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

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FAMILY WORSHIP :

It is said of Cornelius that he was a devout man. And the Scriptures commenting on his devotion say that he "prayed to God alway." The record says further that he "feared God with all his house." May we not therefore conclude that the family altar was set up in his home, and that the prayers offered thereat came "up for a memorial before God," and were answered by the outpouring of his Spirit upon them?

The value of family worship cannot be overestimated. The home in which there is no family altar, cannot expect the divine benediction. If the Lord does not cover our habitation with the shadow of his wing, surely our home will be without shelter in the time of storm. If we do not seek the Lord for his guidance, our household will be like a ship without a pilot.

The misbehaviour of many of the children of professing Christian parents, is often due to the neglect of family wor-

ship, or the cold formality at the altar of prayer. Many a sore judgment has befallen households because God has not been duly honored therein. We have seen parents allow their young children to play or run about during worship, and later on they wonder why their children are not more inclined to seek the Lord at the family altar. We cannot begin too soon to teach our children to reverence the hour of worship. A spirit of irreverence is one of the first steps toward the world. "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" Matt. 26: 40.

"Eli was a good man, pure in morals; but he was too indulgent." "He did not want to hurt the feelings of any one, and had not the moral courage to rebuke and reprove sin." "The guilty sons of Eli were slain in battle. He knew that his sin of neglect in failing to stand for the right, and restrain wrong, had at last deprived Israel of her strength and glory. What a lesson we have here for the parents and guardians of the youth!

We are just as accountable for the evil that we might have checked in others, by reproof, by warning, by exercise of parental authority, as if we were guilty of the acts ourselves. Eli should have first attempted to restrain evil by mild methods; but if that would not avail, he should have subdued the wrong by the sternest measures. He was gentle, loving, kind, and had a true interest in the service of God, but he did not add to his faith the courage and power to say, 'No,' at the right time, and in the right place."

A lady with whom we are acquainted said, "I never knew family prayer to be neglected in our home, no matter how busy we were. If my father were away, mother would lead out." That large family of seven are all devoted Christians. Did the earnest prayers and faithful requirements of these parents have anything to do with making the children what they are?

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." James

4: 8. "If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now." "And yet in this time of fearful peril, some who profess to be Christians, have no family worship. They do not honor God in the home: they do not teach their children to love and fear him. Many have separated themselves so far from him that they feel under condemnation in approaching him. They cannot 'come boldly unto the throne of grace,' 'lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.' They have not a living connection with God. There is a form of godliness without the power. The idea that prayer is not essential is one of Satan's most successful devices to ruin the soul."

"By sincere, earnest prayer, parents should make a hedge about their children. They should pray with full faith that God will abide with them, and that holy angels will guard them and their children from Satan's cruel power." "In every family there should be a fixed time for morning and evening worship." "The father, and in his absence the mother, should conduct the worship, selecting a portion of Scripture that is interesting and easily understood." "Fathers and mothers, make the hour of worship intensely interesting. There is no reason why this hour should not be the most pleasant and enjoyable of the day." "The prayer offered should be short and pointed. In simple earnest words let the one who leads in prayer praise God for his goodness and ask for help. As circumstances permit, let the children join in the reading and the prayer." "Eternity alone will reveal the good with which such seasons of worship are fraught." "Each morning and evening gather your children around you, and in humble supplication lift the heart to God for help." "Those who would live patient, loving, cheerful lives. *must* pray. Only by receiving constant help from God can we gain the victory over self. Each morning consecrate yourselves and your children to God for that day. Lay all your plans before God to be carried out or given up, as his providence shall indicate. Accept his plans instead of your own, even though their acceptance requires the abandonment of cherished projects."—"*Testimonies for the Church.*" Vol. VII, page 42. Read this whole chapter over and over again, and it will prove a great blessing to you.—J. M. Cole in *Australasian Union Conference Record*.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

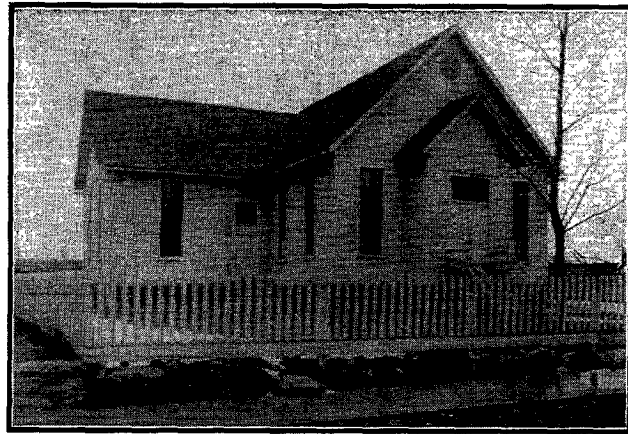
Book and periodical sales for week ending January 13, 1911: bound volumes, 604; *Watchman*, 1,040; *Gospel Sentinel*, 1,900.

Those who have already arrived to attend the Bookmen's Convention are Elders Chas. Thompson, T. H. Jeys, R. T. Dowsett, C. B. Stephenson, P. G. Stanley, Geo. M. Brown, G. W. Wells, R. W. Parmele, E. G. Hayes, and J. B. Blosser, V. O. Cole, W. S. Fulbright, A. F. Harrison, Benjamin Griffiths, A. L. Manous, Lon Russell, Allen Walker, H. B. Tilden, C. F. Dart, H. E. Beck, M. Wheeler, R. I. Keate, H. G. Miller, J. S. Fry, J. S. Moore, M. L. Ivory, and R. Roberts.

Elder Thompson spoke at church last night, and Eld. C. B. Stephenson will speak to-night.

The Bookmen's Convention will convene Tuesday morning at 9:30. We ask that our brethren everywhere will pray that the Spirit of the Lord will be present in all the sessions and that the results obtained from this coming together may mean much to the advancement of the work as a whole.

"WHEN an achievement exhausts all our resources in its accomplishment, it will exhaust our capacity to contain the joy of it."



Nashville Church School, Where the Bookmen's Convention Is in Session

THE BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION

THE Bookmen's Convention, previously announced in these columns was organized Tuesday morning by the election of Richard Hook Jr., as chairman, and R. L. Pierce secretary. Committees were appointed and the regular work of the convention was taken up.

The field was well represented in the first meeting, and it is confidently expected that the occasion will be one of great profit to all. We shall give our readers some account of the doings of the convention next week, the Lord willing.

Alabama Conference

A LETTER TO OUR WORKERS

DEAR BRETHREN: Our coming book and paper workers' convention and institute will be held in Birmingham, January 27 to February 7, 1911. We earnestly urge you, if possible, to attend.

Our 1910 record is as follows: A monthly average of 13 2-3 canvassers worked 16,265 hours, and delivered \$8,202.79 worth of books. This is a 35 7-10 per cent. increase over 1909.

While the canvassers' reports show the above results the publishing house records indicate a larger amount of literature shipped into our State. The first eleven months of the year they show \$9,952.53 worth of literature sent here, and the Review and Herald shows \$1,098.10 worth of ten-cent magazines sent to agents here in the same length of time. So it is quite evident that over \$10,000 worth of our literature has been distributed during 1910. Certainly we should rejoice and praise the Lord for this.

The following is the record of each of our white canvassers for the past year. Please note them carefully: Bro. N. E. Allen, of Dothan, Ala., started out for the first time the last of October, 1910. He has since worked 299 hours. However 83 hours of this were for deliveries in 1911. This leaves 216 hours in which time he canvassed for and delivered \$133.75 worth of books. This would bring him a commission amounting to 35 1-2 cents for every hour that he worked to sell these books.

Bro. Ben. Griffiths, of Summerdale, started out the last of March, 1910. From then till the end of the year he worked 1,785 hours, and delivered \$1,390.50 worth of books. This would bring him a commission of 39 cents per hour for every hour he worked. From the time Brother Griffiths started he was home just twice, being out of the field in this time about four weeks. This would leave about eight months of actual

work. For this time his commission amounted to \$695.25 or about \$86.90 per month. Brother Griffiths is a married man with a family. He traveled with a horse and buggy, working the most thinly settled part of our territory.

Bro. R. T. Jacks lives in Madison County, where he has been working. He has not been real well during the past year so could not put in full time. He worked 730 hours, delivered \$537.50 worth of books, and earned a commission of 36 4-5 cents per hour.

Brethren Albion Kiehnhoff and Walter Nelson are both young men who attended camp-meeting and started out after the meeting closed to earn their scholarships in the Graysville school. Brother Kiehnhoff worked ten weeks, or 413 hours, and delivered \$597.40 worth of books. Commission 72 1-3 cents an hour, or \$29.87 per week. Brother Nelson worked ten weeks, 428 hours, and delivered \$549.45 worth of books, and earned a commission of 64 cents an hour, or \$27.44 per week. These young men sold some Bibles also with the books.

Bro. O. A. Prieger started out the last of March, worked 1,478 hours, and delivered \$955.65 worth of books, his commission per hour being 32 1-3 cents.

W. G. Ringgold worked 765 hours, delivered \$430.25 worth of books and his profits were more than 28 cents per hour.

All these together show an average profit of 38 cents per hour received by our white canvassers for every hour they worked during the past year. You understand, however, that horse hire for making deliveries, and other expenses come out of this.

Our great unworked field is still sending up the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." Does this not interest you? If the Lord is impressing you to take up this work he will certainly pay you what is right. Matt. 20: 1-16.

Pray earnestly for the institute and for more laborers. If you can attend, do so.

Wishing you a year full of the Lord's richest blessings, I am,
Your fellow-laborer in this last warning message,

R. I. KEATE.

FROM THE FIELD

I HAVE just returned home from a month's trip in the southern part of the conference, visiting the churches and isolated Sabbath-keepers as much as my time allowed. We are glad to report that our people are of good courage in the message throughout the conference, and rejoice to see the truth advancing in all parts of the field.

Some fruit has been manifest in every place where meetings have been conducted during the past four months. Souls have accepted the message, and the workers are all of good courage and feel determined to put forth still greater and more earnest effort for the advancement of the truth.

Brethren Bellinger and Elliott began holding meetings at Sheffield the first of October, and at least eight have signed the covenant, while several others are keeping the Sabbath. We trust that these will all become fully established in the truth, although the enemy has put forth strong opposition against the work. At Dothan, where Brethren Cruzan and Prieger, and Sister Young have been holding meetings, several have recently accepted the message and a good number are now studying the Bible in their homes. We hope to see a good church organized in each of these places as a result of continued effort. Some have recently been added to the church at Alabama City, where Brother Lindsay is laboring. Brother Iles, who labored with Brother Lindsay during the summer, thought best, on account of his health, to teach school this winter. We hope he may be able to enter the work again when his school closes. The church in Birmingham

is doing excellent work, and several have been added to their number recently.

I have not been in the conference quite four months yet, but I have learned to love the workers and our people as far as I have met them, because the truth binds our hearts together, and we all desire to see the message proclaimed in every part of the field, that the honest in heart may see the truth and have courage to walk in the light as God reveals it to them.

Although being greatly delayed in commencing our campaign with the special *Review*, yet we nearly reached last year's record before December 31, and we have not finished yet. We are especially glad to see our annual offerings come in as they have, for they exceed those of any year in the recent past. We should be able each year to go beyond our past records.

The institute for our canvassers and periodical workers will be held in Birmingham, January 27 to February 7, and we hope to see, not only all that are now engaged in this work, but others who are interested in this department and may desire to enter this field of activity.

We are planning to have a meeting of the conference committee and workers in connection with the institute and desire at that time to plan for an aggressive campaign for next season's work.

I shall be very glad to hear from any one at any time concerning your experience and the conditions and opportunities for labor in your locality. May we each strive earnestly to be loyal to the message and faithful in all our service to him who has redeemed us from sin.

E. G. HAYES.

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Kentucky Conference

McKINNEY

THURSDAY, Dec. 29, 1910, Elder Burrill came to my home at McKinney, and Friday we went to visit the church at Grove, Casey County, where we held quarterly meeting, and spent ten days visiting the brethren and held meetings each night except one in the new church.

There is a good interest at this place where the faithful brethren have had a hard struggle for five years, but now have a neat building almost completed. We can report four new Sabbath-keepers, and four more waiting for baptism. Arrangements were made for a Sabbath-school convention, January 7 the young people's missionary program was carried out and enjoyed by all present. Quarterly meeting followed this service, and the Lord came very near to all.

Three of the brethren are planning to enter the canvassing work soon. Those who have been raising tobacco are arranging to quit it, after hearing decided testimony against it.

We left there Sunday, leaving the brethren of good courage, and at present we are at Brother Dishon's, at Stanford. Brother Burrill leaves for Paint Lick to visit Brother White and the company at Richmond. We are glad to have a part in this fast-closing work. Remember us in your prayers.

HARRY JACOBS.

A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR ME

I HAVE been canvassing a little with the *Protestant Magazine* in Lexington, and the Lord has blessed my efforts.

Whenever I do not secure a subscription, I try to sell a copy. My first effort was with a Catholic, and I sold a copy.

I take the magazines with me while attending to business, and in this way secure a number of orders.

At the telephone office I secured the chief clerk's order; at the bank the assistant cashier's order, at a repair shop the proprietor gave his order, and bought the current number. In a furniture shop both the proprietor and clerk gave their orders. While buying some clothing the president of a large clothing house gave me his order. My groceryman bought a copy.

Besides the above, out of fourteen names, four orders are ministers (one the president of the Christian theological seminary), one a druggist, one a contractor, another a laborer, and one a saloonist.

C. F. DART.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tithe for November and December, 1910

Bowling Green	\$ 23 73
Conference Church	170 86
Grove	5 75
Locust Branch	25 00
Individuals	17 05
Henderson	36 37
Louisville	194 15
Total	\$472 91

R. M. LANDON, *Treas.*

THEY ALL COUNT UP

I AM so glad to see our people taking hold of the *Watchman*, putting in what time they can, and faithfully reporting the small as well as the large amounts.

Putting them all together, they soon count up. Below is the December work:—

Agents	Hours	Ords.	Delvd.
Milton Jones	33	309	\$30 90
Hattie Hicks	31	161	16 10
Runie Walbert	61	153	15 30
Mrs M. A. Ewald	18	91	9 10
Charlsey Allran	34	55	5 50
Marie Wirth	27	43	4 30
Rose Shasky	8	35	3 50
Irene Pressnall	12	13	1 30
Mrs F Swimm	5	12	1 20
Annie Benton	4	11	1 10
Mrs Eva Marshall	2	10	1 00
Alice Heistand	2	10	1 00
Mrs A W Benton	7	10	1 00
Leona Bollman	1	2	20
Total	245	915	91 50

C. F. DART, *Missionary Secy.*

A GOOD WAY TO OBTAIN BIBLE READERS

I HAVE been using the *Watchman* in connection with my Bible work for the past few months with good results.

Last week while delivering the January number, a lady said, "I was just thinking this morning that it was time for you to come around with the new number. Every month I put the magazine in my son's room and let the name *Watchman* do the work. I think every boy in the city ought to have the *Watchman* to set him thinking.

A lady who had bought an October *Watchman*, but had refused the last two numbers, said, without recognizing me, when I went to the door, "Come in, I have some questions I would like to ask you. A few months ago I bought a paper from some one and it said we are all keeping the wrong day, and that the seventh day is the Sabbath and not Sunday. Now I want to know what you think about it, and why it is the

whole world doesn't keep the Sabbath." Of course I told her I keep the Sabbath and this led to a conversation on the Sabbath and second coming of Christ. She gave me a cordial invitation to return and talk further on these subjects. Thus you see an easy way to get Bible readers is through the *Watchman*. I have obtained all but two of mine in this way.

Lexington, Ky.

MARIE WIRTH.

Louisiana Conference

HAMMOND

THE writer spent the Sabbath, January 7, with the Hammond church, at which time the annual election of officers and the quarterly meeting were held. The program for the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society was also rendered with much interest. At the conclusion of this program, a good collection was taken for local religious liberty work.

The result of the church election was as follows: elder, E. E. June; deacon, W. H. Noyes; clerk, Mima Noyes; treasurer, Jos. Goessling; librarian, Lenora Maxwell.

After the election every member present responded to the roll-call with a good testimony, and then we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house.

We have hopes that this church will prosper much more in the next year than in the past, and shall expect to see good fruit of the efforts put forth for the salvation of souls here.

E. L. MAXWELL.

NOTICE

OUR first canvassers' institute will be held at New Orleans, February 8-14. We hope that all who can attend from the southeastern part of the State will do so. Eld. E. L. Maxwell and A. F. Harrison are expected to be present. A little later we desire to hold another institute in the northwestern part of the State. Notice of same will appear later.

Pineville, La.

I. T. REYNOLDS.

Mississippi Conference

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1910

TITHE	
Vicksburg	\$ 39 29
Meridian	100 00
Pine Grove	49 50
Hatley	68 98
Ingomar	21 25
Ellisville	14 10
Individual	12 25
Jackson	2 95
Enid	683 51
Conference Church	47 69
Total	\$1039 52

OFFERINGS

Foreign Missions (First-day offerings)	\$ 10 40
Foreign Missions (Weekly offerings)	10 40
Sabbath-school Offerings	8 89
Ingathering	37 90
Annual Offering	94 99
Colored Work	5 00
\$300,000 Fund	73 35

Total

\$240 93
BEULAH M. CALLICOTT, *Treas.*

Our Schools

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

A NUMBER of highland schools have found it advisable to unite with their neighbors in holding local fairs, thus giving a practical demonstration of the soil, dairy, and poultry products. The following article appeared in one of the Alabama newspapers soon after the fair held at the Old Paths Industrial School under the supervision of Brethren T. A. Graves, W. R. Tolman, and their associates. The article is so well written by this newspaper correspondent from Higdon, Ala., that it tells without comment what can be done by our schools when they unite with their neighbors in promoting the agricultural interests of the community. Many of the names which appear in this article are familiar to the readers of the WORKER. The article follows:—

"The North Sand Mountain fair was held at the Old Paths' schoolhouse recently. The North Sand Mountain people are firm believers in thrift, hospitality, and progress; and they realize as never before that the development of the resources of the mountain depends upon a demonstration to the world of what has been accomplished, what is being developed, and what can be done.

"For this reason it was decided to hold a fair, and to exhibit home products; but as it was to be an experimental affair it was not advertised as it might have been. The effort surpassed expectation, success was the reward, and it was greatly regretted that the exhibit had not been generally advertised.

"The following notes, made hurriedly and at random, will interest the readers of the *Times*:—

"R. A. Paris, Irish potatoes. With the use of 450 lb. of fertilizer per acre realized a yield of 252 bushels; without fertilizer, 170 bushels. V. T. McBryar, a heifer, two years old, weight 700 lb. C. H. Crabtree, 7 varieties of perfect apples,—King David, Black Ben Davis, Arkansas Black, Ben-Hur, Champion, Senator Bates, and his orchard will produce another, the Delicious. One cabbage head weighed ten pounds. The Japanese giant radish, a new product in this section, large as a full grown turnip, mild as the small variety of radish, and yet in size and substance answering the purpose of the turnip as well as that of a stock food.

"W. R. Tolman had 1,800 quarts of canned goods; T. A. Graves, 2,600; Aaron Reece, 2,000. And when it is remembered that this includes home provision for the winter of string beans, peas, tomatoes, red kidney beans, pumpkin, squash, okra, sweet corn, lima beans, sweet potatoes, it will be impressed upon the mind that Sand Mountain is indeed and in truth (to some dwellers in towns and cities), an undiscovered, but a bountiful land of plenty within their easy reach.

"The following were exhibited from a comparatively limited area, as food stuffs: oats, timothy, clover, Japanese grass, and red top in straw.

"Vegetables—cabbage, Irish and sweet potatoes, pumpkins, rutabaga, corn, Kaffir corn; rice corn, soy beans, cow peas, peanuts, turnips, Japanese giant radish, sweet peppers, and onions of high grade.

"Preserves—peach, plum, tomato, apple, and quince.

"Jellies—blackberry, peach, plum, apple, grape, currant, and wild grape.

"Jams—blackberry, raspberry, and strawberry.

"The program topics were practical and valuable. Mrs. C. H. Crabtree read a paper on the evolution of the peanut, in which she brought out the plain facts of its value as an American staple, the real worth of which is not yet appre-

ciated in this section, but which she illustrated in detail.

"Mr. Tolman's talk related to the soy bean, another subject of every-day interest. Mrs. Crawford spoke upon a topic no less important—Health and Economy in the Farm Home.

"R. A. Paris gave results of experimental work along advanced methods of farming. C. M. Crabtree talked on fertilizers.

"Dr. Hayward, of Chattanooga, founder of the school, was present; and his address related to Health and Happiness as an Inheritance, and How to Keep Both.

"Messrs. T. A. and E. W. Graves, W. R. Tolman, V. T. McBryar, Geo. Crawford, A. L. Hall, and R. A. Paris and their families promoted the fair, and they are studying modes of experiment, conditions of Sand Mountain soil, science in agriculture, deep plowing, rotation of crops, thorough cultivation, and specializing in different crops.

"Miss Edith McDonald and Miss Lackey are developing plans for an orphans' home. They control 120 acres of land, and have already seventy-seven thousand feet of lumber for this purpose adjoining the Old Path's Industrial School.

"Willis Wilkinson is engaged principally in peach culture, having ninety acres in peach trees.

"Much of the land is uncultivated, yet it is a country of health and happiness, so far as natural conditions are concerned.

"Next year the fair will take on greater proportions, and an invitation will then be given to the world to come and see the resources of Sand Mountain."

M. BESSIE DEGRAW.

General

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY

FEBRUARY 4th has been appointed by the General Conference as the time for a united study of our religious liberty work and the annual offering for the Religious Liberty Department. The last General Conference voted that one third of the annual offering should be retained for emergencies in the local conference offices, two thirds of it should be sent to the union office, where one third will be retained and the other third will be forwarded to Washington for the support of the work of the general Religious Liberty Department. Thus the ammunition is so distributed as to meet a sudden attack from any quarter and our departmental organization is such that all our forces can be concentrated if necessary upon the place where the battle is hottest.

Just now our brethren in Washington are watching Congress anxiously. No doubt a determined but quiet effort will be made to rush the Johnston Sunday Bill through before the present session closes next March. Pray earnestly for those in charge of the work.

The offering February 4th ought to be a liberal one. Just as the prophecy says, the enemy does not work openly against religious liberty, but often indirectly and with deception, deceiving and being deceived. Many honest souls are deceived, and it is only as God's people proclaim the message everywhere that they can be saved. The danger is world-wide. "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13: 8. "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God." Rev. 14: 9, 10. "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working

miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Rev. 16: 13, 14.

Does not this in connection with the events before us present a situation requiring our best and united efforts. Let prayers ascend to the throne of God and means flow into the treasury that this subtle movement may be unmasked and the honest in heart rescued.

C. F. McVAGH.

LEST WE FORGET

THE day of fasting and prayer, January 21, appointed by the General Conference Committee, we wish to remind our readers that this day is 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. We should not wait until Sabbath to begin our praying, but let us seek the Lord each day that we may receive a double blessing when the special season of prayer and fasting arrives. Jer. 29: 11-13.

GIVE THIS PUBLICITY

At the meeting of the Christian Citizenship Convention held in Philadelphia in November, a resolution was adopted requesting Congress to pass the joint resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution acknowledging God and the Christian religion in the fundamental law of the land.

During our recent stay in Washington, in the interests of religious liberty work, we found a report of the forty-third Congress, which dealt with the subject of amending the Constitution in line with the National Reform movement.

A facsimile of the report will appear in the *Liberty* which will be off the press in a few days, and, as the information contained therein should be given nation-wide publicity, we ask that our people give this number of the *Liberty* very wide circulation, especially among lawyers, judges, State and city officials, and others.

Now is the opportune time to give our literature the circulation to which it is entitled, and which means so much to the general public.

Send orders to your tract society office or to Review and Herald.—S. B. Horton, in *Atlantic Union Gleaner*.

GO YE

WHEN our ever-living Saviour passed away from earthly eyes, Sounded forth this great commandment from the eager, opening skies:

"Go ye, go ye, teach all nations, boldly teach them and baptize."

So they went, those men anointed with a power from on high;

So they went to sneers and hunger, to the mob's vindictive cry;

Went to suffer racking tortures and triumphantly to die.

All their life was but one purpose, that the life of Christ should be

Spread abroad among earth's millions, as the waters fill the sea.

So the heroes died, and, dying, left their task for you and me.

—Selected.

A GOOD ANSWER

"A YOUNG Christian woman started to go to Kansas. On the way the conductor of the train sat down opposite her, and politely asked, 'Why do you dress so plainly?' She inquired what his motive was in asking this question. He replied that his wife talked much about the necessity of women's dressing plainly, while he did not see any reason for doing so. The young lady looked at him and said: 'Why do you wear this special uniform?' He replied, 'Because I serve the Rock Island Company, and comply with its orders in wearing it.' 'So do I,' was the quick reply; 'I have joined the church of Christ, and am in the service of my Master whose orders I obey in dress, according to 1 Tim. 2: 9, where it is stated that women shall adorn themselves in modest apparel.'

"It is said of Miss Min Liang, whose father was once a Chinese ambassador to the United States, that she was a young woman of rare common sense. During her residence in Washington, she once said, 'I do not mean to criticize; but there is one thing I do not understand about American girls, and that is their eagerness to discuss the subject of dress. Almost the day of my arrival in this country, questions about the style of dress began to be put to me, as if that were the most important of all subjects. In my country these things are considered very trivial, and only the unlettered women waste time talking of them. As a matter of course, we dress according to the most approved custom, and think no more about it.'"

A MANLY BOY

WHEN President Garfield was a boy at Williams' College he climbed Mount Greylock one day with a lot of his companions, and spent the night on the mountain. Seated around the camp-fire they sang and told stories all the evening.

At length young Garfield took a Testament out of his pocket and said: "Boys, it is my custom to read a chapter in the Bible and have a prayer before going to bed. Shall we have it all together?" And they did. That is the kind of boy that will become a power for good in the world—one who serves the Lord and isn't afraid to say so.—*Exchange*.

EXTERNAL PROPS NOT NECESSARY

IF we only knew what our Lord teaches in the account of his third conflict with Satan, we should know that it is not the want of external supports which ever makes us weak in his service. The one thing that can make us weak is that our hearts are not right with God and relying on him alone.—*British Weekly*.

A HINDU'S OPINION

A HINDU writer in the *Patriot*, of Madras, urges the use of the Bible in the native schools of India. He recognizes that it is the foundation of England's greatness, and that it is folly to expect national strength to be nourished upon systems which have already reduced India to a state of decay.

This writer declares that the Bible conceptions of the home, of the state, and the race are alone able to furnish the youth of Hindustan with ideas worthy of the age. He concludes by saying "Half an hour spent in studying the Bible, will do more to remodel a man than a whole day spent in poring over the Puranas or the Mantras of the Rig-Veda."

DID YOU KNOW IT WAS THERE?

A WELL-TO-DO deacon in Connecticut was one morning accosted by his pastor, who said: "Poor Widow Green's wood is out. Can you not take her a load?"

"Well," answered the deacon, "I have the wood, and I have the team; but who is to pay me for it?"

The pastor replied: "I will pay you on condition that you

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR DECEMBER, 1910

Well, the time has come for me to send in the last report for 1910. It is not so small as we might expect the last report in the year to be. December is always a slack month, because of the holidays, and many of the workers go home to visit their families and take a little needed rest. It will only be a few days now until many of our faithful canvassers will meet with us in our Bookmen's Convention at Nashville. I wish all could be there, but I know they cannot; so I shall look forward with much pleasure to our meeting together in the institutes this spring and summer. Alabama will begin its institute the 27th of this month, and from there I expect to go to Louisiana and then to Mississippi, and so on. Now that we have launched out into a new year we must take hold with new courage. I expect soon to publish the totals for 1909 and 1910, which show our gains. Watch for them.

State	Agts.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Delivered	Gnd.	Total
Tenn River Conf.	16	847	295	\$479 45	\$731 18	\$1210 65	
Alabama Conf	10	920	222	487 20	707 55	1194 75	
Mississippi Conf	13	812	346	495 90	410 05	905 94	
Louisiana Conf	8	763	353	486 95	411 65	895 60	
Kentucky Conf	4	474	79	152 50	201 81	354 30	
Totals	51	3816	1295	\$2102 00	\$2462 24	\$4561 24	

A. F. HARRISON.

read the first three verses of the forty-first psalm before you go to bed to-night."

The deacon consented, delivered the wood, and at night opened the Word of God and read the passage: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth; and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing; thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness."

A few days afterward the pastor met him again. "How much do I owe you, deacon, for that load of wood?"

"Oh!" said the now enlightened man, "do not speak of payment; I did not know those promises were in the Bible. I would not take money for supplying the poor widow's wants."

ON YOUR KNEES

"I REMEMBER some years ago," wrote a great Scotchman, "climbing the Weisshorn, above the Zermatt Valley, with two guides. There had been a series of severe storms, and ours was the first ascent for some weeks. Consequently, we had a great deal of step-cutting to do. We had left the cabin at two in the morning, and it was nearly nine before we reached the summit, which consisted, as on so many peaks in the Alps, of splintered rocks protruding from the snow. My leading guide stood aside to let me be first on the top. And I, with the long labor of the climb over, and exhilarated by the thought of the great view awaiting me, but forgetful of the high gale that was blowing on the other side of the rocks, sprang eagerly up them, and stood erect to see the view. The guide pulled me down. 'On your knees sir; you are not safe there, except on your knees.'"

Neither are we safe anywhere in this world, unless we spend much time on our knees. We are told that Jesus "kneeled down and prayed." If he found it profitable to wait upon his heavenly Father, how much more should we spend time before him!—*Selected.*

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For Week Ending January 7, 1911

ALABAMA CONFERENCE*							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Ben Griffiths	BF	100		\$	\$	\$	\$266 75
Geo H Brown	BF	48	3	4 00	18 00	22 00	18 50
O A Priege	PPF	21					33 00
M L Ivory	BF	58	6	10 00	9 35	19 35	6 05
R Roberts	BF	29		6 00	6 50	12 50	8 25
N E Allen	BF	31	13	22 50	8 75	31 25	

* 2 weeks

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
J J Jobe	MISC	20	5	5 25		5 25	20 10
G Jorgenson	PPF	48	8	6 50	2 50	9 00	14 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
H E Beck		57					64 85

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
E L Marley	D&R	13	6	13 00	2 50	15 50	1 50
W H Haddon	BF	16	11	13 75	3 00	16 75	75
C H McColrey	BF	3	3	3 50		25	3 75
A O Waite	BF	39	32	34 50		75	35 75
John Wood	BF	9	4	4 00	2 00		6 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Mamie Moore	D&R	15	3	8 00	1 00	9 00	11 85
J H Parrott	CK	12	12	12 00	2 25	14 25	7 25
L F Lambert	BF	13	9	9 00	2 25	11 25	2 25
C E Morphew	BF	18	15	17 50	5 55	23 05	3 05
M Wheeler	BF	40	22	26 50	3 75	30 25	5 75

SUMMARY							
Alabama Conf		277	22	42 50	42 60	85 10	332 55
Kentucky Conf		57					64 75
Louisiana Conf		68	13	11 75	2 50	14 25	34 60
Mississippi Conf		80	56	68 75	8 50	77 25	2 25
Tenn River Conf		99	61	73 00	14 80	87 80	30 15
Totals		581	152	196 00	68 40	264 40	464 30

CANVASSERS, CHARGE!

Go on, brave canvasser and true,
Bear forth the burden laid on you,
And send the sacred heralds forth
To east and west, to south and north.

Emboldened by the truth you love,
Empowered by all heaven above,
To every human dwelling bear
The burden of the word "Prepare."

A little while—O saints, rejoice,
For we shall hear the trumpet voice
Of God's own well-beloved Son
Proclaim: "Thou faithful child, well done!"

—*Selected.*

ANVIL SPARKS

MEN make excuses, but that is no sign that God will take excuses.

The Christian life is a long work-day, with eternity for a vacation.

If we do not open the top of our purse God will surely open the bottom.

What we ought to do we ought to do with aught of thought of not doing.—*Christian Herald.*

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LIBERTY

THE new number of *Liberty* is an especially valuable magazine, and should have a wide circulation. It is a regular encyclopedia of religious liberty information, being a review of the history of the struggles during the last hundred years to maintain the principles of liberty in our national government. There are precedents cited in this number that will be of great weight with all thinking people. No Seventh-day Adventist should miss reading this number of *Liberty*. And if you read it, I am sure you will want to circulate it.

C. F. McVAGH.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

EVERYBODY appreciates the value of precedence, particularly in legislative and court procedures. For years the National Reform Association has been endeavoring to secure a joint resolution favoring an amendment to the Constitution, the effect of which would change our form of government from the American idea to that of papal Rome. A measure is now before the House of Representatives looking to this end. We are pleased to announce that our Religious Liberty Department has found a precedent with which to confront the pending measure. It is the report of a House Committee of the Forty-third Congress. A facsimile of this report appears in the January number of *Liberty*. In view of the fact that a strong effort will be made to push the proposed constitutional amendment through the present session of Congress, a wide circulation should be given this issue of *Liberty*. Just now every liberty-loving citizen should be aroused concerning the proposed legislation, and we who have the message for this time should lose no such opportunity as is here offered to make known the principles of religious liberty.

ELECTRICITY AND PLANTS

THE simplest of all methods of applying the supposed stimulus of electricity to growing plants appears to be that of Monsieur Basty of Antwerp, Belgium. He sets upright in the ground metallic rods, furnished with unoxidizable points, and penetrating to the depth of the roots of the plants to be treated. These miniature lightning rods are supposed to collect atmospheric electricity and conduct it into the soil. The area of action, Monsieur Basty calculates, is a circle of radius equal to the height of the rod. As many rods as needed may be employed, at proper distances apart. As applied in a garden at Antwerp for several years past, this method is credited with having increased the yield of lettuce, strawberries and similar garden products from twofold to

fourfold. Monsieur Basty's observations seem to have been conducted with care, and have attracted considerable attention, but his conclusions need to be confirmed by similar experiments elsewhere before they will be generally accepted.

PLOWING WITH DYNAMITE

A NORTH CAROLINA farmer, discovering that the heavy clay subsoil of his farm could not be broken up with the plow to sufficient depth for proper retention of moisture and fertilizing elements, has resorted to the novel expedient of blowing up whole fields with dynamite. Observing that the growth of grain was much richer than elsewhere over spots where stumps had been pulled or dug out of the ground, and the earth stirred to the depth of several feet, he drew the conclusion that similar deep disturbances of any sort would produce like results. He therefore literally "plowed" his land with dynamite, and has secured an increase of growth that more than justifies the cost and labor. His watermelon crop, for instance, benefited over thirty per cent., by the innovation.

FRIDAY evening, January 13, and also the next morning, Sabbath, the Nashville church was both edified and instructed by interesting talks about China, its hoary customs, antiquities, methods of agriculture, manufactories, travel, etc., given by Eld. P. J. Laird, who accepted the truth about eight years ago, while laboring as an Episcopalian missionary in that country, and has since devoted his time to the propagation of the third angel's message among the inhabitants of that ancient land, which, in the Bible is spoken of as the land of Sinim.

The speaker contrasted the conditions existing in China with the wonderful advancement made in education, science, inventions, etc., in Christian countries, and showed how the prophecy of Daniel is being fulfilled as a sign that the end is near.

But the most encouraging feature of all was the wonderful progress the work is making among the Celestials, and the readiness with which they accept the faith when they learn of it either by word of mouth or through the printed page.

Elder Laird is in this country in the interests of the work in his chosen field and also of his health. He hopes to return in a few months.

BEHOLD HIM

WHEN the old year from us passes
With its many hopes and fears,
And the new one gleams before us,
All unsullied from our tears:
Then it is our Master bids us
At the outset of the race
Just to tarry for a moment
And to look in his dear face.
See the heavy lines of sorrow,
His dear face all marred with care!
But compassion's sweet expression
Makes it fairer than the fair.
Then if our path now be lonely,
Either up or down the hill,
Let us never murmur, never,
For he whispers "Peace, be still."
Then let us always trust him
Who has gone the way before
And beholding all his graces
We'll grow like him more and more.

Greysville, Tenn.

—K. L. D.