

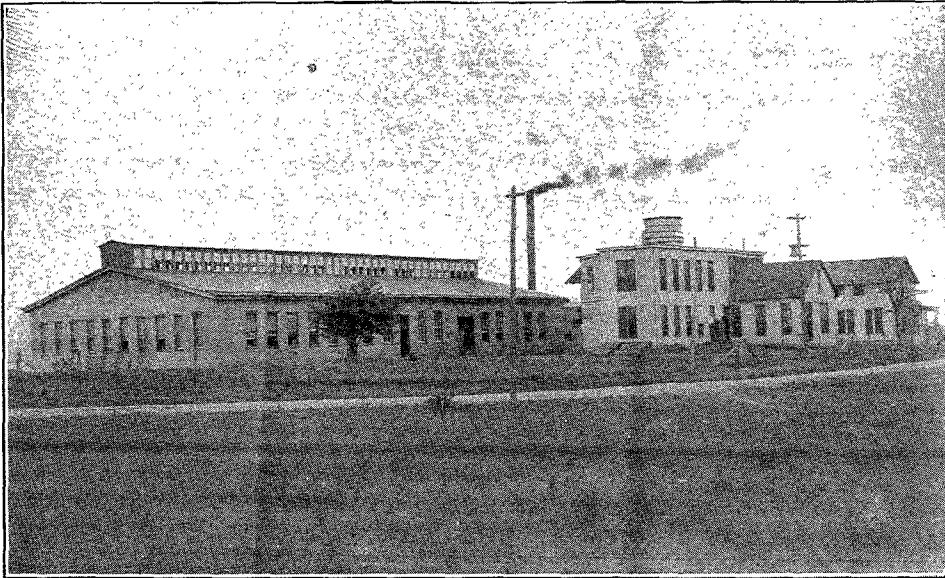
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*"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9*

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## THE BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION—IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE time for the bookmen's convention to be held in Nashville, January 17 to 23, is rapidly approaching, and the entertainment of those who attend must be arranged for as early as possible in order that all may be in readiness. We therefore request that the name of each person expecting to attend be sent to us without delay, in order that we may know how many to provide for.

We are not yet able to say just what arrangements can be made for board and room, but we will do our best to provide for the comfort of all. It will be necessary, however, for each one who can to bring his bedding, as we can furnish covering for only a few. Further information will be given later.

R. Hook Jr.

## 1910-1911

FOR nearly 365 days we have been writing "1910," and as the old year passes there comes a solemn feeling and realization of human weakness at the thought that another year has gone forever; not a single hour can be recalled. With all its experiences and opportunities it has passed into eternity. Whatever it has brought to us, victory or disappointment, joy or sorrow, it is folly to gaze idly upon the failures or achievements of the past, though from its experiences we may learn lessons that will help us in the present to redeem the time. To all it means that we have one year less in which to accomplish the work which God has given us to do and to prepare for eternal life in the world to come. The old

year passes, but it is still true that "now is the day of salvation,"—the day of our opportunity.

God in his mercy takes from us the old year like the marred and blotted page of our school-day copy-book, and sets before us a clean, new page with the same perfect example, and says patiently and tenderly, Child, try again. Many of our childhood associates have been laid away, but we are spared in life. We know not all the reasons, but as long as God breathes into our nostrils the breath of life he has something more for us to do.

While others are making new-year resolutions that will soon be forgotten, is it not meet that the people of God should reconsecrate themselves

that they may receive from the Master enabling grace to make their resolutions effective in the increase of their offerings and labor for the finishing of the work? The Lord is coming in this generation. Nineteen hundred and eleven is bright with the "blessed hope" that the coming of Jesus is nearer and soon the work will be cut short in righteousness. It is now nearly 78 years since the falling of the stars in 1833, the last of the signs in the heavens and it is nearly 67 years since the "midnight cry," "Behold, the bridegroom cometh," sounded throughout the world to awaken the sleeping virgins. Soon the faithful will enter in and the door will be shut. "Is your heart warm, glowing, with his love o'erflowing, and his goodness showing more and more each day? Are you pressing onward with his faithful vanguard, in the safe and narrow way? O brother, is your lamp trimmed and burning?"

If we study our Bibles daily and pray earnestly for a clean heart and a burden for souls God will bring us in contact with some to whom we may speak of the hope that is within us.

Seventh-day Adventists are now operating in forty-eight of the fifty-seven countries recognized by Protestants as mission-fields. But the message must go to every nation. Shall we not press into the remaining countries in 1911? This may be so if God's people pay a full tithe and consecrate themselves and their means to his work. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest. When the Lord calls who is willing to say, "Here am I, O Lord, send me"?  
C. F. McVAGH.

"AN ounce of performance is worth a pound of apology."

### THE NEW YEAR

THE new year is all before me,  
 'Tis a blank page, clean and white.  
 Just what it holds in store for me  
 Is hidden from my sight.  
 But this I know, I need not mar  
 Nor soil the God-given page;  
 For he will guide aright my hand  
 Who lives from age to age.  
 The past is gone beyond recall,  
 I cannot live it o'er;  
 And yet I may redeem the time,  
 And serve him evermore.  
 O God, I will that thou shalt guide  
 My wayward feet this year;  
 That thou shalt choose my path for me,  
 My duty make quite clear.  
 I'd humbly walk with thee, my God,  
 Thy counsel I would take;  
 I'd learn of thee from day to day:  
 Thou makest no mistake.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE ITEMS

Book and magazine sales for week ending December 23: bound volumes, 559; *Watchman*, 9,369; *Gospel Sentinel*, 1,900.

One of our book workers in the Southern Union was recently told the following by a Baptist minister: "I wish all the churches had such a worker as you are." He said he had said it behind my back and now he said it to my face, "If all the churches had such workers as Seventh-day Adventists have, there would be a great move." The minister also invited this worker to come home to their church and work for them, but she replied, "I cannot afford to; I have taken a higher position in God's work." He said, "Well, if you believe it, hold fast." Brethren and sisters, are we holding fast? Are we doing the work that comes to our hands? There is a world to be warned and the work is to be done in a large measure by the circulation of our literature. The work is not always easy, but the reward is sure. And then we must not expect to always have an easy time, as the world looks at ease, in the Lord's work.

A few days ago a little tract written by one of our ministers came to my desk, and for your encouragement I will quote it herewith. Its title is,

#### "A WORD FOR TRIED ONES"

"A blacksmith about eight years after he had given his heart to God was approached by an intelligent unbeliever with the question, 'Why is it that you have so much trouble? I have been watching you since you joined the church and began to walk square and seem to love everybody, and you have had twice as many trials and accidents as you had before. I thought that when a man gave himself to God, his troubles were over. Isn't that what the pastors tell us?' With a thoughtful but glowing face the blacksmith replied, 'Do you see this piece of iron. It is for the springs of a carriage. I have been tempering it for some time. To do this I heat it red-hot and then plunge it into a tub of ice-cold water. This I do many times. If I find it taking temper, I heat and hammer it unmercifully. In getting the right piece of iron I found several that were too brittle, so I threw them

into the scrap pile. Those scraps are worth about a cent a pound. This carriage spring is very valuable.' He paused and his listener noted, and the blacksmith continued, 'God saves us for something more than to have a good time. That's the way I see it. We have the good time all right for God's smile means heaven, but he wants us for service just as I want this piece of iron, and he has put the temper of Christ in us by testing us with trials. Ever since I saw this I have been saying to him, "Test me in any way you choose, Lord, only don't throw me in the scrap pile."' The Lord of hosts 'shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver.' Malachi 3: 3."

Our columns of late have been filled with encouraging reports from our workers in the field, but in order that our brethren may fully appreciate what it means to work for the Master, we will quote from a letter recently received from J. W. Phillips, dated at Guadalajara, Mexico, November 19, 1910:—

"We are in the midst of a bad revolution. We received word from the American consul at this place to remain in houses to-morrow, and especially at night. The revolution was first against the Americans themselves, and now it is against the government.

"In Pueblo fifty-six were killed; here, we expect it will be worse. The governor has planted cannon and expects to take extreme measures. Here in Guadalajara three persons have fallen victims to riots, but so far only Mexicans. Every American is armed and prepared for a struggle. Last Sunday, a week ago, we slept with rifles by our sides, and the other members of the mission, Drs. Swazy and Gregory are doing so now. Sunday night at 6 p. m., is the time set for the uprising here. I have lost heavily in my deliveries on account of it and so has Brother Brown.

"If my brethren and sisters could have been with me in the uprising of a few nights ago, they could better understand some of the sayings of Sister White, which state 'A little from this and we shall be driven from the cities.' This same mob spirit is in our own native land. We sat listening to the mob getting closer and closer, and then the thundering of the horses' hoofs as the mounted infantry rode past our door to disperse the fast growing mob. They passed our house, yelling, 'Kill the Gringos. Down with President Diaz,' and so on,—and still on to the colonies where they smashed the windows of Dr. Swazy's house and created other depredation, but here they met the stern, glistening barrel of the doctor's Winchester. They turned to attack Mr. Kipp's house, but there they met a heavy shotgun fire, and they were turned back.

"Oh, I tell you we are having fearful times here now. All wire communication is cut between the two countries, and is in the hands of the Mexican national government, and all are patiently waiting for the blow to fall. While writing this, I hear several shots being fired out in the street. But, I am not afraid, for He that setteth up and taketh down nations is greater than all, and has said harm shall not come nigh us. Pray that God may safely keep his little band of workers here in this turbulent republic, and overrule all to his glory."

Brethren and sisters, the above letter should appeal to every one who professes to believe the third angel's message. Our canvassers in America are now permitted to engage in the work without very much molestation, but the time will come when we shall not be able to work, so we feel impressed to urge our brethren everywhere to consider this question before God, for while the harvest is great, yet the laborers are very few. Our book men and women are enjoying rich

blessings from God. While they are having trials, yet the Lord is present by his Spirit to comfort and strengthen; and the joy that will be theirs in the new earth when they shall see those saved who have purchased books from them, will more than repay them. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

We have our program completed for the bookmen's convention, and are expecting a large attendance. We believe this meeting will be one of the most important ever held in our territory, and we desire the prayers of God's people that the Spirit of God may be present that the plans laid and the instruction given may be in harmony with the divine will.

We expect Bro. J. B. Blosser, general agent of the Lake Union Conference, and he has kindly consented to read one or two papers on important subjects. Brother Eastman of the Southwestern Union is expected to deliver two or three night lectures on "The Progress of the Book Work from the Time of the Waldenses." These lectures are intensely interesting, and we shall hope to have them reported so that they can be published from time to time in the WORKER.

We are sorry to learn that the condition of Bro. E. R. Palmer's health will not permit him to attend, but the General Conference will be represented by Bro. A. J. S. Bourdeau, Missionary Secretary of the Publishing Department. Brother Bourdeau will read papers on several subjects, and is also expected to deliver a stereopticon on the progress of the publishing and home missionary work.

#### ONWARD, UPWARD

"The light of the world shines brighter and brighter,  
As wider and wider God opens my eyes;  
My trials and burdens seem lighter and lighter,  
And fairer and fairer the heavenly prize.

"The wealth of this world seems poorer and poorer,  
As further and further it fades from my sight;  
The prize of my calling seems surer and surer,  
As straighter and straighter I walk in the light.

"My waiting on Jesus seems dearer and dearer,  
As longer and longer I lean on his breast;  
Without him I'm nothing, seems clearer and clearer,  
And more and more sweetly in Jesus I rest.

"My joy in my Saviour is growing and growing,  
And stronger and stronger I trust in his Word;  
My peace like a river is flowing and flowing,  
As harder and harder I lean on the Lord."

Brother A. F. Harrison, accompanied by Eld. E. L. Maxwell and Bro. I. T. Reynolds, is making a tour through Louisiana in behalf of the canvassing work.

#### SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSN.,

*R. Hook Jr., Manager.*

"A CHURCH without missionary meetings is like a body without a soul. It is *dead, dead, dead!* Missionary work is Christianity put into action."

LET no man think that death of self is easily secured. It is the most difficult part of a satisfactory religious experience.  
—A. B. Simpson.

## Alabama Conference

### NOTICE

ALABAMA Book and Paper Workers' Convention and Institute will be held in Birmingham, January 27 to February 7, 1911.

We hope to make this meeting the best of its kind ever held in the State, and we desire every one interested in this line of work to attend.

We expect Elder McVagh, Bro. A. F. Harrison, Eld. E. G. Hayes, Eld. W. S. Cruzan, and probably others of our conference laborers to be present and take part in the program.

An interesting and profitable part of our last institute was the discussion by the canvassers and all present of the best way of doing each of the many details of canvassing work. With another year of experience we expect this feature to be more beneficial than ever. Features not considered last year will be brought up. A list of items for each canvasser to consider in the light of his past experience has been sent out, and at the convention experiences on these various phases of the work will be compared.

Then there will be an important course of Bible studies conducted by Helen M. Keate, and a course of study on simple treatments and hygienic living by Sr. Florence M. Dean. Sister Dean is a trained nurse of long experience, and at present has a large practise in Birmingham.

We expect to furnish room and cots to all attending the convention from a distance.

The railroad fare of the regular canvassers will be paid to the institute and to their fields of labor.

I will be glad to correspond with all who wish to attend or take up this important line of work.

R. I. KEATE, *F. M. A.*,

*Fort Payne, Ala.*

## Kentucky Conference

### GOOD RESULTS

THE literature our canvassers are scattering in Kentucky is bearing fruit, and we often hear of good results.

Brother Beck writes from Monroe County that he visited a woman that had bought "Daniel and the Revelation" last year. She is keeping the Sabbath as the result. She bought "Ministry of Healing," and "Bible Footlights," subscribed for the WORKER, and thinks she will attend camp-meeting next year.

A man told him that our books are the best he has ever read, and that they taught him so much about the Bible that he did not know before.

Another said that the Sabbath question is very plain in "Bible Footlights," and that this is the best book he ever saw.

C. F. DART.

### WATCH

WATCH the reports in the WORKER.

Watch the time your subscription expires for the WORKER.

Watch the fifty cents to send for the renewal of your subscription.

Watch for the announcement of the canvassers' institute in Kentucky.

Watch for the time and place of the institute, so you can attend.

Watch the *Watchman* workers' work through the WORKER.  
C. F. DART.

### MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Two Weeks Ending December 16, 1910

Agents	Papers	Ords.	Delvd
Runie Walbert	36	103	\$10 30
Marie Wirth	12	25	2 50
Charlsey Allran	15	31	3 10
Rose Shasky		27	2 60
Fannie Swimm	5	12	1 20
Irene Pressnell	5	8	80
Mrs. Bollman	1	2	20
Mrs M A Ewald	11	56	5 60
Milton Jones	8	142	14 20
Hattie Hicks	15	94	9 40
Totals	108	489	\$49 90

### WHAT THEY SAY

THE people of Lexington are beginning to know our literature and something of its worth. Several times our workers have been greeted at the doors with these words: "The *Watchman*: I am ready for it."

One worker was out a little while one afternoon and came back with this report: "I sold eight *Watchman* in succession without giving a canvass." They knew what the *Watchman* is.

One woman said, "It was sweet of you to come back. I enjoyed every word of the November number."

A man said, "The *Watchman*? I have that paper. I take it every month." Turning to a friend standing near, he said, "There is no foolishness in it; but good, sensible reading all the way through. It is well worth a dime."

A young man studying for the ministry was shown the *Review*. He looked all through it and said, "You are the people that always have plenty of good literature to give away, would you give me this? I would like to read it. I am interested in it."  
C. F. DART.

## Tennessee River Conference

### RECENT LABORS

SINCE the close of the tent effort in Huntingdon, following the camp-meeting, I have spent considerable time near Scottsboro and White Bluff, Tenn. Another man and his wife began to observe the true Sabbath at Scottsboro, and some at White Bluff are growing in the truth.

I spent the week of prayer with the Leach and the Trezevant churches. One young sister who had at one time made a profession, was again brought to the Saviour, and renewed her consecration vows. All who were able to attend the meetings seemed to be strengthened thereby. A good work is being done at Leach in the church school by Sr. Amanda Gahr.

I have just spent two days with our Hazel school. All are well, and good work is being done by teachers and students. There are many more young people in our conference who need the training they could get at Hazel, and right now is the time to enter. Do not delay, young people, when such splendid opportunities are offered at such reasonable terms.

God's cause right here in Tennessee and Kentucky needs

all the talent we have, and the reward for labor is higher, much higher, than worldly enterprises can offer.

C. F. PARMELE.

DIED at Leach, Tenn., December 12, Samuel Eskew, aged 77 years. He was a charter member of the Leach church, organized about twenty-five years ago, and, with his faithful wife, who survives him, remained true to the day of his death. The writer spoke from Rev. 14: 13.  
C. F. PARMELE.

### WATCHMAN AGENTS' REPORT

For Three Weeks Ending December, 24, 1910

Agents	Orders	Delvd.
O L McAlexander	61	\$ 6 10
J A Fry	34	3 40
Miss O Pipkins	38	3 80
O Godsmark	25	2 50
Totals	158	\$15 80

## Our Schools

### EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

THANKSGIVING day was a pleasant one for the school family of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute. The patients from the Rural Sanitarium were invited to dine with the school family, and in the evening a profitable and entertaining program was rendered in Gotzian Hall.

Sunday, November 27, District Number One held its quarterly educational conference at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Walen, at Fountain Head. The meeting was well attended by representatives from the Fountain Head Industrial school, from Elder Downing's school, and from the Chestnut Hill school. These meetings are a source of encouragement to the teachers. Some vigorous aggressive work is being done by these schools, and these quarterly meetings for study and discussion are bringing their reward. Mr. Matthew's article which appeared last week gives the reader an idea of the up-to-date methods that are being followed in the highland schools.

Mrs. Walen, who last year carried on the work of the Chestnut Hill school in a log house, dark because it lacked windows, and poorly ventilated, writes as follows: "You would hardly recognize our schoolroom if you were to see it now. First of all we have a new floor of matched oak flooring; that old smoky brown ceiling has been painted a light green; the old front door with cracks between the boards large enough to admit both streaks of light and plenty of air on windy days has been replaced by a new one with a large glass in it.

"That tiny window near the front door has been changed to a large double window, this being made possible by moving the old stairway to another part of the room. The stairway itself has become more of an ornament to the room, thanks to the good work done by Mr. Scism. The old fireplace has all been taken out and the bricks in the chimney used in the wall of the cistern, which is just being completed by Mr. Matthew and the school boys. And as a last thing the old logs have been whitewashed, and now our schoolroom is no longer the dark room it was when you were here. The boys' carpenter class has also made us a porch over the front door. I believe the last work on it was done to-day.

"The small room where we have the primary children also has a new floor and has been whitewashed, and the bed, which of necessity stands there, has been converted into a folding bed with curtains in front, thus giving us more room for our tables and benches."

Mr. and Mrs. Tolman, from Long Island, Alabama, members of the school family of the Old Paths' Industrial school, located on Sand Mountain, are spending a few days at the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, and with some of the teachers in the nearby highland schools.

Wednesday evening, December 7, Brother Tolman gave the students an interesting talk concerning the development of the farm work on Sand Mountain. Bro. T. A. Graves of the same school was also present and added his testimony on raising goats on highland farms.

The workers connected with the Old Paths' Industrial school have come to the conclusion that thorough cultivation and other rational methods of dealing with the soil brings better returns than the use of commercial fertilizers. These workers are of good courage and see much ahead of them in highland school work. It is also gratifying to the Madison school family to have such workers drop in. Those who are preparing to go out into this work catch some of their inspiration, and it is a source of encouragement all around.

M. BESSIE DEGRW.

### SPRING SESSION OF THE HAZEL INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY

OUR spring term begins Wednesday, January 4, 1911. The Lord has blessed us thus far in our work, and we have every reason to believe our spring term will be the best part of the year.

A class in simple treatments will be conducted sometime during the term, which will be open to all who desire to take it, without additional expense.

Are there not young people in your church who, if they had a training in one of our schools, would develop into efficient workers in the cause of God? Such are the ones who are to bear the burden of finishing this work.

"The work that lies nearest our people, is to become interested in our youth."—Testimonies, Vol VI," p. 196.

Are you doing your duty in this respect? The expenses are very low. We should be glad to give you further particulars and send calendar on request. Address,

A. N. ATTEBERRY, *Principal.*

Hazel, Ky.

### Missionary Volunteers

#### MORNING WATCH CALENDAR FOR 1911

ONE of the greatest aids to Christian development is the careful study of the Word of God. To maintain constant communion with heaven it is necessary that a person keep the channels open by a daily season of prayer. It is a fact that this cannot be done simply by reading, but it is also true that aid may be obtained in this way by systematic study of good literature. The morning is the best time for personal devotion, as the mind is clear and unencumbered with the many trials and difficulties that are encountered in its work. It is aptly said that study, meditation and prayer are the Christian's stepping-stones to success.

The "Morning Watch Calendar" for 1911 contains a verse for every day in the year. These verses are in accord with the Sabbath-school lesson for the ensuing week. By faith-

fully committing each day's verse to memory, you will be prepared on the following Sabbath with the important points in the lesson. In the back of the calendar a valuable feature will be found in the sunset table for 1911. By referring to this you will be able to tell the exact time of the beginning and ending of the Sabbath. These calendars are appropriate for Christmas gifts, and as such will be appreciated by those receiving them. Price, five cents per copy. Order of your tract society, or of the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

SABBATH, January 7th has been appointed as Missionary Volunteer day in all our churches. I hope it will be generally observed in the Southern Union and that every conference president will encourage the churches by sending a letter to each church and company to be read as part No. 6 in the program printed in the *Review and Herald* of December 22, page 18. Good results have attended the work of the Young People's Department, and surely the salvation of, and enlisting in, the work of the army of young people among us are worthy of our best efforts and of the encouragement of all. The "Morning Watch Calendar" ought to be in every Seventh-day Adventist home, and if used will prove a great blessing to both old and young.

C. F. McVAGH.

### General

#### WHAT THE SABBATH-SCHOOL HAS ACCOMPLISHED\*

It would be impossible in a brief paper appropriate to an occasion like this to mention in detail the great work done and being done by our Sabbath-schools. The achievements are so many and varied that only a general view of them can be taken.

The subject as assigned does not call for any special line of accomplishment, but presumably includes results from all lines of effort. We will therefore take up the consideration first from the standpoint of our denomination. We will then look for results in individual church-members and attendants.

For the denomination we will divide the results into three sections, first, theological; second, numerical; third, financial.

In naming theological results we refer to Bible knowledge as possessed by those who habitually and faithfully have attended our Sabbath-schools. It is a certain fact that Seventh-day Adventists wherever known are credited with a much more than ordinary knowledge of the Bible. Doubtless many of us receive more credit than we deserve in this line, but we all know that faithful study of our carefully-prepared Sabbath-school lessons gives us in return a general view and understanding of God's Word that members of other denominations with their usual ideas of "Sunday-schools for the children," fail to realize. From the standpoint of the world about us, then, we have as a people gained a knowledge of the Bible and its truths for our times from our custom of general Sabbath-school attendance and study for both young and old. How important it is that we take hold of this work as never before, and obtain "eternal life" by "searching the Scriptures."

Let us now consider what our schools have done for our denomination numerically, or as adding to its increase in numbers. This is impossible to estimate. Our Sabbath-school officers, teachers, and other workers, like the faithful colpor-

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

teurs and Bible workers, whose work will only be known and measured in eternity, cast their bread upon the waters, trusting for results in God's blessing upon their efforts, and often never realizing what has actually been accomplished. This work is so different from that of the minister, he comes into a church, holds revival meetings, and sees sometimes a dozen or fifteen young people rise, first for prayers, to express their desires for a better life, then to request baptism and church membership. These requests are granted, and a report is sent to the conference paper of so many baptized by Elder ——. But who knows how many of these young people have been week by week led by a faithful Sabbath-school teacher, to study God's love and mercy, and are thus prepared for the step they now publicly take for the first time?

It is not alone the young in the church who are thus prepared for church relationship. Others of mature age come in, become interested, and finally identify themselves with us. Then, too, people in the church become discouraged. They ought not to allow this feeling or condition to overcome them, but they do, and occasions are not rare where such regain strength and courage by means of the Sabbath-school and its lessons. Not the lessons alone do the work, but the very atmosphere of a live, working school is infectious. It has been said that a list of the faithful attendants at the weekly prayer-meetings of a church as a rule includes the active members of that church, and that such persons are not the ones who fall out by the way. This is true, but it is no less true of the faithful attendants of the Sabbath-school.

Often, after a series of meetings in a new place, people are interested, but have not been carried far enough to perfect a church organization. Here the Sabbath-school fills a most important place. All interested ones attend, and such attendance gives opportunity for those who know the truth to faithfully teach it from God's Word and thus lead these inquiring ones into a full knowledge of God's love. Thus we see that the Sabbath-school is a potent factor in bringing young and old into the light of the glorious gospel.

We have not in the foregoing referred to the additions to the denomination resulting from the work of missionaries sent out by means of Sabbath-school funds. This is a good work that our schools have had an active part in carrying on, but while our mission fields, conferences, and churches have received many additions from this source, it is best probably to consider this feature of the work under the heading of what our schools have done financially for the denomination.

When our Sabbath-school work was organized and started on its mission, the thought of financial assistance to the general mission work had no place in the minds of its founders. Small collections were occasionally taken to meet running expenses. Some asked that these collections might be taken once a quarter at the time of the church business meetings to avoid "Sabbath collections." About 1888 some one proposed a definite object for the *surplus* donations, as it was found that often more was received than was required by the schools. This plan was proposed in our general organization, and became effective more or less in all our schools. The first year the results, though small compared with present receipts, were such a surprise that another field was proposed as a recipient for the Sabbath-school donations the next year, and by keeping the object before the schools great gains were made in the receipts. The South African Mission Field, the missionary ship, "Pitcairn," the Australasian Mission, and the mission in India were some of the special objects toward which these offerings were devoted. The Foreign Mission Board, always alert for ways and means, soon saw in the Sabbath-school offerings a source of revenue worth cherishing; so our schools all over the world were enlisted in the

work of mission support, till the combined sums raised for this work since 1888, by our schools, now exceed one and one fourth millions, with the present annual receipts much more than doubling the average yearly receipts from 1888 to 1910.

We now come to consider what our schools have done for individuals. It was proposed to take up the divisions of this general subject in the order of their importance, but really the individual benefits from Sabbath-school work are of greater moment than anything else, for all else are included in this. We divide the individual gains under two heads,—spiritual and mental. The spiritual influences of the Sabbath-school, with its private study during the week, the careful review of previous lesson, bringing fresh to the mind the connection of the past lesson with the one for the day, and the earnest study and recitation of the lesson to date,—these influences cannot be measured or estimated. And they exceed our ability to measure and estimate just to the extent of the earnestness which we give to them.

No one means has done more to keep faith alive and active in the hearts of our people than this weekly study and attendance at the Sabbath-school. Another great benefit has indirectly followed the work of the Sabbath-school. Although it is of secondary importance it really is far more important than many things that take up the time and attention of the vast majority of this present evil world. It is true that many persons after leaving school and taking up life's duties, cease to study farther than just what is necessary to do their daily work. Such become fossilized, or ossified, and are unable to do deep mental work. A regular study prevents and cures this condition, and this is what the weekly study of the Sabbath-school lessons has done for many of our people. Unfortunately some among us have not availed themselves of this means of mental life, and are suffering the consequences as heretofore outlined.

In conclusion we look again at what we have noticed as having been accomplished by this institution. We have noted that as a people we have a much better than average knowledge of the Bible. We have seen that our schools have prepared our young people for church membership, have brought into the fold strangers who first heard the truth in Sabbath-school, and prepared new companies for church organization. We find our donations have increased till they now exceed one hundred thousand dollars yearly, a most important factor in our missionary operations.

We have seen our members strengthened, and in some cases restored spiritually, by the influence of Sabbath-school study. We have felt this influence in our own lives. We have seen many persons who follow manual labor with but little mental exercise kept bright by this weekly study.

Much has been accomplished, but a great field is still open for faithful workers in this line. If this convention can be made the means of interesting all present in the Sabbath-school work, and enlisting all into weekly membership and attendance, much more will be accomplished.

H. E. SIMKIN.

#### PETER'S LADDER—HOW TO CLIMB IT

PETER'S ladder, which sets forth true sanctification as being a progressive work, is composed of eight rounds: "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." 2 Peter 1: 5-7. There are seven steps from faith to charity. The convert has at first a deep sorrow for his sins, or "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." From this point, the work is onward and upward till the top round is reached. But sanctification is a work which is not accom-

lished in a moment; neither should it take long years of anxious toil to attain the most excellent grace, charity, or love.

In music the diatonic scale consists of eight sounds with seven intervals called steps, of which two are small and five are large. The scale is likened to a "ladder," and it is but carrying out the figure to apply the word "step" to the parts of it. In going up the scale from one to eight, the eighth tone is the octave of the first, and in ascending from this point the same tones in the scale are gone over, yet they range an octave higher, and so on, to the end.

Thus, it is, in a certain sense, in going up the ladder of Christian sanctification. In adding to faith, virtue, and the rest of the Christian graces, when the eighth round, charity, is reached, it is, as it were, the octave of the first, it is operative, or *working faith—faith that works by love* and purifies the heart. This kind of faith is needed in the earliest stages of Christian experience. At this point the child of God finds himself on a higher plane of action. He realizes that he must hold fast whereunto he has attained. And as he continues to ascend, in *perfecting the work that he has begun*, he steps onto the same rounds in the ladder, yet they range higher. In this way, we are truly, "Climbing, climbing, climbing up Zion's hill."

### THE HOUSEKEEPER'S ALPHABET

**A**NTS—Scatter branches of sweet fern where they congregate.

**B**rooms—Hang in cellarway to keep pliant and soft.

**C**ereal—Keep securely covered, as its odor affects other articles.

**D**ish of hot water in oven prevents cake from scorching. Economize time, health, and means, and you will never beg.

**F**lour—Keep cool, dry, and closely covered.

**G**lass—Clean with tablespoonful of ammonia in quart of water.

**H**erbs—Gather on a dry day when beginning to blossom; keep in paper bags.

**I**nk Stains—Immediately saturate with milk; rub vigorously with a cloth.

**J**ars—To prevent: remember it takes two to make a quarrel. Keep sugar in covered canisters.

**L**ove lightens labor.

**M**oney—Count carefully when you receive your change.

**N**utmegs—Always grate blossom end first.

**O**ranges keep best wrapped in soft papers.

**P**ack lemons in moist sand; one of the best ways to keep them.

**Q**uicksilver and the white of egg destroys bed vermin (deadly poison).

**R**ice should be large, plump, and white. Old rice may have insects.

**S**calds and light burns—Dress with white of egg to keep out the air.

**T**able napkins should never be starched.

**U**se a cement of ashes, salt and water for cracks in stoves. Variety is the best culinary spice.

**W**atch your backyards for old tin cans and rubbish.

**X**antippe was a scold; don't imitate her.

**Y**outh is best preserved by cheerfulness.

**Z**ink-lined or iron sinks are better and cleaner than wooden ones.

**T**HE Sabbath-school lessons for the year 1911 will be on the book of Acts. These lessons are timely for the remnant people.

## CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending December 17, 1910

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
N E Allen	.2W.PPF	58	14	\$25 00	\$12 00	\$37 00	\$76 00
Geo W Brown	.BF	48	2	2 50	9 50	12 00	30 00
O A Prieger	..PPF	31			1 50	1 50	39 50
M L Ivory	....BF	37	3	4 50	6 75	11 25	23 45
Indiana Bains	..PPF	8	2	4 00	7 30	11 30	18 60
I W Peevy	....BF	31	16	24 00	6 00	30 00	2 25
R Roberts	.....BF	20	4	5 50	5 00	10 50	13 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
H E Beck	.....	27	2	2 00	5 50	7 50	7 50
M D Landon	....	47	12	12 00	14 50	26 50	4 50
W P Ethington	..	45	11	11 00	9 00	20 00	1 50

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
T S Sligh	.....PPF	30					20 50
Virginia McPhall	PPF	21	12	19 00	4 75	23 75	1 00
M D Reed	....MISC	9	4	1 25		1 25	1 25
J J Jobe	2W...MISC	48	88	78 75		78 75	7 65
G Jorgenson	2 W.PPF	83	23	14 50	18 25	32 75	27 50
G S Rogers	..2WPPF	27	7	13 50	10 50	24 00	11 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
W H Haddon	..BF	30	5	7 50	75	8 25	19 00
J S Fry	.....D&R	35	10	22 00	4 00	26 00	4 00
C H McColrey	.BF	17	19	19 50	1 00	21 50	1 00
E L Marley	....D&R	26	17	44 00	4 25	48 25	4 25
A O Waite	....BF	22	15	16 00		16 00	
John Campbell	..BF	22					15 00
John Wood	....BF	32	7	10 50		10 50	19 50
J A Peacock	....CK	20					26 40
Mrs J D McEchern's		30		10 00		10 00	10 00
H G Miller	....P's	5		2 40		2 40	2 40
Ollie Peterson	..P's	5		3 90		3 90	3 90
Grace Holt	.....P's	10		3 00		3 00	3 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
H C Balsbaugh	.GC	5	3	3 30		3 30	8 30
C H Chenault	..D&R	45	5	11 00	5 50	16 50	16 50
J S Moore	....PofJ	45					106 75
M Wheeler	....BF	36	20	20 50	1 50	22 00	3 75
C E Morphew	..BF	47	24	25 00	4 70	29 70	8 25
R H Hazelton	..sofp	27		17 50		17 50	7 50
Mamie Moore	D&R	24	13	29 00	3 10	32 10	1 70

SUMMARY							
Alabama Conf	.....	233	41	65 50	48 05	113 55	203 55
Kentucky Conf	....	119	25	25 00	29 00	54 00	13 50
Louisiana Conf	...	218	134	127 00	33 50	160 50	68 90
Mississippi Conf	.	254	73	138 80	10 00	148 80	108 45
Tenn River Conf	.	229	65	106 30	14 80	120 10	152 75
Totals	.....	1053	338	462 60	135 35	596 95	547 15

SOMETIMES it is duty to wait, instead of to work. It is he who aspires highly who highly achieves.—*Ernest B. Allen.*

ON the whole; I rather like the venture of Simon Peter out of the fishing-boat to walk to Jesus on the waves; for though he began to sink, he also began to pray. He found that sinking times were praying times; and when we learn that, we know where to reinforce our own weakness by laying hold on the infinite strength.—*Cuyler.*

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### ANNUAL MEETING, SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the third annual meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Monday, January 23, 1911, at 10 A. M., at the Seventh-day Adventist church, on Twenty-third Ave. N., and Seifried St., Nashville Tenn., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

C. F. McVAGH, *President*,  
L. A. SMITH, *Secretary*.

### NOTICE

THE fifth annual meeting of the Nashville Sanitarium Association, an incorporation under the laws of the State of Tennessee, will be held at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, at the Seventh-day Adventist schoolhouse on 23rd Avenue North, Monday Jan. 23, 1911, at 11 A. M. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect four members for the Board of Directors, and transact such other business as will be proper to come before the association at that time.

C. F. McVAGH, *President*,  
B. W. SPIRE, *Secretary*.

### HELP SAVE THE BABY

IN this day and age when one baby dies every ten seconds on account of lack of knowledge in caring for them, is it not the privilege and the Christian duty of every believer to add his very best endeavors to the work of educating mothers in the proper care of their young?

The January issue of *Life and Health* is a mother's number, giving them some of the best help obtainable on the proper care of their babies, and much other information essential to their own individual welfare and that of other members of the family. This number of *Life and Health* will not only be a good selling number, but will be a decided help and a special blessing to every home in which it is placed. Let all do, at least, something with this issue.

ONE dollar and fifty cents will buy a nicely bound volume of the *Watchman* for the year 1909. Orders should be sent in early to the Southern Publishing Association, 2119-2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

SABBATH, January 7, 1911, has been appointed as Missionary Volunteer day. All of our churches are asked to devote the time of the regular service for that day to the consideration of young people's work. The suggestive program will appear in the *Youth's Instructor* of December 20 and in the *Review* of December 22. In the *Review* of that date will also appear the three general articles called for in the program. Having God's promise in Isa. 40: 25, let us lay hold on it and spend Sabbath, January 7, in special prayer and study of the work for our youth.

At the General Conference Committee council it was recommended that Sabbath, January 21, 1911, be set apart for prayer and fasting to the end that the Lord of the harvest may send forth his spirit and qualify laborers to meet the urgent demand of the hour in the work in the cities, and that he may also so move upon the hearts of the people that sufficient means may be quickly supplied that the mission work, both at home and abroad, may be greatly enlarged.

A FOREIGNERS' Union Convention is to be held at the Swedish chapel, 213 Oak Street, Chicago, Ill., from December 27, 1910, to January 4, 1911. The object of this convention is to give the representatives and laborers of the different foreign nationalities in this country an opportunity to meet for mutual study and council, and to consider the best methods of giving the message to the millions of foreigners in this country. Those planning to attend should notify Elder O. A. Olsen, room 650, 324 Dearborn street, Chicago, and on arriving in the city should come direct to the same address, where accommodations will be assigned.

It is not what the theater might be, but what it is that causes the opposition of so many high-minded men and women to the theater as an institution. There must be some reason why, with all the attempts to elevate the theater, it has remained in almost every case so degraded. Efforts have been made to found a school of the drama where no plays would be represented except those which were elevating and uplifting; but these have always failed. It is feared that there are not enough people in the community of a high tone of morality who are ready to hold up any dramatic institution where no appeals are made to lower propensities.—*Selected*.

NAPOLÉON says, "The army that remains in its entrenchment is beaten." A church without missions, without earnest, aggressive work, is a declining church. The spirit of self-indulgence grows, the spirit of Christian self-denial dwindles. The gravitation of pure love is toward equal distribution. You cannot accumulate water in a heap except by freezing it. Neglect of missions is the blight of the parish and the church. God blesses the church which goes out in self-denying ministries to others.—*Exchange*.

O tired heart, God knows, not you, nor I,  
Who reach our hands for gifts, that wise love must deny.  
We blunder when we fain would do our best,  
Until weary, then we cry, "Do thou the rest";  
And in his hands the tangled shreds we place  
Of our poor, blind weaving, with a shamed face.  
All trusts of ours he sacredly will keep;  
So tired heart, God knows, go thou to work or sleep.

—*Unknown*.