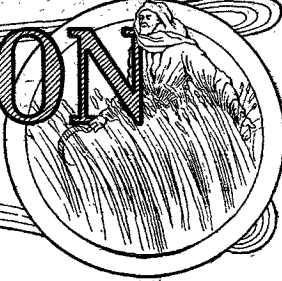


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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

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UNDER THE EYE OF THE LORD

"WHEN you think, when you speak, when you read, when you write;

When you walk, when you talk, when you seek for delight;
To be kept from all wrong when at home or abroad,
Live always as under the eye of the Lord.

"Whatever you think, never think what you feel
You would blush in the presence of God to reveal;
Whatever you say in whisper or clear,
Say nothing you would not like Jesus to hear.

"Whatever you write, though with haste or with heed,
Write nothing you would not like Jesus to read;
Whatever you sing in the midst of your glees,
Sing nothing that his listening ear could displease.

"Wherever you go, *never go where you fear*
Lest the great God should ask you, *'How comest thou here?'*
Turn away from each *pleasure* you'd shrink from pursuing,
If God should look down and say, *'What are you doing?'*
To be kept from all wrong when at home or abroad,
Live always as under the eye of the Lord."

OUR MUSIC A BLESSING

THERE are many statements in the Testimonies concerning the value of music in soul-winning. It is always a reverent use of music in God's service, and we cannot think that the God who rejoices in a heavenly choir is less pleased when his children here use their voices in his praise. Is not the ability to do this a talent to be increased? True, many of us may not be able to make it yield more than one talent, but any one can do more than hide it in the earth.

"Let all take time to cultivate the voice so that God's praise can be sung in clear, soft tones, not with harshness and shrillness that offend the ear."—*Volume VI.*

Music is one of the "all means" to be used in working for lost souls, and as a people who are seeking to give an unpopular truth to the world we may, oftentimes, clothe it with this attractive garment, and thus bring the knowledge of Christ to some who would otherwise be turned away.

I believe we do not know, as yet, all God desires us to do with this talent. We are too much bound to worldly methods in studies musical as in other work. Our aim is not the same as the world's; why should our preparation be the same?

I do not know what He has for us, yet unrevealed, but I do believe we ought to give more earnest, prayerful heed to the *sacred rendering* (I say it advisedly) of hymns, both on instruments and with our voices. Too often it is impossible to recognize a selection as sacred without the words before you. I grant that it is not always the fault of the player. In many instances sacred words have been set to music entirely

unworthy of the name and far below the plane of sacred things.

But let us, as those who are seeking to make the world brighter and better for our sojourn in it, determine to weed out these cheap jingles from our collections of sacred song, making the number less if we cannot replace them with hymns worthy of the message we have to bear. Let us seek for the fine, the uplifting in music, and recognize the truth that cheap music has a degrading influence upon our character, as does cheap literature.

In many homes where light reading is not tolerated for a day, the music shelves are full of the popular made-for-money style of music that surely does not make for strength, sanity, and sweetness in character-building. It may take some effort to learn to enjoy good, solid music, but is it not worth while? I often think of the artist who in reply to one who scornfully said he could not see all that he could in a sunset, quietly asked, "Don't you wish you could?"

Of course it takes study. We cannot fully enjoy it at once. That is true of anything worth while. But we appreciate according to the effort we put forth. The gain for us is measured by what we ourselves have put in.

And it takes more than technical ability to give the gospel in music. We must have the love and tenderness of Christ in us before our voices and fingers can pass it on to others. Our hearts, the instruments of the Great Musician, must respond to his touch before we can transcribe his melodies.

"Music can be a great power for good; yet we do not make the most of this branch of worship. The singing is generally done from impulse, or to meet special cases, and at other times those who sing are left to blunder along, and the music loses its proper effect upon the minds of those present. Music should have beauty, pathos, and power. Let the voice be lifted in songs of praise and devotion. Call to your aid, if practicable, instrumental music, and let the glorious harmony ascend to God as acceptable offering. But it is sometimes more difficult to discipline the singers and keep them in working order, than to improve the habits of prayer and exhorting. Many want to do things after their own style. They object to consultation and are impatient under leadership. Well-matured plans are needed in the service of God."—*Volume IV.*

This is a call to more consecrated musical service. Let us put ourselves entirely under the control of the Master Musician, that our hands and our hearts may be attuned to his service.—*Irma E. Lewis, in Pacific Union Recorder.*

"Out of my selfish self

Oh, lift me up!

To live for others, and in living so,

To be a blessing whereso'er I go;

To give the sunshine and the clouds conceal,

Or let them but the silver clouds reveal."

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

THE sales reported for week ending September 16, are as follows: bound volumes, 13,497; *Watchman*, 6,133; *Gospel Sentinel*, 2,600.

Orders continue to come in nicely. A recent order calls for two cases of "Bible Footlights," plain, two cases of "Coming King," marble, one case "Past, Present, and Future," marble, one case "Past, Present, and Future," plain, and two cases of "Bible Readings," marble.

In a letter just received from Brother Pierce, dated Fort Worth, September 15, he says:—

"Your letter of the 12th enclosing bill of lading for the car received. The railroad company say it will be in to-night, so we can have it in the morning. I am glad of this, for I was afraid it was going to show up about Sabbath."

The railroad company surely is handling our shipments with dispatch, as this car did not leave here until the evening of the 10th, and was delivered at Fort Worth on the 15th.

Brother A. F. Harrison is an office visitor to-day, and he and Brother Wolff are planning to start on a tour of the churches in the Tennessee River Conference in behalf of our juvenile books. We trust a large number of our people will have a part in this work during the holiday season.

Brother Royer is improving fast, and is expected home Wednesday. The work is onward, and we are of good courage.

Brother M. Wheeler, late a canvasser of the Kentucky Conference, has enlisted in the ranks of the Tennessee River workers, and has gone into the field in the southern part of Tennessee. He is accompanied by Brother Tom Tyer, who is a beginner in the canvassing work. We pray that the rich blessings of God will attend these brethren as they endeavor to place the truth in the homes of the people.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSN.

R. Hook Jr. General Manager.

THE PERIODICAL WORK

WE are glad to report that the work in our periodical department is having an encouraging growth. The *Watchman* in particular is winning its way wherever it goes, and is becoming more and more popular with both agents and readers. A few days ago we sent two thousand copies of the September number to one company of workers who are now in Indiana, and are expecting another order from the same company for one thousand more of the same issue.

Still more recently we sent fifteen hundred copies to a single worker in New England, and two thousand of the October number is now being sent to a single tract society in the North.

But this is not the most encouraging feature of the periodical work. As the result of the magazines sold, requests for sample copies are constantly being received, and in return for those sent out we are receiving an unusually large number of regular subscriptions; and the regular visits of our periodicals to the homes of the people are what count most.

The success of our regular agents is encouraging many others to sell the magazines about their own homes. Some are in this way paying their pledges to the \$300,000-fund, and we recommend the plan to others who have not yet done their share to finish this undertaking.

The sale of our monthly magazines has already grown to large proportions, and there is no limit to its further increase. A thousand energetic agents can find plenty of room for their activities, and, besides scattering the truth, can support themselves well while doing so. If you want a part

in this glorious work, write to your tract society or to us in terms and other information.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

Alabama Conference

FROM THE FIELD

SINCE my last report I visited Wooley Springs, and held five meetings with the church. The Spirit of God was present from the very first, and all felt to consecrate themselves anew to God and his work. Sabbath afternoon, September 10, two persons, a man and his wife, presented themselves for baptism, which was administered following the afternoon service, in a nice flowing stream nearby.

From Wooley Springs I went to Birmingham, and found that one of our workers had baptized four, who had been taken into the church subject to baptism. The work is advancing in Birmingham, and we feel to praise God for the prospects that a good work will be done in our cities, and we are glad that we are nearing the time of a special season of prayer and fasting for the work in these centers of population, and I hope all our people will get under the burden and lift, till the Lord says it is done.

From Birmingham, I went to Montgomery and spent one day, and held one meeting at the home of Brother Dennis.

From Montgomery I went to Dothan and Webb, and visited the tent company there. The Conference Committee assembled at that place and elected Eld. E. G. Hayes president of the Alabama Conference. He has been requested to come as soon as possible and get acquainted with the work in the field before I leave it. We expect to pitch the tent in Dothan to-morrow. Pray for the success of the work in this new field.

J. R. BAGBY.

NOTES

MANY in the conference will regret to learn that Eld. Bagby has been obliged to resign, although he was re-elected at the late conference. His family have returned to Oklahoma, and he expects to join them the first week in October.

Eld. E. G. Hayes, of Louisville, Ky., has been elected to the conference committee to take his place. When he comes we will hear through the *WORKER* where he locates. The committee recommended that he make either Birmingham or Montgomery his headquarters, but that will be left for him to decide.

Elder Hayes comes to us highly recommended, and I am sure we will be pleased to have him join with us in helping to proclaim the message in this part of the vineyard.

HELEN M. KEATE, *Conf. Secy.*

Kentucky Conference

CAMP-MEETING

THE annual conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting in the city of Louisville, August 25 to September 4. The laborers present other than conference workers were, Elders McVagh, Bollman, and Martin; Professors V. Kirk and Atteberry; and Dr. George. The time of the brethren was well distributed through the meeting, and enjoyed much of the blessing of the Lord as they labored for the good of those gathered.

The membership of the conference is 214. The tithe for the conference years, 1909 and 1910, was \$2,519.80; and the General Conference appropriation \$1,377.80.

The tithe per capita was \$12.24. The annual offerings of all kinds amounted to \$691.73. All the laborers were pa-

allowances. All debts have been paid. We are thankful for the financial prosperity that has attended the work in its branches. Two new church buildings are nearly completed, and will soon be ready for dedication; a third building has been deeded to the conference association; and a fourth promised. Since the tract society was organized, nearly six months ago, it has sold 8,135 periodicals, and the total value of the book sales during this time was \$3,549.70. At the camp-meeting the tract society secretary reported a gain of \$245.62 during its five and one half months' existence. Little change was made in the officers. Mrs. R. M. Landon, 411 Alford St., Lexington, Ky., was made secretary and treasurer. We have three active ordained ministers and four Bible workers. We much appreciate the assistance rendered at the camp-meeting by our visiting brethren. Three persons took their stand during the meeting to obey the message.

A. O. BURRILL.

CONFERENCE AND TRACT SOCIETY OFFICE

The conference committee at its last meeting on the camp-ground, voted to move the conference offices to Lexington. We are now settled at 411 Alford St., where all communication for business may be addressed. We have arranged to hold meetings in this place. Yesterday was the first meeting held, and including the children, twenty-five were present. Sisters Charlsy Allran and Marie Wirth have been invited to take up Bible work in this city. The few who reside here give us a hearty welcome.

Beside, some young ladies expect to come here to take up periodical work. Any one who may desire to be instructed in selling our periodicals is invited to correspond with Mrs. C. F. Dart, 425 E. 6th St., Lexington, Ky.

A. O. BURRILL.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE TRACT SOCIETY

We are now located at 411 Alford St., Lexington, Ky., and occupy the parlor of Eld. A. O. Burrill's house. While we are working at a disadvantage during camp-meeting and in writing, all orders have been promptly filled. Do not forget to send address.

All Sabbath-school supplies should be ordered at once. The monthly quarterlies are ready to mail.

Berschel Ethington left his home in Milledgeville the 12th of Hazel, Ky., where he will attend the academy. Brother Berschel has put in faithful time in the canvassing work since last March.

Cash sales of our books at camp-meeting were \$51.45. Our brethren and sisters subscribed for 2,660. One hundred and fifty-five dollars was pledged on the \$300,000-fund.

Miss Runie Walbert comes to this city within a few days to sell the *Watchman*. She will devote her whole time to selling this paper.

Father Weber has not been well since camp-meeting. Last week he was unable to work. Our canvassers are rather busy the past three weeks. We expect three recruits soon.

MAGAZINE AGENT'S REPORT

For 2 weeks ending September 3, 1910

Agents	Papers	Hrs.	Ords.	Delvd.
Adams	W, L&H	40	321	\$32 10
Adams	W, L&H	40	325	32 50
Totals		80	646	\$64 60

KENTUCKY TRACT SOCIETY.

411 Alford St., Lexington, Ky.

Louisiana Conference

NOTICE

DEAR BRETHREN: During the camp-meeting in 1909 there were pledges made sufficient to pay the whole amount due on the Coleman note. Several of these pledges have not yet been paid, and this note is still unpaid as a result.

Also pledges made at Pineville in 1909 and in several of the churches since then and those made at Pineville this year on the tent fund, should be paid as soon as possible, as the accounts for our new tents are now due.

Brother McLennon has joined the tent company at Rayville, and will go with Brother Frank to Monroe while Brethren Hanson and Spear will go to Jena or some place near there.

The Hammond church has pledged its quota for the \$300,000-fund. Cannot all the others do likewise? This means an amount equal to five dollars per member throughout the State.

E. L. MAXWELL.

PUBLICATIONS WANTED

CLEAN copies of *Watchman*, *Liberty*, *Life and Health*, *Education*, *Signs of the Times*, weekly or monthly, date 1909 or 1910, sent post-paid.

Mrs. E. H. REES.

6063 Tchonpitolnas St., New Orleans, La.

HARVEST INGATHERING

THE time is near for us to order our supply of *Reviews* to be used in the Harvest Ingathering the first week in November.

Louisiana has done well in the past, and it was largely this work which enabled us to pass the mark in the ten-cent-a-week fund last year. We will be able to profit by our experiences then and do even better this year.

Order early of Eld. E. H. Rees, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La. Each member should order as many as he can dispose of and give them to his friends soliciting at the same time a donation for missions.

Yours for a good, strong pull,

E. L. MAXWELL.

Mississippi Conference

THE CONFERENCE

THE Mississippi conference and camp-meeting were held at Enterprise, September 1-10. The following resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, The blessings of God have attended our efforts during the past year in giving us souls to add to our numbers, and prospered us financially as well as spiritually, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we render our sincere thanks to God for his divine providence and guiding hand in our behalf.

Whereas, Many Sabbath-school officers and teachers have had very meager advantages for training in their work; therefore,

2. (a) *We recommend*, Our officers and teachers to take advantage of the training now offered in the Sabbath-school Teachers' Reading Course, by securing the pamphlets now used in this course, and carefully following the studies as outlined in the *Sabbath School Worker*.

(b) *We request*, That the General Conference Sabbath School Department make the Reading Course a permanent one, and suggest from time to time such books and leaflets as may be helpful to Sabbath-school workers.

Whereas, The *Sabbath School Worker* is not only a mold-

ing factor in our Sabbath-schools and the medium whereby Sabbath-school laborers are kept in touch with progressive methods, but also gives invaluable help to the teachers of pupils of all ages through the excellent helps provided on current lessons, therefore,

3. *We recommend*, That the officers and teachers of every Sabbath-school and also the Home Department members take this journal, and make practical use of it in their work.

~~Whereas, Our Sabbath-schools need the blessed inspiration of a real burden for mission fields, while opportunities to spread the message in foreign lands are multiplying faster than the means; and,~~

Whereas, A large number of schools in the Mississippi Conference have responded to the action of the late General Conference by giving all their Sabbath-school donations to missions,

4. *We recommend*, That this policy be adopted in all our schools, and that no school permit its record to lower the standard by the use of any of the regular donations for anything but mission work, thus gaining for us a place with our sister conferences upon the Sabbath-school Department "honor roll."

Whereas, The education of our young people is one of the great factors in the promulgation of this truth, therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That we solicit the co-operation of all our ministering brethren and other field workers in behalf of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course and the Fireside Correspondence School for our young people, and in the establishment of church libraries.

Whereas, The spirit of prophecy has said that "everywhere Christian workers should present to the people the principles of true temperance, and call for signers to the temperance pledge,"

6. *We recommend*, That our churches embrace every opportunity for conducting temperance rallies and of scattering our temperance literature from time to time, such as *Life and Health*, special temperance numbers of our various magazines, and temperance tracts.

Whereas, The spirit of prophecy says that from every home there should be a path leading to one of our schools, and,

Whereas, We as a people see the pressing need of a church school wherever we have an organized church,

7. *We, your committee, recommend*, That the nominating committee name an educational secretary, whose duty it shall be to become acquainted with the needs of the different churches and recommend competent teachers for same.

Whereas, The times demand that a live and energetic work be carried on in our conferences in behalf of the magazine, periodical, book, and missionary work, and,

Whereas, It is recommended by the General Conference that all such business be carried on by the local tract societies, thus relieving the publishing houses of undue burdens and providing a revenue for carrying on such work in the conferences,

8. *We, your committee on plans and resolutions, recommend*, That a tract society be organized in our conference.

Whereas, There are a good many isolated members in our conference, and workers traveling from place to place, who have no regular church home, therefore,

9. *Resolved*, That we take steps at this conference to organize a conference church.

Whereas, Canvassers' institutes in the past have proved a great blessing to our work in encouraging our older canvassers and in developing new ones, therefore,

10. *Resolved*, That an institute of at least two weeks be held at such time and place as the conference committee may advise.

Recognizing the fact that our canvassers have many op-

portunities to distribute tracts and pamphlets and that the Testimonies give instruction that such work should be done, therefore,

11. *We recommend*, That a fund be raised to purchase literature for free distribution by canvassers.

Recognizing the increased agitation for religious legislation,

12. *We recommend*, That the magazine *Liberty* be given as wide a circulation as possible, and that this conference send it free to all the State officials.

Whereas, Brother and Sister F. R. Rogers have established an intermediate school at Jackson, Miss., known as Idylwild; and M. T. Bellinger, one at Amory, known as Pine Grove; L. V. Crawford, one at Vicksburg, known as Cedar Grove; and these schools are being conducted on strictly Seventh-day Adventist principles and in harmony with the educational department of the denomination, in courses of study and books adopted, we therefore,

13. *Recommend*, That this conference vote these schools their moral support and hearty co-operation.

Whereas, The spirit of prophecy has said that the cities should be worked immediately,

14. (a) *We request*, That special efforts be made along the lines of Bible work, medical missionary work, and evangelical work the coming year.

(b) *We recommend*, That we borrow from the Educational Fund a sum sufficient to purchase a good tent 40x60 for city work and camp-meeting purposes.

Recognizing the fact that our tent fund is in debt,

15. *We would recommend*, That a fund of two hundred dollars be raised in pledges and cash to relieve the indebtedness, pledges to be paid by January 1, 1911.

Whereas, The General Conference has made a call for \$300,000 for mission homes and institutional work in other fields, therefore,

16. *Resolved*, That we raise our portion of this fund as quickly as possible.

Recognizing the blessings which may come to all from the Sanitarium Relief Campaign,

17. *Resolved*, That this conference endeavor to sell the equivalent of two "Ministry of Healing" and five *Life and Health* per member annually.

18. *Resolved*, That we extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Mundell for the free use of the ground for our camp-meeting and conference.

Ministerial credentials were renewed to Elder W. S. Lowry, and Elder M. C. Whitmarsh. T. C. Coltrin, Chas. F. Lowry, and Everett L. Marley received ministerial license. H. G. Miller, Mrs. H. G. Miller, Mrs. F. R. Rogers, and Beulah M. Callicott received missionary credentials. Church school teachers are, Mrs. S. J. Smith, Mrs. F. R. Rogers, Mrs. Chas. F. Lowry, Mrs. L. V. Crawford, Mrs. D. G. Stephenson, Miss Ethel M. Nash.

The following officers were elected: for president, Eld. W. S. Lowry; secretary and treasurer, Beulah M. Callicott; field-missionary agent, H. G. Miller; secretary of Sabbath-school and missionary volunteer society, Mrs. Mollie Miller; educational secretary, Chas. F. Lowry; religious liberty secretary, Eld. M. C. Whitmarsh; secretary of tract society, Miss Beulah M. Callicott; executive committee: Eld. W. S. Lowry, T. C. Coltrin, H. G. Miller, Eld. M. C. Whitmarsh, J. D. McEachern. H. G. MILLER, *Secretary*.

Per B. M. C.

"TRUTH was unpopular in Christ's day. It is unpopular in our days. It has been unpopular ever since Satan first gave man a disrelish for it by presenting fables that led to self-exaltation."

Our Schools

ITEMS CONCERNING SELF-SUPPORTING SCHOOLS

PROFESSORS SUTHERLAND and Magan spent Tuesday in the school at College, Tenn., which is in the Sequatchie Valley, near Pikeville. This school is conducted by Bro. and Sr. Ira Woodman, Bro. and Sr. Bert White, and Bro. and Sr. Gruesbeck. They report decided progress in the work and a deep interest on the part of the neighbors. Their spring term of school closed with an attendance of fifty.

The number of highland schools has multiplied to such an extent that it has become impractical to hold general quarterly meetings as heretofore. Instead of these general meetings, district meetings are now being held, and the schools of each community unite to study community interests.

The Madison, Hillcrest, Paradise, and the Oak Grove schools form one district. Representatives from these schools met at Madison, Tennessee, Sabbath and Sunday, August 13 and 14. Among those who attended the meeting were O. R. Staines and wife, Prof. Floyd Bralliar and wife, H. B. Meecker, H. B. Calkins, C. F. Alden, Ralph Ashton, Miss Nettie Ashton, and Roy Edmister. Those from the other schools with the students attending the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute constituted a company that discussed problems of self-supporting schools with enthusiasm.

The District Convention of Rural Industrial Schools held at Madison, Tennessee, August 13 and 14, discussed the following questions:—

Can a person with an ordinary school education and a general practical education make a success of rural school work?

Does one lose or gain time by taking work in the Madison school before starting a rural industrial school? It was stated that one proposing to start a rural school gains by spending some time in the Madison school studying Southern problems.

How can a young woman who has little money start a school? The answer was that she should interest some Northern family that has means, and then act as teacher in the school started by that family.

Is a simple treatment room an advantage in the highland school? Yes, a decided advantage.

What industries are taught in your school?

Name the industries which have proved a financial success in your school.

Can the goat industry be made a success in the highland school?

Are the people near the rural industrial schools interested in learning to cook, bake, sew, and do general housework?

When fruit and vegetables are canned is it possible to market them?

How nearly is your school self-supporting?

What missionary work do you do?

These questions were answered by teachers who are working out the problems in their schools. This discussion was considered one of the most interesting sessions of the convention.

Brother O. R. Staines who has been traveling through Oklahoma and Kansas for the past few weeks in the interest of the school work of the South has returned to Hillcrest. He reports a deep interest in the Southern work on the part of many. Those who desire reading-matter on the South or concerning schools in which a training can be received for Southern work should address E. A. Sutherland, Madison, Tenn.

The summer term at the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute has been a decidedly profitable one for the

young people in attendance. There has been very perceptible mental growth on the part of those who are taking the teachers' course, and they will tell you that the study of the History of Education in the book "Living Fountains" opened their eyes as nothing else has to the vastness of the work before us and the need of consecrated men and women to carry out God's plans. The study of psychology and pedagogy has aroused a strong desire for mental and physical fitness to teach.

District number one, including the schools at Fountain Head, and Portland, Tennessee, held its second quarterly meeting at the home of Elders M. V. Downing and C. T. Redfield near Portland, Tenn., August 21. Prof. E. A. Sutherland was the representative of the Madison school. Twenty-one adults, all workers in self-supporting schools, spent a most profitable day in the study of highland school problems.

General

OAKWOOD AND WORK AMONG THE COLORED SCHOOLS

WEDNESDAY, August 24th, it was my privilege to attend the commencement exercises at Oakwood and to deliver the graduating address. A large company was present including, besides the regular students and faculty, the teachers who have attended the summer school and institute, a large delegation from Normal, and neighbors and friends of the work from Huntsville and the vicinity. It was a cheering sight to see these workers going forth into the harvest equipped for service in the Master's vineyard.

There is crying need for more workers among the colored people and no efforts are being blessed in a greater degree than those of the colored ministers and teachers in the Mission.

I have had the pleasure recently of visiting the camp-meeting at Greenville, Miss., and the tent-meeting in Louisville, Ky., conducted by Brethren Lawrence and Dacent. My heart was cheered and reports from other places indicate that there will be a substantial increase in the number of colored Sabbath-keepers in the Mission this summer.

We are doing all in our power to forward the work among this needy people. Sister Crothers has been calling upon our young people in the union to make up \$90 for a scholarship at Oakwood. Only about two-thirds has thus far been sent in. The scholarship will be placed at the disposal of the Oakwood faculty for the benefit of worthy students who need help in finishing their course. No better work could be undertaken by our young people or older people either, and I trust that the remainder of this scholarship will soon be made up.

C. F. McVAGH.

THREE ENCOURAGING MEETINGS

THE three weeks beginning August 18, the date of the opening of the Tennessee River camp-meeting, were busy ones for the union conference laborers in the field.

The camp at Huntingdon, Tenn., was located in the beautiful private grounds of an old home, only a block from the railroad station. The shady green lawn with an abundant supply of good water was as near the ideal for camp-meeting as I have ever seen. The sanitary conditions also were of the best, and the attendance of Sabbath-keepers and also of citizens was indeed encouraging.

Elder Burrow was re-elected, and but few changes were made in conference officers. C. F. Parmele was ordained to the gospel ministry and C. D. Wolff was selected to take

charge of the canvassing work. It was also voted to move the conference and tract society headquarters to Nashville.

The Spirit of God was manifestly present and in this as in all the other meetings in the Southern Union this year there was an earnest move on the part of nearly all present to consecrate themselves for a deeper experience and for better service. ~~Every conference in the union shows an increase in tithe, an increase in membership, and a renewed courage to push all branches of the work to victory.~~

Every conference took hold heartily to do its share on the \$300,000 fund, the ten-cent-a-week mission fund, and the Sanitarium Relief Fund.

The Kentucky meeting was held on the same ground as last year in Louisville. The people are of good courage. Since last camp-meeting Eld. J. J. Graff has located in Louisville to work among the thousands of Germans in that city. This is in response to earnest prayers and appeals, and will doubtless result in raising up a German church. The tract society report was most encouraging.

Elder Burrill was re-elected president. There are few laborers in Kentucky, but the work is thoroughly organized and onward. Kentucky is destined to soon become one of the strong conferences of the South.

The location for camp-meeting at Enterprise, Miss., was very nearly ideal also, and the camp-meeting was the best ever held in Mississippi. The work in Mississippi has been blessed during the last year and the camp-meeting was a season of refreshing long to be remembered by those in attendance. The outside interest was encouraging.

Laborers' reports show that forty-one have been baptized in Mississippi during the last year, and thirty are keeping the Sabbath who have not yet been baptized. Elder Lowry was re-elected president, and it was voted to start a tract society and to establish headquarters in Jackson. No conference in the union has made better progress during the last year than Mississippi. On Monday, September 12, I reached home, weary in body and mind from the long camp-meeting tour, but of good courage in the Lord and thankful for a part in the work in the South.

C. F. McVAGH.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSE

SENIOR COURSE NO. 4

AMBITIOUS young men and women are always seizing every opportunity they see for self improvement, and these young people will be glad to learn that another such opportunity will make its first appearance in the *Instructor* of October 4. It is the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses. A word to those who have been taking one of these courses in the past will be sufficient, for what one conference secretary says is quite generally true: "Those who have taken the course are always ready to take it again."

There is a seat reserved in our spare minute circle for you. Do not leave it vacant. You cannot afford to miss the good books we shall read this year. First we will spend about ten weeks with fifty eminent men and women. We will learn something of their youth, the hardships they met and how they finally attained to success. Through the winter evenings for about two months, we shall hear John G. Paton tell the story of the gospel in the New Hebrides. You almost forget that the book lies between you and the real event, as Mr. Paton relates his amusing, his sorrowful, and his terribly perilous experiences. Then when spring comes that wonderful book, "Christ's Object Lessons," will teach us anew the beautiful parables that Jesus gave on the hills of Judea and Galilee.

But we cannot tell you the good things of the feast, to which the Reading Courses invite you. You must taste

them for yourself. Come, and be one of the two thousand young people in the United States and Canada who will join the spare minute circle! Fifteen minutes a day will do the work; and \$1.25 will buy the books if you have "Christ's Object Lessons." Every book in the course contains information which will be valuable to you in Christian service. The *Instructor* of August 23, 30, and September 6 will tell you more about the course.

JUNIOR COURSE NO. 3

Every boy and girl who would like to visit a cotton mill or a silk factory; take a trip through a diamond mine; or walk through a large shoe factory, and see how shoes or rubbers are made, should join the Junior Reading Course this year; for "How the World Is Clothed," the first book in that course is brimful of intensely interesting information along this line. It also contains many good illustrations.

"Those Bible Readings," is the second book in the course. This will be especially well adapted for the winter evenings, when parents can find time to talk over with the children the many Bible truths which the book discusses. The boys and girls who read it carefully will be able to give a reason for the Christian's hope.

Then in the spring we shall read the "Story of Pitcairn." The reading and the pictures are fascinating to both young and old. The story is told by a native daughter of the island, who either witnessed the incidents of which she speaks, or heard them rehearsed over and over again. This little island, which was settled by mutineers who burned their ship in order to conceal their identity, finally received the gospel, and all its inhabitants became Sabbath-keepers. It is another evidence of the transforming power of God. There is also in the book a brief history of the mission ship "Pitcairn."

Urge the boys and girls to take this course. The three books cost \$1.85. That is money, but a small sum considering the value the reading will be to the children.

MATILDA ERICKSON.

THE OCTOBER COLLECTION

For a few years our people have, upon the first Sabbath in October given a donation for the work among the colored people.

This has been a great help to the work and hundreds are rejoicing in the truth as the result.

The time has now come for another offering, October 1st. There was never a time when there was such a need for such a good liberal donation as at the present.

We are enlarging our force of workers, and doing all that we can to speedily carry this message to the millions of colored people in this country, who know it not.

The results of the efforts put forth are very gratifying. About one hundred have already accepted the truth this season. The field is ripe. The calls are coming in much faster than we can fill, on account of a lack of means.

Just now is the time to push this work, as the work in the Southern field is to be closed up first.

We trust all our people will remember this work at this time and do all they can to furnish means to carry on what is already begun, and to enable us to fill the urgent calls now coming in for help.

A. J. HAYSMER, Secy. North American Negro Dept.

A FATAL SLEEP

ONE hot summer day a father took his little son for an outing in the country. Finding a pleasant spot beneath a shady tree, they lay down to rest; soon the father fell fast asleep. Meanwhile the little fellow wandered off for a

SOUTHERN UNION CANVASSER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1910

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Delivered	Gnd.Total
Alabama	14	1607	1232	\$2374 80	\$ 171 90	\$2546 70
Mississippi	19	1304	997	1566 20	505 22	2071 42
Kentucky	14	1414	282	537 20	1288 53	1825 73
Tenn. River	8	277	146	294 00	440 15	734 15
Louisiana	10	549	173	311 25	155 85	467 10
Totals	65	5151	2830	\$5083 45	\$2561 65	\$7645 10

I am glad that I can send in such a splendid report for the month of August. The Lord is blessing our faithful workers in this field. Last year for the month of August we took orders to the value of \$2,942.95, and delivered \$1,519.20 worth, making a difference in orders of \$2,140.50, and books delivered of \$1,042.45. This shows a decided gain. I think, however, that we will do as well or even better for the month of September.

Our courage is good in the Lord's work. Our camp-meeting season is over for this year, and I expect to join Brother C. D. Wolff in the work in west Tennessee, and do all that I can to help stir up some new workers. Let us work, watch, and pray, for the Lord is fast closing up the work.

A. F. HARRISON.

boyish romp, leaving his father to undisturbed slumber. How long he slept he knew not, but on awakening his first thought was of his boy; as the child was nowhere in sight, he called, but received no reply. Worried and anxious, the man, surmising that the boy had become lost in the woods, began shouting and calling as he searched with frantic zeal for some trace of the lost child. In vain seemed all his efforts, until he espied ahead the yawning sides of a precipice. Going to the edge and peering over, he saw lying upon the thorns and rocks below, the bruised and lifeless form of his boy.

What a picture of the church of God! How many fathers and mothers are sleeping while their children are wandering near and falling over the chasm of destruction! Fathers and mothers, where are your children to-day?—*Selected.*

TRUTH is in being, not seeming;
In doing each day that goes by
Some little good thing—not in dreaming
Of great things to do by and by.

For whatever men say in their blindness,
And spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

—Alice Cary

THOUGHTS FOR CANVASSERS

How thorough should the work of the canvasser be?

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after, I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jer. 16: 16.

Has the Lord said anything about publishing?

"I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God." Deut. 32: 3. "And the gospel must first be published among all nations." Mark 13: 10.

Do we need to meet the people?

"And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of

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For Two Weeks Ending September 10, 1910

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE*

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Jessie Rogers	..	62	28	\$44 10	\$ 9 75	\$53 85	\$35 75
M Wheeler	20					12 00
M J Weber	42	24	24 50	3 50	28 00	5 25
* 2 weeks							

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Dora Wilson	..BFL	43	1	1 00	30	1 30	50 65
Louise Jackson	.BFL	35	9	9 25		9 25	
Ella Johnson	..BFL	39	87		12 50	98 50	2 25
W F Gaskin	...BFL	10					21 70
E Billups	..NTP,SOJ	39	139	34 75		34 75	
Ella Clark	....BFL	24	30	30 00		30 00	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE*

H C Balsbaugh	.CC	49	2	2 25		2 25	109 75
Mamie Moore	.D&R	54	46	106 00	9 90	115 90	28 35
J S Moore	....POFJ	5	3	2 75	1 00	3 75	26
* 2 weeks							

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	—No report						
Kentucky Conf	....	124	52	68 60	13 25	81 85	53 00
Louisiana Conf	—No report						
Mississippi Conf	...	170	266	75 00	12 80	173 80	74 60
Tenn. River Conf	..	108	51	111 00	10 90	121 90	139 36
Totals	.....	402	369	254 60	36 95	377 55	266 96

the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of the sheep; who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and tearth in pieces, and none can deliver." Micah 5: 8.

Shall we go to those who are counted the wise of the earth? "Hear ye now what the Lord saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice." Micah 6: 1.

Will God's purpose be accomplished?

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it." Isa. 55: 11.

WOULD YOU?

It is sometimes argued that those who preach this message are too aggressive. "Keep quiet," they say, "don't rouse people up so. Just wait till you are asked what you believe." How long, think you, would we have to wait? And how many would ever hear the sound of the most dreadful doom message ever sent to mortals?

Do you not see that one who has in his heart the message for this time cannot hold his peace? Every moment brings us nearer the brink of irretrievable ruin, and would you force a man to sit idly down and wait for the world to come to him when he knows their fate is unwarned? Surely not. No human being can be so lost to every sense of justice as to say so.

More, far more energy is needed to wake the slumbering world—sleeping on the verge of eternity.

It is no time now to cry, "Peace and safety." It is a time to rouse every nerve and fiber of our being to its utmost effort, to wake every brain cell to plan ways and means for accomplishing the work set before us.

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START RIGHT

"START RIGHT" is the advice and counsel of the September-October number of *Christian Education* to students entering school for the coming year. With the instruction given to students is associated a volume of good things for parents. It is not enough to get the young people into school. The real vital work begins after they enter school. The burden of the last issue of *Christian Education* is, therefore, to help them *start right*. Education is as essential to parents as to students. All should have it. It pays to keep up with the boys and girls in the school.

THE October issue of *Life and Health* is a woman's number—from women for women; a number that will not only attract the mothers' attention, but prove to be of great practical service to them. It affords our sisters an excellent opportunity to do some easy, pleasant, yet profitable home missionary work. Those who take this number to their sisters will not only be paid well financially for their efforts, but rewarded, in time, a hundred fold with favorable results developing into soul fruitage. Let all bear in mind that our

health literature is a most effective entering wedge to the full message we have to give at this time.

OF *Life and Health* a lady recently said: "*Life and Health* is my dear friend. It took my tea, my meat, and my pet patent medicine, but gave me instead of pain and constant misery, perfect health and a new view of this life and eternity."

This is what *Life and Health* is doing for thousands. Its effects reach through to eternity. He who helps the body through heaven's principles, cannot fail to administer to the needs of the soul.

A BUSY man who has many responsibilities, and much hard work, thought enough of the *Protestant Magazine* and sensed its need sufficiently to secure seventy-two subscribers upon receiving a sample copy; and, within a few days added forty-two more, making 114 subscriptions within a few days after hearing of the *Protestant's* existence.

Another man having examined a sample copy sent him, took it to four of his near friends and secured their subscriptions and then wrote to the publishers as follows:—

"Your circulation in this city and State could be increased to many thousands; for, everyone who has seen the magazine has commented on the need of just such a publication. I am sure each subscriber will take it upon himself to secure other subscriptions for you. Your magazine being so free from vituperation, placing cold facts before the public and allowing the readers to draw conclusions, commends it to every one."

Do our readers really know of the present development and domination of Catholicism, the decay and degeneracy of Protestantism, and the pending upheaval ready to burst upon this nation in the making of the image of the beast? If they do not, they should study the *Protestant Magazine* as thousands of others are doing who do not even know of the special message for this time.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

"FRIVOLITY, selfish indulgence, and careless indifference on the part of professed Christians, are turning away many souls from the path of life."

"Throw a pebble into a lake, a wave is formed, and another, and another; and as they increase the circle widens, until it reaches the very shore. So it is with the influence of a word, an act, or even a look. An impression is made. Beyond our knowledge or control, it tells upon others in blessing or cursing."

"There are four hundred mission hospitals and over five hundred orphanages and asylums in foreign lands operated by missionaries."

"Of all the sins that God will punish, none are more grievous in his sight than those that encourage others to do evil."

Since the plan adopted of giving to "the most needy fields," there has been a steady and substantial increase each year. \$790,849.49 is a snug sum to have invested in souls living in the "regions beyond."

Twenty-three years ago when our Sabbath-schools began giving a part of their donations to the support of foreign missions, our work in fields outside of the United States was only in its infancy. We had made a beginning in but few fields, and our needs were not great. The first year, 1887, we gave \$10,615.72, or a little less than forty-five cents a member. In 1909 we gave \$1,112,047.46, or a little more than \$1.20 a member.