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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

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THE FIVE LOAVES

WHAT if the little Jewish lad
That summer day had failed to go
Down to the lake because he had
So small a store of loaves to show?

The press is great, he might have said,
For food the thronging people call;
I only have five loaves of bread,
And what are they among them all?

And back the mother's word might come,
Her coaxing hand upon his hair,
Yet go; for they might comfort some
Among the hungry children there.

Lo! to the lake-side he went,
Bearing the scant supply he had;
And Jesus with an eye intent,
Through all the crowd beheld the lad,

And saw the loaves and blessed them. Then
Beneath his hand the marvel grew;
He brake and blessed and brake again;
The loaves were neither small nor few.

For, as we know, it came to pass
That hungry thousands there were fed,
While sitting on the fresh, green grass,
From that one basketful of bread.

If from his home the lad that day
His five small loaves had failed to take,
Would Christ have wrought,—can any say? —
That miracle beside the lake!

—Selected.

AMUSEMENTS

I WAS born with a love for play; I have cultivated a love for work. Man was commanded to work; his physical, mental, and moral nature require that he should work; no less does his being demand that he should play. His work, to have the approval of God, should be of the highest excellence, and sufficient in quantity to occupy his time, and to develop his talents and capabilities. His play should be as excellent in quality as his work, but never so great in quantity.

Play is the child's word for recreation, and recreation means the recreating of the mind, the reinvigoration of the body, and the spiritual refreshing of the soul. Recreation is as necessary as is labor. It is not the body alone that must have rest and change. If it were, the hours we spend in sleep, and the suspension of physical effort upon the Sab-

bath, would probably be sufficient for the restoration of the vital energies.

The mind requires not only rest, but recreation, and more in proportion than the body; that is, the body will sooner regain its former energies when permitted to relax than will the exhausted mind be restored to its wonted vigor.

Therefore we should play as well as work, and it is no light matter to play well. Power, skill, efficiency are necessary to success in work. We must be taught to work. Parents and teachers spend years—their best years—in teaching their children and youth how to work, for it requires much time and large experience to become efficient in an art or a trade.

Who would believe me if I should say that more effort, a larger experience, and greater wisdom are necessary to play properly, beneficially than to work successfully? Yet this is what observation and experience teach.

Labor was appointed as a blessing; the ground was cursed for man's sake, to save him from himself, to guard him from temptation, to occupy his mind with the plans to be executed by his skilful hands. But when mind and body grow weary, and he lays aside his pen or book, his hammer or plow, and seeks recreation, the safeguards of the soul seem suddenly to depart from him.

Who has not observed a careful, faithful, conscientious worker at his desk, or at any other post of duty, performing with sober care, strict propriety, and good, common sense, the duties of his position? Day by day as we see him at his work, deeper and deeper grows our esteem for his character. We admire his conduct, we believe in his judgment, we have confidence in his integrity. But, Oh, the disappointment that comes to our souls when we see this same man at his play! The proprieties of life seem to be forgotten, and the good common sense that was his characteristic is transformed into the silliest nonsense, and we oftentimes turn away with a deep disappointment—a disappointment that sometimes becomes almost disgust. We may well ask the question, Why should he who was able to work so well, fail so miserably when he comes to play?

The secret is this: He never was taught to play. To do the work of hand or brain, he studied in shop or college hall, long and well; he learned all the principles underlying his trade or profession, and they guide him through every detail of his work. But whoever studied for a day the art of playing properly and well? And if one desired to do so, where could he find a teacher? In what institution of learning would he be taught the principles that should guide him in the selection of proper forms of recreation and the practise thereof?

True, he would find instructors in abundance who would teach him to dance gracefully, the proper way to handle bat and ball, or a deck of cards, or even how to become a gladiator in the prize ring.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

OUR sales department reports 4,538 bound volumes sold during the week ending June 17; *Watchman* sales, 2,941; *Gospel Sentinel*, 1,750.

Brother T. R. Tyer of Kentucky, and Brother Ben Auten and wife, of Chattanooga, were recent visitors to our office.

Brother T. E. Johnstone is now connected with the office as linotype operator, and Brother Langston is taking a much-needed rest, visiting relatives in Illinois, and will probably devote some of his time to canvassing.

We are now holding weekly meetings with the department heads, and these sessions are a benefit to all, as opportunity for council brings out practical suggestions that are of untold value.

We have received a good letter from Brother E. R. Palmer, secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, and will publish extracts from time to time in this column until it has been printed in full.

BROTHER PALMER'S LETTER

June 7, 1910.

To the Members of the General Conference Publishing Department.

MY DEAR BRETHREN: This is a personal letter. I wish you to regard it as particularly so, even though it is duplicated in order to save time.

For some weeks I have had a great desire to discuss some questions with the members of the department. It would indeed be a privilege if we could meet and talk them over face to face. But this is a busy time with us all, and there is no prospect of a meeting of the department for some time, therefore I can do no better than to write in this way, trusting that you will not be wearied by a long letter, or lay it aside as unimportant because it is a general letter.

For several months my heart has been stirred deeply over the possibilities which are looming up before our publishing work in many lands, and the dangers that surround us, which may at any time cause our feet to stumble and bring disaster upon some feature of this work. This is no time for apprehension or for discouragement, and I can assure you that I am not apprehensive nor discouraged, but to say that I feel a deep degree of anxiety concerning the prosperity of this work, would put the present situation mildly. My anxiety, however, is not caused by any lack of confidence in God's ability to carry on his own work. It is caused only by the dangers that surround us as workers.

THE OUTLOOK

As we look upon the opening providences of God in many lands, it appears that the Lord has given wings to our publishing work. The possibilities of carrying the message swiftly to all nations by this means, are looming up before us every day. Some of the developments in heathen and semi-heathen lands call to mind the stirring days of the Reformation between the years 1519 and 1524. During those five years Luther and Melancthon published 485 tracts and pamphlets, whereas the Catholic Church had at that time only thirty publications. One of Luther's pamphlets was read by all the leading families of Germany two weeks after its publication. It was read in Italy, France, England, and Scandinavia four weeks after its publication, and in six weeks it was being sold on the streets of Jerusalem.

During the past few months, since the close of the General Conference, the canvassing work in Mexico has developed until the sales average more than a thousand dollars worth of literature per month. Workers are rapidly volun-

But to whom would he apply for instruction in the principles that should guide him in the selection of those forms of recreation that would build up his body, rest his mind, and refresh the soul,—in a word, re-create him; that is his necessity? There are a few such teachers, but they are not popular, for the world in general feels no need of direction in its play.

Desire is the only guide for the vast majority. Their rule, if they have any, seems to be this: When you work, do what is necessary and best, do what is required to be successful; but when you play, do as you please, follow your inclination, seek your own pleasure. The how or what of your play, matters not, if you enjoy it. Your own pleasure is your only criterion. You may come from your play exhausted in body and delirious in mind, but that is of little consequence if you had a "good time."

This morning your head may be aching, your eyes dull, and the work to which you must address yourself, though reluctantly, seems as insipid and undesirable as the taste in your mouth; but this condition is of no great moment, for last night were you not the gayest of the gay? Light shone from your eyes, wit danced upon your lips, pleasure smiled and beckoned, and you followed through the long, long hours.

You admit that life seen through the cold light of morning seems strangely hard and real; you are not quite in harmony with things about you, and you have a vague sense that last night's pleasure is somehow responsible for this changed aspect of life, and you say to yourself, "This will soon wear off, and I shall be myself again when I have a night's rest. I always feel so after a party, but I don't care, I had a good time, 'lots of fun.'"

"Lots of fun" is sufficient compensation for an exhausted body, a weary brain. For a mess of savory pottage we exchange a royal birthright, and are satisfied with the bargain.

A proper recreation is a true upbuilding of body, mind, and soul. If it fails of this, it is objectionable. By this definition we may test our amusements, if so we desire to call those things in which we engage for recreation.

We might consider each separate amusement that is generally known and practised, but the limits of this article do not permit. We may perhaps pass by without mentioning football, boxing, card-playing, dancing, racing, pleasure trips in company with worldlings, the theater in all its forms, as being too evidently objectionable to need demonstration for those for whom this article is prepared. Yet we know well that there are many who have enjoyed great privileges and lived in the bright shining of the light of truth, who do not yet sense the evil in these forms of amusement.

We pass those amusements usually considered innocent and even helpful, such as the program arranged for entertainment, the picnic, the party, etc. We would generalize before considering these by saying that, when properly conducted, these occasions may be truly seasons of recreation—innocent amusements; yet they are often quite the reverse. High purposes, right motives, and becoming conduct, must characterize those who engage in these pastimes or they will not, cannot, redound to the benefit of man or to the glory of God.

(To be continued)

"A GREAT work of saving souls remains yet to be done. Every angel in glory is engaged in this work, while every demon of darkness is opposing it. Christ has demonstrated to us the great value of souls in that he came to the world with the hoarded love of eternity in his heart, offering to make man heir of all his wealth."

teering, and the forces are being enlarged. In Panama the work has suddenly increased until the sales average now about fifteen hundred dollars a month in the West Caribbean Conference alone. In Peru, Chile, and Argentina, the canvassers are having wonderful experiences. We receive good reports so frequently that we are no longer surprised to hear of agents taking ten, fifteen, twenty, or twenty-five orders a day for large books from influential, well-to-do people in the cities. The brethren in South America are now calling for eight more leaders. They need them very much, and must have them in the near future.

In South Africa, since the arrival of Brother Clark, the sale of literature has increased from three to four hundred dollars a month to an average of about three thousand dollars a month.

In Japan Brother Kuniya has begun work with seven of the Japanese students from the school. During the first two weeks they sold 1,622 ten-cent magazines and 686 tracts and booklets. Imagine if you can, my brethren, the possibilities that open up before us in a country like Japan, having about one half the population of the United States, when it is discovered that literature can be sold so readily by the natives under native leadership. It seems that there is hardly any limit to what can be done if we improve our present opportunities.

In Korea Sister Scharffenberg has held the first little canvassers' institute with three or four of her workers. They find that the literature sells readily, their first average being three sales out of every ten exhibitions. In China they are selling papers and tracts and Scriptural calendars by the tens of thousands, and we are urged to supply men, facilities, and means to help them get a start.

This is only a beginning of the description, but it is an outlook which no man can properly estimate. In the past, we have considered that the larger part of our publishing work would be done in the United States. But why should this be so? We have here only one-twentieth of the population of the world. Have we any consistent reason to believe that literature will not be the principal means for carrying the truth to other nations as it certainly has been here?

CAUSES FOR ANXIETY

With such an outlook before us, and with such possibilities and probabilities in the great fields that are opening for the gospel, why should any one be anxious concerning the development of this line of work? I will tell you in the following items what is on my mind, and the reasons why I feel deeply concerned, trusting that you will be able to help me by counsel and co-operation:—

1. It is because the possibilities of the work are so great, and because there is such danger that we will place human limitations upon it, and keep it small.
2. Because of our present prosperity, which invites us to rest instead of *struggle*.
3. Because in times of prosperity there is a tendency to depend upon human resources, so that when any of those resources begin to fail, our foundation trembles and we fall.
4. Because there is a tendency in some parts of the field to build upon transient methods and enthusiasm, so that the work instead of growing steadily twelve months in the year, requires reviving and rebuilding every season.
5. Because there is a tendency, entirely natural and human, to build up a commercial business instead of a spiritual work; to work for institutions instead of for souls; and to leave institutions to work the fields for the upbuilding of commercial interests, instead of the fields organizing to carry the gospel, and making its institutions its servants.
6. Because there is a tendency to give agents superficial

general training, which does not make of them permanent, successful colporteurs.

7. Because many leaders have not yet realized the importance of thorough, systematic work in assigning territory under contract, in establishing a thorough reporting system on proper blanks and through our publications, and in keeping permanent records of territory.

8. Because there is such a disastrous tendency in human nature to limit God's work by human conditions, and of talking either faith or doubt, according to experiences, instead of always planning, and working, and writing, and talking on the basis of God's resources and ability.

HUMAN LIMITATIONS

We all love to see the work advance rapidly. Nothing cheers our hearts more than the splendid reports of success in foreign fields. We can all see that the power of God is opening up all lands, and preparing the way for the gospel; and yet how hard it is sometimes to spare from our number the man needed as a leader for some great country, or to spare two or three successful canvassers we have been counting upon very much to help build up our work at home, or to spare the means for the employment of a general agent, or a field agent, or a missionary secretary or an assistant in the tract society office. It is so easy for us to count the future on the basis of what we have achieved in the past. And yet when we do this, we bind God's providences by the stout cords of our human reasoning, and make it very difficult for the work to advance in harmony with his opening providences.

THE DANGER OF PROSPERITY

When the work is low in a conference, and the hearts of the leaders are stirred by the necessities of the situation, the conference president talks the matter over with his committee, and resolves that there must be a revival. A field agent is employed. The conference president joins with him in visiting churches and in arousing the slumbering people throughout the conference. Every worker is placed on his mettle, and there is a big resolve in the conference that the work is to be revived. There is earnest planning, and hard work, and many prayers, and in a few weeks we hear of fifteen or twenty or thirty canvassers being well trained for field service; and then the reports roll in. When drought settles down on a country, and the crops are taken away, there is much labor and much praying, and entire dependence upon God to carry the work forward. But in times of peace and plenty and general prosperity, when the work has already been built up, and we smile and take satisfaction over our reports, then is the time of our greatest danger.

A certain writer of the sporting news has said that seldom, if ever has a baseball team that started well at the beginning of the year succeeded in winning the pennant, simply because the successful team rests contentedly in its achievements and success, and fails to go through the daily grilling routine of practise which develops efficiency; whereas the members of the losing team grit their teeth, get out to hard work, and develop an efficiency which triumphs before the close of the long season.

Some of you brethren have been with me through days of past prosperity, when everybody smiled and everybody talked in favor of the book work, and all was pleasant and joyous as a summer day, and you have also gone with me through the decline which followed. Therefore, I shall not be surprised if you share with me the feeling that this present time of prosperity when God's hand is working so manifestly among us, is no time for resting or for taking quiet satisfaction in the little that has been thus far achieved. This is the time, brethren, in which to gird on the whole

armor, and to fight as we never fought before. When our work was down, the enemy had a small task to keep it down, but now, that it is moving forward he himself is placed on his mettle, and will match his strength against us by every possible craft and delusion to switch us off and weaken us, and bring the great work of God into another decline. What is your answer, brethren, to this proposition?

HUMAN RESOURCES VERSUS GOD'S RESOURCES

This question is the most vital of all. Upon what basis shall we build the prosperity of the publishing work? Shall the basis be according to man's estimate of prosperity, or upon God's promises? When wages are high, when the crops are good, when the rains come in due season, and the farmers and merchants and mechanics are prosperous and happy and contented, it is easy for us in our human weakness, to be happy in the assurance that we will sell books successfully and make good deliveries.

Is it ever safe for us, brethren, to build on the foundation of temporal things? If we do, then our work is just as stable and just as permanent as the prosperity which the world has to offer. Fortunately, we have before us numerous illustrations of the prosperity of our publishing work in the face of every temporal difficulty that agencies of evil could bring against us. It is not difficult for us to understand, under such circumstances that God has come to our relief, and has placed his own resources at our disposal, and that we have succeeded by laying hold of those resources and appropriating them for our success.

It is simply a question of whether we will work as Israel attempted to do, under the terms of the old covenant, or whether we will work on the better promises of the new covenant. In the beginning when man lost his life through sin, he forfeited his dominion and all temporal things. In the gift of Jesus Christ he received the promise of life, and with it, the restoration of his dominion and his wealth. At the present time this life is ours by promise, for our "life is hid with Christ in God." "He that hath the Son hath life." It is just so with the dominion and with the wealth—"the earth is the Lord's," the gold and the silver are his, "and the cattle upon a thousand hills." He says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

Now, brethren, this is the question which I wish you to consider again, Is it ever safe to rest the prosperity of God's work in any sense upon temporal things? If we trust wholly in God and in his resources, he may help us by giving peace and prosperity, and give crops and large wages. But while we trust in him, we may also be assured that he can give us the same degree of success, even though all these temporal blessings are cut off. There is a highway prepared for the ransomed of the Lord which the world knows nothing of. The world depends upon the things that are seen, the Christian depends upon what is unseen.

Elisha's servant was cast down when he saw the city encompassed with enemies. He saw no human way of escape; but Elisha was not looking for a human way of escape; he saw the mountains covered with chariots and horsemen provided by the Lord for his rescue. And so we should teach our canvassers that when money is scarce in the hands of the people, it is just as abundant as ever in the hands of God; that when the crops are failing in the fields, the earth with all its wealth is the Lord's just the same, and is at the disposal of those who put their trust in him.

When I find my faith weakening on this fundamental principle of the gospel, I love to read again such scriptures as Joshua 1: 1-9 and Hab. 3: 17-19. God has certainly provided

a highway for his people, on which they can walk far above the temporal conditions of this world, and instead of being overcome by these conditions, be able to triumph over them in all circumstances.

Two steps are required to bring us out from under the old covenant and place us under the new. The first is expressed in the words of Jesus: "I can of mine own self do nothing." These words are true, and that first step is necessary to the second: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Paul says, "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day; . . . while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." This assurance may be applied correctly to all temporal things in this world. If the crops perish, if all the temporal resources are laid waste, yet the Lord can renew his blessings of success day by day to those who put their trust in him, and rely upon his resources instead of relying upon temporal resources.

Brethren, let us urge these divine principles upon our workers day by day in our letters, in our writings for the papers, and in our talks. And above all, let us personally build upon that sure foundation, so that we will not be faint-hearted when we see a flood, or a drought, or a strike, or any other adverse condition developing in our fields. Let us rest assured that these conditions are not sent to hinder the Lord's work. They are permitted by him in order that we may be forced, as it were, to sever the cords with which we bind ourselves to worldly things. But let us remember that the Lord never takes away one of the resources in this world with one hand without inviting us to avail ourselves of the resources which he so abundantly provides from his other hand.

E. R. PALMER.

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PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

ALL who have seen the July *Watchman* must concede that it is the very best yet. Order early.

One of our *Watchman* agents in Ohio reports an average sale of two hundred and twenty-five copies a day. He relates the following experience:—

"I sold about five hundred to the Catholics going to and coming from church on two Sundays in —, and the old priest met me and told me he would denounce me and my *Watchman* if I would not quit selling them. He said the magazine maligned his church, but I explained to him that it told nothing but the truth."

All our people interested in the magazine work will be glad to know that the Southern Publishing Association has decided to make the December number of the *Watchman* a Christmas special. Plans are already being laid which when fully matured will guarantee that number to be the crowning effort of the year. This speaks volumes, aiming as we do to improve every forthcoming issue of the *Watchman* so that it will be superior to its predecessor; and we wish to call the attention of our readers to the excellence of the July number and the forthcoming August issue as well. More facts concerning this Christmas special will appear from time to time, when the general make-up and contents of same will be fully announced.

TRUBLE is to believing men and women like the sweetbrier in our hedges; and where it grows there is a delicious smell all around, if the dew do but fall upon it from above.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Alabama Conference

NOTICE

THE annual camp-meeting and conference of the State of Alabama will be held August 4-14, at Calera and we very much desire a full attendance from all parts of the State.

Now, brethren, do not allow anything to keep you away; these meetings are held, at great expense, so you must not neglect to avail yourselves of their benefits. Come, bringing the blessing of God with you, and expecting to be a blessing to others. This will assure you a blessing in return. Prepare at once, and then come at the time appointed. There will be no changes, regarding the time and place, and we expect good help from outside the State.

Let each church elder see that his church sends a full delegation. You are entitled to one delegate on account of your organization and one for each fifteen members or major part thereof. Be sure and attend to this matter at once, and report to the conference secretary, so that everything may be in order.

We will have tents on the ground for all at about the usual prices. There will be a dining hall on the ground so that meals will be furnished to those who desire, at a very reasonable rate. Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this gathering.

J. R. BAGBY.

Kentucky Conference

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE TRACT SOCIETY

THE 14th inst. Brethren Lyndon Taylor and H. K. Presley stopped off at Moreland, en route to Maysville, Ky., and made the office a call. Brother Taylor will canvass for "Past, Present and Future," and Brother Presley will use "Daniel and the Revelation." The next day Miss Jessie Rogers, of Graysville, Tenn., passed through here, and will canvass Danville. These young workers have all been students at Graysville the past year. Does it pay to send our girls and boys to our own schools?

For the two weeks ending June 11 Sisters Annie and Minnie Adams report 365 papers sold in Somerset and Danville in 23 1-2 hours' work. We regret not being able to furnish the report of the work done by these sisters the past week. From a letter just at hand in which they order more papers, they say, "We have been very successful so far." The report will appear next week.

There have been two hundred copies of *Life and Health* sold by Mrs. Lennie Gatton in Louisville, and one hundred copies of the *Watchman* by Mrs. M. A. Ewald of the same place. Brother Hayes ordered two hundred *Watchman*, but I do not have the number of hours spent in selling them.

Brother H. E. Beck writes the following: "My experiences were good this week. I was in as poor a neighborhood as I have been in for several weeks. It shows that the Lord is with the work and with us anywhere. Some said they were going to borrow the money if they could not get the book ("Daniel and the Revelation") any other way."

Elder Burrill had the pleasure of baptizing two at Lockport, the 16th inst.

There will be held at Milledgeville, Ky., Sabbath, June 25, quarterly meeting of the McKinney church. We are looking for several of our brethren and sisters to be in attendance.

The new Sabbath-school lesson quarterlies are ready for mailing.

Availing myself of a good opportunity I left here Friday the 17th, and went to McKinney to the home of Brother and Sister H. U. Jacobs. They were planning to drive to Grove

the next morning. We left there Sabbath morning, and after a three hours' drive found ourselves at the home of Brother Wallace Evans, the elder of the church. The church building is near his home, and after dinner we went to the church. Here were gathered a nice company of bright faces. I counted fourteen children. Brother Jacobs conducted the afternoon and evening services, and much interest was manifested. This is the home of Brother S. N. Yates, who is now canvassing in Harrison County. There is much good material here that should be trained for the Master. A church school should be conducted there this fall and winter. My visit there was a source of great encouragement to me.

MRS. R. M. LONDON.

Louisiana Conference

NEW ORLEANS

The Lord Points the Way

"EXCEPT the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Ps. 127: 1.

"And when you come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you." Matt. 10: 12, 13.

The finger of God pointing the way has been seen in countless instances since the inception of Bible work in New Orleans. For example: I was once giving readings to a Mrs. —, and met at her house a friend who also desired to take readings. Mrs. — gave up the course, but her friend is rejoicing in the truth.

Another time I was holding readings with a blind lady in St. Anna's Asylum. She praised the readings to a friend who also desired to take. The blind lady rejected the light, but the friend is now a deaconess in the New Orleans church.

Again, a course of studies was in progress with a lady of the Campbellite persuasion, when she invited in her Spiritualist friend. The Campbellite lady saw fit to "neglect so great a salvation," while her Spiritualist friend is now engaged in self-supporting Bible work.

These are only a few of many similar cases in which God has definitely led. The Bible worker trudges from house to house in one section of the city in quest of readers, while God opens the doors of some home in a vastly opposite part, because there is a soul there waiting for the message. Wherever an Ethiopian eunuch is to be found, the Spirit raises up a Philip to instruct him; and when a jailer longs for truth, he sends a Paul to prison.

And so the work goes, slowly sometimes, but surely, because it is God's work and cannot fail. Let us therefore praise his name because he has condescended to allow us a part in the work of redemption. Pray for the work in New Orleans.

FRANCES P. GOODWIN.

Mississippi Conference

LAUREL

THE work at Laurel is progressing; we opened the tent season on May 29, with a well filled tent. Our site was such as to draw the best people in the city, the lot being the corner of a beautiful grove.

The interest has increased with each meeting until Sunday night, when the Sabbath question was presented, the tent was filled, and numbers were obliged to stand on the outside.

The excellent class of people in attendance and the good behavior manifested, is a subject of much comment. Among the regular attendants we have one judge with his wife and family; one of the leading physicians and his family;

and other men of prominence, who seem to have entirely lost all feelings of prejudice.

Thursday night, the 9th of June, we were visited by a cyclone, which had it not been for the Master of storms, we would have been swept entirely off the lot; as it was, we could hear the storm in all its fury going over us. However, just enough of it did strike us, so that the big tent was given several full-length rips, besides two or three jagged tares.

The next morning (Friday), we found that roofs had been torn from houses just a short distance from us, and in the lower end of our grove several full-grown pines had been prostrated.

As we saw how the Lord had sheltered us we could not help feeling that the place dedicated to these services is holy; and, to prove further God's hand in the affair, he provided us with friends sufficient to repair the tent in time to go on without the loss of a meeting.

We are sure that God has a people in this place, and we ask your prayers that before the summer has passed they may be numbered among our people.

ELD. M. C. WHITMARSH,
AND S. A. OBERG.

NOTICE

How do you like the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER? I am sure you must be well pleased with it. How would you like to pay fifty cents a year for it?

It costs the Mississippi Conference eighty dollars a year to send the paper to all of our people in the State. If you would like to pay for yours, send the money to Miss Beulah Callicott, Okalona, Miss.

How about paying some on that pledge you made at the Meridian camp-meeting last year? We are very much in need of some money to pay for a tent that we bought last spring for Brother Coltrin to hold meetings in this summer. Will you help us out a little on this fund?

W. S. LOWRY.

Our Schools

SELF-SUPPORTING SCHOOLS

Fountain Head Industrial School

THE Fountain Head (Tennessee) Industrial School was established about two years ago. It is conducted by Brother and Sister B. N. Mulford, and Brother and Sister Forrest West. This school recently closed an interesting and very profitable six months' term.

The school opened September 20, 1909, with twenty enrolled. This number increased to thirty with fairly regular attendance until time for spring work on the farms, when some dropped out, leaving the enrolment at the close of the term the same as at the first.

The hours for regular book work were from 8:30 A.M. to 12:45 P.M. This included the Bible study. Industrial class study was from 2 to 2:30 P.M., and industrial work from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M.

The books studied by the Bible class were 1 Samuel and Esther. All seemed deeply interested in these studies, and toward the close of the term two of the students were baptized.

The school closed with a most interesting program, the nature of which was "Country Life versus City Life." The house was crowded, and many were the hearty expressions of praise and appreciation for the work accomplished.

Chestnut Hill Farm School

The Chestnut Hill Farm School was established January,

1909, by Brother and Sister H. W. Whalen and Brother and Sister Geo. Wallace, who came to Tennessee from the State of California for the purpose of entering the self-supporting school work.

The school is located near the town of Sulphura, which is seven miles from Fountain Head, Tenn. The attendance during the greater part of the term averaged thirty-two; and during the bad weather it ranged from ten to twenty. Class work began at 8:30 A.M. and lasted until 4 P.M., with one hour for noon. The first hour after dinner was given to industrial classes, carpenter work for the boys, and domestic science and sewing for the girls. A good interest was manifested by the students in all their class work, and much good work was accomplished.

The Bible class came first in the morning after opening exercises, and was participated in by all. The study this term was the book of Exodus. During January, Mrs. Whalen was assisted by Miss Cora Fuller, a student of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute.

An especial interest has been shown in the industrial work and the teachers intend making this a stronger feature of the work during the coming term.

The class in carpentry did work that was appreciated by both pupils and parents. Practically all the school furniture, seats, tables, etc., came from the carpenter shop, and when the little log shop became too small to accommodate the boys in the class, they and the teacher built a new shop. Practical work appeals to the people of this community.

A few days ago a letter was received by the president of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute from one of the students who was called to her home by the illness of her parents. The following quotations from this letter illustrates the value of a practical education, and shows how such a student appreciates the education offered by the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute when he goes out into the world.

The letter reads: "Father is much better, but mother has nervous prostration, so the work is still heavy. I am making bread now. One of the store-keepers heard that I could make good bread. He asked if I would bake thirty or forty loaves a day for him. I agreed to do so, and find that I can do it easily and still look after my nursing and household duties. The profit from the bread-baking helps us out in our home expenses wonderfully. I give all credit to the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute."

The following extract from one of our younger schools located at College, Tenn., in the Sequatchie Valley, will give some idea of the experiences of those who are at the front:

"DEAR BROTHER: I felt that you would be interested in the progress we are making here. I trust you will visit us in the near future and see something of what we are doing.

"There is a great opportunity here for starting a school, and spreading the gospel. We opened school in the public school building last Monday with an attendance of thirty-five, which increased to forty before Friday. It is reported that ten new students are coming this morning. It is wonderful what living the truth before the people in a quiet way will do. I think this is one of the most effective ways of presenting the third angel's message in this field. I hope and pray that many more schools may be opened soon, as there are hundreds of children waiting for an opportunity to obtain an education along these practical lines.

"Trusting that the blessing of the Lord will go with your work, I remain,

"Yours in the truth, IRA WOODMAN."

General

SOUTHERN UNION CANVASSERS

I WISH to call the attention of all our canvassers in the Southern Union Conference to the fact that last year the month of June was the banner month for canvassers all over the world. The sales totaled \$124,412.00, while the July sales only reached \$95,445.00. Now we have planned that this year June shall be made the banner month with us. It has five weeks, and I am anxious for all our workers and State agents to do their very best.

Last year our sales for June in the Southern Union were \$5,220.00 with sixty workers in the field. I feel confident that we can do better this year if we will only take hold as we should. Let every one do his best by putting in full time and urging as many new ones to enlist as he can. Let us see what we can do.

The school at Graysville closed, and several new workers will start out. Four or five will go to Kentucky, and I shall look for increased sales in that State. I shall watch with great interest the work that is done each week in each State, and will pray for all.

A. F. HARRISON.

All our people will be glad to know that more than one hundred and fifty thousand copies of the *Temperance Instructor* have now been ordered and still the orders come. We are hearing some very good reports. What are our young people in this Southern Union Conference doing along these lines? This office has sent to different libraries, people of influence, and private individuals, about four hundred *Instructors*. I would like to hear from our different young people's missionary societies, to know what is being done.

Miss Matilda Erickson, of Washington, D. C., the Y. P. M. V. corresponding secretary, writes: "Recently we had an interesting report from North Michigan. A young girl who is a deaf mute has organized a missionary volunteer society among some of her friends who are similarly afflicted. I believe the membership is six. They are, of course, separated, but carry on their work through correspondence. A society has also been organized among the Indians on one of the reservations in Ontario."

THE BEST HELP

THE best help published for our Sabbath-schools is the *Sabbath-School Worker*. No officer or teacher is fully equipped for his work without the aid of this most excellent journal. It is not helpful alone to officers and teachers, but should be *in every family*. There are many families in the various conferences who are not now subscribers who should become such at once.

One of the strong features of the *Worker* is the notes given on the lessons for the different divisions. These are written by the most capable and experienced writers in the denomination, and require much study and research. They are of great value to every pupil in our Sabbath-schools, and are worth much more than the price of the *Worker*.

The subscription list of the *Worker* is now over eight thousand, the highest in its history. The General Conference Sabbath-School Department is endeavoring to increase the circulation to ten thousand. You are asked to help. Please subscribe *now*. Single copy, thirty-five cents per year; thirty cents in clubs of two or more copies. Address your Tract Society.

G. B. THOMPSON.

Secretary Sabbath-School Department.

CANVASSING REPORT
Southern Union Conference
For Week Ending June 11, 1910

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
B. Griffith	.BFL	60	82	\$123 00	\$ 4 00	\$127 00	\$ 4 00
M L Ivory	.BFL	62	55	82 50	12 50	95 00	2 00
Alex Osterman	.BFL	62	37	55 00	1 00	56 00	50
A W Nelson	.PP&F	41	24	47 00	1 50	48 50	3 50
E E Dollaway	.BFL	60	26	39 00	8 10	47 10	
R Roberts	.BFL	36	12	18 00	16 35	34 35	1 00
J D Ingraham	.BFL	6	18	18 00	15 50	33 50	23 00
R I Keate	.PP&F	14	13	26 00	5 15	31 15	
O A Prieger	.PP&F	29	10	15 50	3 00	18 50	8 50
Annie Peevy	.BFL	12	8	11 50	1 00	12 50	25
I W Peevy	.BFL	40	3	4 50	2 00	6 50	1 35
Mrs L Gibson	H&H	6	2	6 00		6 00	
R T Jacks	No report						
W G Ringgold	No report						
Geo W Brown	No report						

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H E Beck	.D&R	54	11	27 00	11 25	38 25	2 10
Annie Benton	.stoc	22	11	4 90	7 50	12 40	
H C Carmichael	ofA	54	21	67 50		67 50	
H Ethington	.BFL	50	22	23 00	2 75	25 75	2 75
W P Ethington	.BFL	30					51 25
M D Landon	.BFL	10	1	1 00	50	1 50	
S N Yates	.CK	39	25	37 50	5 00	42 50	1 75
M J Weber	.BFL	40					75 75
M Wheeler	.BFL	49	31	33 00	5 45	38 45	3 00
Edward Whittier	CK	22	7	7 00	50	7 50	50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon	.BFL	52	30	45 00	6 25	51 25	2 75
J S Fry	.D&R	33	15	35 00	1 25	36 25	1 25
Virgil Smith	.D&R	50	25	61 00	5 95	66 95	8 95
E L Marle	.D&R	61	53	143 00	1 75	144 75	5 75
H G Miller	.D&R	18	12	28 00	7 25	35 25	50
Mollie Miller	.stoc	15	12	7 20	75	7 95	2 30
Ella Johnson	.BFL	14	8	8 00	2 75	10 75	2 75
Emily Billups	.BFL	48					12 00
Annie Watts	.BFL	48	19	20 00	1 00	21 00	4 50
Katie Holston	.BFL	40	6	6 00	2 25	8 25	1 50
Louise Jackson	BFL	16	1	1 50	1 00	2 50	
Dora Wilson	.BR	45	3	9 00		9 00	116 00
Celestia Wilson	BFL	50	7	7 00	3 70	10 70	9 30
Sylvia Cyrus	No report						

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh	.GC	50	43	38 00	21 45	59 45	5 00
C H Chenault	.D&R	55	29	58 00	31 75	89 75	2 00
S L Clark	.PP&F	43	14	10 50	1 75	12 25	1 75
R H Hazelton	MISC	36					33 00
E E Loveland	PP&F	33	9	4 50	1 50	6 00	1 50
J S Moore	.PofJ	35	10	21 00	3 75	24 75	2 75
Mamie Moore	.D&R	35	16	40 00	2 35	42 35	60
C H McColrey	D&R	50					192 00
C F Parmele	.PP&F	5					6 00

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	428	290	446 00	70 10	516 10	44 10
Kentucky Conf	...	370	129	200 90	32 95	233 85	137 10
Louisiana Conf	No report.						
Mississippi Conf	..	490	191	370 70	33 90	404 60	167 55
Tenn River Conf.	..	336	121	172 00	62 55	234 55	244 60

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MARRIED

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Owen, Wednesday evening, June 15th, their daughter Alice Estelle, to Chas. H. Rittenhouse, of Boseman, Montana. The parlor was beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreens and flowers. At eight o'clock to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, rendered by Miss Gertrude Pflugradt, of Milwaukee, the bridal party entered, and the service was performed by Elder C. F. McVagh, under an arch prepared for the purpose. The bride received many beautiful and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Rittenhouse departed after the service for their home in Boseman, accompanied by the prayers and best wishes of a large circle of friends.

TWO TIMELY MAGAZINES

THE *Watchman* and the *Signs Monthly* for July both keep up their reputation for appropriate cover designs, and both are packed full of thoroughly winnowed, good matter, just such as live Seventh-day Adventists will be proud to circulate and just such as honest-hearted searchers of the truth are looking for.

The *Watchman* has on the cover page the Betsy Ross House, Philadelphia, Pa. One of the most interesting incidents in connection with the beginning of our national existence, is brought to view—the making of the first American flag. Agents will find this alone will sell the paper. Thousands of people will eagerly seize and keep the July number of the *Watchman* on account of this interesting bit of history. The sales this month ought to break all previous records.

C. F. McVAGH.

CAMP-MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1910

Southern Union Conference

Louisiana, Alexandria.....	July 21-31
Alabama, Calera.....	August 4-14
Tennessee River, Huntingdon.....	August 18-28
Kentucky.....	August 25 to September 3
Mississippi, Enterprise.....	September 1-10

NEWS AND NOTES

Elder Wellman, of Gautemala, was a caller in Nashville last week. He will spend the summer in Wisconsin.

Miss Ruby Owen, of the faculty of Union College, is home in Nashville, for the summer.

Dr. Magan and Miss Bessie DeGraw, of Madison, attended the Rittenhouse-Owen wedding.

Elder McVagh and family visited Hillcrest Sunday.

Don't forget the midsummer offering for missions Sabbath, July 2d. Forward same promptly through the regular channels. The foreign mission treasury is empty, and the money is greatly needed.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR CITY WORKERS

To MEET an urgent demand for a short medical missionary training to fit consecrated women so they can engage in self-supporting missionary nursing among those of moderate means in our large cities, the Hinsdale Sanitarium and the Illinois Conference have organized in the city of Chicago a special six-months' training school, which will open July 10.

The old branch sanitarium has been secured for this purpose, and has been thoroughly renovated, and will be used as a home for the students.

The Illinois Conference will supply the Bible and general missionary instruction; the faculty of the Hinsdale Sanitarium, the medical training. Mature, substantial women who feel a call of God to carry the gospel to our large cities before it is too late, should write at once for full information. Address Dr. David Paulson, Hinsdale, Ill., or Eld. Wm. Covert, 324 Dearborn St., Chicago.

LIFE OF CHRIST

THE Sabbath-school lesson quarterlies for the third quarter of 1910, have just been received. The lessons for the next three months are among the most important that will be given on the Life of Christ. They treat of the closing scenes in his public ministry. Every act of Jesus during this time, and especially his words to his disciples, contain lessons of deep significance to us who live in the last days of the gospel work upon the earth.

Let every church-member become actively engaged in the educational work of the Sabbath-school, and make it a point to see that every one is supplied with the quarterly. Order of your tract society or the Southern Publishing Association.

THE PROTESTANT MAGAZINE

AMONG the great number of good books and magazines published not one has a more definite mission than the *Protestant Magazine*, published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, of Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C. It is most ably edited, and meets present-day issues in a way that is worthy of its name and in the spirit of the great Reformation, that gave its name to the world. Every number is a masterpiece, but the last issue, Vol. II, No. 2, seems worthy of special mention, and should have a wide circulation.

C. F. McVAGH.