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

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FACE TO FACE

I WANT to cling in faith to thee, O God,
And in thy everlasting arm to rest;
Oh, teach me, teach me how to trust thee, Lord,
That in the trusting I may e'er be blest.

I want to let thy will alone be mine,
Thy precious Word of truth I want to love;
Oh, lead me, Saviour, by thy grace divine
Till I am fitted for the life above.

I want to work within thy vineyard wide,
To seek and lead the lost ones to the light;
To bring again the wand'ers to thy side,
Who erst have strayed afar in sin's dark night.

And when at last triumphant by thy grace,
Thy remnant people see the day draw near,
I want to see my Saviour face to face
When he to reign in glory shall appear.

—*Sylvia Ford.*

THE BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION

THE Bookmen's Convention which convened January 17, and was looked forward to with much interest for a long time previous, and the hope of attending which stimulated many of the canvassers to put forth their best efforts, is now a thing of the past, having finished its work the 23rd inst.

Throughout the entire time the meetings were marked with the deepest interest and enthusiasm on the part of all who were in attendance. There were present not only those who are directly engaged in the book work, but also the executive committees of the three union conferences in the South—the Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern, besides Eld. A. J. S. Bourdeau, of Washington, D. C., and Eld. J. B. Blosser, of the Lake Union Conference.

Questions of the greatest importance to the canvassing and home missionary work, and the publishing house were considered and discussed with almost perfect unanimity of opinion. The general feeling is that the convention was a real success, and will contribute much toward making the distribution of our literature a still more potent agency in proclaiming the "gospel of the kingdom in all the world," after which our Lord will return for his people. Particulars concerning the doings of the convention will be given later.

On account of the convention, and the busy time attending to same the Home Office News items by the manager of the publishing house will appear in our next issue, when our readers may look for "a feast of good things."

"To have done one's best is the source of greater joy than to have obtained the best."

Alabama Conference

"HE THAT HATH AN EAR"

EVERY person, and, in a special sense, every Seventh-day Adventist in particular, when reading the Bible should understand that what he reads is the word of the Lord to him *individually*, just as truly as if he were called by name and the words were addressed to him by an audible voice.

In this, the true sense, the message of Rev. 13:9 comes to every believer in this State as follows: "If any man [in the Alabama Conference of Seventh-day Adventists] have an ear, let him hear." The word "ear" in this text, does not refer to the physical organ of hearing, but to the faculty of understanding, and the disposition, desire, and ability to understand, to know, and to do the will of the Lord. Have the members of the Alabama Conference a disposition and desire to know and do the will of the Lord? Then let them do it, as saith the psalmist: "I will hear what God the Lord will speak." Ps. 85:8. Now if we will obey the voice of God in Rev. 13:9, and *hear* the message of verses 10 and 11, we surely will arouse from our slumber and earnestly labor for the accomplishment of the great and important work that confronts us at this hour. The fulfilment of the first part of verse 10 took place in the year 1798, when the pope was dethroned by the French. The first part of verse 11 was fulfilled in the rise and development of this great nation, the United States of America, and the principles of liberty upon which the government was formed. The latter part applies to our time, and is being fulfilled in the year 1911.

If any man in the Alabama Conference has an ear, let him hear the thundering tones of the dragon voice, in the present session of Congress, December 5 to March 4. Like the papal dragon itself, our own country, controlled by its influence, and permeated by its spirit, is becoming wroth with the remnant people of God and will also soon be speaking great, swelling words against them, because they "keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

We must arouse to immediate action, using the most effective means to defeat the plan of the great adversary of all righteousness to capture this government and execute his evil designs through its instrumentality. Let us all be witnesses for the truth, praying earnestly to God that he will place beneath us "the everlasting arms," and give us the victory.

I have sent out thirty-three petition blanks to as many different places in this conference territory, and have kept one for my personal use. If we all do our duty with these blanks, hundreds of names of persons residing in this State, will be pouring into Congress to our different representatives, protesting against the Johnston Sunday Bill, and also against House Joint Resolution No. 17, which, if passed, will cause the persecution mentioned in verses 15 and 16 of Revelation

13. to be waged against Seventh-day Adventists, the keepers of the law of God. I hope all of our people in this part of the field have an "ear to hear" regarding this petition work.

I sent to the representative from this district a petition against the passage of the bills, also a letter, in which I stated the reasons of our opposition, and the secretary of the congressman answered favorably.

Much can be accomplished by the petition work. We cannot afford to be idle in this time of need. Many duties have been assigned to us which we have not yet touched with the tips of our fingers. All have a work to do. Are you sure you have done your part? If not, why not?

He that hath an ear, let him hear the call to active service at this hour, and please inform me as to the number of names you have secured on your petition.

ROSS S. LINDSAY, *Rel. Lib. Sec.*
Alabama Conf., Alabama City, Ala.

A CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

THE canvassers' institute will be held in the Birmingham church, which is located on 17th Street, near the corner of 11th Avenue. From the union depot take the South Highland Ave. car, and get off at 11th Avenue, walk over to 17th Street, and turn up the hill to your right. From the Terminal Station take any car going to town and transfer to the South Highland car and follow directions given above.

R. I. KEATE.

Kentucky Conference

FROM A BIBLE WORKER

SISTER ROSE SHASKY, our Bible worker of Louisville, writes a good letter, from which I quote the following: "I am enjoying my work and am glad that I can sell the *Watchman*, too. I go out with the magazine all the spare time I have. This is the way I found my Bible readers, and every one takes them of me nearly every month. Last week I found a lady that wished to take the paper regularly. The weather has been bad, and the holidays put a little stop in selling the papers, but the day after New Year I went out in the forenoon not thinking that I would sell any, for I thought it was too soon after the holidays, but I sold six in a short time."

Such letters as these do me good. Don't they you?

C. F. DART.

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending January 7, 1911

| Agent | Hrs. | Ords. | Delvd |
|-----------------|------|-------|---------|
| Milton Jones | 30 | 140 | \$14 00 |
| Rose Shasky | 7 | 26 | 2 60 |
| Runie Walbert | 17 | 35 | 3 50 |
| Charlsey Allran | 7 | 19 | 1 90 |
| Marie Wirth | 5 | 6 | 60 |
| Mrs A W Benton | 7 | 10 | 1 00 |
| Annie Benton | 4 | 11 | 1 10 |
| Hattie Hicks | 6 | 35 | 3 50 |
| C F Dart | 10 | 55 | 3 65 |
| Totals | 93 | 337 | \$31 85 |

FROM THE FIELD

BROTHER JACOBS and I parted at Brantford, and I went on to Paint Lick and Richmond, visiting the scattered families at these two places. At the former place Brother White is arranging his business so that he may be free to enter the can-

vassing work early this spring. Sister White's remarkable recovery at the Nashville Sanitarium has made friends for the institution, and will be the means of others going there for treatment. The mother of Brother White has returned from the West, and with another son will make her home in the State.

Sabbath, the fourteenth, Brother Dart, Brother Jacobs, and the Bible workers, with others from Lexington, came to Nicholasville; where we had a precious season. The regular second Sabbath reading occupied the eleven o'clock hour. All were interested in the reading, and rejoiced at the developments in the Old World. The afternoon was occupied by a study of Rev. 14: 1-5, and 15: 2, 3, which describes the character, joy, and crowning of the one hundred and forty-four thousand. This was followed by a spiritual social meeting. The two families living in Nicholasville were delighted with the visit of those of like faith, and urged that all come again.

Sunday, at Lexington, two followed their Lord in baptism. A. O. BURRILL.

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending January 14, 1911

| Agent | Hrs. | Ords. | Delvd |
|------------------|------|-------|---------|
| Mrs M A Ewald | 6 | 34 | \$ 3 40 |
| Runie Walbert | 19 | 29 | 2 90 |
| Marie Wirth | 9 | 18 | 1 80 |
| Irene Pressnall | 3 | 12 | 1 20 |
| Mrs Eve Marshall | 10 | 8 | 80 |
| Charlsey Allran | 10 | 8 | 80 |
| Rose Shasky | 2 | 5 | 50 |
| Totals | 59 | 114 | \$11 40 |

Louisiana Conference

TOUR OF THE CHURCHES

IN company with Elder Maxwell and Brother Harrison I made a tour of some of our churches in the interest of the book work.

We first stopped off at Monroe, where we made a visit with Brother Sligh, who recently took up the canvassing work, and is rejoicing because he has a part in the spreading of this message. Brother Sligh was for many years a professor in a Methodist college.

From Monroe we went to call on Brother Wilson, at Ringgold, who "did run well" for a time, but like Peter has returned to his former occupation. He says his experiences while in the work were the best in his life, and expects to return soon to the work.

We then visited the Shreveport church, where a splendid interest was awakened and several desire to engage in the work. We are planning to hold our second institute at this place, perhaps about February 16-26. We will give more definite date later.

At lake Charles one has promised to take up the work.

Good meetings were held at Welsh; but few seem burdened for the circulation of our literature.

At Jennings, Sister Walker was found willing to engage in His work.

At Lake Arthur the old soldier, Brother Check, was found on the retired list against his will. Let us pray that the way may be opened for him to enter the work again.

The New Orleans church made us feel that they had not "lost their first love." Quite a large percentage are already engaged in different lines of missionary work which are so

much needed in that wicked city. This may be said of both churches, No. 1 and No. 2. We expect to hold our first institute in New Orleans, February 8-16.

Brethren and sisters of Louisiana, let us arise, and in the strength of the Lord roll back the reproach of selling less books during 1910 than any other State in the union. Let us make our record of 1911 the best in our history.

I. T. REYNOLDS.

At New Orleans last Sabbath, a splendid meeting was held. A large company was present. The meeting was the best that it has been my privilege to attend for some time. After a stirring discourse by Elder Morrow, nearly every one took part in the testimony meeting. And at its close all rose to consecrate all to the Lord.

The right hand of fellowship was given to Brother and Sister Morrow, and a touching farewell to Elder Saxby as he leaves for his new field of labor.

The day will be long remembered by all present, and we hope the victories gained will enable us to grow through the coming year.

E. L. MAXWELL.

EXPERIENCE IN LAKE CHARLES

A FEW weeks ago I gave a Bible reading to one of my readers and his daughter-in-law on the subject of the Law of God, and the following week on the Ceremonial Law of the Jews, showing the difference. They were both in hearty accord with all I said and read from the Bible. They expressed surprise when I said that some professed Christians teach that the law of God is abolished. The old gentleman (being a Methodist), earnestly asked, "What church could teach such an unchristian doctrine?" I replied, "The Christian Church, commonly called the Campbellites, teach it." Then the daughter-in-law (being a member of that church), spoke up, "Brother Frank, are you not mistaken? I am a Christian, and never heard them teach it." I replied that I had heard them teach that *very* thing, bad as it may appear, and that was the way they dodged the Sabbath of the fourth commandment.

The next week, when about half way through a reading on the subject of the Sabbath, in walked the State evangelist for the Christian (?) Church. I saw the storm that was coming, and I lifted my heart to God in prayer.

The preacher, as soon as he got his bearings, began with loud, fast, and foolish words to apply to the moral law all those texts that refer to the ritual law of the Jews, just as I had expected he would do. He declared up and down that Christians have no Sabbath.

Finally he challenged me, saying: "You *show* me just *one* text where the apostles taught that Christians have *any* Sabbath."

I turned to Heb. 4: 9, and read according to the margin: "There remaineth therefore a keeping of a Sabbath to the people of God."

My readers smiled approvingly, but he railed. And after he left they declared he was not a gentleman, much less a minister of Christ. His rubbing up against the truth made it have a brighter glow.

I finished my reading then, and they manifested a greater interest than ever. When that preacher came I thought Satan sent him; after he had gone I concluded God sent him to polish his glorious truth.

I. F. FRANK.

"WHEN I read that Jesus was only a Nazarene carpenter, I become convinced that there is no honest calling too humble for me, nor in which I may not honor his name."

Mississippi Conference

REPORT OF A YEAR'S WORK

BEFORE us lies the new year, fairly bursting with opportunities for Christian service. The year 1910 with all its blessings and privileges is now in the past. The following is a partial report of what, with the Lord's help, I have been able to accomplish during the year just closed.

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| Papers distributed | 626 |
| Pages sold | 16,540 |
| Pages given | 4,722 |
| Pages loaned | 4,198 |
| Calls | 341 |
| Letters written | 142 |
| Cards | 187 |
| Visits | 148 |
| Readings given | 37 |
| Books sold | 120 |
| Letters written (3 mos. time) to S. Schools..... | 168 |
| Cards written (3 mos.) to S. Schools | 46 |
| Souls interested in the truth, four adults obeying. | |

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

Jackson, Miss.

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY WORK FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1910

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| Letters written | 20 |
| Missionary visits | 25 |
| Papers sold | 410 |
| Papers given away | 100 |
| Books sold | 9 |
| Books loaned | 1 |
| Pages sold | 100 |
| Pages tracts given | 247 |
| Hours Christian help work | 14 |
| Articles of clothing given away | 6 |
| Signers obtained to the temperance pledge..... | 16 |
| Number conversions of young people | 10 |

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOLS FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1910

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| Number of schools | 9 |
| Present membership | 148 |
| Average attendance | 112 |
| Number in Senior division | 85 |
| Number in Junior division | 29 |
| Number in Intermediate division | 10 |
| Number in Primary division | 12 |
| Kindergarten | 11 |
| Number in Home Department of local schools | 4 |
| Number in State Home department | 40 |
| Number converted | 10 |
| Contributions | \$60.29 |
| Donations to missions from schools | \$60.29 |

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

SOME EXPERIENCES

I THOUGHT it might be of interest to the readers of the WORKER to tell you of a few experiences which I had in delivering some books recently. In this delivery, though small, it was very manifest that God was leading me.

As I had not taken the orders I did not know just where to find the subscribers. Following the best information at hand

I bought my ticket to Woodland. Just before reaching that place I stepped across the isle to get acquainted with two men whom I heard talking church matters and to whom I wanted to give some tracts. One of these men soon told me just where my subscribers lived and that I should go on to the next station, Anchor, which was three and one half miles further. This I did and thus I was saved the labor of carrying a load of books this distance. On arriving at Anchor I met a man who was going right out in the neighborhood where I wished to go, and he led me directly to my first subscriber.

I wish to tell you about delivering books to subscribers A, B, and C. The husband of subscriber A was not at home, so I could not deliver her book. I found subscriber B in the woods a short distance from A's place. He did not have his money, so gave me an order for the money on the owner of the farm, who was on the place somewhere, but he did not know where, but said I would see him in town the next day at his store. From this wood I was directed to subscriber C, who was said to be chopping wood about one half mile away. Following the direction I went through woods, corn fields, and cotton fields until it seemed I had gone over a mile. I stopped and called as loud as I could, but there was no answer. I walked on quite a distance further and was about to turn back thinking I had done my part to find him and having serious doubts of his taking his book if I did. I was led to take ten or fifteen steps further, and saw plainly a man digging in a ditch and thought surely that was the man, but he told me that the man I wanted was about one fourth of a mile ahead. I soon found him and delivered my book without a bit of trouble. I showed subscriber C and his boy the "New Testament Primer," but they could hardly decide to take it, but I had not gone more than one fourth of a mile before the boy overtook me and bought the book. I returned to subscriber A's, and found that he had been home and had left word for his wife to get the money for his "Bible Footlights" from the land owner who was to pass by A's house on his way to town. But the man had not come yet, so I waited about twenty minutes for him, but he did not come. I started on, but had not gone far when the woman called and said the man had come. I returned and the man freely paid for both books, and I went on my way rejoicing. Now why did I talk with that man on the train who kept me from getting off at the wrong station? Why did I take those few steps farther after I had decided to turn back? Why did I wait those twenty minutes when I was just uneasy all the time to go on? I tell you God was leading, and I praise his name for it.

The time for the delivery of these books had passed by at least six weeks, and yet I only failed in delivering one book. I sold one "Bible Footlights" extra and five primers. Although I walked many miles in making this delivery I surely did enjoy it, and thank the Lord for the good experiences.

H. G. MILLER.

"We plead for privilege to serve;
With outstretched, open arms we wait,
Prepared to stand, nor shrink nor swerve
From 'neath the load, however great,
Love casts upon us in the guise
Of martyrdom and sacrifice.

"And standing thus, expectant aye
Of burdens heavy to uphold,
We oft o'erlook from day to day
The smaller duties manifold
That slip between our upturned palms—
Sweet sympathies and blessed alms."

Tennessee River Conference

NASHVILLE

SABBATH, January 21st, was a blessed day for our people in Nashville, and those attending the bookmen's convention. Meetings were held at both churches. Elder Watson, president of the Southwestern-Union-Conference, preached at the Fatherland Street church, and Elder Thompson, president of the Southeastern Union Conference, preached in the North Nashville church. Both meetings were well attended, and the preaching served to show the importance of doing something to help spread this message and do it now.

The day of fasting and prayer was observed by all here, and we trust it was observed all over our conference. The need of men and means to help finish this work was never so apparent as at the present time.

The bookmen's convention is indeed a feast to our workers, and also the brethren and sisters here. From the Tennessee River Conference force of canvassers we have four who won out on the one thousand-dollar and sixteen hundred-hour proposition from the publishing house. This proves to us all that we can make a living in the canvassing work. Are there not others who will try it another year?

W. R. BURROW.

EXTRACTS FROM MY CORRESPONDENCE

"DEAR BROTHER: Please send me one dozen copies of the January number of the *Watchman*, for which I enclose sixty cents.

"I am a little boy ten years old, but I believe I can do something to help in the work.—"

"Dear Brother Pavey: Regarding your circular letter of the 26th inst. I am in harmony with the individual work and shall be able to give you a report later. — [A church elder.]"

"Dear Brother: Your letter was received a few days ago. I will say that we have a missionary society here at our church. We are taking a club of the *Gospel Sentinel*, and are sending them out each week. — [A church elder.]"

"Dear Brother: Enclosed find \$13.01 for my Ingathering. You know I ordered one hundred and twenty-five papers and have already sent in twenty dollars, so this makes thirty-three dollars altogether. I had some good experiences and enjoyed them so much. I feel so thankful that I have the privilege of scattering the Lord's printed pages, to go from house to house and tell the people the Lord is soon coming. — [A sister.]"

Another sister sends in \$14.35, and a church elder writes of his many blessings while scattering the Ingathering *Review*.

If you still have a few of the special *Review* on hand, don't think it is too late to distribute them. Some are still at work and with good success. A good work has been done in our conference this year with the Ingathering *Review*, but we could have done more. Let us see to it that not one paper is left over, that every paper is put into the hands of the people.

Sabbath, January 28th, is the time for our monthly missionary meeting. The suggestive program will be found in last week's *Review*. I hope all our churches will observe the monthly missionary day for there is a great blessing in it for us if we will enter into the work with the whole heart.

I am glad to say that most of our churches have organized for progressive missionary work, and we shall hope to receive some good reports by the first of next month.

I have just received a large order for tracts from the Memphis missionary society. The Memphis society is planning to

reach every home in the city by a systematic effort. Others will do well to follow this example. May the Lord bless every effort that is being put forth by the churches.

Send in your reports promptly that our office records may be kept up to date. There is a great work before us, but when every member becomes a "live wire" the message will go with power, the latter rain will fall, we will hear the loud cry, and the Lord will come and take his faithful ones home. May we each one be found faithful in that day.

THOS. E. PAVEY.

"AND CHRIST IS THE RESTORER"

I worked just as hard as I knew how to get some people interested enough to take Bible readings, but *no* was the answer. There had been a "debate" and prejudice was still high in the small town. But the third angel's message is very broad, and Christ, the restorer, had other means of working.

The husband of one of the ladies had stomach trouble, so she asked me to teach her about foods, etc. How gladly I responded. A neighbor was invited to join in the study. When this neighbor understood the nature of the study she told how her head ached and about her sour stomach with its attendant ills, saying "What must I do?"

About six weeks after this neighbor had stopped drinking coffee, eating hot biscuit, and otherwise regulated her diet, she commenced gaining in flesh, and meeting me at the door one day, said, "I want to tell you how well I am; my head does not ache, my stomach is not sour, and I feel so well." She is now my most interested reader.

Our landlady weighs more than two hundred pounds and has told me often how she feared anything like pneumonia. During the holidays an unusual occurrence brought on an alarming condition until I scarcely saw how she could escape the dreaded disease. She so realized her condition that she did the most unheard-of thing for her, gave up and went to bed. Now what would she do? One of her most intimate friends and nearest neighbors is one of the prominent physicians of the town. But she did not call him. She called for fomentations and placed herself entirely in my hands, saying, "I'll do whatever you tell me to." How I trembled, and how my husband and I prayed! The townspeople were so prejudiced, the doctor would probably be angry, and I know only the simplest treatments. Oh, I just cried to God, saying, "Lord, there is so much at stake, you must not forsake me now." And praise his name, he did not. Oh, he was so near and so precious!

One bad symptom after another disappeared and now my lady is well and giving fomentations like an expert.

This is the "entering wedge," "and Christ is the restorer."

A BIBLE WORKER.

General

SWEET HOUR OF REST

AFTER a day of unusual anxieties how sweet is the enjoyment of an hour's perfect rest. How such an hour soothes the ruffled edges of life. And when father or mother is taking such a peaceful repose the children should be careful not to interfere or spoil the pleasure.

The father who works from early dawn to the close of the day deserves an hour of absolute rest. He has spent all his energies to win bread for the family. If you desire that he should go forth on the morrow to be a successful bread-winner study to help him to give his body and brain a rest.

It is a religious act to help father in his endeavor to get prepared for the cares of the morrow.

How tired mother gets while performing the various duties of household matters. The duties that devolve upon her, such as bed-making, and dish-washing are duties that often become monotonous and wearisome; and bring about a condition when a perfectly restful hour becomes a necessity.

Human beings, like domestic animals, often show that they are worse for the wear, and after a short rest look refreshed and prove it by their actions. After God had been busy for six days creating the world he rested on the seventh.

You will find rest in meditation upon subjects that are pleasant. Thinking about old friends, living life over again. What a rest I had; not a cloud did arise to darken my skies or hide for one moment my friends from my eyes. Suppose you try the experiment. I know it will pay you for the time spent in so doing.

Sweet hours of perfect rest. You cannot have too many of them after you have won them by hours of unceasing toil. You do not deserve such a rest until you have earned it.

There will come a time in the history of us when we will be put to rest in our graves; and there we will be left quietly alone until the resurrection morning. When that will be no one knows, but it will be none too soon for the good.

Sweet hour of rest, the very thought of which thrills me with delight. Can I forget the scene? Never!

There should be an hour of rest in the evening when the little children of the family kneel at the mother's knee to begin that lovely prayer so familiar to most households.

Sweet hours of rest are not as numerous as should be—they are too far apart. There should be many rest-hours, and they will always be treasured up as tokens of God's best gifts to man.

There is a rest coming to all who keep His commandments. How often I have wished that I had always lived a spotless life and never had offended Christ. But the mistakes of our lives have been many, and about the best thing to do is to live better in the future than in the past.

Take an hour's rest when you can, and while doing so meditate on the goodness of God to you and yours. If you do you will taste and enjoy the good things of the "better land."

PREPARATION NEEDED

CAREFUL preparation for any piece of work is never a handicap, always a help. God can use men who are thoroughly prepared, better than men who have made no preparation. Particularly is this true of preparation for the delivering of an address, or a sermon, or any spoken message. Yet there is a passage in the Bible that is sometimes quoted as if it authorized or advised no preparation for preaching the gospel. It is where Jesus said to his disciples: "Take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak."

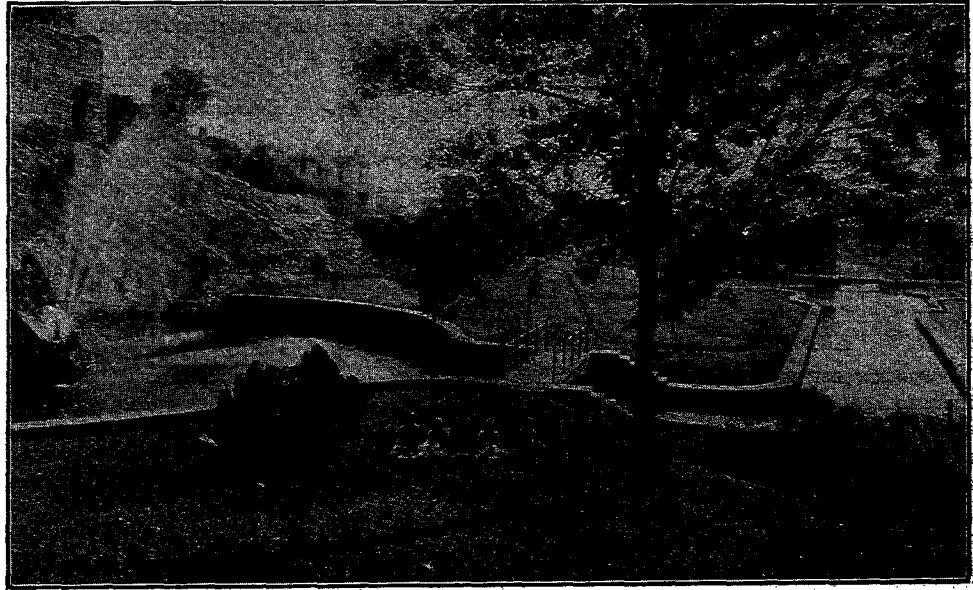
Those who quote these words as authority for public speaking without preparation, overlook the fact that Jesus was referring only to the times when the disciples should be arrested and tried before governors and kings for preaching the gospel. "When they deliver you up," he said, "take no thought how or what ye shall speak." In other words, Jesus did not want his disciples to worry over their plan of defense before the Roman or Jewish authorities; God would guide them when that emergency arose. So that is the only kind of public speaking for which Christian workers to-day have scriptural authority for not making special preparation. Let us bear this in mind the next time we think we can safely talk

in prayer-meeting, or Sabbath-school, or anywhere else, unprepared, and count on God to give us a message. This is not fair to God or to our hearers.—*Sunday-school Times.*

BEGIN WITH THE CROSS

"BEING found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Except a man's faith begin here, with the cross of the Lord and the broken body and spilled blood as God's own sacrifice for sin, it is impossible to understand how he can have penitence enough or freedom enough or love enough to enjoy and fulfil the life to which this death was the redemption. But if he has remembered Christ here, there is in truth, by the reality of the incarnation, no part of common life which may not equally be a remembrance and memorial of his glory.—*George Adam Smith.*



View of the Big Spring, Huntsville, Ala.

COMMON DAYS

ONE of the chief dangers of life is trusting occasions. We think that conspicuous events, striking experiences, exalted moments, have most to do with our character and capacity. We are wrong. Common days, monotonous hours, wearisome paths, plain old tools and every-day clothes, tell the real story. Good habits are not made on birthdays, nor Christian character at the New Year. The vision may dawn, the dream may waken, the heart may leap with a new inspiration on some mountain-top, but the test, the triumph, is at the foot of the mountain, on the level plain.

The workshop of character is every-day life. The uneventful and commonplace hour is where the battle is won or lost. Thank God for a new truth, a beautiful idea, a glowing experience; but remember that unless we bring it down to the ground, and teach it to walk with feet, work with hands, and stand the strain of daily life, we have worse than lost it; we have been hurt by it.

A new light in our heart makes an occasion; but an occasion is an opportunity, not for building a tabernacle, and feeling thankful, and looking back to a blessed memory, but for shedding the new light on the old path, and doing old duties with new inspiration. The common life is the child of the common day, lived in an uncommon day.—*Maltbie Davenport Babcock.*

RELIGION is not to be wholly separated from education, notwithstanding many influences working toward that end. Of the recent gift of ten million dollars to the University of Chicago by Mr. Rockefeller, a million and a half is to be used for building and furnishing a chapel. Mr. Rockefeller gives a good reason for setting apart so large a sum to that purpose. He writes, "As the spirit of religion should penetrate and control the university, so that building which represents religion ought to be the central and dominant feature of the university group."



Our Schools



We would again remind our readers and patrons of the Huntsville School Fund that we are waiting to get in the rest of the money to make up the two scholarships which the Southern Union Conference constituency promised toward this worthy object. Brethren and sisters, we know that the time is soon to close, and we are told by the spirit of prophecy that it will close in this Southland first. Do we believe it? If so, we will give of our means to this worthy cause. I would be glad to receive the pledges that were promised toward this enterprise.

Mrs. M. H. CROTHERS.

PUT-OFF TOWN

Did you ever go to Put-Off town,
Where the houses are old and tumble-down,
And everything tarries and everything drags,
With dirty streets and people in rags?

On the street of Slow lives old man Wait,
And his two little boys, named Linger and Late,
with uncleaned hands and tousled hair,
And a naughty little sister named Don't Care.

Grandmother Growl lives in this town,
With her two granddaughters, called Fret and Frown;
And old man Lazy lives alone
Around the corner on street Postpone.

Did you ever go to Put-Off town
To play with the little girls Fret and Frown?
Or go to the home of old man Wait,
And whistle for his boys to come to the gate?

To play all day on Tarry Street,
Leaving your errands for other feet,
To stop or shirk or linger or frown
Is the nearest way to this old town.

—*The Expositor.*

THE GREAT LESSON OF LIFE

WHAT a vast proportion of our lives is spent in anxious and useless forebodings concerning the future—either our own or those of our dear ones. Present joys, present blessings slip by and we miss half their favor, and all for want of faith in Him who provides for the tiniest sunbeam.

Oh, when shall we learn the sweet trust in God that our little children show us every day by their confiding faith in us? We, who are so mutable, so faulty, so irritable, so unjust; and He who is so watchful, so pitiful, so loving, so forgiving? Why can not we, slipping our hand into his every day, walk trustingly over that day's appointed path, thorny or flowery, crooked or straight, knowing that evening will bring us sleep, peace, and home?—*Phillips Brooks.*

FAMINE and plague are ravaging immense areas in China. In the Hui River valley, according to reports received by the state department at Washington, between two million and three million people are in distress from famine. The American National Red Cross Society has cabled five thousand dollars to Minister Calhoun as a relief fund. In Mongolia and Manchuria thousands have died from the plague. The sick receive little care, and the dead remain unburied.

THE ROAD HOME

HOWEVER far by devious paths we roam,
Truth ever was and is the straight road home.

—*Alfred H. Miles.*

WHEN the great city of Chicago placed a woman at the head of its public-school system, some doubts were expressed as to the wisdom of the selection. Plainly Chicago is satisfied with the experiment, for the school board recently gave Mrs. Young a unanimous re-election, and a leading paper of the city declares that "Mrs. Young has ceased to be an official; she is a Chicago institution."

"THE Chicago High School has opened a class where girls will be taught how to conduct a household within a given income. The student will be taught what foods are nourishing and how to prepare them with economy; what proportion of the income should be allowed for rent, fuel, and light, and what proportion she and her husband may use. She will also be taught the necessity of sanitary conditions connected with the sale of food and the importance of insurance."

CAPTAIN PEARY brought back from the arctic what he supposed were the only eggs ever found of the knot, or red-breasted sandpiper. He had looked in vain for the nests every time he went north, until the last time, when he found two nests with four eggs in each. He photographed the nests with the birds on them, and then with the eggs as they lay, before lifting the nests to bring back to civilization with him. Although the bird has been known for years,—he is mentioned in a book written in England in 1422,—and his breeding-grounds were discovered in the arctic by the Nares expedition in the last century, other naturalists had found it as difficult as Peary to discover a nest with eggs and a brooding bird. The year after Peary found his eggs a German explorer at work for a New York egg-collector secured two eggs in north Iceland, but no nest.

"SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS do not believe that any man can win salvation by keeping the fourth commandment. The man must be saved from his sins by the faith of Jesus before he can keep the Sabbath holy, but salvation itself, justification from sin, means the obedience of faith."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION
CONFERENCE

For Week Ending January 14, 1911

| ALABAMA CONFERENCE | | | | | | | |
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| NAME | Book | Hrs. | Ords. | Value | Helps | Total | Delivered |
| N E Allen..... | PPF | 34 | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$56 00 |
| Geo W Brown ... | BF | 45 | 7 | 10 50 | 23 75 | 34 25 | |
| R Roberts | BF | 29 | 3 | 4 00 | 7 50 | 11 50 | 9 25 |
| M L Ivory | BF | 33 | 9 | 13 50 | 3 15 | 16 65 | |
| KENTUCKY CONFERENCE | | | | | | | |
| H E Beck | CK | 24 | 12 | 13 00 | 1 78 | 14 75 | |
| LOUISIANA CONFERENCE | | | | | | | |
| Luvia Parish . | PPF | 9 | 14 | 19 00 | 1 75 | 20 75 | 1 50 |
| M D Reed ... | MISC | 16 | 15 | | 3 50 | 3 50 | 1 25 |
| Virginia McPhall | PPF | 6 | 5 | 12 50 | | 12 50 | 3 00 |
| G Jorgenson ... | PPF | 38 | 12 | 9 50 | 4 75 | 14 25 | 7 00 |
| MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE | | | | | | | |
| E L Marley | D&R | 31 | 6 | 15 00 | 2 50 | 17 50 | 38 25 |
| C H McColrey ... | BF | 36 | 54 | 55 00 | 5 80 | 60 80 | 5 80 |
| A O Wait | BF | 38 | 50 | 53 50 | 2 50 | 56 00 | 8 50 |
| Ella Johnson L&H | BF | 24 | 4 | 4 00 | 13 50 | 17 50 | 5 00 |
| *J S Campbell .. | BF | 53 | | | | | 32 50 |
| John Wood | BF | 41 | 13 | 17 50 | 2 50 | 20 00 | 5 50 |
| Louise Jackson .. | BF | 15 | 1 | 1 00 | | 1 00 | 1 25 |
| N M Olvin | BF | 56 | | | 3 00 | 3 00 | 16 50 |
| W H Haddon . | MISC | 27 | 5 | 6 25 | 75 | 7 00 | 22 00 |
| W H Walters . | MISC | 10 | 1 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 6 00 | 6 00 |
| Horace Miller . | MISC | 18 | 1 | 1 00 | 1 50 | 2 50 | 15 50 |
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| TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE | | | | | | | |
| C E Morphew .. | BF | 35 | 35 | 35 50 | 2 50 | 38 00 | 5 50 |
| M Wheeler | BF | 40 | 11 | 14 00 | 9 25 | 23 25 | 24 00 |
| Mamie Moore . | D&R | 31 | 14 | 39 50 | 3 00 | 42 50 | 2 00 |
| J S Moore | D&R | 19 | 3 | 3 25 | | 3 25 | 3 25 |
| R H Hazelton . | sofp | 28 | 5 | 6 25 | 18 75 | 24 00 | 2 50 |
| T R Tyer | CK | 13 | 7 | 7 50 | 45 | 7 95 | |
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| Kentucky Conf | | 24 | 12 | 13 00 | 1 78 | 14 78 | |
| Louisiana Conf ... | | 69 | 47 | 41 00 | 10 00 | 51 00 | 12 75 |
| Mississippi Conf .. | | 349 | 135 | 156 25 | 35 05 | 191 30 | 156 80 |
| Tenn River Conf .. | | 166 | 75 | 106 00 | 33 95 | 139 95 | 37 25 |
| Totals | | 749 | 288 | 344 25 | 115 10 | 459 43 | 272 05 |

IT TAKES SO LITTLE

It takes so little to make us sad,
Just a slighting word or a doubting sneer,
Just a scornful smile on some lips held dear;
And our footsteps lag, though the goal seemed near,
And we lose the courage and hope we had—
So little it takes to make us sad.

It takes so little to make us glad,
Just the cheering clasp of a friendly hand,
Just a word from one who can understand;
And we finish the task we long had planned,
And we lose the doubt and the fear we had—
So little it takes to make us glad.

—*Selected.*

"A LIVING that costs no sweat is too costly, for it costs the privilege of a great deal of life's sweetness."

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We have sent to our Young People's Missionary Volunteer and the tract and missionary societies, report blanks which we request them to fill out and return to the office of the Southern Union Missionary Secretary, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, as soon as possible. This matter is for a double purpose. First, we must send in our reports to the General Conference department, as soon as we receive the reports; and the other is for the statistical report for 1910, and it is earnestly desired that it shall be placed in the hands of the statistical secretary at Washington not later than February 12. Just a little thought and energy exercised by the individuals to whom the blanks have been sent will bring the reports in in good time to have them sent on. Kindly see that these reports are sent to us without delay.

"A SMILE never wears out if it is worn pleasantly, and it is always in good style."

MALTSUGAR FREE AND FREIGHT PAID

"We certainly were delighted with this new sweet."—Illinois.
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"Coming King" orders can be sent in from now on, and they will be given prompt attention.

SITUATION WANTED

A LADY of about thirty years of age with a boy of four years, would like to secure work in a Sabbath-keeping family, and would be willing to work for a small amount of wages. Because she accepted the truth her husband treated her cruelly and finally left her penniless. Any effort put forth in her behalf will be greatly appreciated.

MARGARET E. YOUNG.

212 So. Foster St., Dothan, Ala.

"THE new Pennsylvania railroad station in New York, which was recently opened to the public and which is regarded as the most beautiful station in the world, makes it possible to go from New York to California without changing cars.

"There are twenty-one sets of tracks fitted with block system, making accidents almost impossible. Trains leave and arrive every minute. The track runs under the Hudson River into the heart of the city, a feat that only a few years ago would have been considered utterly impossible."

"It has been recently discovered that the mud dredged from the bottom of San Francisco Bay by the State Harbor Commission, is just the kind of material needed by the oil industry for sealing oil wells and lining oil reservoirs. This mud is soft, sticky and of a blue-black material almost like paint. It sells for \$120 per car-load and the demand for it in the oil fields has exceeded the supply."

We see a truth with clearer eyes for trying to make others see it. We lift our load more easily for helping others bear their burdens. The giver never fails to get back.—A. E. Pierson.