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NEW YEAR'S GREETING

To its readers and subscribers, and to all of our workers in the Southern Union Conference the REPORT OF PROGRESS sends a cordial New Year's greeting, with the sincere wish and hope that 1910 may be filled with the richest blessings and experiences, and the greatest successes of all the past.

And why not? We are one year nearer the coming of the Lord and the crowning of his saints. Our rewards are almost in sight, and the very thought that we are so near the prize, should quicken our pulse and stir our zeal.

There is much to encourage us, and call our praise and thanksgiving. Great advancement has been made during the year in every department of the general work. Our own field has been blessed with a good measure of success, especially the canvassing work. But we wish for more and hope that not one will leave the field, but that the number of workers may be increased.

But there is also a less pleasing scene before our eyes. The agencies of evil are marshalling their forces for the final struggle. On every side, the abounding iniquity is appalling. Men who once believed the sacred Word have lost their faith, and are turning to fables; while not a few of those who profess the truths we love, are becoming intoxicated with the wine of worldly pleasure, gain, or ambition, are losing faith and interest, and are wavering upon the line of separation. Others are finding fault with the old platform of truth, and would make some alterations. But the Lord has said that not one pin shall be stirred. These things call for earnest self examination, reconsecration, and study of the Word; while the sight of thousands perishing in sin should enlist our every energy in the work of rescue.

We thank all the workers and others who have furnished us with reports, and otherwise assisted us in our work, and appreciate their kindness and forbearance.

"Let your loins be girded about, and your lights be burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately."

A NEW YEAR GIVEN US

SHE came to my desk with a quivering lip:

The lesson was done.

"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," she said,

"I've soiled this one."

I took the old leaf so stained and blotted,

And gave her a new one all unspotted,

And into her sad eyes smiled:

"Do better now, my child."

I came to the throne with a quivering soul:

The old year was done.

"Dear Father, hast thou a new leaf for me?"

I've soiled this one."

He took the old leaf so stained and blotted,

And gave me a new one all unspotted,

And into my sad heart smiled:

"Do better now, my child."

—Selected.

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THE UNION CONFERENCE

THE most important meeting that will be held in this union for two years will be the fourth biennial session of the Southern Union Conference at Nashville, Jan. 20-30, 1910. The delegates of the five conferences will elect the union officers, and mold the policy of the union for another term.

At the same time the various legal corporation boards will report their methods, and aims will be studied and plans laid to increase the efficiency of the different institutions in the union in giving the judgment message.

The meeting of the Sanitarium Association will call in the members of the conference committees in the Southern Union.

The Publishing Association will bring to our help the representatives of the Southeastern and Southwestern unions who are jointly responsible with us for the conduct of the denominational publishing work in the South. Time will be given the educational enterprises, health food factory, mission work among the colored people, and every other interest that affects the general work.

ENTERTAINMENT

Lodging will be furnished to the delegates and visitors free of charge, but those who can are requested to bring bedding with them. Arrangements have been made to supply all

with good hygienic food at 20 cents a meal for two meals a day. Lunches will also be provided at a trifling cost for those who wish a third meal.

Not only will this meeting afford an opportunity for improvement by interchange of thought and methods and study of the work of the union, but it is planned to make it a great encouragement and uplift spiritually. Devotional meetings and Bible studies will be conducted daily. The best of help from the General Conference, both for counsel and instruction, is promised. Elder A. G. Daniells, G. B. Thompson, C. Santee, Chas. Thompson, and others will be present.

The benefits to be obtained are worth earnest effort and sacrifice in order to attend. A general invitation is extended. No special railroad rates have been obtained.

THE BOOKMEN'S COUNCIL

There will be a council of leading bookmen, January 18 and 19, in the publishing house chapel, to compare notes and lay plans. A. F. Harrison, the State agents, members of the General Conference Publishing Department, and others will be in attendance. I trust that every conference president in the union will be present also. The entire meeting will cost much money and valuable time. Help by your prayers to make it what it ought to be.

C. F. McVAGH.

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FOR LOUISIANA

I TAKE this method of calling the attention of all who love the truth in Louisiana to a statement made by the Lord's servant in the *Review and Herald* sometime ago:—

"If the curtain should be rolled back you would see souls perishing in their sins, and the church idle, indolent, unsympathetic, absorbed in selfish interests, and caring not whether souls are saved or lost, so long as they themselves can have an easy time and be secure in the hope of salvation. *But no one will ever enter heaven who is not a laborer together with God.*

"If you had any appreciation of the salvation brought to you at infinite cost, you would arouse, you would lay hold of the strength of Jesus, you would lift up your voice like a

trumpet and show 'My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins,' you would cry aloud and spare not. You would work to the utmost of your capacity, reaching first one and then the other."

Now dear brother and sister, you would consider it a reproach to your faith, should one ask you if you believe what the Lord has spoken through his prophet, and yet in reading the above, how many of our people are surely shutting themselves out of heaven by their selfish interests and unwillingness to be "laborers together with God."

Again we read: "The Lord God of heaven would have the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth."

How many of our members in this State are doing His will in this matter? — Doubtless less than ten per cent. Shall we be content with a form of godliness? What do you say? Let us face about, and with the new year lay our plans for consecrated, aggressive work, while He gives us strength.

We expect to hold our institute in February when it will be most convenient to the workers, and we will pay the way from the institute to the field of labor of all who will sell one hundred dollars worth of books in six months.

I shall be glad to hear from all who want to be "laborers together with God," in the canvassing work.

I. T. REYNOLDS, *Field Agent.*
Pineville, La.

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ALABAMA

THE book and paper workers' convention and institute will be held at Marlow, February 4 to 13, inclusive. The various phases of the work with our literature will be discussed and studied, and plans will be made for the year 1910.

All who are interested in this line of work are urged to attend.

Our regular canvassers, and those going from the institute to the field, will have their railroad fare paid to the meeting and to their place of labor.

There will be a preaching service each night, and each day important studies in the Bible and in "Simple Treatments of Common Diseases."

All who attend should bring bed clothing. Board will be very reasonable.

This is going to be an important meeting; so pray earnestly for its success, and attend if you can. R. I. KEATE, *State Agent.*

Fort Payne, Ala.

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A SOLEMN MESSAGE TO OUR YOUTH

WHILE in Mountain View, I was instructed, as God's messenger, to appeal to the youth connected with our institutional work. This message is applicable to all young men and young women who claim to be Sabbath-keepers, and especially to those who are laboring in our institutions.

Dear youth, there is great need of your examining yourselves. Many perished in the fearful calamity at San Francisco. How many who were destroyed by that awful earth-

quake, were prepared for death? How many who are still alive, will be admonished? None of us can foretell where the next destructive earthquake may be permitted to come. Who are prepared?

Our young people need to be surrounded with wholesome, uplifting influences. They are to be kept in the love of the truth. The standard set before them should be high. Some feel a desire to be left without restraint, that they may do as they please. Those who are connected with our institutions in positions of responsibility should take upon themselves the burden of caring for the souls of those placed under their charge.

The fathers and mothers, too, in the church, are under sacred obligation to watch for the souls of their children as they that must give an account. Let none, neither parents nor the youth, begin to believe that amusements are essential, and that a careless disregard of the Holy Spirit during hours of selfish pleasure, is to be looked upon as a light matter. God will not be mocked. Let every young man and every young woman, consider: "Am I prepared to-day for my life to close? Have I the heart preparation that fits me to do the work which the Lord has given me to do?"

Every youth should make God's Word his guide, and daily gather from the Word the instruction given. If some refuse to be guided by this instruction, they are sowing seeds that the enemy has placed in their hands, and they will not care to reap the harvest. In view of the abundant opportunity given every one to walk in the light of God's Word, is it not sad to think that some are choosing their own way of careless pleasure?

Every talent of influence is to be sacredly cherished and used for the purpose of gathering souls to Christ. Young men and young women should not think that their sports, their evening parties, and musical entertainments, as usually conducted, are acceptable to Christ.

Light has been given me, again and again, that all our gatherings should be characterized by a decided religious influence. If our young people would assemble to read and understand the Scriptures, asking, "What shall I do that I may have eternal life?" and then place themselves unitedly upon the side of truth, the Lord Jesus would let his blessing come into their hearts.

O that every church-member, every worker in our institutions, might realize that this life is a school in which to prepare for examination by the God of heaven, with regard to purity, cleanness of thought, unselfishness of action! Every word and act, every thought, is recorded on the record books of heaven.

As God's messenger, I am now instructed to speak to all, including the youth: We are still spared; and now we have a precious opportunity to think to some purpose. Some of our Sabbath-keepers who have had great light, have allowed their children to have very much their own way, until the leaven of an evil influence has permeated their households. The parents are to be called to an account, if they do not bring sound doctrine into their home life; for only by doing their duty faithfully may they hope to see sound practises in

the lives of their children. The form of sound words is to be fully appreciated; but unless these words lead to right acts, the work has been left unfinished.

To all, old and young, the word of the Lord is: Let the truth of God be inwrought in mind and soul. Let your prayer be, "O Lord preserve my soul, that I shall not dishonor thee." Let your prayers ascend to God, that he may sanctify the soul in thought, in word, in spirit, in every transaction. Plead with God that not one thread of selfishness shall be woven into the fabric of your character. Let the prayer be offered: "Sanctify my heart through the truth. Let thy angels keep my soul in strict integrity. Let my mind be impressed with the simple, searching maxims in thy Word, given to guide me in this life as a preparation for the future, eternal life."

It is through the power and prevalence of truth that we must be sanctified, and elevated to the true dignity of the standard set forth in the Word. The way of the Lord can be learned only through most careful obedience to his Word. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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"THE MISTAKE OF MY LIFE"

A BROTHER just said to me, "It is the mistake of my life that I did not enter the canvassing work years ago."

November 30, 1909, the Kentucky canvassers had passed the four thousand dollar mark of books delivered for the year.

We have made a good record; let us make a better one this year. How many old workers will try to do better? And how many new ones will take hold? Let us all take hold and double the sales this year: what do you say?

From the spirit of prophecy I quote, "I ask those to whom the light of truth has come, What are you going to do during the year that is just opening?" "For Christ's sake; my brethren and sisters, make the most of the hours of the new year to place the precious light of present truth before the people."

The old year is in the past. Are there any that regret they did not put in more time in the canvassing field last year? Or any that regret they did not take up this work?

Let us have no such regrets this year. I am sure no one wants the regrets of the brother mentioned at the beginning of this article. I have a sure recipe to prevent all such regrets, which will be furnished by addressing the writer. C. F. DART.

R. F. D. 2, Moreland, Ky.

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CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

IN a previous issue of REPORT OF PROGRESS request was made for names of all who expected to attend conference, January 20-30, in order that proper entertainment shall be provided.

We have received but few responses thus far, and we give this additional request for information. Let us hear from all who are expecting to attend. It will be well to bring bedding, as the indications promise very cold weather. S. B. HORTON.

For the Committee.

KENTUCKY NEWS

OUR canvassers' institute has been postponed until after the Southern Union Conference session. It will probably be held the latter part of February.

Brother Glenn Medairy leaves this conference to become the field missionary agent of the West Pennsylvania Conference.

Up to Nov. 30, 1909, I find our handful of canvassers have delivered an average of over \$352 worth of books per month during the year, or \$44 per month for each canvasser. This is good. Praise the Lord. Let us try our best to double it this year.

Brother Carmichael has been greatly hindered in his delivery by sickness, and writes that he is very much improved in health, has plenty of books on hand to deliver, and will soon be over his rush.

Near Sadieville, where Brother Harris has been selling "Bible Footlights," some of the people burned their books because they taught doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists. One of the citizens said, "This sounds like heathenism." This is easy to decide. A heathen is one that knows not God. Those people burned books because the teaching was contrary to their belief and practise. The books taught the way of God. What else but heathenism can it be?

C. F. DART.

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SOMETHING NEW

THE Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference has prepared a Sabbath-school Birthday Card which affords each teacher an easy and delightful way of remembering birthdays. Teachers will do well to show their personal interest in their pupils by the use of these cards. The card is appropriate for all ages, but the youth and children will especially appreciate attention of this kind.

This particular Birthday Card was prepared with Sabbath-school teachers and their classes in mind. The "best wishes" which the card carries, cluster around the Sabbath-school. Teachers will find the message just what they would like to say, and pupils will ever be reminded of the privileges and blessings of the Sabbath-school.

And the card is really beautiful. It is a lithograph in seven colors on a very fine grade of wedding bristol board. The decorative feature is a spray of autumn leaves. Give your pupils something to remember you by,—something that is pretty, something that will lead their minds to that which is pure and good. Each teacher should order one for each member of his class.

Price, post-paid, five cents each. Send cash with the order. Address S. S. Department of the General Conference, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

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THE most wonderful bridge in the world is the one of solid agate in Arizona. It is a petrified tree from three to four feet in diameter, spanning a chasm forty feet wide. More than one hundred feet of its length is in sight, both ends being embedded in the sandstone of the canyon.—*Christian Herald*.

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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A GOOD COMMENCEMENT

BROTHER W. J. BARRAH has just joined our force of book-workers having engaged in the sale of "Our Paradise Home" throughout South Pembrokehire. In a recent report he writes as follows:—

"The Lord has done exceeding abundantly all that we asked or even thought of. Starting out on Tuesday morning, I was blessed as follows: for Tuesday, ten orders; Wednesday, fourteen; Thursday, twenty-two; Friday, nineteen; making a total of sixty-five in four days as the result of seventy-seven exhibitions. During the last two days I only missed receiving an order from two out of forty-three families canvassed.

"You ask me if I am glad I started. Well I should think I am. I found 'Great Controversy,' 'Bible Readings,' and 'Christ Our Saviour' in several homes, and I trust that when I make the delivery 'Our Paradise Home' will be there also. I have not gone over much territory. I work it thoroughly, so it will be some time before I have covered it."—*Missionary Worker (English)*.

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"It is only by being an 'overcomer' that we can be strong."

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending Dec. 11, 1909

NAME	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
W G. Ringgold.....	BFL	20	\$ 5 35	\$ 71 50
R T Jacks.....	BFL	23		44 50
H G Moberg.....	BFL	35	20 00	
E A Keate.....	BFL	44	19 50	
W R Elliott.....	D&R	22	19 25	
I W Peevy.....	BFL	14	13 75	25
K Skidmore.....	BFL	38	14 25	9 00
R Roberts.....	BFL	20	7 00	75

For Week Ending Dec. 18, 1909

ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
E A Keate.....	BFL	50	26 50	72 60
H G Moberg.....	BFL	34		50 25
W R Elliott.....	D&R	22	3 25	42 75
W G Ringgold.....	BFL	33	35 25	
R Robert.....	BFL	27	42 75	5 30
K Skidmore.....	BFL	39	15 75	9 50
I W Peevy.....	BFL	20	4 50	10 75
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
H E Beck.....	D&R	50		71 55
M J Weber.....	BFL	20	2 50	51 65
H C Carmichael.....	dofA	55		39 50
M Wheeler.....	D&R	33	37 50	16 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
Virgil Smith.....	—	23		54 95
J S Fry.....	—	40		47 00
S A Oberg.....	—	29	15 75	22 25
W H Daniels.....	—	32	13 25	
Cora Smith.....	—	3		2 00
H G Miller.....	—	5		2 45

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
C H Chenault.....	D&R	31	11 25	11 25
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	28	20 35	3 65
J G Marlatt.....	D&R	37	6 50	24 30
J S Moore.....	MISC	47	22 35	3 00
Mamie Moore.....	D&R	26	35 25	9 00
C H McColrey.....	D&R	35	24 75	
G W Powers.....	CK	46	13 75	49 50

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf., Dec. 11.	216	99 10	126 00
Alabama Conf., Dec. 18.	225	128 00	191 15
Kentucky Conference ...	158	40 00	179 20
Mississippi Conference ..	132	29 00	128 65
Tennessee River Conf. ...	250	134 20	100 70

Totals 981 \$430 30 \$725 70

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TO OUR CANVASSERS

WE would be glad if our canvassers would send in all the names of interested persons with whom we can correspond and to whom we can send our missionary papers. We will be very glad to have as many as can be procured, and will appreciate receiving the information regarding the people we write to, as it will give us an intelligent idea of what methods to use.

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

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THERE are 2½ grains of thiene in every cup of tea, as ordinarily made. It is estimated that ¼ of a grain will kill a frog, and that two cups of tea contain 5 grains, or sufficient quantity to kill a rabbit.—*January Number of Life and Health*.

Report of Progress

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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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SPECIAL NOTICE

We have decided to extend our freight-paid proposition to February 15th, that more of our people may be able to take advantage of this liberal offer. These excellent foods at such low prices ought to go into every Seventh-day Adventist home in the United States on this freight-paid plan. The purpose of the Southern Union Conference in operating this factory is simply and only to supply our people with real health foods at prices that will encourage and permit their liberal use in preference to other foods. As a people we should follow more conscientiously the health reform light with which we have been blessed. Begin now by sending in your orders. We want to help you.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY.
Nashville, Tenn.

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NOTICE

THE fourth annual meeting of the Nashville Sanitarium Association will be held January 24, 1910, at 9 A. M., at the office of the Southern Union Conference, 85 Arcade, Nashville, Tennessee. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect the officers for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the association at that time.

Signed,—

B. W. SPIRE, *Secretary*.

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.

C. F. McVAGH, *President*,
R. HOOK JR., *Secretary*.

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

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the biennial meeting of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the church-school building, Twenty-third Ave. North and Seifried Street, Nashville, Tennessee, on Thursday, January 20, 1910, at 9 o'clock A. M., and continue till January 30 for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing biennial term, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Each State conference will be entitled to one delegate at large, and one delegate of each fifty of State membership organized into churches.

Send names of delegates to the secretary as soon as possible.

Signed,—

C. F. McVAGH, *President*,
S. B. HORTON, *Secretary*.

Dated, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 30, 1909.

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THE HARVEST INGATHERING

We still have a good supply of the Missions number of the *Review and Herald* in the office, and can furnish them to any of our people who wish to continue soliciting for the foreign work. It seems to us we are able to continue this work all winter. If we have courage to meet the people in a proper way they will be just as ready to give money for the missionary work after holidays are over as they have been before, and unless we do more than has already been done, we will fall far short of the mark that we as a people have promised to reach. You will see from the following post-card sent to us by to-day's mail that this work may be done: "I want you to send me twenty-five copies of the special *Review*, right away. I have been waiting to know where to send for some if I wanted to use them, and was glad to see that you had some on hand. I have used the ten that were sent to me from Washington, and received \$5.00, and could get more if I had the papers to work with, so send the papers as soon as you can, while we can work. Although it is now wet and sleeting we want to see what can be done." Let us hear from others.

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

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"A HEART unspotted is not easily daunted."

WANTED

WANTED.—Clothing for the Leach church, especially for children. Address Mrs. A. E. Lewis, post-office, Cedar Grove, Tenn.; freight address, Huntingdon, Tenn.

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THAT BOY OF YOURS

BEGINNING with the February number of *Life and Health*, there will be a series of intensely interesting, and extremely practical articles on, "The Boy." They will be so valuable on account of their practical nature, that every father, every mother, every teacher of boys, and every leader of boys' clubs, will feel that any one of these articles is worth the price of a year's subscription for *Life and Health*.

The series will include some of the best suggestions that prominent workers for boys have developed in recent years upon such topics as: The Background of Boyhood; What the Boy is Made of; The Instincts of the Boy; The Sins of the Boy, and the Sins Against the Boy; The World Your Boy Lives in; Boys' Clubs; The Place of Play in Boyhood; The Big Brother of the Boy; Altruism, the Gospel of Boyhood; Purity, and the Boy's Preservation.

All who desire to secure these very desirable articles should send in their subscriptions to *Life and Health* some time during January. *Life and Health* for 1910 will be the best volume ever published. Price, \$1.00. Special terms to agents.

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ARE you going to bake your own bread this month? Let George E. Cornforth, in January *Life and Health*, help you. He will do it for ten cents.

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THE January number of *Life and Health* contains an article, "A Plea to Mothers," by John Connolly, A. M., M. D., that every mother in the land ought to study. Dr. Connolly, in a startling array of scientific facts, shows the chief cause of infant mortality, and places the principal responsibility for the death of these unfortunate infants upon their mothers. He admits that it is almost incredible to assert that any mother would cause the sickness of her child, but facts show that many mothers' ignorance has resulted in the death of their little ones. Dr. Connolly's aim is to educate mothers in the proper care of their children. His plain, straight-forward, scientific teaching in the interest of infants and mothers, will be of great value not only to mothers, but to the entire public, for the preservation of infant life is a nation's greatest asset. This one article in the January number of *Life and Health* will open the door of every mother's home to the magazine, and bring to these homes a greater blessing than can be estimated in gold.

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Boil down the religion of some people, and you will find that it consists in going to church and patting themselves on the head for going.