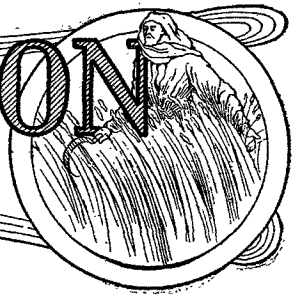


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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." *Joshua 1:9*

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DISAPPOINTMENT

"DISAPPOINTMENT—His appointment."
"No good thing will he withhold."
From denials oft we gather
Treasures of his love untold.
Well he knows each broken purpose
Leads to fuller, deeper trust;
And the end of all his dealings
Proves our God is wise and just.
"Disappointment—His appointment;"
Change the letter then, dear friend,
Take in cheerful acquiescence
All thy Father's love may send;
Soon will faith be lost in vision,
Then in glory thou shalt see
"His appointment," and that only,
Was the right way home for thee.

—L. S. Soule.

A WORD FROM THE COUNCIL

THE council now in session in Washington will stand as one of the most important in the history of the work up to this time. In addition to the members of the General Conference committee in America there are also present many conference presidents and ministers and other workers from far and near. We are all thankful that Elder Daniells is so far recovered as to be able to preside and take an active part in the meetings.

In opening the council Elder Daniells referred to the fact that we are engaged in the greatest movement that this world has ever seen and confronted with the most stupendous problems that confront any set of representatives in this world. In harmony with this thought the sessions have been attended with a most prayerful and devotional spirit, indeed, characterized by such a seeking God and drawing together as the writer has seldom seen in any similar meeting.

The instruction that has come from the Lord with reference to working the cities is receiving most thorough study, with the determination to go forward and obey the call. Some excellent papers prepared by those who have been studying the problems of city work are being presented, and the leading of the Lord is very evident.

One of the most perplexing problems before us is the present financial situation of the mission treasury. While the expenditures have not exceeded the estimates approved by the last council the balance sheet shows a deficit for the first three quarters of 1910 of sixty-one thousand dollars, and the treasury is empty. For some reason or reasons, the money which had been voted and pledged by conferences and individuals and which the treasurer had a right to depend upon has not been coming in as freely as it should, and hence the present crisis. We are sure that our people want no retrenchment in

the matter of extending the message to every kindred, nation, tongue, and people, and that the whole denomination will rise as one man and say that our brethren who have left home and friends must be sustained in the mission fields. This is the universal conviction of those attending the council.

If all our people would be faithful in meeting the moral obligation which we have taken upon ourselves as a church of raising an average of ten cents a week a member and the money is forwarded promptly by all the treasurers the Mission Board would always be in condition to send promptly their remittances to our missionaries. If we as conference and church officers, ministers, Bible workers, and other laborers have been careless in presenting and keeping constantly before our people these financial privileges, let us ask God to forgive us and resolve to be more faithful in the future.

If any of the treasurers have been negligent in forwarding money placed in their hands it is time to repent and be diligent in the Lord's business. I hope that the Harvest Ingathering will bring in a substantial sum to apply on the ten-cent-a-week fund, and that the Week of Prayer will be a time of great spiritual power in all the churches and companies in the Southern Union. A liberal annual offering at this time would surely be pleasing to God and bring a special blessing to his people. My heart was rejoiced a few days ago on opening a letter from an old Methodist friend to whom I had sent a special *Review*, to find therein some encouraging words and a five-dollar bill for mission work. The Lord is surely working for and with his people.

C. F. McVAGH.

DUTIES OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SECRETARY *

SOME one has said that "The Sabbath-school is the church shipyard, where the foundations of Christian characters are laid, and is more important than the church repair shop, where deformed and wasted lives are made over at the penitent's altar." This being true, we must at once recognize that those upon whom the heaviest responsibilities of the Sabbath-school's success are to rest, must be men and women who are, first of all, *well acquainted* with Christ, the master-builder. And this acquaintance must be an all-week affair, for the one-day Christian has no real place in God's work.

The superintendent and secretary should be those, who, having the ability to lead, are willing to be led,—for unless each is so consecrated to his work as to feel his real need of divine leadership, the results hoped for will not be attained. We talk much these days of mission fields—both home and foreign; and most of us are looking to the time when we shall have a tangible part in one of these fields. But are not our Sabbath-schools the very mission fields to which we should at present devote our energies? Will they

* Paper read at the Sabbath-school convention held in the Nashville Memorial church, Sabbath, November 19, 1910.

not, if properly conducted, give to both leaders and pupils the fundamental preparation so much needed? How then shall the superintendent and secretary of this mission field co-operate to make the work in their hands effective?

Some would suggest careful planning, variation in the program, promptness, co-operation between the officers, teachers, and pupils. While all these are essential, are they the foundation upon which to build?

For a moment let us study the experiences of successful workers. We have had our attention repeatedly called to Nehemiah's experience. When his work was given him, and he was to be a leader in his time, what were his methods of procedure? The record says, "I sat down and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven." And for what did he pray? Was it for those who were to work with him, for those from whom he was to seek assistance, or for what? No doubt he did pray for these! but he first of all prayed that he himself might be cleansed of all his sins. Evidently he did not remain idle long, for he was soon before the king; and of his experience while in the king's presence, we read: "So I prayed to the God of heaven." Then as he proceeded with his work, he gave God the credit.

So it was with Daniel. So it has been with the true leaders in God's work in all times. When we recognize the call of God to the oversight of this mission-field, and that we must first consecrate our own lives (and in doing this our first duty is to follow the example of these leaders who have been trail-blazers), then, and only then, can we justly expect the desired success to attend our efforts.

Success in any line of effort demands a definite aim. When one has the assurance of forgiveness for sins that are past, he can then begin to plan for his work. In "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work" we find some very clear-cut and helpful statements, "When superintendents and teachers give themselves without reserve to God, they will not only resolve, but put their resolutions into effect." The best of resolutions, and an ambition to do the right thing at the right time, though essential, are only stepping-stones. Putting these into practical every-day experiences is what brings results. Therefore when new officers are chosen, let them first, as individuals, seek God for that personal, heart preparation that they so much need. Then let them come together and seek him unitedly that they may be led to just the correct plans for the carrying forward of the work entrusted to them. One matter to demand their early attention is that they, and the teachers they are to appoint, shall be those whose example shall represent genuine religion before the youth. Such an example will prove a vital power, an all-pervading influence. "From heartfelt devotion, joyousness, freshness, and continual growth will spring, and this is the religion that the youth must behold if they are to be drawn to Christ."

Having considered some of the general principles that should govern the work, let us speak of some of the essential details. Having well planned the work, let nothing hinder its being carried forward promptly, and yet without the appearance of either haste or machine methods. A boy in describing his school once said—"Our school is like one of those hour-glasses I saw one time. That sand doesn't ever seem to be in a hurry, but it all gets through at the right time. You can't ever tell how our superintendent's going to begin our school, and then you can't tell what's coming next. We don't have gongs and jingle bells. When our superintendent stands up at the desk and stands right still, then everybody gets quiet for school to begin. Somehow a fellow feels foolish to talk after that. He's got eyes that see all corners of the room at one time, he has. Well, then, things go on just

as smooth as can be, and we certainly get a lot of things done. But nobody thinks about hurrying, and our superintendent lets out on time, too, except when somebody comes to speak. You couldn't expect to get out on time when that happens."

Don't you wish that more of our schools could be thus described? This boy's description embodies many details that we could well put into practise in our own work.

Especial care should be given to what are ordinarily looked at as insignificant details. The superintendent and secretary should be personally acquainted with not only the teachers, but with each pupil as well. Let them know that you have a personal interest in each, and that you are interested in the things they are interested in. But do not show your interest in ways that will cause them to feel to avoid you, or to feel as did the boy in Sunday-school when asked if he did not want his sins forgiven. After giving a talk the superintendent called for all to stand who wished to be Christians. This boy remained seated. His name was then called out with—"And don't you want your sins forgiven?" His answer was: "Yes, but I don't want it done so publicly."

Care should be taken in counselling with the officers and teachers that your attitude is such that they can readily see that you are as willing to take suggestions as to give them. Do not be overbearing. Be glad to co-operate with one and all in anything that tends to the betterment of your school.

While the details of conducting the school should be varied from week to week, yet the general purpose for which it exists should ever be kept in mind. The secretary should use care that her work does not become routine, but has real snap and life to it. The keeping of records and the reading of her report should be but a small part of her work. True, these are very necessary, and it can and should be done, in such a way as not to become monotonous.

Some of the essentials to success briefly stated are as follows:—

First, last, and always, let the foundation of your work be laid in prayer—prayer for one's self; prayer for his associates; and prayer for those for whom he is laboring.

Have definite, well-defined aims, and then work to them.

See that your example is an illustration of the lessons you desire to teach.

Have officers and teachers that are as prompt as the clock.

Teach Bible truths from the Bible.

Sing gospel songs and not jingles.

Do personal, earnest work in seeking souls.

Use care in both the opening and closing exercises. The spirit brought into the opening will continue through the school; the spirit with which it closes will endure throughout the week.

Not only see that everything is done promptly and in order; but so announce your first hymn that every one will know that you have carefully laid plans in mind.

Do not always have some one else pray. Do some of the praying yourself. Show that you have enough interest in your school to gladly pray for its welfare.

Have regular teachers' and officers' meetings, where you pray, plan, and study together.

If all does not go to suit you, show the spirit of love.

Do not scold or fret under any circumstances.

Do not make long, dry speeches. Be brief.

Do not give up easily. Hold on to the right.

Go ahead. Do something. And be willing to take responsibility.

Learn by your mistakes.

Whatever you do, do not allow your school to do machine work. A machine cannot convert souls.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE

SALES' report for week ending November 26, 1910: total number of bound volumes, 2,812; *Watchman*, 10,645; *Gospel Sentinel*, 1,950.

At this writing Brother Hook, manager of the Southern Publishing Association, is still in Washington. A private letter received Monday morning stated that the council was hard at work. The publishing house managers had prepared their reports of costs, etc., for presentation to the General Conference Committee. We are not advised as to the action taken, if any, touching the publishing work, but feel confident that some of the problems presented will be solved in a manner generally satisfactory to all concerned. The publishing work is continually growing in importance.

Letters from canvassers are of an encouraging tone. In most sections of the country crops have been fairly good, and good deliveries have been made. It is true the autumn has been referred to as "the melancholy days," and it's true

There's a sadness in the fall time,
 For the earth is brown and sear;
 There's a hint of life's departing
 In the dying of the year;
 But there's beauty in the carpet
 Of the leaves upon the ground,
 And abundance of God's blessing
 On every side is found.
 The barns are filled with plenty,
 And the houses with good cheer,
 For we open cornucopia
 In the autumn of the year.

And the faithful canvasser gets his share of the material blessing that the fall time brings.

It is a fact that during the fall and early winter is the very best season for delivering books. There is not only money at this season of the year, but there's a degree of physical uplift and buoyancy in the cool days and frosty nights that seems to stimulate to renewed activity. Then, too, the evenings are long and very many busy people who have read very little through the spring and summer have more opportunity to spend some time with a good book. All these things fall out to the benefit of the great work in which we are engaged, and it is all in the providence of God that it should be so.

"CHRIST laid aside his glory, and came to this earth to suffer for sinners. If we meet with hardships in our work, let us look to him who is the author and finisher of our faith. Then we shall not fail or be discouraged. We shall endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Remember what he says of all true believers, 'We are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.' 1 Cor. 3: 9."

"WHEN cares around us thicken
 Every day,
 On our way,
 And our lagging steps we quicken,
 To meet them as we may;
 Mid the hurry
 And the scurry
 Which we meet,
 It is sweet
 To cast off every worry,
 And leave it at His feet."

Alabama Conference

CANVASSING NEWS

For the first ten months of this year the reports show \$6,600.05 worth of books delivered. This is over five hundred dollars more than for any year's report on record for this State. Certainly we should praise the Lord for the way he is blessing our work.

Brother and Sister Hunt have located in Birmingham. Brother Hunt has not been well, but he has been putting in what time he could with our books, and Sister Hunt has been selling our papers. Her first report covers 17 days; it shows 48 hours' work, 1,116 papers sold, which in value amounts to \$111.60.

We expect before long to have a few more experienced workers locate in our large cities.

Please do not forget the conference resolution to pray for the canvassers; for Satan is continually trying to defeat the efforts of these messengers of truth.

R. I. KEATE.

Fort Payne, Ala.

Kentucky Conference

THE RECORD BROKEN

OUR magazine agents sold over a thousand *Watchman* in October. This breaks the past record for our *Watchman* workers in Kentucky.

I hope that the November sales will exceed this; and I am confident that December will excel everything before.

Nearly all of the reports are from Bible workers and those who have household cares and other duties. If these persons can find the time and do so much, surely there are others who can do something. Let us try and see what we can do.

REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1910

Agent	Hrs.	Ords.	Delvd.
Hattie Hicks	50	356	\$35 60
Runie Walbert	49	273	27 30
Mrs M A Ewald	24	102	10 20
Rose Shasky	24	90	9 00
Charlsey Allran	48	87	8 70
Marie Wirth	48	87	8 70
Archie Dart	11	25	2 50
Mrs Eva Marshall		20	2 00
Mrs Walter Jones	6	62	6 20
Nannie Jones	3	15	1 50

Totals 263 1117 \$111 70

C. F. DART, *Missionary Secy.*

**MAGAZINE AGENT'S REPORT
 For Week Ending November 19, 1910**

Agent	Hrs.	Ords.	Delvd.
Marie Wirth	31	50	\$ 5 00
Runie Walbert	49	121	12 10
Hattie Hicks	22	97	9 70
Charlsey Allran	35	38	3 80
Eva Marshall		20	2 00
M A Ewald		102	10 20
F Swimm		20	2 00
Rose Shasky	6	20	2 00

Totals 668 \$66 80

SOME GOOD WORDS

OUR Lexington workers meet with many encouraging experiences while selling the *Watchman*. One said, "I am going over the same territory with the November *Watchman*. I am doing better than I did with the October number."

Another said, "Almost every one who bought the October *Watchman*, buys the November number, and many said they would take the December number."

Approaching a woman with the November *Watchman*, the agent said, "I am back with your November number." The lady replied with emphasis, "And I want it."

A colored person on being shown the *Watchman* said, "I know that paper." "Where did you get it?" said the agent. "The missus bought one and threw it away, and I got it and like it, so I will take this number."

Another person said, "I haven't finished the October number, but what I have read, I like. I am going to finish the October number then read this." C. F. DART.

Louisiana Conference

PLEASE NOTICE

A REQUEST has just come from the Religious Liberty Bureau for the names and addresses of the mayors and members of the councils of the cities of our State. This is in order that the great principles of Religious Liberty may be kept before these men who have to deal with the question of "Sunday laws" so many times.

There is no doubt that the winter season will see a strong movement in this direction, and we must be prepared for it.

So send all the names and addresses of the persons mentioned to the writer at once, if possible. Yours for the message, E. L. MAXWELL.

A RICH EXPERIENCE

I WANT to ask the busy sisters if they know how easy a seller the Temperance *Instructor* is. It seems that scarcely any one can be more tied at home than I, who have the care of an invalid, yet in "the little whites" that I can get away I have sold nearly one hundred *Instructors*, hardly missing a house where there are boys. So many mothers seem so glad to get it, that it is a very pleasant experience, as well as missionary work of a high order. The fact that we can say this paper "is undenominational" makes it reach all classes and it is an entering wedge, as the health work is.

One afternoon last week I spent two hours calling at the homes on one of the best residence streets, and found it just as easy to reach those elegantly clad ladies in their splendid homes, by an appeal to save their boys, as it is to reach the occupants of the humblest homes.

If there are any of those papers in the churches yet, or piled up in the tract societies, try to get out, my sisters, and sell them. If you fail to sell when you show that picture of the "Drunkard row," and say, "Shall it be your boy or mine, they try to push in that gap?"—it must be because the lady has not the dime—or your experience will be different from mine. MRS. I. T. REYNOLDS.

EXPERIENCES FROM OUR CANVASSERS

BROTHER WILSON writes: "I enjoy this work better than anything else I ever engaged in, and have had splendid success in my delivery so far. The people in Webster Parish seem anxious to get their books." Since writing the above, Brother Wilson's parents have decided to move to Texas, and he will go with them. We are sorry indeed to lose him, but what is our loss will be gain for Texas in a Christian young man.

Brother Sligh, of Monroe, who recently started in the

work, writes: "I sold thirteen 'Past, Present, and Future' yesterday, one family Bible, and \$2.25 worth of helps. I arranged for two Sabbath-schools to commence next Sabbath, so you see the Lord is using me. Praise his holy name. I enjoy reading his Word more than ever. It is sweet to me. I now can say as David did, 'How love I thy law.' I so much appreciate the good start you gave me."

Brother Sligh is a recent convert to the truth. He was formerly president of a Methodist college, and has taken nearly \$300 worth of orders in four weeks.

Brother Rogers recently stopped over with us and related the following experience of how the Lord led him and directed in his work last week. He is canvassing in the country and one evening he drove until bedtime before he could find a place to stay all night. He missed the place he was directed to, and by accident stopped at a house where he had sometime before failed to sell a book to the lady. This time the man was home and paid cash for "Past, Present, and Future." Brother Rogers feels this was providential, as he had no idea of going there again.

Another time he lost his way while trying to find a man who wanted a Bible. He drove up to another house he would not otherwise have found, staid all night, sold another book for cash and the next morning found his other man and sold the Bible at once.

Truly the Lord is leading in this work, and he wants many more in this State to answer the call for service.

"Who will answer gladly, saying, 'Here am I, O Lord, send me'?"

I. T. REYNOLDS.

State Agent.

Tennessee River Conference

NOTES

SISTER HIGHTOWER, of Jackson, sends in twenty dollars on the Ingathering fund. She states that she is not through working yet, but sends this money on as it is so badly needed by the Mission Board.

A brother sends in five dollars, this having been received from one paper sent out in the mail.

The Hazel School took a day's vacation recently, and teachers and students went out with the special *Review*. Several dollars were raised, and many good experiences were enjoyed.

I trust all our people are putting forth great efforts to make this campaign the most successful one we have ever started. The Week of Prayer will soon be here again, and I am sure we can enjoy it better if we feel that we have done our duty in this campaign.

Encouraging words come to us every week from our canvassers who are continually on the firing line. Brother Deuschle, of Portland, has just completed a small delivery, but a good one, having delivered every order.

Brother Chenault writes from Pochontas: "My 'Daniel and the Revelation' are all gone, all my 'Bible Footlights,' plain, but two, and all my 'Best Stories' but three. I sold one 'Bible Footlights' last night after supper, and three 'Daniel and the Revelation' for cash to-day by 2 P. M."

Our canvassers work early and late, and we should certainly remember them at the throne of grace.

Two more church tract and missionary societies have been organized. Our people are all anxious to do something for the Lord; all they need is to be given something to do. The command "Go ye into all the world" takes in every one. There is something that each one can do. Let us not wait longer, but begin right where we are. Give a tract to someone, or write a letter to a friend, telling of the love of the

Lord and what he has done for you; this is the work the Lord is calling his people to do.

I hope that before the year closes we will not only have a good working society in every church, but that every isolated member in the conference will be putting forth some effort to bring this truth to some one who is not a believer, and that all will be sending in their reports to the conference secretary regularly.

THOS. E. PAVEY.

OUR DONATIONS

OUR Sabbath-schools have devoted over one year to the study of God's donation to missions, and yet the story is only partly told. How very far-reaching is that one Gift; without which there would be no gospel, no promise of a future life, no lost Paradise restored. "God delights to give. He gives to us that we may minister to others, and thus become like him." "It is the spirit of Christ to give, to sacrifice for the good of others." Have we been drinking in of the spirit of giving as we have studied about this matchless Gift? Have we seen it our duty to give *all* as Jesus did? "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

We are to-day recounting the blessings brought to us by the Sabbath-school, but let us remember that the first believers in this message gave liberally of their meager and hard-earned means or we might never have learned of this precious message. Then shall we not give liberally of our bounties to carry the tidings to others still in darkness? "The capacity for receiving is preserved only by imparting. We cannot continue to receive heavenly treasure without communicating to those around us."

In the great commission to carry the truth to the world the Lord made provision not only to have some "GO" but also for some to "go for us." Isa. 6: 8. So by our consecrated means we may have a part in the good work by helping others more free to enter the fast whitening harvest-fields. In this way all may rejoice together in the time of rewards.

It is the earnest endeavor of the Sabbath-school officers of the General Conference to raise in offerings to missions for this year \$100,000 from the United States and Canada alone. Good work has been done in this direction, but we need to be more diligent over this matter in our conference.

At our recent camp-meeting we were enabled to report good advancement during the conference year, but the quarter immediately following fell far short of any preceding it for over a year. The total contribution, including camp-meeting donations, was only \$110,36, or about twenty cents per member, or less than two cents each Sabbath per member. I am sure you will agree we can do better than this. Let us talk more of missions, and less about our temporal things; and then give in proportion to the rich blessings we are receiving. Many have never raised their Sabbath-school offering above what they gave ten years ago, when, perhaps, they were just beginning to earn their own money, or were receiving low wages. Let us have a new adjustment of our expenditures, and deal fairly with the offerings.

I may be allowed to add to this paper that I wish we might have more faithfulness in reporting our Sabbath-school work; the past quarter brought in only about one half of the reports from our schools. I will not name the delinquent ones, but they are well represented here to-day.

Then, too, we need to be more faithful in sending our donations to the great and needy fields beyond. An earthly army would make little progress if each man did his own choosing of what to attack. Defeat of the worst sort would

follow. May we remember that concentrated effort is what tells in any line.

Hoping that this convention will help each of us to find his place, and fill it well, I am with you for a united, and consistent effort unto victory.

BERTHA A. PARMELE,
Secy. of S. S. Dept.

Our Sanitariums

A REVIVAL OF HEALTH REFORM

(Our Duty To-day)

IN concluding our studies on health reform we feel that every Seventh-day Adventist should be urged to study this very important subject for himself. God could not do more than he has done in giving us light for the past fifty years from the Bible and from the Testimonies. Especially are God's people favored at this time in having presented to them the book "Ministry of Healing," which is perhaps the most comprehensive book that has been presented on this subject.

The object of this book is twofold. First, to teach us the truths of health reform; and second, that the proceeds from the sale of this book should come to the relief of our great sanitarium enterprises. The price of this book is within the reach of every one, \$1.50 per copy, and should be in the home of not only every Seventh-day Adventist, but in the home of every family in the land.

The following is quoted from the preface of "Ministry of Healing," pp. 7, 8: "In this modest book, dear reader, the author, a woman of large experience in the practical affairs of life has brought within the reach of every intelligent father and mother, every man and woman, lay and professional, a vast fund of information on life and its laws, on health and its requisites, on disease and its remedies. The book is written in clear, simple, beautiful language, instructive to the learner, hopeful to the despondent, cheering to the sick, and restful to the weary."

Here is a part of the table of contents:—

The True Medical Missionary.

The Work of the Physician.

Medical Missionaries and Their Work.

The Care of the Sick.

Health Principles.

General Hygiene.

Dress.

Diet and Health.

Flesh as Food.

Extremes in Diet.

Stimulants and Narcotics.

The Liquor Traffic and Prohibition.

The Home.

The Essential Knowledge.

The Worker's Need.

Every one who reads this book pronounces it beyond question the best book on the subject they ever read. It contains over one hundred illustrations, and is soul-inspiring from first to last. We feel that we cannot urge you too strongly, for your own good, to secure this book at once and study its pages carefully. We have a stock of books on hand here at the sanitarium; the Southern Publishing Association also has a stock of the books, and orders sent to either place will be filled at once and the books sent to you post-paid on the receipt of the price, \$1.50. You cannot make a better holiday present to either your own home or to your neighbor than "Ministry of Healing."

B. W. SPIRE.

Missionary Volunteers

GOD'S CARE FOR HIS WORK AND HIS CHILDREN

THE experiences of Isaiah, Ezekiel, and John show conclusively that the Lord has a tender care for his work and his people. By his power, his plans for his work and for his faithful ones will be accomplished.

It was under circumstances of perplexity and discouragement that Isaiah was called to the prophetic ministry. His country was threatened with disaster. Because of transgression of God's law the people of Judah had forfeited the protection of God, and he, therefore, permitted the Assyrian forces to come against the kingdom. But the danger from their foes was not the greatest trouble. It was not this which caused Isaiah such depression, it was the sin of perversity of the people.

He had been sent with a message of warning, but he feared, for he knew they would resent it, and reject it. Should he give the message? Ought he to refrain? Such thoughts as these were passing through his mind when, suddenly, the inner veil of the temple was lifted and he was permitted to look within the holies. He was about to be taught a lesson of faith in God. He saw the Lord "sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." A seraphim was on each side of the throne. Two wings bore them up, two covered their feet. They raised their voices in solemn invocation "Holy, holy, holy"; until the door and the posts seemed to vibrate at the sound. Isa. 6: 3.

Isaiah felt unworthy and thought he must perish in the divine presence. He gave vent to his feelings in these words: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips . . . for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts."

An angel came then to fit him for his work. A coal full of life was taken from the altar and put upon his lips with the words: "This hath touched thy lips and thine iniquity is taken away and thy sin purged."

At this point the Lord spoke in quiet, gentle tones saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah was now ready to respond with holy confidence, "Here am I; send me." He now believed the Lord was able to accomplish the work through him for he was then willing and submissive.

Ezekiel was taught the same lesson of faith and trust. He stood on the bank of the river Chebar, in the land of the Chaldees. A whirlwind seemed to come from the north, "a great cloud, and a fire unfolding itself, and a brightness was about it." He also saw four living creatures, and wheels which intersected one another were moved by the four living creatures. These wheel-like arrangements were so complicated that all seemed to him to be confusion and disorder. But when they moved it was with beautiful exactness and perfect harmony. Heavenly angels were impelling the wheels, and high above all there was a throne like sapphire and One sat on the throne whose likeness was as the appearance of a man; under the wings of the cherubim appeared a man's hand. The Lord's hand is over all, and guides in his work and in the lives of the people.

The light that went up and down, like lightning among the four living creatures represents the speed with which the work of God will go forward to completion.

Round about the throne he saw the rainbow, emblem of grace and love.

When Ezekiel beheld the glory of the scene he fell upon his face. A voice spoke to him—the voice of God,—and told him to arise and hear the word of the Lord. Then the Lord

gave him a message to Israel. He could now go forth with the warning assured that the Lord had power to do the work. He believed God would make easy and plain the complicated.

So let us remember that the same God of love and mercy and power is able to carry on his work successfully through his faithful workers.

Before John was shown the trying experience through which the church was to pass, his attention was called to the "Son of man" in the midst of the seven candlesticks. Then he saw the terrible struggle of the church with earthly powers. He saw the deadly conflict with the beast and his image; but he also saw the final victory. Looking beyond the smoke and din of battle he beheld the people of God, having the Father's name in their foreheads instead of having the mark of the beast.

Again he saw those who had gotten the victory over the worship of the beast. He heard them sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. "And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth."

These lessons are for us and for our benefit. When in our experience everything seems tangled and complicated and confused, let us not forget that the Lord can untangle the tangled and bring order out of confusion. If we have made mistakes he will turn them in some way for our good, if we are submissive. "My Father knows, I'm sure he knows." Therefore, rest in the Lord and be at peace.

This experience will give a depth of feeling and a persuasive power to the voice which will touch the hearts and draw to Christ.

We need to have a faith in God which cannot be shaken, for the time has come when men's hearts and souls will be tried.

General

[The following letter, accompanied by a check for two dollars, was received a few days since from a friend who was at one time a patient at the Sanitarium (Nashville), where she became interested in present truth. The letter and enclosure is a response to a copy of the Harvest Ingathering Review that we sent her.—ED.]

MY DEAR FRIEND: I have expected for a long, long time to write you; but somehow could never get my mind down to it; but I promise to do better in the future. I think of you all so often. Especially do I think of you on Friday nights, and in my imagination I can see the folks at the sanitarium filing into the reception room for worship, and I have longed, oh, so much, to be in their midst. I have intended from time to time to send you a check; but it seems that money matters have been a little close, and the demands from the various departments of the church greater than ever before. However, I am glad to have this small offering to send you, and if I live and keep my health, it will not be so long until you hear from me again.

I was glad to receive the copy of the *Review and Herald*. It is a splendid paper, and there are several little extracts I want to read from it at an all-day prayer service we are to have at our church Friday next. Our missionary societies will be engaged in the capacity of prayer all that day, and we will be glad to have you remember us especially, in your prayers.

With love to yourself, kindest regards to Mr. Crothers, and best wishes for the success of your work, I am, etc.

WORDS OF GOOD CHEER

AND still they continue to come. Two more names from Mississippi. Two more of our canvassers have put in the time and are getting ready to attend the bookmen's convention, the name of these brethren are E. L. Marley and W. H. Haddon.

Brother Haddon is one of the oldest workers, not only in Mississippi, but in the South. He will be seventy years of age before the January meeting, and the 11th of November had worked sixteen hundred and thirteen hours. He has delivered \$521 worth of books, and has \$150 worth to deliver later. Many of our older people think they cannot do much after they are fifty years of age; but here is a brother who does not look strong and who has lived out his allotted time, three score years and ten, and you see what the Lord can do with even the aged, who will yield themselves to him.

Brother Marley is a young man, this being his first year in the work. The 17th of this month he had put in sixteen hundred and nine hours, and has delivered \$1,333.75 worth of books. At the institute held in Mississippi, he was the only one who took the drill for "Daniel and the Revelation," but he was determined to handle that book, and this is the result.

My heart is made glad to see what the Lord is doing for our faithful canvassers, and I long for the 17th of January to come. Then we will meet together, and become better acquainted with the field men, and the three unions, also with our plans and methods of work. Who will be the next one to report? Let me know soon. A. F. HARRISON.

ANOTHER WINS

ANOTHER faithful worker has reached the mark, Bro. Ben Griffiths, of Alabama. He has delivered \$1,091.75 worth of books, and has put in 1,460 hours' work. Brother Griffiths is one of the old stand-bys in Alabama; and while I have sent in five names to the WORKER in advance of his, Brother Griffiths is the first married man with a family who has reached the mark. He could not begin his work quite as early in the spring as some others, but when he did enter the field he made things count; and he is not through yet, but will increase both his number of hours' work, and books delivered before our January meeting.

He is one of our faithful workers, and he usually closes his testimony with the remark that he has entered this grand and glorious work to stay until the Lord shall come, or until he is through with him.

I am glad that Brother Griffiths can be with us in our January meeting, and pray that the Lord will spare his life and give him a place in the work until all things are finished. We welcome this brother among our number, and ask you to watch for other names. Yours in Christ,

A. F. HARRISON.

HOW MACHINERY BREATHES

"AN English writer on engineering subjects, Mervyn O'Gorman, calls attention to the fact that a piece of machinery, such as an automobile, laid aside after being used, is in danger of internal rusting through a kind of respiration which affects cylinders, gear-boxes, clutch-chambers, interspaces in ball bearings, etc. Every enclosed air-space 'breathes' by drawing in air when a fall of temperature contracts its walls, and expelling it when the walls expand through heat. The moisture introduced with the air is deposited in the cavities, and may produce serious damage through rust. The popular belief that oil will protect the inaccessible parts of unused machinery is fallacious, since nearly all oils take up about three per cent. of water in solution."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending November 19, 1910

ALABAMA CONFERENCE								
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered	
Ben Griffiths..2w	BF	84	60	\$97 50	\$ 7 00	\$104 50	\$ 8 50	
R T Jacks.....	BF	31					75 00	
R Roberts	BF	30					66 00	
M L Ivory	BF	80	31	46 50	19 15	65 65	12 55	
I W Peevy	BF	50	20	30 00	18 50	48 50	2 50	
O A Priegeer...PPF		49	19	34 50	5 00	39 50		
W G Ringgold..PPF		12					15 50	

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE								
H E Beck.....	BF	50	20	20 00	5 10		25 10	
Mae Dart	MISC	5	9	3 50			3 50	
W P Ethington..	BF	41	11	12 00	3 75	15 75	2 25	
M D Landon....	BF	41	9	9 00	2 00	11 00	50	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE								
W H Haddon...BF		23					20 00	
J S Fry	D&R	38					18 00	
Virgil Smith ...	D&R	49					28 50	
E L Marley....	D&R	52					146 25	
H G Miller.....	D&R	3					5 00	
C H McColrey..	BF	62	3	4 00	3 20	7 20	71 70	
A O Waite	BF	31					61 50	
N W Olvin	BF	37	19	24 50	8 50	33 00		
John Wood	BF	12	10	11 50		11 50	9 50	
Ella Johnson ...	BF	15	28	28 00	7 50	35 50	5 00	
Mrs J P Campbell...		20			5 00	5 00	5 00	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE								
R H Hazelton...sofp		25					32 00	
H C Balsbaugh..GC		41	12	26 00	27 50	53 50		
J S Moore.....PofJ		52	7	16 25	16 50	32 75	10 00	
T J Tyer	BF	57	9	9 00		9 00	116 25	
M Wheeler	BF	32	18	20 00	1 25	21 25	1 75	
C H Chenault...D&R		20					22 00	
Mamie Moore ..D&R		32	14	38 00	7 00	45 00	10 30	
Mrs F T Wales BF		9	2	2 00	4 75	6 75		
C D Wolff	BF	12	17	19 00	5 50	24 50	75	

SUMMARY								
Alabama Conf		336	130	208 50	49 65	258 15	180 55	
Kentucky Conf		187	49	44 50	10 85	55 35	2 75	
Louisiana Conf—No report								
Mississippi Conf ..		342	60	68 00	24 20	92 20	370 45	
Tenn River Conf ..		280	79	130 25	62 50	192 75	193 05	
Totals		1145	218	451 25	147 20	598 45	746 80	

"HOW MUCH OWEST THOU MY LORD?"

THERE are many wealthy persons who bask in God's sunshine and breathe God's air, yet who show no gratitude by giving for the needy spiritually or physically. The poor woman who gave five cents a week was told that a well-to-do brother had offered to relieve her from what was seemingly a burden. But her eyes filled with tears, and she declared that in view of God's goodness she found giving to his cause her chiefest delight. Gratitude in words only, will inevitably harden the heart. Gratitude in deeds enlarges and purifies.—*Signs of the Times.*

ONE minister expressed the idea of mission service like this: "Any field that is good enough to fight on is good enough to die on."

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REPORTS

THE following is from a *Life and Health* worker—a lady seventy-five years of age, who, for the past two years, has averaged nearly one thousand copies a month during the warm weather, and a little over one half this number during the cold months in Maine. The average daily output in October was sixty copies—\$3.60 per day.

"Dear Brother: Will you send me one hundred more of *Life and Health*? I think I will have time to sell them before the December number is ready. I love my work. I have many good talks with the people, and have learned to love them. They seem interested in me as well as in the magazine. As I go to their offices, some will say, 'Please sit down here. I want to talk with you. You are a Seventh-day Adventist, are you not?' Then they will ask questions. I have talked until it was time to go home, yet I have always sold my papers before going home, hardly knowing where they had gone, my mind being so taken up with the points of our faith and the talks I had enjoyed with the people. I have been blessed in the work, and I wish I were young so that I could do more.

"I have been out three days this week. Monday I sold eighty copies; Tuesday, seventy-five; and Wednesday, sixty-three. Wednesday it was bad weather. The six hundred copies of the October number I sold in two weeks. My work has been a blessing in many ways. It has helped me to understand the different minds and ways of people, and besides, it has helped me to have more patience, and in many other points."

GOING OVER TERRITORY

The following testimonial in favor of going over the territory a number of times with *Life and Health*:—

"*Life and Health* is a good seller. I enjoy working with it very much. I received my second order for five hundred copies the evening after the Sabbath. I have been over the territory I am working now before, but I hear nothing as I go over it this time but praise from those who had purchased a previous copy. I expect to continue selling *Life and Health* until I have earned my scholarship."

ONE WHO KNEW SHE COULD NOT SELL MAGAZINES

The following was received from a worker without experience—one who did not believe she was capable of selling magazines. This report represents her first experience:—

"I thank God, for he gave me success. My two hundred copies are all sold. I worked hard for four days, five hours a day, and sold fifty copies each day."

This gave the inexperienced worker a profit of \$3.00 for five hours' work. There are but few occupations that will

yield a better return without experience. This worker's report ought to be a source of encouragement to others to take up the circulation of our literature.

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THE Southern Publishing Association has on hand a very few of the valuable historical reference book, "The Two Republics." This work has never been equaled as a comparative history of the two greatest republics, Rome and the United States. We know as a matter of prophecy, that our government is following in the footsteps of Rome. Every Seventh-day Adventist should be posted on the subject of religious liberty as brought out in this volume. The post-paid prices are as follows: Cloth, marbled edges, \$1.50; full morocco, gilt edges, \$3.00. Order of your tract society.

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OCTOBER 24, 1910, the Missionary Volunteer Department sent 2,150 "Morning Watch Calendars" to Australia. Have you procured yours yet? Order from your tract society, or the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

WE ask our readers to carefully read the article, "A Word from the Council." When through reading it, read it again, and it will not hurt to read it a third time. It may hurt to give the first time, but let us keep on giving until it ceases to hurt, and the blessing of the Lord will surely follow our offerings.

"THANK God for the opening fields. Doors, gates, bars, to great mission fields of the world, not long ago closed fast, are now open to the everlasting gospel and its last message of a soon-coming Saviour. He it is that is working. Can you not see it? Are you ready to meet him?"