can be employed to reach people, than the truth taught in our books.

Sister Young writes from Pineville that nearly all the new Sabbath-keepers have moved away from there, to other places in the State. While this will somewhat cripple the work at Pineville, yet it will only result in scattering the knowledge of the truth, as the message is lived out in other places.

Sister C. A. Saxby writes that we have paid \$1,588.45 for missions this year. This is equal to 10.3 cents per week per member. We now know what we can do, so let us begin at once to plan to do as well or better next year.

From Hope, La., where Brother Frank is holding meetings, he reports a good interest, and hopes to see several step out to keep the commandments of God.

Brother Headrick calls for meetings at Lake Arthur, where interest has been aroused by the efforts of an opposing minister to prove that we should keep Sunday. "We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth."

All the workers in New Orleans report interesting experiences during the month, and nearly every Sabbath some new Sabbath-keepers are present at the meetings. The large rooms at the mission are becoming so crowded that there is persistent talk of the necessity for a church building. May the good work go on, and grow till Jesus comes. Some much-needed repairs are being made to the mission home.

The annual week of prayer is just before us. Each church and company should arrange

to hold a meeting each day during the week, at which all can listen to the readings, and take part in a testimony meeting that follows. There should also be prayer-meetings held in connection with the readings. Where there is no company, each family should study the reading at the time of evening worship. Let us make this season one of deep heart-searching and consecration. After a few more of these annual feasts we will be able, if faithful, to celebrate the greater week of prayer in our Father's kingdom. Read Luke 12:35-40.

E. L. MAXWELL.

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OUR PLEDGES

By the blessing of God we are now delivering our ten books, "Ministry of Healing," which we pledged at camp-meeting to sell. We began taking orders for them in October, wedging them into our regular work. We took advantage of the money-spending season that precedes Christmas.

However, the season for success is not nearly as important as faith that works by love, which without controversy serves us best in all of God's work in all seasons. We know that spiritual food is the daily need of every soul, and in this fact there is an abiding foundation for a simple faith that God will surely bless if we will but sincerely exercise faith.

The blessings of healing truth from beginning to end of "Ministry of Healing," the interest and appreciation we find here and there in canvassing for it, and God's peace to us as we faithfully fulfil pledges and duty, are in return a priceless blessing to us.

We found a brief but good general canvass in an advertisement of "Ministry of Healing." Using this and the inspiration that the book is full of good for every family, God blessed in gaining the orders. Such a preparation for this work is within the reach of all, and our experience proving how it works in practise may also do good.

And let us not forget that our faithfulness to do this work and do it soon, will supply a great need, and be an encouragement to the Nashville Sanitarium.

H. C. BALSBAUGH.

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FARMERS' AND TEACHERS' CONVENTION AT MADISON, TENNESSEE

ON Tuesday of last week there was held at Madison, a convention of teachers and farmers, under the auspices of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute.

The convention was called to order by Professor E. A. Sutherland in the Gotzian Chapel, at 9 o'clock. He stated the object of the convention, and announced that Colonel J. W. Thompson, Commissioner of Agriculture for Tennessee, had been selected as permanent chairman of the convention.

Colonel Thompson in accepting the position spoke a few words appreciative of the work that the school is engaged in, and expressed pleasure in being present. He maintained that it is necessary to change our methods of farming and education if we are to continue to be a large factor in producing grain and

other commodities for the markets of the world.

The first speaker to follow Colonel Thompson was Honorable Rob't L. Jones, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who expressed satisfaction in encouraging educational endeavor from all quarters, whether it be the public school system or private schools. He felt to commend the work that was being done at Madison so far as he knew about it.

Mr. Jones impressed this very valuable thought upon the minds of the audience: That all should be taught to extoll labor, and not to think that there is any such thing as unimportant work. He showed the difference between work, play, and drudgery. If intelligence is put into our work, it becomes honorable. He also emphasized the fact that while we should make better farmers of the farm boys, our system of education should not restrict them to a curriculum in which only farm ethics are to be taught.

Colonel Thompson introduced Miss Virginia P. Moore, the State Organizer of the School Improvement Associations of Tennessee, who gave a very practical talk on the matter of planning for the uplift of school life and school environment.

Professor Moores, of the State University of Agriculture, located at Knoxville, Tenn., gave an interesting talk on the subject of soil, and plant food, showing the need of intelligently studying cause and effect with reference to soil and production. He spoke of the elements of food necessary to the well-being of humanity, and maintained that food elements were necessary for plant life.

Professor H. A. Morgan, the Dean of the State University of Agriculture, was next introduced to speak on the subject of going back to fundamentals in our investigations in behalf of prosperous farming. He said the time had come when the investigator and the farmer should come together, should be brothers in a common cause. He showed the different problems which engage the constant attention of the intelligent farmer, and referred to the fact that the Creator, in giving to us the soil, the plant, and the animal kingdoms, ordained that these should be identified with each other in a co-operative way. The soil was ordained to feed the plant, the plant was ordained to feed the animal kingdom; so mankind is to constantly plan how to feed the soil so that it may bring forth food to the sower. He closed by saying that there is such a thing as an agricultural commandment. It is this, Rotate thy crops.

Professor Barnes, Secretary of the Tennessee Dairy Association, gave a comprehensive address on the subject of Dairy Work. His talk was interspersed with demonstrations showing how to test milk values.

The exercises of the day were closed by a talk to the teachers present, by Miss Moore, who invited the co-operation of all in behalf of better school life for teacher and pupil, especially in the rural communities. Miss Moore has promised us an article for the *Watchman*, which will appear in the February number.

S. B. HORTON

CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI

It has been my desire for some time to let our people know about the work I have done in this town during the last two or three years; but I have put off reporting until now.

I praise God for his infinite love and care for us in our experiences amid joys, and amid trials. Because of these we are to-day of better courage and have stronger faith in the message. We have labored as nurses, doing Christian-help work as the needs of the people required, and, as Job says, "The cause which I knew not, I sought out." So we did to the best of our ability.

Two years ago a company of laborers held a course of tent-meetings here. Several became deeply interested, but none fully accepted the truth. A wealthy old lady helped much with her means to pay the expenses of the meetings, and she wanted our work established here in a sanitarium building. Towards this good work she donated a large piece of land, consisting of thirty-two town lots in an ideal location near the national cemetery, where there are beautiful trees, making it a pleasant place for the patients to sit or walk about.

On account of her old age and the opposition of her relatives, she saw she could not do as she had planned; so she asked me to deed back the property to her, and for this she would give me two of these lots to build upon as I could. She said her friends who were going to help in the enterprise, did not do as she had expected they would. I did as she asked, and since then have put all my efforts in building a convenient house for treatment rooms, and taking patients to care for under the supervision of the doctors. The building is thirty by fifty-three feet, with seven rooms on the first floor and eight rooms on the second. It is built of concrete blocks, and has a nice large porch fourteen feet square. The whole building is of a nice design, and is all completed except the plastering. We are living in it, and I am doing much of the work before and after my regular day's work. While building this house I have prayed that the Lord would send some consecrated worker to help in the medical missionary work, which is so much needed here. There is no other place to which to take the sick in this town, and there is a great work to do. The doctors say that no one can do it as well as the Adventists, because it is a part of their religion.

Many of the best people of the town urge us not to give it up, and as we are not able to do so much alone, I pray that some one will join us.

The leading colored ministers are appealing to us to help them in the education of their young people. They have read our educational paper, and say we have the best principles they ever heard of. They ask us to build a large school here, and want nurses and missionaries to come. There is a population of not less than two thousand colored people. One of the ministers asked to have a sanitarium for them, and offer to give us the ground to build on. The Lord is impressing the hearts of the people, and opening the way for work. Arise and SHINE; now is our opportunity.

We ask an interest in the prayers of our people for the work in this city and State. The house that I have built is worth \$2,500, and is a credit to our work. It is our prayer that the purpose for which it was built be carried out. We have done all that we can in the name of the Lord.

We are your sincere brother and sister in the truth of the message.

MR. AND MRS. E. P. AUGER.

P. S.—This work we are doing is self-supporting, and verifies the Lord's promise to bless those who pay their tithe and live out the truth.

E. P. A.

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CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE FOR MISSISSIPPI

THE annual institute for our canvassers will be held at Watervalley, Miss., a town of about six thousand inhabitants.

It is on the main line of the Illinois Central.

We are fortunate in getting a good place to hold our institute with little expense for rent.

On arriving in Watervalley go one block north of the depot, and then turn east and go to the end of the street, and then enquire for Virgil Smith.

Plan to come either on December 26 or 27. Day trains on these dates will be met, and also the 10 p. m. train from the north.

Please bring a bedtick, bedding, towels, lamp, etc.; your Bible, song-books, and such books as "Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Early Writings," "Bible Footlights," etc.

Board, room, and instruction during the time of the institute will be free.

I am pleased to tell you that Brother A. F. Harrison, general agent of the Southern Union Conference, will be with us.

The institute will begin at 8:30 A. M., December 28.

Donations from brethren or friends to help support this institute will be most thankfully received.

We have prospects for a good attendance.

I do pray that many will come to receive instruction and engage in this part of the Lord's work.

Come, praying that the Lord will wonderfully bless and prepare us for better service.

H. G. MILLER

611 S. Congress St., Jackson, Miss.

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AUSTRALIANS have nothing to learn from Americans, in the matter of adventurous enterprise. An "excursion" to the region of the south pole is now being promoted at Sydney. A hundred tourists will start, toward the end of December,—the Australian summer,—on a month's cruise, with the understanding that "at least a week of the time will be spent in the ice-pack." The words "at least" suggest that the management is not quite deaf to the voice of caution. Navigators sometimes find it easier to get into the ice-pack than to get out.

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NAME	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
Ben Griffith	2 wks.	BFL 106	\$144 15	\$ 5 05
R F Thompson	2 wks	BFL 65	22 00	110 00
E A Keate		BFL 40	45 50	1 50
H G Moberg		BFL 38	38 75	6 00
R T Jacks		BFL 34	36 50	2 00
W R Elliott		D&R 13	13 75	
W G Ringgold		BFL 17	10 00	
K Skidmore	3 wks.	BFL 109		56 00
Geo W Brown		BFL 40	8 00	11 05
I W Peevy		BFL 36	3 50	8 25

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H C Carmichael	...DofA	50	39 50
M Wheeler	.....D&R	40	36 75
H E Beck	.....D&R	31	19 25
M J Weber	.....BFL	45	25 00
C F Dart	.....D&R	16	18 75

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

John Harzman	...MofN	61	61 50	6 75
W M Olmstead	....MofN	65	75 50	19 75
R C Smith	.....CK	4	6 00	19 50
C L Collison	.....D&R BR	140	74 25	107 25
J N Steel	.....GC	129	66 00	26 70
H C Bagley	.....CK	20		16 50
Gertrude Evans	.....BFL	46	5 00	5 00
Gerhard Jorgenson	...BFL	39	55 50	13 00
Mrs A E Frank	BFL H&H	125	108 25	23 70
I T Reynolds	.....CC	172	241 25	216 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

J S Fry	2 wks.	.....D&R	100	175 25
W H Haddon	2 wk	MofN	26	5 05
S A Oberg	4 wks.	....GC	138	135 85
Irregular	.....	II	129 50	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh	.....GC	43	13 50	143 65
Annie Benton	.....JUV	15	11 25	
C H Chenault	.....D&R	36	26 50	21 00
R H Hazleton	.....MISC	30	21 00	
J S Moore	.....MISC	46	32 70	13 00
Mamie Moore	.....D&R	25	34 85	1 35
C H McColey	.....D&R	39	60 15	2 75
C F Parmele	.....CK	12	14 50	
G W Powers	.....CK	17	5 00	3 50

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference	....	498	322 15	199 85
Kentucky Conference	...	182	99 75	59 75
Louisiana Conference	...	801	693 25	444 65
Mississippi Conference	..	275	320 40	264 60
Tennessee River Conf.	...	263	219 45	185 25

Totals 2019 1655 00 1154 10

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A SWARM OF HOUSEHOLD B'S

Be careful. Care prevents many dropped stitches and bad breaks. Be prompt. Slackness makes slovenly homes and weary world-wanderers. Be faithful. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Be cheerful. Cheerfulness tends to lengthen days and to-days that are worth the lengthening. Be thoughtful. Thoughtfulness is too tender a plant of blessed fragrance and beauty to be "born unseen," etc. Be good-humored. Good humor is better than medicine, no matter how well the ill-natured pill be sugar-coated.—Sel.

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NOTICE

THE time is close at hand for our institute. This will cost something. The canvassers' fund is very low, and donations to this fund will be most thankfully received.

I trust those who have pledges to this fund will pay them before January 1, 1910.

Please send all moneys to our treasurer, Elder F. R. Shaeffer, Meridian, Miss., Box 246.

H. G. MILLER.

611 S. Congress St., Jackson, Miss.

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SPECIAL OFFER IN TRACTS

In making up the packages of "Family Bible Teachers" at the end of an edition there are often a quantity of odd numbers which cannot be used to advantage. These have been gathered together in packages of 100, containing an assortment of several numbers on various subjects. These are excellent for use in missionary work, as the lessons are complete in themselves.

We will mail these packages post-paid for 20 cents each.

Please order early, as these will not be on hand after present supply is exhausted.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Tithe for November, 1909

Individual	\$ 57.00
New Orleans	168.44
Welsh	34.62
Lake Charles	24.39
Hammond	10.00
Total	\$294.45

MRS. C. A. SAXBY, Conf. Treas.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the biennial meeting of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the church-school building, Twenty-third Ave. North, and Seifried Street, Nashville, Tenn., on Wednesday, January 26, 1910, at 10 A. M., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing biennial term. Also to take into consideration the advisability of revising the constitution and by-laws of said

association, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated Nashville, Tennessee, November 30, 1909.

Signed

C. F. McVAGH, President,
W. A. WILCOX, Secretary

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CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

THE next biennial meeting of the Southern Union Conference will be held in Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 20-30, 1910, official announcement of which will be made in due time. The object of this notice is to ascertain the names of delegates and visitors who expect to attend this meeting, in order to make proper plans for their entertainment.

Plans will be made to furnish meals at moderate rates, but it will be necessary to have additional bedding. Those who can do so conveniently should bring bedding in their baggage.

It will assist us, and benefit whomsoever this may concern if all who intend coming to this meeting will send the undersigned word as soon as possible. S. B. HORTON.

For Committee.

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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, 1910, 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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A REFORMATORY MOVEMENT

IN visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844.—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 126.

Do you want to see this? Then begin to talk with God about it. Form the habit of prayer. The "Morning Watch Calendar" has

helped some to do this. The one for 1910 is ready. Order from Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn. Price five cents. Envelopes for remailing on request.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

THE publishing house closed down one afternoon to allow the employees to go out with the Missions Review. Although they did not have many returns to hand in, a number of "good experiences" were reported.

I HAVE sent out twenty special *Reviews* to business firms, and received returns from six, the smallest amount being \$2.00 and the largest \$25.00, making a total of \$55.00, and still others to be heard from. I have solicited by letter only, and the following is a copy of one of the replies received:—

"Your esteemed favor of November 8th was duly received. We inclose herewith our check for \$25.00 for the good of your schools, missions, and other evangelical enterprises. Our dealings with the Seventh-day Adventists have been so pleasant, and we have always found them to be reliable that we most heartily wish there were more such people, and it is therefore with so much more pleasure that we send this little help in that direction."

R. HOOK JR.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSE NO. 3

REVIEW IN "QUIET TALKS ON SERVICE"
NOTE.—The book may be used in answering these questions.

1. (a) What are the three steps that begin all Christian service? (b) How may we take these steps?

2. Show that it is impossible to render true service without a secret life of prayer.

3. Explain carefully the significance of each word in the phrase "take my yoke."

4. (a) What are three essentials in soul-winning? (b) How does the author emphasize that Jesus is expecting us to be soul-winners?

5. How does Luke 5:4 teach (a) that true service demands absolute obedience? (b) that those who serve should be ambitious and practical? and (c) that they should expect results from their consecrated efforts?

6. (a) How may money become a channel of service? (b) What determines the true value of money?

7. (a) What are some of the causes for worry? (b) How do gratitude and prayer affect worry? Why?

8. What qualifications were necessary for membership in Gideon's band?

9. Copy eight choice sentences from the book, selecting one from each chapter.

10. What story in the book do you like best? Why?