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

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HE WALKS WITH ME

My Saviour daily walks with me,
Though with my eye I cannot see
His form divine.
Though footsore oft, and tired too,
Though thin my coat and worn my shoe,
I'm sure he sees and knows it all,
And answers tenderly my call;
E'en though with eye I cannot see
As did the twelve upon the sea —
His form divine.

But I can feel his presence near,
And know his ever watchful care;
His hand uplifts me when I fall;
His eye observant seeth all;
His ear is open to my call;
His Spirit hovers o'er my way;
He knoweth all I do or say;
He watcheth o'er me hour by hour;
He curbs the tempter's awful power;
And this is better far to me
Than with my eye to sometimes see —
His form divine.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

UNITY AMONG LABORERS

WHILE it is not according to God's plan that one man's mind should control all other minds, he is not pleased to have individuals striking out on a new track, and presenting new theories independent of the body.

As ministers of the church of Christ, labor to be in harmony among yourselves, to be one in heart, one in sympathy. If you cannot all see alike on all subjects, do not allow hard feelings to arise. When the cause was young, if there was one who did not view some point of truth as the body viewed it, a day of fasting and prayer was observed. We did not then try to see how far apart we could get; but we prayed and searched the Scriptures until the light of truth enlightened the darkened mind, and all could see eye to eye.

The truth is a unit so powerful that our enemies cannot controvert it. Therefore they try to excite jealousies, to create variance among the brethren, that they may be led to separate their affections from God and from one another. In unity there is strength. In Luther's time it was considered a great misfortune when differences arose among the believers, because it strengthened the opposition of their enemies. There was a time when the Reformation was carrying everything before it, and if the leaders had been united, it would have been, through God, a still more powerful agent for the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan; but variance arose among them, and the enemies of truth greatly rejoiced.

Even so, Satan will come in among us, and sow discord, if he can. How shall we resist him?—By each cultivating love and forbearance in his own heart toward his brethren. If you see that one of your brethren is in fault, do not turn from him, and speak against him, but see how much good you can do him by treating him tenderly. Instead of allowing selfish feelings to arise, and seeking to preserve *personal dignity*, let self drop out of sight. Jesus with his long human arm encircles the race and seeks to connect it with the throne of the Infinite. This is the work that you should be engaged in. Do not disappoint Jesus by your dissensions.

Even though you think you are right, you are not to urge your individual ideas to the front, so that they will cause discord. Do not take the position that you cannot err. All are liable to make mistakes; all need to anoint their eyes with the eye-salve spoken of by the True Witness, that they may see themselves as they are in God's sight.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

SABBATH SERVICE OCTOBER TWENTY-SECOND

THIS will be home missionary day in all the churches, and I trust that every church and company in the Southern Union Conference will follow the program as far as possible. It is providential that this general program has been arranged just at the time when tract societies are being revived and organized in nearly all our Southern Union Conference.

Conference, tract societies, and church officers should seize this opportunity of reviving the home missionary spirit in the churches and of organizing or strengthening the local missionary societies. Fortunately, too, we have in the Harvest Ingathering campaign with the *Review and Herald*, a definite object upon which all can unite, and the resulting experiences will pave the way for the continuance of systematic work in various lines.

Let the arrangements for the campaign be perfected at this meeting if they have not already been completed. See to the distribution of the papers, the division of territory, and the distribution of solicitor's cards, etc. In case enough papers have not been ordered, hurry in your order and ask God to bless you, and do your part.

C. F. McVAGH.

WHO WILL VOLUNTEER?

A TABULATED statement in a recent number of the *Missionary Review of the World* shows that all the principal Protestant denominations (not including Seventh-day Adventists), have entered forty-three missionary fields. Seventh-day Adventists have entered thirty-four of the forty-three named, besides several others not included in their list. The greatest number of fields entered by any other society is seven. True, we have not the men and facilities in many of these countries that others have; but in the providence of God, the work of the third angel's message is spreading out into all the world, and soon the earth will be lightened with its glory.

The increased interest of our people in foreign missions in the last few years, as shown by their gifts of men and money has been very encouraging, and is an added evidence that God is finishing his work, and yet this great work is taxing our resources to the utmost. The stress of the situation often brings the Mission Board into great perplexity, and many times we have been forced to select and send recruits who had not time to properly prepare.

Three years ago we took an advanced step in the establishment of the Foreign Mission Seminary, a step which received the heartiest approval of all our people. And now, as stated more fully in articles in recent numbers of the *Review*, the General Conference Committee has taken another advanced step. In the future the Mission Board will select missionaries six to nine months previous to their sailing and give them the necessary special training in the seminary. The courses of study have been arranged and the faculty selected with reference to this plan of work. I am free to say that this is by far the most satisfactory arrangement for supplying the pressing demands of this world-wide work that we have ever had. It is the latest development of our thirty-six years' experience in foreign mission work.

And now, let all union and local conference officers, overseers of churches, and individuals co-operate with the Foreign Mission Board in pushing this message to the ends of the earth. Let conference officials send lists of prospective missionaries at once. Who will respond to the call for one hundred and twenty missionaries? Brethren and sisters, pray much over the needs of the heathen that are stretching out their hands unto God. If God impresses you that you should respond and receive this training, write without delay to the Foreign Mission Board or to the President of the Foreign Mission Seminary, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. The seminary opened September 14.

A. G. DANIELLS.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

Book and magazine sales for week ending October 15th are as follows: *Watchman*, 1,842; *Gospel Sentinel*, 2,200; books, 3,568.

In our last news letter we mentioned a little dull spell in the book line, but we are glad to say that business is again picking up, and in a recent letter from Brother Goss, the secretary and treasurer of the Texas Tract Society, we learn that during the month of September, they sold books to the value of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars. Brethren, this is a remarkable showing, and it tells us in a substantial way how the Lord will bless when we place ourselves in his hands to be led and guided by him.

LETTERS FROM CANVASSERS

A Canvasser's Experience in Florida.

It is with pleasure I write these few items to let you know how the Lord has blessed me in delivery of his word, though I have had a great deal of opposition with unscrupulous Bible agents and Baptist preachers doing me all the harm they could. This is what the preacher said: "A dangerous book. Seventh-day Adventists have been scattering over our land a book entitled, 'Bible Footlights,' which is very dangerous to those who are not grounded in Bible doctrines. Page 132 reads thus, 'The destruction of the wicked will be irreparable. They will never be brought into existence again, but will be as though they had not been.' As proof of this destruction

of the wicked at death, they give 2 Thess. 1: 9 which reads thus, 'Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.' This verse does not merely say *destruction*, but what kind. It is destruction from the presence of the Lord. It is everlasting destruction or the destruction which will last forever, to ever be destroyed, yet never destroyed. They ignore such passages as Mark 9: 43, 44, 'Into hell . . . where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched,' and Matt. 25: 46, 'And these shall go away into everlasting punishment.' God's Word warns us against this 'antichrist' which is half truth, which is the meanest and most dangerous lie the devil ever told because it has just enough truth to make it take well. I am a Baptist minister and want to denounce this as the snare of the devil. (Signed) J. CROWDER MAYS."

[Even with such opposition as this Brother Griffiths writes:] I have made with the Lord helping me, a splendid delivery: 140 gilt "Bible Footlights," 10 plain "Coming King," and 10 orders more to fill but I will have to postpone them as I have no more books. My next delivery starts October 3rd.

May God bless you all. I remain, your brother in the work,
BENJAMIN GRIFFITHS.

I am still of good courage. Your letters strengthen me. Many are interested in our books here, so I will relate a few experiences for the publishing department in the *WORKER*.

One man had been studying infidelity, which he was interested in. I sold him "Bible Footlights" and after reading it, he told his infidel leader that if he would read his book he would be convinced that there was nothing in his belief. Others are very anxious for their books to come. Two elders in the Campbellite church are anxiously waiting. One of them would not subscribe for his own paper, but said the Bible was enough for him. Brethren, the Lord is in this work, and he has somewhere to send all his people. There are many souls that you can comfort. The apostle says, "Let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God."

H. E. BECK.

[In a recent letter from Brother Keate, he reports some interesting items and we will quote from a few of these for the benefit of our people at large:—]

Our September report shows a total of \$3,348.81, orders and deliveries together. This is the largest amount of work done in one month that we have any record of for Alabama. Some of our brethren have been having real interesting experiences. Brother Griffiths in his last delivery ran short of books. Brother Walter Nelson in his last letter tells of getting into some homes where Brother Griffiths had recently sold "Bible Footlights." He writes, in part, "Some of the people were well pleased with the book, while others 'would like to get hold of that old book agent.' . . . Where I took dinner they said they had a good book called 'Bible Footlights.' I asked them for the book and turned to the chapter on the 'Change of the Sabbath,' and asked them what that meant about Catholics changing the Sabbath. They said 'That book proves from the Bible that Saturday is the Sabbath and not Sunday.' They also said that they had had arguments with the people in the neighborhood on this subject and that they could not help but admit that Sabbath came on Saturday. These people were not keeping the Sabbath. Note what the Lord says in 'Canvassers' Manual,' page 38, 'Let those who gain such an experience in working for the Lord write an account of it for our papers that others may be encouraged.'"

We trust all our brethren will read "Canvassers' Manual,"

page 38, early and often until they determine in their hearts that every interesting experience they have in their work will be recorded and sent in to the publishing house for publication in our department. We want to make this department an interesting one, and short, pithy reports are read with interest by our people everywhere.

We do hope that our people everywhere will become so impressed with the importance of the giving of this last message to the world that many recruits will apply for a place in the ranks of our canvassers.

It was with regret that we said good-bye to Miss Lizzie Hollingsworth, one of our tried and faithful workers in the bindery, who left us to connect with the nurses' class at the St. Helena Sanitarium, October 8th. Miss Lizzie has been with us a long time, and we regret very much to lose her faithful services, but she goes from us with the earnest prayers of her co-workers that she may be successful in her new field.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSN.

R. Hook Jr., Gen. Mgr.

MONDAY MORNING CHAPEL TALK

BROTHER A. F. HARRISON gave an excellent talk to the employees at our chapel service Monday morning. His theme was consecration. He said that he had seen the work in this field,—that is in what is now embraced in the Southeastern and Southern Union conferences—go down to nearly nothing. But when things looked darkest, word came to us through the spirit of prophecy that it would rise again. It has risen, and it will never again go down.

But there must be deep consecration, not only in the field, but on the part of the employees in the office of publication. The canvassers must go to the people with hearts warm with the love of God, and the love of the message of a soon-coming Saviour. But this alone will not suffice. The books must at every stage of production be handled by consecrated hands, so that God's blessing can rest upon them. The paper from the time it reaches this institution until it is turned out in the form of finished books must be touched only by hands consecrated to the service of God and of humanity.

Never in the history of this work was there so good a class of canvassers in the field as now. Instruction had been given that as great care ought to be exercised in selecting men and women for the canvassing field as for the ministry. Not all the attention had been paid to this instruction that should have been, but the standard had been raised, and as a rule the men in the field were consecrated. There must be, however, a further work of this kind until the high standard set before us has been attained. The same must be true of the publishing house. Something has been done to have in the office of publication only men and women with clean hands and pure hearts. This work must go on until every employee is just such as God would have in his work. One here and another there has dropped out from time to time, and individuals will continue to drop out or be asked to step out until there is a clean force in both field and office. The divine command is, Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord, and we must submit to the cleansing process or be separated from the work. The Lord must be honored in his workmen.

"Drop Thy dews of quietness

Till all our strivings cease.

Take from our shoulders the strain and stress,

And let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of Thy peace."

Alabama Conference

TREASURER'S REPORT

TITLE FOR SEPTEMBER

Marlow	\$58 98
Individuals	32 59
Mobile	15 12
Montgomery	15 00
Birmingham	9 69
Conference Church	5 00

Total\$136 38

MRS. HELEN M. KEATE, Treas.

Kentucky Conference

LOUISVILLE

HAVING been urged to write reports from here for your paper I will try to keep the readers of the WORKER informed about the work in this city.

For some time the Lord had given me a burden for this city, especially for the German population. I came here a few months ago, in a way that makes me think of the expression, "God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform." I am glad to report some very encouraging cases, with whom I have studied God's precious present truth.

After Eld. E. G. Hayes was called to the presidency of the Alabama Conference, the care of the church was laid upon me. For awhile I seriously objected to taking this additional duty. I am now glad to see such a willingness on the part of the members, almost as a whole, to lay hold of the work in a way which indicates that, as was expressed by a sister, "we want to do a great work for this city."

Twelve hundred copies of the special *Review* have been ordered to begin with. I pray for the Spirit that took possession of Jonah after he had been spoken to a second time; for then I know the work that needs to be done, will be cut short in righteousness.

J. J. GRAF.

FROM THE CANVASSERS' LETTERS

"I DELIVERED all the books I had orders for, and sold five 'New Testament Primer' and one 'Christ, Our Saviour' extra, making two dollars' worth more than I had orders for."

"I enjoy the canvassing work, and expect to try it again when school is out."

"I am of good courage and am having a good time. I keep getting better in my report. I met Mr. ——— this evening, one of the deacons of the church, and he told me he had already borrowed the money to pay for his book and was anxious for it to come."

"The Lord wonderfully blessed me in meeting the people. There are a few honest souls there who believe a part of the Advent message, and are seeking for more light. There ought to be one hundred workers where there is one."

C. F. DART.

A PROFITABLE VISIT

SISTER WALTER JONES and daughter Nannie while visiting at Hopkinsville, spent a few hours very profitably selling magazines.

In three hours Nannie sold fifteen, making thirty cents an

hour; and Sister Jones sold sixty-two in six hours, making sixty-two cents per hour.

In these few hours' work let us see what this amounts to. They receive \$4.62, less forty-six cents tithe for the conference; the tract society receives seventy-seven cents; the publishing houses receive \$2.31; seventy-seven individuals, or perhaps nearly that many families, receive 3,456 pages of our literature.

May the Lord bless Sister Jones and daughter for this effort, and all others who thus improve their time.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ?

- Do you want to know what to do?—Sell the *Watchman*.
 Do you want to know of a work that young people can engage in?—Sell the *Watchman*.
 Do you want to know what elderly people can engage in?—Sell the *Watchman*.
 Do you want to know what work every one can take part in?—Sell the *Watchman*.
 Do you want to know how you can go to school?—Sell the *Watchman*.
 Do you want to know how you can help spread the third angel's message?—Sell the *Watchman*.
 Do you want to know how to help the conference?—Sell the *Watchman*.
 Do you want to know how to help the tract society?—Sell the *Watchman*.
 Do you want to know how to help the Southern Publishing Association?—Sell the *Watchman*.
 Do you want to know how to make a living?—Sell the *Watchman*.
 Do you want to know what you can do around home?—Sell the *Watchman*.
 Do you want to know how to help the *Watchman*?—Sell it.
 Do you want to know where?—Kentucky.
 Do you want to know how?—Write to C. F. Dart, 425 E. 6th St., Lexington, Ky.

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For week ending October 8, 1910

Agents	Papers	Hrs.	Ords.	Delvd.
Marie Wirth	.....W	9	18	\$ 1 80
Hattie Hicks	.....W	8	102	10 20
Runie Walbert	.....W	7	59	5 90
Charley Allran	.....W	8	16	1 60
Archie Dart	.....W	1	2	20
Mrs. Walter Jones	.....L&H	6	61	6 10
Nannie Jones	.....INST	3	15	1 50
Rose Shasky	.....W, soft	2	17	1 70
Totals	.....	46	290	\$29 00

"Live clean, pray, and put God first if you would enjoy a peaceful and victorious life."

"God put no round ends into square holes. He gives to every man the talents with which, under existing circumstances, he may do his level best and achieve the greatest honors."

"One sinner destroyeth much good," and a minister who is a "sore-head" is the chief of sinners in soul-winning work. The unsympathetic pastor oftentimes discourages his own people by the indifferent or hostile attitude which he assumes.

Louisiana Conference

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It will be well to preserve this copy for future reference.

E. L. MAXWELL

DOING GOOD

DEAR FELLOW WORKER: We would be glad this morning if we could meet you face to face and have a good talk about the work that we are engaged in, and the part that we, as individuals, and church-members, should have in it, and the part that we *must* have if we overcome.

We would not exchange our knowledge of, and our connection with, this message for all the world as we see it now, would we? How thankful we are that the Lord in his goodness has not left us in the darkness that the rest of the world is in.

Now, he gave us the light for a purpose, and that was to make us lights to the world. You remember what he says in Matt. 5: 14, "Ye are the light of the world," and then after having given us the light that he has and thus made us lights, he says, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come." From this we conclude that the light which he has given to us is for no other purpose than that we should "shine" and in this way give to others the light that he has given to us. So if we have received the light we will "shine."

We speak of the knowledge of the truth that we have, as the "light," and it is in a certain sense, in that it gives us an understanding of the condition of the world, the fulfilment of the prophetic word of God, and the condition of the human race, and if he understand these things, it must lead us to see our need of "walking in the light."

What, then, is the light that makes us shine? We are told in Jude 3 that we "should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," and by reading in the second chapter of Philippians and the fifteenth verse, we may know what that faith did for the saints to whom it was delivered. It reads like this, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom *ye shine as lights* in the world."

So, then, the faith that we are to have in this message, and as a result of the message, is the kind of faith that was once delivered to the saints, and it made them live so that they shone as lights among what kind of people? Good ones?—No they were CROOKED and PERVERSE. That is the same kind of people that are still in the world, and we are to have the kind of faith that gets so much light that we will "shine" as they did among the same kind of people.

What, then, is the light? In John 1: 4, we read, "In Him was life; and *the life was the light of men.*" Whose life?

The life that was "in him"; the life of Christ. This then is what it means to have the "light of present truth," that we have the Christ life here now.

This opens up a broad field for thought of all that it means to us personally, and to the world; but we can consider only one phase of it now, and in order to do this let us read Acts 10: 38: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who *went about doing good.*" This, then, is the light that "shines," and this kind of a life is a missionary life. How often we have all thought that we would like to be missionaries; perhaps not a foreign missionary in all cases, but a missionary. But as we could not travel and were not under the employment of the conference or the Mission Board, perhaps we have thought that we could not do as we were prompted to do, because we were without support.

Now let us consider that life a little. The above statement is that "He went about doing good." Do we not "go about" nearly all the time? We go about our daily avocations, and in doing this we must come into contact with our fellow beings, and they all need to come to the light. The Lord says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works." Notice that the place that it is to shine is before men. Are there any of the human race that you come in contact with? That is the place to "shine"—to be a missionary.

Now there are many ways that this can be done. With the unbeliever it may be a kind act, a letter, a tract, a pleasant word, an interest manifested in his salvation; with the believer it can be in prayer together for power to do more good, telling interesting experiences and what the Lord has enabled you to do in the way of visiting others, writing letters, of the tracts you have given out and the results, papers distributed and the interesting developments from them, and planning with others, how they can be more successful in the Lord's work. This would be a missionary meeting, and the members that did that kind of work would be a missionary society.

Perhaps you have been doing this kind of work without calling it by this name; but it would be a good thing now to plan to make this kind of work more effective by going at it in a systematic way, and organizing a church tract and missionary society, if you have not already done so.

There should be a weekly missionary meeting, which could be combined with the prayer-meeting, and be a benefit to both the meetings. Then the fourth Sabbath in each month should be the day for the regular missionary meeting, the time when the reports are read and plans laid for more work, experience told, and a general time of rejoicing in the good experiences that will be related. And you will find that this will soon be the best meeting in the month if you will do all you can to interest others in it, and in this kind of work.

The church tract society should be organized by electing the following named officers, (1) a leader who may or may not be the church elder; (2) an assistant leader; (3) a librarian or secretary; (4) an assistant secretary.

Perhaps most of you have received the *Review* of October 6, and have noticed that there is a program for the fourth Sabbath missionary meeting to be held October 22. We trust that you will organize before that time and thus be ready to enter into the meeting and enjoy the good that it is intended that you shall receive from it.

We have on hand a stock of the individual report blanks which the members will use to report their work on, and will soon be able to furnish you with a supply of the Home Missionary Leaflet No. 3, which will be a great assistance to you in this line of work. Later we will be able to furnish your

Society with a supply of quarterly report blanks, so the society may report to us the work that is being done.

May the Lord bless your efforts to his glory and your good.

Sincerely yours,
LOUISIANA TRACT SOCIETY,
E. H. Rees, Secretary.

Mississippi Conference

NOTES

SINCE our good camp-meeting at Enterprise, it has taken some time for the workers to get back to their fields of labor and settled into the yoke, but we are all at it now.

Elder Whitmarsh is conducting a meeting in Ellisville. Brethren T. C. Coltrin and Charles Lowry are holding a tent-meeting at Wren. At present the writer is helping them with the effort. We are having good attendance, the tent being filled to overflowing, and the people giving the best of attention to the word spoken.

The canvassers are doing well, taking orders and delivering books. Our tract society is well organized and ready for business. Remember the address is 353 McKee St., Jackson, Miss. Send all orders for books, tracts, and papers to Miss Beulah Callicott at the above address.

The conference office is also at the same place. Send all tithes, offerings, and money on pledges, etc., to Miss Beulah Callicott, stating what it is for.

We find ourselves very much in need of a typewriter in our conference and tract society office. How much are you willing to donate toward paying for one? Let us all take hold and raise money enough to purchase one, and let us do it quickly. Send all money for this purpose to the conference treasurer at the office address.

Remember the workers in Mississippi when you pray.

W. S. LOWRY.

Tennessee River Conference

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1910

TITHES

Madison	\$209 07
Memphis	145 45
Nashville	137 38
Cedar Grove	121 79
Hazel	43 86
Individuals	25 08
Conference Church	20 43
Springville	2 25
Total	\$705 31

OFFERINGS

Mid-summer Offering	\$ 36 44
Sabbath-school Offerings	30 27
Three Hundred Thousand Dollar Fund	30 65
First-Day Offerings.....	16 66
Religious Liberty	11 60
Orphans and Old People	8 05
Mohammedans	8 75

Total

\$142 42

THOS. E. PAVEY, Treas.

Periodical Department

Editor Signs of the Times, Mountain View, Cal.,

DEAR SIR: I commenced reading your valuable paper about one year ago, and must say that it is by far the best paper for the home I have ever seen, and in fact I do not think any home is complete without it, and agree with you that you teach the Bible just as it is, in a simple and instructive way. I also by chance came across a book in the library entitled, "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." This book in every way confirms all of your teachings, and proves them in a simple way by the Sacred Book (Bible). I will further state that I have for a long time been on the Lord's side, and am at present a member of the Baptist Church, and acknowledge Christ as my Saviour; but will say here that I cannot agree with this church (Baptist) in all its teachings, but am thoroughly convinced that the Adventists come up to all the requirements of the law, and therefore is the remnant church spoken of in prophecy, while I have never been to a church of this belief and never seen one that I know of, and never conversed with a member of this belief, having never lived in a place where one of these churches was located. But it seems to me that the great God has revealed this to me, I know not how, and I firmly believe, and have believed for several years, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, for the word of prophecy, together with history, speaks too plain on this matter for candid, thinking man to doubt.

Now, brother, my intentions are to do what God wants me to do during my short stay here, and to please him in every walk of life, and now as I have some of the Lord's talents, it being the first fruits of my increase for the month of August, I do not think I could do better with it than to subscribe for the *Signs of the Times* for the following addresses. So please mail it to each of them for a period of six months, commencing with the September number.

General

A SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE

[We commend to all our people the value of our literature and the sacrifice made to obtain it as manifested by the writer of the following letter:—]

DEAR SISTER: I have received several postals from you, and knew my subscription had expired, but could see no way of renewing, and thought the paper would stop long before this. I felt very sorry, for I appreciate the *WORKER* very much; it is so much better than formerly. I always read it eagerly, even before I subscribed for it. My heart is in the Southern work. I was there for three years, and expect to go again when the way opens.

I have been sick for over three months and scarcely able to earn enough to eat and pay my tithe, but have been feeling much better for the last two weeks. I came home last night after working two days, and after paying my tithe and debts, have just fifty cents left, and another card from you being among my mail, settled the question as to where that fifty cents would go. I am so glad to have it, though I do not know where the next work is coming from. I thank you very much for sending the paper; and thank the Lord with all my heart for his goodness to me. Oh, how it rejoices my heart to see the message going to the people of the South. I can do but little at present, but my fifty cents will help a little, and when Jesus shall come may we meet, is my prayer.

Please be careful about the address, because there are several Peery's here, and if you wish me to receive it make the first name plain, because every one is against me for being a Seventh-day Adventist, and they would not give me five cents to buy a bit of food, although they have plenty; of course, it is pork, ham, bacon, and lard in everything they cook. Meat, meat, meat, nothing I will eat; so they say, "You ought to starve." God is good and he is teaching me to trust him for my daily bread. These people are watching closely to see how I will come out, but I know I will triumph with the message. With love.

TWO WAYS—WHICH?

ONE evening in a parlor, at a summer watering-place, the young people were dancing. One young lady, however, was not taking any part in the exercise. "Does not your daughter dance?" asked another lady of this lady's mother. "No," was the reply. "Why, how will she get on in the world then?" "I am not bringing her up for the world," was the quiet answer. That young lady is now a woman, and the influence of her consecrated life is felt in many of the Christian interests of a great city.

For what are you bringing up your daughters, dear mothers of other girls? What aim have you for them? Are you bringing them up for the Lord or for the world? What do you want to see them become? What are your dreams and ambitions for them? Do you want them to shine in society, to "marry well," to live in wealth? Is that the vision that fills your soul when you think of them? Look on a little farther. Life is short. Suppose your dream is fulfilled—is it anything more than a dream? What lies beyond? The curtain is drawn, and there is the hushed chamber of death. What do you want for your child then? The curtain is drawn again, and eternity opens. What would your fond affections choose for her then? It is better to think matters of this kind through to the end.—*Selected.*

FOOLISH MODES OF DRESS

THERE is apparently no end to absurdities in woman's dress. Witness the extremely narrow and unbecoming dress in vogue in certain places at the moment. A woman actually died in Paris the other day because when a panic occurred in a crowd her hobble skirt prevented her from running with freedom, and she tripped and fell under the hoofs of a runaway horse. A lady in a New York building, while entering an elevator, was tripped by her skirt, and had both ankles broken.

Some young people were playing a set of lawn tennis at the Cannon Grange, Conn., when one of the young lady players fell and broke her leg. The hobble skirt which she wore tripped her and she fell, receiving the injury. A woman alighting from a street car the other day, clad in one of these skirts, fell and fractured her skull. The most vivid imagination would be required to conceive of any occasion when a hobble skirt would be of value. There is no folly to which a blind devotion to fashion will not lead. Whether the wearing apparel be modest or immodest, beautiful or homely, graceful or awkward, custom is the law with these devotees of fashion. The vanities of life lead to so much folly and involve such liability to injury, both physical and spiritual, that those who are handicapped and hobble-skirted by them might utter the prayer of the psalmist: "*Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.*" Ps. 119: 37.—*Christian Herald.*

"SATAN and his false teachers always present a little truth in order to get people to swallow a big lie."

**CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION
CONFERENCE FOR SEPTEMBER, 1910**

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Delivered	Gnd.Total
Alabama	23	2332	1040	\$2149 85	\$1198 96	\$3348 81
Tenn. River..	9	916	532	930 10	274 16	1204 26
Mississippi ..	17	1011	785	995 25	200 55	1195 80
Louisiana ...	8	788	353	573 65	270 10	843 75
Kentucky	7	514	241	353 60	241 75	595 35
Totals ...	64	5561	2951	\$5002 45	\$2185 52	\$7187 97

THE time has arrived for our September report, and I am thankful that while we only made a gain of books delivered over September of last year to the value of \$27.45, we made a gain in orders taken to the amount of \$1,340. I think this is doing quite well.

But the time has come when many of our workers begin their large deliveries for the fall; so while this month may fall behind in orders, I hope we will more than make it up in placing our good books in the hands of the people.

You cannot help seeing how Alabama is standing this month. Their grand totals are over thirty-three hundred dollars. Tennessee River is standing second on the list, while Mississippi is third. This is an unusual position for her to occupy. Kentucky is at the bottom; this largely came about because of the opening of the schools at Graysville and Hazel, Ky. Several of their workers will attend school this winter.

But we do not feel that while our faithful canvassers are in school that they are out of the Lord's work. We shall expect them to return to their fields of labor at the close of school, much better prepared for service than they have ever been before, and while we miss them from our ranks now we expect to strengthen our forces with them in the spring. In the meanwhile let all the field agents do all that they can to enlist other men and women to take their places.

The Lord is blessing the work in our field, and our courage is good. I hope to visit Kentucky and Louisiana between now and Christmas, doing all that I can to help build up the work and enlisting canvassers both for our large books and also the holiday books. Let us all *pull, work, and pray* together as one man to the finish.

A. F. HARRISON.

A CHIEF CAUSE OF CRIME

OFTEN when I have been asked what are the causes, or what is the particular cause, that sends most men to prison, I have of late years invariably answered: "*The want of family discipline.*"

The indulgence of the father and mother, who allow the child to grow up without any discipline to form character, leads almost inevitably to evil ways, and consequently to prison.

The child, even of tender years, who is indulged in its natural waywardness, and who is allowed to say to its father or its mother, "I will," or "I won't," is in a fair way to become an inmate of our penal institutions.

Parents are also responsible for the waywardness of their children which leads them into crime from a practise of deceiving them. The intelligent child, when deceived by its parents in small things, is likely to form evil habits, which in its future life will not be easily eradicated.

This cannot be better illustrated than by the growth of fruit and other trees. If they are allowed in the first year of their growth to become crooked, distorted, and out of shape, it is found nearly or quite impossible, in later years, to bring them into symmetry and to make perfect trees of them.

So with the child. Its early training lasts for a lifetime, and unless there are elements in its character and will-power,

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ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Ben Griffiths ...	BFL	60		\$	\$	\$	\$226 00
A L Kiehnhoff..	PPF	26	13	24 00	7 50	31 50	34 50
W A Nelson....	PPF	34	24	41 00	17 00	58 00	3 75
J H Howell....	BFL	30					60 00
R A Wesley....	BFL	31	4	6 00		6 00	46 50
R Roberts	BFL	29					41 45
Geo W Brown..	BFL	45	14	21 00	10 75	31 75	
R T Jacks.....	BFL	27	19	22 00	5 00	27 00	
O A Prieger....	PPF	22					19 50
Indiana Bains ..	PPF	10		7 50		7 50	11 00
M L Ivory.....	BFL	55					8 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H E Beck	D&R	36	3	6 00	6 75	12 75	50
M D Landon....	BFL	47	17	17 00	2 25	19 25	1 00
M J Weber....	BFL	40	43	43 50	1 00	44 50	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

G Jorgenson 2w.	PPF	94	19	17 00	11 25	28 25	15 75
J J Jobe 2w....	MISC	60	92	76 25		76 25	27 75
M B Wilson....	PPF	44	20	34 00	2 70	36 70	4 00
T S Sligh.....	PPF	20	39	60 50	1 00	61 50	
I T Reynolds...	PPF	10					1 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon....	BFL	35					20 50
J S Fry.....	D&R	2					3 75
Virgil Smith ..	D&R	59					48 75
A O Waite....	BFL	42	40	42 00	2 50	44 50	2 50
J P Campbell...	BFL	32	39	51 75		51 75	
N W Olvin....	BFL	14	16	18 00	1 00	19 00	50
W F Gaskin....	BFL	4	7	10 00	75	10 75	
Emily Billups ..	BFL	40	33	33 00	5 50	38 50	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mrs M Wheeler.	BFL	18	3	3 50	75	4 25	
Mrs A M Tyer3w	BFL	34	13	5 90		5 90	
Dan Brown	BFL	19	7	5 75		5 75	
Walter Brown ..	BFL	40	30	22 00		22 00	
Mamie Moore ..	D&R	30	7	16 00	4 25	20 25	67 30
C H Chenault...	D&R	52	10	21 00	8 75	29 75	
J S Moore.....	PofJ	52	27	20 15	8 00	28 15	2 75
M Wheeler 2w.	BFL	63	51	59 50	11 50	71 00	7 50
T J Tyer.....	BFL	19	9	9 50	2 50	12 00	50
R H Hazelton...	sofp	25	8			18 00	4 00

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	369	74	121 50	40 25	161 75	450 70
Kentucky Conf ...	123	63	66 50	10 00	76 50	1 50
Louisiana Conf ...	228	170	187 75	14 95	202 70	49 00
Mississippi Conf ..	228	135	154 75	9 75	164 50	74 00
Tenn River Conf ..	352	175	163 30	35 75	217 05	82 05
Totals	1300	617	693 80	109 70	822 50	657 25

to correct its evil bringing up, it naturally grows worse and worse as it grows older.—*Ex-Warden A. A. Brush, in Sing Sing.*

"THE best thing to do with a grievance is to bury it, because if you do not, it is very apt to bury you."

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"THE value of art is in the fineness of its work, the value of religion is in its goodness and purity."

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. H. C. BALSBAUGH, of Huntingdon, Tenn., would like the *Watchman*, *Gospel Sentinel*, *Signs*, *Instructor*, *Life and Health*, and *Little Friend*, sent to her to be used in missionary work among a good class of white people. It would be well if she could depend upon getting these papers regularly and up-to-date. Who will respond?

CARRYING PRODUCE BY MOTOR CARS

MR. GILES BARBOUR, of Littleton, Mass., is the first farmer to have his produce brought into Boston by motor car. He had been repeatedly told that the produce would be crushed and damaged by the jarring of the vehicle. A full load of produce was placed in the car, and the manufacturer's agent even insisted on taking a basket of eggs along. On the way they passed many farmers who had left Littleton four or five hours earlier in their horse-drawn wagons. On arrival at Boston, the produce was found to be in splendid condition and not even an egg shell had been broken. Eight hours had been saved on the trip, and now Mr. Barbour is an enthusiastic advocate of the new method of transportation.—*Selected.*

"WHEN a Chinese is puzzled, he scratches his foot instead of his head. That seems a strange thing to do, but, after all, one operation is quite as likely to be helpful as the other."

"Nor many government employees have a less impressive-sounding title than that of 'waste-basket examiner.' In the Treasury Department there are two women so described. The contents of all the waste-baskets in the department pass through their hands. Every bit of paper is carefully examined, all is sorted according to quality. Last year the department realized nineteen thousand dollars from the sales of its waste paper."

WORK IN THE CITIES

I SAID: "Let me walk in the fields."

He said: "No, walk in the town."

I said: "There are no flowers there."

He said: "No flowers, but a crown."

I said: "But the skies are black;

There is nothing but noise and din";

And he wept, as he sent me back—

"There is more," he said,—*"There is sin."*

I said: "But the air is thick,

And the fogs are veiling the sun."

He answered: "Yet souls are sick,

And souls in the darkness undone!"

I said: "I shall miss the light,

And friends will miss me, they say."

He answered: "Choose to-night

If I am to miss you, or they."

I pleaded for time to be given.

He said: "Is it hard to decide?

It will not seem so hard in heaven

To have followed the steps of your Guide."

—*Selected.*