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SERVICE

THE sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds both great and small,
Are the close-knit strands of an unbroken thread
Where love ennobles all.
The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells,—
The Book of Life the shining record tells.
Thy love shall chant its own beatitudes
After its own life's working. A child's kiss
Set on thy sighing lips shall make thee glad;
A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich;
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong;
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service which thou renderest.

—Mrs. Browning.



OUR NEW DRESS

WE have reached the time of year when new dresses are the order of the day. The REPORT OF PROGRESS donned new attire last week without any previous public announcement of the intention to do so, and without giving any reason for the change.

It is only meet that our readers should know why the REPORT OF PROGRESS has been reduced in size, and why it is set in larger type. The reason is the same for both of these changes, namely, necessity. With our limited constituency in this field, and consequent limited circulation for the paper, a very serious loss was incurred last year in its publication. Neither the union conference nor the local conferences were able to bear the loss; consequently the most of it fell upon the publishing house. But it is manifestly unjust to expect that institution to continue to carry a burden of this kind. There is no more reason why the publishing house should do this for the Southern Union Conference than for the Southeastern and Southwestern unions.

After very careful consideration of the whole matter it was decided to reduce the size of the page and to use a larger type, thus lessening materially the cost of producing the paper. This will reduce considerably the loss, and it is hoped that by increasing the circu-

lation of the paper the loss can be wiped out entirely. To this end all our readers are earnestly requested to interest themselves in securing subscriptions. Church elders and librarians are especially urged to take an interest in the work. Every family ought to have our conference paper, and if it were taken and read much more generally than it is it would prove a blessing not only because a financial burden would be lifted from the conference and from the publishing house, but because all our people in this field would be kept in closer touch with the work, and thus have a more intelligent and lively interest in it. We cannot get along without the REPORT OF PROGRESS. Let us then rally to its support.

Just a few words to our conference officers. We would be glad if they would see to it that their work is kept before the people in every issue by furnishing the editor regularly with brief, pointed reports, and short exhortations. As our space is limited, and there are many interests to be served, it will be necessary for each one to study brevity. But report often, and prepare matter as nearly as possible as you wish it to appear; and we will do our best to serve all interests well, and make the REPORT OF PROGRESS more effective than heretofore.



MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, Greeting:—

THINKING that an account of our service and experience Sabbath, February 26, in Church No. 1, of this city, might bring cheer and courage to others, I thought it good to tell you about it.

It was a good day, made so by the manifest presence of the good Spirit of the Lord; for "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

The hour was occupied by the writer, who presented our work and message from Rev. 14:6-12, and other scriptures bearing on the same subject. We showed that our message is a live message. It is ever present

truth, and never grows old or wearisome when we tell it in the spirit, instead of just talking about it professionally or mechanically. This is evidenced by the interest and freedom manifested by all who were present on the occasion referred to, and the church was well filled.

To Seventh-Day Adventists has been assigned the duty of warning the world in this generation and our work is growing rapidly. In consequence of this the demand for means with which to support it, is constantly increasing.

We presented to the church the pressing needs of providing our laborers who go to the unhealthy regions of foreign countries, with houses in which to live, that they may be shielded from the heat, or the cold, as the need may be, and protected as much as possible from the diseases which have taken away some of our best workers. We spoke of the \$300,000-fund, and within about a half hour cash and pledges were given to the amount of \$550.00. Some pledged twenty-five dollars, some thirty dollars, and others fifty dollars.

The work in Memphis, through the efforts of Elder Washburn and his co-laborers is onward, and the Lord is blessing day by day. For all this we praise the Lord, and take courage.

W. R. BURROWS.

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LOUISIANA NOTES

THERE were no January notes on account of the illness of the writer. We hope to do better in the case of the February reports. We give here a few items of interest from January.

The New Orleans workers all report courage and advancement. Every month sees some step out to "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." The mission has been quite well filled.

Sister Saxby is at the Nashville Sanitarium for treatment. She is being helped by it.

Brother Frank has found several keeping the Sabbath, and has helped a few others to begin to do so, in the country north of Lake Charles.

From Ringgold Brother Smith reports another Sabbath-keeper. Also a good Sabbath-school.

Encouraging reports come from all over the State. What we need is more home workers and canvassers. "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

Yours in the work, E. L. MAXWELL.

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PROGRESS OF THE BOOK WORK — NO. 2

CHILE

WITH this I am sending you a monthly and yearly report of book work done in Chile. I am out here in Valparaiso. I came here the first of the week with Robert Tapia, one of our young canvassers. He is twenty-two years old. He had been working country towns selling small books with good success. Monday

I helped him to start his list. We went to Baron the largest station, and I presented the book at the office door of one of the employees. He took the book to look at it, so that left me on the outside of the small window. Now how to get hold of that book again was rather a puzzle; but I just took my hat off and crawled about half way through the hole, and said, "Let me show you what it contains." Soon several more young men came around to see what it was, and I soon had five orders,—three for "Coming King," and two for "Patriarchs and Prophets." One man who gave his order for both made the remark, "What is fifteen pesos compared with salvation." I think there are better days for the canvassing work here.

Brother Tapia tried it all alone in the afternoon, and when he came home I counted the orders for the day on his list, and he had forty-six. That is n't bad for a Chilean boy. He is sticking right to it. This morning before dinner he took eleven orders. I think we will have a few more canvassers soon for the large cities. Valparaiso is just like a beehive. They are building up the city that was destroyed by the earthquake. One of the boys who sells papers sold the *Signs of the Times* to the president of the republic the other day.

Yours in the work,

(Signed) THOMAS H. DAVIS.

We invite correspondence with all who are interested in the circulation of our books and periodicals. Information will be cheerfully furnished, and there is room for many more in the ranks.

Address, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

R. HOOK JR., *Gen. Mgr.*

Those who reside in the Southwestern Union Conference should address R. L. Pierce, Mgr., 411 West Railroad Ave., Fort Worth, Texas.

Those in the Southeastern Union should address L. D. Randall, Mgr., 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

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THE DELAY IS OVER

AND we are now filling orders for the Birthday Card the same day they are received. Every one who sees the card is delighted with it. It was designed especially for the use of Sabbath-school teachers. The autumn leaf design in seven colors, with its dainty background, the neat arrangement of the appropriately expressed "best wishes," the blank lines for the names of the receiver and the giver, and the pure white bristol-board make a very attractive card.

Show your pupils that you are personally interested in them by remembering their birthdays.

Price, five cents each, or six for twenty-five cents. Send cash with order. Address Sabbath-School Department, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

DEAR EDITOR:—

You will be interested in the following figures. I have received nearly complete returns of sales for 1909 from our publishers in the United States and Canada. Only partial returns have come in from other lands. Will make complete report, including the foreign fields, later:—

Sales in United States and
Canada, 1908..... \$823,735.03
Sales in foreign fields, 1908..... 466,446.21

Total sales, 1908..... \$1,290,181.24
Sales U. S. and Can., 1909.. \$944,059.80
Sales U. S. and Can., 1908.. 823,735.03

Gain for 1909 over 1908.. \$120,324.77

Estimate of sales for 1909, with no allowance for a gain in foreign fields.. \$1,410,606.01

I hope soon to have complete returns from fields abroad, so as to be able to publish the total sales for 1909. The above figures, however, give us a substantial basis for thanksgiving and good courage.

E. R. P.

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HERESY PREDICTED

SOON every possible effort will be made to *discount* and *pervert* the truth of the testimonies of God's Spirit. We must have in readiness the clear, straight messages that, since 1846, have been coming to God's people. There will be those once united with us in the faith who will *search for new strange doctrines*, for something *odd* and *sensational* to present to the people.—*Unpublished Testimony, April 24, 1908.*

The Scriptures have pointed out what is to take place in our world. The night is soon coming in which no man can work. Let us take hold in earnest, to make the necessary reformations, that we may be prepared for what is before us.

Men will arise who will bring in division by teaching various errors. Therefore we must all look to our Teacher. We need to search the Scriptures for ourselves diligently and prayerfully, lest we be drawn away by the subtle deceptions of the enemy.—*From a discourse by Sister White given at Buffalo, N. Y., reported in Review and Herald, Dec. 16, 1909.*

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LOUISIANA CANVASSING REPORT

For Month Ending Feb. 28, 1910

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Value	Delivered
Jno Harzman	MofN	75	\$11 50	\$67 00
Wm Olmstead	MofN	68	11 50	66 00
Gerhard Jorgenson	BFL	164	104 00	38 00
J N Steel.....	GC	105	64 85	25 55
I T Reynolds.....	GC	20		11 50

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending Feb. 19, 1910

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Value	Delivered
K Skidmore	BFL	33	\$11 75	\$21 75
R Roberts	BFL	35	7 25	33 00
I W Peevy 2 wks.....	BFL	52	9 00	9 00

For Week Ending Feb. 26, 1910

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

B F Harmon.....	BFL			45 90
R Roberts	BFL	35	57 05	2 75
I W Peevy.....	BFL	30	8 50	

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H E Beck.....	D&R	30	3 60	28 60
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

G Jorgenson	BFL	42		6 50
Wm Olmstead	MofN	48		59 00
J Harzman	MofN	55		60 50
J N Steel 2 wks.....	GC	75	10 05	7 80

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon.....	D&R	27	38 75	25
J S Fry.....	D&R	29	37 75	2 75
Virgil Smith	D&R	40	18 55	5 55
Everett L Marley.....	D&R	45	128 75	7 80
W H Daniels.....	D&R	1	6 50	5 50
H G Miller.....	D&R	33	49 00	50
S A Oberg.....	GC	40	40 00	21 50

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference 2 wks...	185	93 55	112 40
Kentucky Conference	30	3 60	28 60
Louisiana Conference	220	10 05	133 80
Mississippi Conference	215	319 30	43 85

Totals 650 \$426 50 \$318 65

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THE average monthly circulation of *Life and Health* during the year 1909 was 45,476 copies, making 545,712 copies in all, and representing a retail value of \$54,712.20.

The whole number of periodicals of all kinds circulated by the Review and Herald Publishing Association during the year 1909, was 1,681,893 copies, and represented a total value of \$174,597.00. Estimating that five persons read each paper circulated, or some parts of it, there were 8,409,465 people who were reached with some phase of our message during the past year by the Review and Herald periodicals alone.

The above is a fair showing, but it does not represent one quarter of what ought to be done each year with those effective, message-filled periodicals. Who will help us to extend the circulation of these papers during 1910? Every individual believer cannot escape the personal responsibility of doing something toward the circulation of our literature. D. W. REAVIS.

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NOTICE

MISS BEULAH CALLICOTT has been duly appointed treasurer of the Mississippi Conference. Send all conference funds to her at Amory, Miss.

W. S. LOWRY, *Pres.*

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STENOGRAPHER WANTED

We want a lady stenographer who enjoys a bright Christian experience that is an encouragement to those about her. She should be capable in general office work. For such we have a good, steady position. State experience, age, and salary wanted. Address **INSTITUTION**

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Nashville, Tenn.

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LITERATURE FOR MISSIONARY WORK

Who will respond to the following appeal which we believe worthy of prompt consideration?

LAURENS, S. C., FEBRUARY 27.

"I am almost an invalid and the only Adventist in the city of Laurens. Would you please send me prepaid free literature for missionary work? I love the truth. I am poor in this world's goods, but want to do something for Jesus. LELIA RAY."

Here is an opportunity to send clean copies of our periodicals to this sister. The judgment alone perhaps will reveal the souls saved by just such work as is proposed here.

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SERVICES AT THE NASHVILLE CHURCH

SABBATH, March 5, was a blessed occasion for the Nashville church. Elder C. P. Bollman preached an effective sermon on the need of our appreciating the fact that we are living in the last moments of the hour of God's judgment. The point was emphasized that we are apt to pass by the first angel's message in our zeal to reach the third angel's message. He showed the pertinency of the three messages and the absolute necessity of relating ourselves to the work of God by cutting away from all things worldly which bind one so successfully if we are not ever watchful. A social meeting followed in which renewal of consecration was avowed by the large gathering.

NEWS AND NOTES

THE manager of the publishing office spent two days last week at Atlanta in consultation with Elder C. Thompson (president of the Southeastern Union Conference) and Brethren Dowsett and Randall, regarding the book and other general interests.

REPORTS received from the canvasser's institute held at Moreland, Ky., indicate a splendid meeting and the Spirit of God was present in power.

Eight good men were in attendance, and we look for large results from that State. Keep your eyes upon the columns of the canvasser's reports, then do thou likewise. There is work for us all to do.

BROTHER FRENCH of Keene, Texas, recently spent a few days in Nashville visiting his daughter at the Nashville Sanitarium. He paid our office a pleasant visit. We are always glad to meet our faithful workers.

IN response to the invitation sent out throughout this Southern Union Conference, some are already sending in their amounts to the \$300,000-fund. It certainly rejoices our hearts to see our people so prompt and willing to help forward the cause of God when its needs are set before them.

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THREE copies of the best binding of "Daniel and the Revelation" were sold to Queen Wilhelmina of Holland for the royal family.

Lady Aberdeen, wife of the viceroy of Ireland, recently purchased seven copies of "School of Health," our leading health book in England.

The millionaire son-in-law of Paul Kruger bought copies of "Coming King," "Daniel and the Revelation," and "His Glorious Appearing."

Copies of "Patriarchs and Prophets" have been sold to the governor of Ecuador and his secretary, and to the leading officers of the army.

Professor Fant, teacher of theology in the Church of Rome, author of Catholic works, and a prominent Latin scholar, is now an Adventist.

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DEATH OF MRS. CHARLES ROMINES

WORD was received at the office Monday morning of the death of Mrs. Charles Romines at her home in Hustburg, Tenn. We are not aware of the particulars at this writing. The news came too late for any of our local ministers to reach the place in time for the funeral. Further information will follow this notice as soon as we learn of same.