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## THE CHRIST MISSION

"He brought us out . . . that he might bring us in."  
Deut. 6:23.

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Out of the horror of being alone,  
Out, and forever, of being my own,  
Out of the bitterness, madness, and strife,  
Out of myself and all I called "life,"  
Out of the hardness of heart and of will,  
Out of the longings that nothing could fill.

Into communion with Father and Son,  
Into the sharing of all that Christ won,  
Into the ecstasies full to the brim,  
Into the having of all things with him,  
Into Christ Jesus, there ever to dwell,  
Into more blessings than tongue can e'er tell.

Wonderful Person, whose face I'll behold!  
Wonderful story, there all to be told!  
Wonderful, all the dread way that he trod!  
Wonderful end that he brought me to God!

—Author Unknown.

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## ACHAN

ALL have heard about Achan. He is a familiar character in the Bible. "An Achan in the camp" is a familiar phrase, applied to those who through unfaithfulness, retard the work of God.

What did Achan do? Simply this: The Lord said that when Jericho was captured "All the silver and gold, and vessels of brass and iron" should be consecrated to him; they were to be brought into the treasury of the Lord. Josh. 6:19. But one day after the capture of the city, Achan was walking amid the ruins, and "saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight." These he coveted and took; "and, behold," he said, "they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent and the silver under it." Chap. 7:21.

He "coveted it." The gold and the silver were a temptation to him. Two hundred shekels of silver

were worth perhaps one hundred fifty dollars. The wedge of gold, according to Dr. Adam Clark, was worth more than five hundred dollars. The fine garment, which may have belonged to the king who perished in the city, was of value. He coveted, he took, he hid. It is thus that sin leads one on to ruin. This man who had seen the hand of God in the overthrow of the city, allowed covetousness to come into his heart, and he took that which belonged to the treasury of the Lord, and appropriated it to his own use. As a result of his sin, he was stoned to death, and all his substance was consumed with fire. What a warning against sin!

"Are there any Achans in the church to-day?" you ask. Read this, then judge: "If the presence of Achan was sufficient to weaken the whole camp of Israel, can we be surprised at the little success which attends our efforts, when every church and almost every family, has its Achan? The work might have gone forward with far greater power had all done what they could to supply the treasury with means." —"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. V, p. 157.

Have you paid into the treasury all your tithes and offerings? or have you coveted and kept among your own stuff in your own home, that which belongs to God? You know, and God knows, though your brethren may not know about this. If you are withholding any part of your tithe, it is because you are a covetous man, and you are an Achan in the camp of God's people. And although the judgment of God may not be visited upon you as speedily as upon Achan of old, it is no less certain. The unconverted and unrepentant Achans shall not inherit the kingdom.

Have you sighed over the coldness of the church of which you are a member? The following may tell the reason:—

"I saw that many who profess to be keeping the commandments of God are appropriating to their own use the means which the Lord has entrusted to them, and which should come into his treasury. They rob

God in tithes and offerings. They dissemble, and withhold from him to their own hurt. They bring leanness and poverty upon themselves and darkness upon the church, because of their covetousness, their dissembling, and their robbing God in tithes and offerings."—*Ibid.*

Brethren, let us be honest with God. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Mat. 3: 10.—  
G. B. Thompson.

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#### CANVASSING WORK IN MISSISSIPPI

I TRUST all our brethren and sisters in Mississippi are reading the REPORT OF PROGRESS, for I want you all to know how the Lord is blessing the canvassing work here.

For the first three months of 1910 our canvassers have worked 2,380 hours, taken orders to the value of \$2,735.35, and delivered \$798.21 worth of books.

The record of the past two months surpassed that of any previous ones, and our prospects for the future are good.

We have held two institutes this year, with good results. One which has just closed was held at Vicksburg, and, as a result, we have five new workers.

Faith, hope, courage, and an excellent spirit prevail among our canvassers. We thank the Lord for the success he has given us, and our desire is to press right forward trusting in him. H. G. MILLER.

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#### GROVE, KENTUCKY

THE brethren at Grove have been for three or four years trying to obtain material with which to build a 20 x 30-foot meeting-house. When we went there March 25, the building was boxed up, and the boards were nearly all on the roof. We remained there until April 13, working with them during the day on the building. When we left, the house was completed on the outside and primed, the windows and doors were in, and the floor laid.

They are planning to ceil it, and build a brick flue. Brother Jacobs will furnish a good stove. The deed for the one acre of land on which the building is located has been made to the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Association of Kentucky.

We held but a few meetings, but sought to do all we could for the believers to build them up spiritually. In this the Lord blessed our efforts. Three of the brethren are planning to soon enter the book work.

A. O. BURRILL.

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#### NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

SIX were recently baptized at New Orleans, three were from the Catholic Church. Our Sabbath-school offerings for the past quarter amounted to \$58.51, all

for foreign missions. The quarter before, the offering was \$43.30. Our tithe was \$449.77.

We feel highly favored to have the tract society and branch office of the publishing house located in the conference building, and to have Brother Rees in charge. The mission building is being painted, something that was badly needed.

I have spent nearly two weeks with Mrs. Saxby at the Nashville Sanitarium. For the last three weeks she has felt some better. Several gathered yesterday to follow out the instruction found in the fifth chapter of James. The Lord came preciously near, as we committed her case anew to him. We bow in complete submission to his will. She has had a blessed experience since coming here three months ago. I return to-morrow. W. H. SAXBY.

*Nashville Sanitarium, Apr. 19.*

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#### TOBACCO RAISING — SHOULD SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS ENGAGE IN IT?

CHEMISTS, botanists, and doctors unite in pronouncing tobacco as containing a deadly poison, second to none but prussic acid.

The use of tobacco results in "smokers' sore throat," heart disease, dyspepsia, cancer, and many other diseases. "Tobacco, in whatever form it is used, tells upon the constitution. It is a slow poison."

"It affects the brain and benumbs the moral sensibilities, so that the mind cannot discern spiritual things, especially those truths which would have a tendency to correct this filthy indulgence. Those who use tobacco in any form are not clear before God."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in "Spiritual Gifts," Vols. III and IV, p. 126.*

Since its use is so detrimental to *soul* and *body*, how can the followers of Jesus who profess to be looking for his return, engage in growing it?

A. O. BURRILL.

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#### CANVASSING

"CONSIDER what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." 2 Tim. 2: 7. Now let us consider well with this text 1 Tim. 6: 10, 11.

Why are there so few canvassers at work when the Testimonies positively tell us that where there is one there ought to be one hundred. Is it not time that all Seventh-day Adventists were letting their light shine in every possible way? We are instructed that "there shall be delay no longer."

"By beholding, you will become changed from glory to glory, from character to character. God wants you to come to the front, speaking the words he will give you. He wants you to show that you

LITERATURE SALES FOR 1909

THE summary of our publishing work for 1909 is now practically complete, and shows a grand total of \$1,420,000 sales during the year, a gain of \$130,000 worth over the preceding year.

With the announcement of the past year's work, it may be interesting to our readers to take another glance at the summary of our publishing work from its beginning, which we give below in decades:—

1845 - 1854	\$ 2,500
1855 - 1864	17,500
1865 - 1874	75,000
1875 - 1884	371,000
1885 - 1894	3,967,000
1895 - 1904	3,144,000

Total for sixty years \$7,577,000

1905	\$ 548,000
1906	824,000
1907	1,035,000
1908	1,290,000
1909	1,420,000

Total for five years \$5,117,000

Total for sixty years 7,577,000

Grand Total \$12,694,000

With such evidence before us of the progress of the third angel's message, let us thank God, and take courage.

E. R. PALMER.

place a high estimate upon humanity,—humanity that has been purchased by the precious blood of the Saviour.”—*Manual for Canvassers*, pp. 10, 11.

“Humble, fervent prayer would do more in behalf of the circulation of our books than all the expensive embellishments in the world.”—*Id.*, p. 12.

“Every canvasser has positive and constant need of the angelic ministration; for he has an important work to do, a work that he cannot do in his own strength.”—*Id.*, p. 13.

“The canvassing work is more important than many have regarded it.”—*Id.*, p. 15.

We learn “that the work of the intelligent, God-fearing canvasser has been represented as equal to that of the gospel minister.”—*Id.*, p. 48.

“Many of our young ministers, and those who are fitting themselves for the ministry, would, if truly converted, do much good by working in the canvassing field.” “Let the canvasser go forth with the prayer upon his lips, ‘Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?’ Let him labor as in the sight of God, and in the presence of heavenly angels, let him desire in all things to be approved by God.” Read Titus 2:7, 8.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending April 16, 1910

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Value	Delivered
Ben Griffith .....	BFL	55	\$76 30	\$ 2 80
O A Prieger.....	PP&F	50	49 50	32 00
A W Nelson.....	PP&F	42	1 50	50 25
W G Ringgold.....	BFL	34	33 25	
M L Ivory.....	BFL	6	5 25	5 25

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H E Beck.....	D&R	51	35 60	2 30
C F Dart.....	MISC	58	13 70	13 70
H Ethington .....	BFL	36	30 25	1 25
M D Landon.....	BFL	37	15 00	1 50
M J Weber.....	BFL	34	48 25	25
M Wheeler .....	D&R	35	22 50	12 50
E Whittier .....	CK	62	39 50	2 50

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Wm Olmstead 2 wks....	MOFN	85	88 50	12 00
Jno Harzman .....	GC	47	61 50	10 80
Mamie Jenevein .....	PP&F	30		38 00
I T Reynolds.....	PP&F	30	20 00	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh.....	GC	47	77 55	3 50
C H Chenault.....	D&R	51	39 25	
Carrie Goldcamp .....	BFL	14	16 50	
A L Hamm.....	PP&F	35	8 00	
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	40		47 00
J S Moore.....	MISC	49	8 00	2 50
Mamie Moore .....	D&R	33	42 85	3 90

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference .....	187	165 80	90 30
Kentucky Conference .....	313	204 80	34 00
Louisiana Conference .....	192	170 00	60 80
Tennessee River Conference..	269	192 15	56 90

Totals ..... 961 \$732 75 \$242 00

May the Spirit of the Lord help us to consider what he says, that it may be well with us.

W. H. HADDON.

Okolona, Miss.

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ARE you interested in astronomy? Are you interested in studying the mighty universe of God? Are you especially interested in studying the great themes of astronomy in the Bible? If so, you should have the *Signs of the Times* Monthly, which is now running a series of articles on this absorbingly interesting theme.

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God will fairly flood your life with all the power he can trust you to use wholly for him.—S. D. Gordon.

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## CRIPPLED WITHOUT IT

"WITHOUT the *Sabbath School Worker* I should feel crippled. Its pages are a source of inspiration to me each month, and as I study them, I am led to appreciate more and more its value. There is a lively interest in some of our schools as a direct result of the officers and teachers using the *Worker*. Joy would be mine if every one of our schools had this instructive paper.—Mrs. Alta H. Carr, Salamanca, New York."

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## FREIGHT PAID ON HEALTH FOODS

DID you read "Faithfulness in Health Reform" in Testimonies, Vol. IX? Read it; it will do you good. We are now paying all the freight on ten-dollar shipments of our high-grade foods to all States east of Colorado, and half the freight on five-dollar shipments. This applies to all our foods except cooking oil and 45-lb cans of nut butter, but you can include as much of these as you want, we not to allow freight on them. We pay the freight by the addition of extra foods of your selection, except cooking oil and nut butter, to fully cover the amount of freight. Send your order to the factory, to your tract society, or to any of our established agencies. We are now shipping in strong wooden boxes, and guarantee safe delivery.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY.

Nashville, Tennessee.

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NOTICE. We have just completed a High Pressure Steam Canner for Home and Market Canning that cans everything so it keeps without preservatives. It requires about one fourth the time for cooking that is required by the hot-water canners or on a stove. The smallest size can be used on a stove, and will cook a meal in a few minutes. This surpasses anything on the market, and supplies a long-looked-for article. Every family should have one. Price within reach of all. Plant large gardens for canning. Send for circular.

JETHRO KLOSS.

St. Peter, Minn.

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"THE greatest university is in the home where youth sits and learns at the feet of Jesus."

## OBITUARY

HACKWORTH.—Died on February 27, 1910, at Newellton, La., Mrs. Rebecca Michael Hackworth.

Sister Hackworth was born February 1, 1830, in Vermillion Co., Ill., and was married to Matthew Hackworth in 1851. In 1859 they accepted present truth, and did all they could to spread the message. Her life was spent very largely in caring for the sick and giving a home to the homeless. Her home was always a haven for ministers, canvassers, and other workers.

Sister Hackworth had been a widow since 1892, when her husband died at Marthaville, at his post of duty (preaching the truth), and was buried at Welch. During the latter part of her life she lived with a daughter, Mrs. S. A. Winterton, at Newellton, La. Before her death she expressed a desire to be buried by the side of her husband in Welch. This wish was carried out.

Her last days bore evidence of special victory and peace with God, and good will to all. She leaves three sons and two daughters, and thirteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational church in Welch, conducted by the local pastor.

S. B. HORTON.

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## THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR TEMPERANCE NUMBER

THE temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* is without question the best temperance issue published. It has a very attractive cover design; 32 pages instead of 24; printed on enamel paper; effectively illustrated; and contains the very best matter obtainable from the world's best temperance workers. The facts contained in this temperance issue are sufficient to inspire every temperance-loving person who may have the privilege of reading it.

This Temperance number will sell at the same prices of our ten-cent magazines. Single copy, 10 cents. This Temperance number will be an easy seller. Our periodical workers will find it appreciated by the best classes in every community. Orders for large numbers have been made thus early.

All orders for this issue should be sent to the State Tract Society.

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## WANTED

CLEAN copies of the *Little Friend*, no matter how old they are, or any other Seventh-day Adventist papers, for free distribution at poor houses and orphans' homes by Vern Davidson, 2036 Washington Ave., Springfield, Mo. This missionary worker is just nine years old.

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"HE who is truly humble is never astonished at his mistakes and stumblings."