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ARE YOU SHINING?

ARE you shining for Jesus, dear one?
You have given your heart to him;
But is the light strong within it?
Or is it but pale and dim?

Can everybody see it,
That Jesus is all to you?
That your love to him is burning
With radiance warm and true?

Is the seal upon your forehead,
So that it must be known
That you are "all for Jesus,"
That your heart is all his own?

— *Australasian U. C. Record.*

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A PROMISE OF LIFE ETERNAL

IN the first chapter of second Peter there are many precious assurances, which, if often read and meditated upon, will prove a source of great comfort and constant encouragement to every follower of Christ. Upon those who are of like precious faith with himself, "through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ," the apostle pronounces a blessing; and he also exhorts the believers to continued advancement in the Christian virtues. He writes:—

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that

ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

These assurances constitute an eternal life insurance policy to those who, in the strength of their divine Lord, advance from grace to grace, and give diligence to make their calling and election sure. The terms with which the follower of Christ is to comply, are plainly stated. No one need make any mistake regarding the course he is to pursue in order to make sure of life eternal. The way has been made plain. As he follows on to know the Lord, he will learn that the goings forth of his Redeemer are prepared as the morning, and the light shining on his pathway will ever grow brighter.

"Wherefore," the apostle Peter continues, "I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth." No matter how long the Christian pilgrim may have been traveling in the way of life eternal, he needs often to recount the mercies of his heavenly Father, and gather hope and courage from the promises of the Word. Daily he is to remember that an eternal life insurance policy is offered to every one who gives diligence to do those things that will bring growth in grace and in a knowledge of the truth. Laying aside all manner of foolishness and unprofitable conversation, he is to seek to come into right relationship with God, that he may reveal the fruits of the Spirit.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

(To be continued)

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"SELF-CONTROL is the greatest of all control."

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

SINCE recovering from the la grippe I have visited Hartsell, spending a day with Brother Cook and family, trying to encourage them to faithfulness. From there I went to the Oakwood School at Huntsville. There I met Elder Haysmer, and the school board, and all seemed of good courage. We held two meetings, which seemed to be appreciated by the student body. Then from there I went to Bridgeport, Ala., where I met Brother and Sister Lawrence, and we spent one very pleasant night, and then went on our journey to Eliza, Ala., where Brother Tollman and Graves are carrying on a self-supporting school.

Sabbath, March 12, we organized a nice little church at Eliza with twenty-five members, eighteen old, and seven new members. This little church is thoroughly equipped with T. A. Graves as elder, J. M. Tollman as deacon, and Mrs Carnahan as clerk and librarian. We are thankful to God for the union and harmony that prevails all the way through, and the brethren are of good courage, and seem to have one object in life, and that is to see the gospel work finished in the earth. Dr. Hayward of Chattanooga was with us, and we appreciated his work with the new converts very much. Eld. A. E. Christian was also with us and helped in the organization.

After a profitable time we left the little company, and spent two or three days in Chattanooga and Graysville, attending to some business in the interests of the conference. I am, at this writing, at Cullman, Ala. May God's richest blessing rest on the work in this needy field.

J. R. BAGBY.

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THE USE OF THE TITHE

I READ in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, page 247, that "God has given special direction as to the use of the tithe. . . . Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency nor to apply it as they see fit even in what they may regard as the Lord's work." "The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for himself. It is to be brought into his treasury to be used to sustain the gospel laborers in their work."—*Ibid.*, p. 249.

"Some have been dissatisfied, and have said, I will no longer pay my tithe; for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work. But will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right?"

"Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house." Mal. 3: 10.

The storehouse for the Mississippi Conference is the office of Miss Beulah Callicott, treasurer, Amory, Miss. Send all tithe and offerings to her, promptly, at the end of each month.

What about that pledge you made at the Meridian camp-meeting? Have you paid it? We are very much in need of some money to buy a new gospel tent in which to hold meetings this summer. Would you not like to help us some along this line? If so, it will be greatly appreciated. Send in what you can though it be but little.

W. S. LOWRY.

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THE NORTH AMERICAN NEGRO DEPARTMENT

At the last General Conference, after much consideration, it was thought advisable to organize a North American Negro Department for the better organization and advancement of the work for the colored people. There has been considerable delay in getting the department into working order.

At first we did not realize the great amount of work before us. But when we consider that nearly one seventh of the population of the United States is colored, and so little done for them, we can see that there is much to be done. A few comparisons will help us to see this more clearly.

There is one colored person to a little over seven white; but there is only one minister to the colored to thirty-three for the white. Only one training-school for the colored to twenty-eight for the white. Only one sanitarium for the colored to fifty for the white.

The spirit of prophecy speaks the truth when it says that this people have been neglected.

When we consider that forty-four per cent. of the colored people are illiterate and only six per cent. of the white, and that the death rate among the colored is much greater than among the white, we must admit that they especially need schools and sanitariums.

Surely the time has fully come when we should arise, and put forth well organized and systematic efforts to carry this complete gospel message to the ten millions colored people in this country.

We are now getting the work of the department more fully organized, and plans developed to push forward this work. But we need more workers and more means. I believe our dear people who have a desire to see this work finished in this generation are ready to help us with their prayers and their means to enable this work to be carried to a speedy finish.

The department has taken over all the work formerly carried on by the Southern Missionary Society, and we desire to see the good work begun in a few places, carried on until the light of the message reaches every place.

The *Gospel Herald* has been enlarged, and will be the organ of the department. The price has been raised from ten cents to twenty-five cents a year for single subscription; fifteen cents in clubs of ten; and ten cents in clubs of twenty or more.

We are not only desirous that every Seventh-day

Adventist family shall take this paper, but that a special effort be made to get it into the homes of those not of our faith. We know that all will be interested to get reports of the work that they are helping to support. We shall do our best to make this paper what it should be.

We shall be glad to hear from all those who are interested in helping forward the work among the colored people.

The office of this department has been located at 61 Lindsley Ave., Nashville, Tenn., where all correspondence can be addressed to the writer.

A. J. HAYSMER.



KENTUCKY TRACT SOCIETY

In harmony with the wishes of the Southern Union Conference the Kentucky Conference now has a tract society.

This is the legitimate channel through which all business in the literature line is to be transacted. So please remember if you want any books, tracts, pamphlets, magazines, papers, or any of our literature, order them of the Kentucky Tract Society, Milledgeville, Ky. All money-orders should be made payable at Moreland, Ky.

Are there not some books that you have been expecting to get for some time? Order them of the Kentucky Tract Society. Or have you seen some new book or pamphlet advertised that you would like to have? Order of the Kentucky Tract Society.

Would you not like to have some good tracts with which to do missionary work. Order of the Kentucky Tract Society.

If you are not taking the *Review*, order of the Kentucky Tract Society.

Do you not want that splendid magazine, the *Watchman*? Order now of the Kentucky Tract Society.

Do not forget to renew your subscription to the REPORT OF PROGRESS and to see that every family in your church has it. This should be done through the Kentucky Tract Society.

The Kentucky Tract Society is a child of the conference; and we are the conference, so let us take care of our child in place of leaning on it. The way to do this is to order all our literature through this channel, and pay cash for what we get. And if we can possibly spare any money, deposit it with the tract society to give it a start. It is safer there than in any bank. This will be a great help.



C. F. DART.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SOCIETY, KENTUCKY

In harmony with the plan of the Missionary Volunteer Department, the young people of the Louisville

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NAME	Book	Hrs.	Value	Delivered
M J Weber.....	BFL	44	\$ 4 40	\$126 20
M Wheeler	D&R	25	14 50	5 75
H E Beck.....	D&R	34	20 50	2 50
C F Dart.....	BFL	24	21 00	1 50
H Ethington	BFL	15	11 50	50
W P Ethington.....	BFL	21	7 50	50
M D Landon.....	BFL	26	6 50	50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon.....	BFL	16	16 00	25 00
J S Fry.....	D&R	19	6 75	1 25
Virgil Smith	D&R	30	30 75	8 75
Everett Marley	D&R	29	50 75	5 45
S A Oberg.....	GC	41	52 00	62 50
M C Whitmarsh.....	MISC	5	5 50	5 50

SUMMARY

Kentucky Conference	189	85 90	137 45
Mississippi Conference	140	161 75	108 40
Totals	329	\$247 65	245 85

church met together on Sabbath, February 26th, and rendered a most interesting program. The helps received from the leaflets sent out for the occasion, and also the special articles in the *Review* and *Youth's Instructor* on the subjects of young people's work and its relation to the church were soul inspiring not only to the young people, but to the older members of the church.

Each one manifested great interest and enthusiasm in rendering his or her part of the program. The Lord came very near by his Spirit, and touched us with a greater desire than ever before to encourage this branch of the Lord's work. And as we look just a little way into the future and see the mighty conflict before us, and know that it is our young men and women of to-day who are to arm for the battle, it seems that there is nothing too great for us to offer them in the preparation. At the close of the program a donation of two dollars and fifty cents was given for the work among the Mohammedans.

Mrs. DOLPHY HAYES.



"THE Morning Star of the Reformation" is the caption of an article by Mrs. E. G. White in the *Signs of the Times Monthly* for April. The night of the dark ages enshrouded the world, but the star arose that foretold the coming of a brighter day. Wonderful was the work of this man, and the results of his labor are felt even to our own time.

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WHERE AND HOW TO ORDER

OWING to some recent changes caused by the re-establishment of tract societies, we publish this information for the benefit of whom it may concern.

Tennessee River Conference, Kentucky Conference, and Louisiana Conference.—All orders for subscription and miscellaneous books, periodicals, and other of our literature in these conferences should be sent respectively to the Tennessee River Tract Society, Hazel, Ky., Kentucky Tract Society, Milledgeville, Ky., Louisiana Tract Society, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

Alabama Conference.—All orders from ministers, churches, Bible workers, and isolated Sabbath-keepers in this conference should be sent to the Alabama Tract Society, Fort Payne, Ala. Orders for subscription books should be sent to the publishing house as heretofore.

Mississippi Conference.—All orders of whatever nature should be sent to the Southern Publishing Association, 2119-2123 Twenty-fourth Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

By following above instructions, much time and confusion will be avoided.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.
R. HOOK JR., *Manager*.

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PERIODICALS

MRS. M. E. WAGNER, Rion, S. C., desires clean copies of the *Watchman*, *Signs*, *Liberty*, *Gospel Sentinel*, and other periodicals, sent post-paid, suitable for missionary work among the neighbors and friends.

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SPRINGVILLE, TENNESSEE

I ARRIVED here and began meetings March 4th, in our meeting-house, which is 2½ miles in the country. The members of the church are located on their farms in the vicinity of, and about their church building. The members gave me a most cordial welcome, showing a commendable zeal in attendance at the meetings, taking the burden of the song services, and sharing their hospitality with us.

The interest is good, and the attendance has in-

creased until Sunday extra seats were added, and some remained standing. By count more than two hundred were present. On the Sabbath the church decided that the meetings might continue at least another week. We are now in the middle of the second week with a better interest, and two good souls have taken their stand for the third angel's message, for which we praise the Lord.

Pray for the work here.

R. M. KILGORE.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Tithe for February, 1910

Individuals	\$ 6.85
Jennings	18.65
New Orleans	128.93
Welsh	36.91
Shreveport	17.00
Lake Arthur	4.50
Hammond	5.00
Lake Charles	77.26

Total\$295.10

MRS. C. A. SAXBY, *Treas.*

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TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

For February, 1910

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Nashville	\$250.00
Memphis	188.24
Trezevant	34.27
Hustburg	14.37
Hazel	14.02
Leach	11.92
Conference Church	6.60
Springville	4.87
Paducah	2.81
Individuals	10.00

Total\$537.10

OFFERINGS

Sabbath-School Offerings	\$ 66.87
Ingathering	64.23
Foreign Missions	25.87
Colored Work	24.95
First-Day Offerings	11.10
Religious Liberty	5.38
Annual Offerings	2.00

Total\$200.40

THOS E. PAVEY, *Treas.*

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“ANGER is more injurious to the one getting angry than to the one toward whom the anger is directed.”