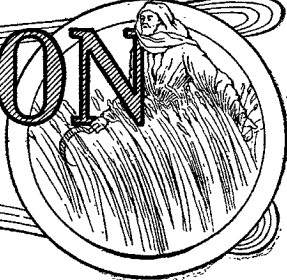


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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

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YE SHALL BE COMFORTED

DESPAIR not in the darkest time—
The dawning soon will be;
Look up to Him with faith sublime,
Who loves both you and me.
Dry all your tears and weep no more
O'er friend or friendship dead—
Ye shall have joy more than before—
Ye shall be comforted.

Know this—God's promises are sure—
Trust on through all the days,
And ever patiently endure,
With love and prayer and praise.
With hope be ever in accord—
With strength and courage tread;
Your faith shall reap a glad reward—
Ye shall be comforted.

Then fling behind thee selfish woe,
Find lonelier hearts than thine,
Swift sympathy to others show,
And teach God's peace divine.
Learn how much joy for others' grief
Ye may bestow instead,
And ye shall find, with sweet relief,
Your own heart comforted.

—Selected.

The Church

DUTIES OF THE CHURCH OFFICERS

(Continued)

THE LIBRARIAN

THE librarian is secretary and business agent of the church missionary society, and should order from the state tract society all supplies of papers, magazines, tracts, and books for the church and individuals. The librarian's accounts with the state society should be balanced every month, to do which it is necessary to collect all individual debts promptly. A cash basis is by far the best one to adopt from the beginning.

To keep in touch with all advance movements in missionary lines by frequent correspondence with the main office, and to urge their adoption; to encourage members in missionary correspondence and other work; to keep record of same and report promptly at the close of each quarter, are among the duties of the librarian.

The "Librarian's Record" contains instruction necessary for its keeping.

ACCOUNTS, ETC.

Quarterly report blanks are furnished free by the state society; also individual report slips and order books at a small cost.

The librarian, as the name indicates, also has charge of the church library, which should be kept in a manner most convenient for the members. In some cases an assistant may be necessary for this work.

In larger churches, a missionary committee of three or more members may be associated with the librarian to plan for general missionary work, weekly meetings, and special campaigns.

Following are the prices of books used by the church officers:

Church Record (Clerk)	\$1.00
Financial Church Record (Treasurer)	1.00
Librarian's Record .....	.35
Librarian's Order Book .....	.10
Individual Report Slips, per 100 .....	.05

Treasurer's receipt books and all other blanks are free.

AUDITING CHURCH ACCOUNTS

The plan is followed in some of our churches of electing an auditor, or appointing an auditing committee, to look over and report upon the accounts of the treasurer and all other officers who are entrusted with the care of funds. This is a safeguard against errors in the account keeping, and also gives the church opportunity to know from some one besides those directly responsible that the moneys have been handled in a proper manner.

REMITTING FUNDS

All funds remitted by the church treasurer, librarian, or any other person sending money to the general office, should be made payable to the office instead of to any individual in that office. This often saves delay and confusion, as for instance where there is a change in the incumbency of an office, or where the one in charge is absent for a time.

Likewise all business correspondence should be addressed to the house instead of to individual parties.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Perplexity often arises in the handling of church-membership lists. Individuals move away without taking church letters, and their whereabouts are unknown. It often happens after several years that a goodly number of such names are found upon the list, and it is something of a problem to know what to do with them.

This plan is followed in some of our larger churches: If an individual has not been heard from for a year or more, the name is entered upon a retired or unknown list, and not counted in the regular church-membership. When such members are again heard from, if still in the faith, they may be reinstated, and should be urged to join their nearest church.

If they have apostatized, the church votes to drop them from its roll.

There are three ways of receiving members—by baptism, by vote on profession of faith, and by letter. Regarding the second named, it often occurs that a person has been baptized sometime previous, or is satisfied with his baptism in another denomination, in which case, he is simply taken in by vote. The same may be true if a church has been disbanded, and the members composing it have thus lost their membership. Upon satisfactory evidence that they are in good standing, another church may accept them by vote.

In accepting transfers of members by letter, the name is usually read before the church and action deferred for one week, thus giving opportunity for any investigation which may seem necessary. The same should be done in granting letters to members wishing to join other churches. An individual is considered a member of the church from which transfer is made until notice of acceptance into another church has been returned; and then the transfer is dated from the time the vote was taken in the receiving company.

A person may be dropped from the church by letter, by violation of the church covenant, and by death.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING

If possible to arrange the time to this end, a minister should be present on quarterly meeting occasions. However, if he is not available, the service should not be omitted, but should be conducted by the church officers.

After the usual opening, and a short sermon or reading and remarks, the members may be requested to respond in testimony to the roll call. The following suggestions from "Duties of Church Officers" outlines the remainder of the service:—

"After this the members separate for the ordinance of humility. All necessary arrangements should have been made by the deacon and deaconess, that everything may be done in a quiet and orderly manner. During the celebration of this ordinance, it is well for the members to unite in singing some suitable hymn.

"After this is done, all gather together again to partake of the Lord's Supper. The wine has been put into the decanter, the table spread with a clean, white, linen cloth, on which are placed the wine, goblets, and plates with unleavened bread in small cakes. All is covered with another cloth.

"The elder removes this cloth, prayer is offered, the bread blessed and broken, and handed to the elders or deacons, and by these given to the people. When they return to the table, the presiding elder gives to them, and takes for himself.

"After a brief interval for silent prayer, prayer is offered, and the wine is poured into goblets (or individual glasses), and this, in like manner, is given to the people and the officers. Where individual glasses are used they are handed round until all are supplied when all drink together."

The scriptures relating to the institution of these rites are found in John 13: 1-17 for the ordinance of humility; and Matt. 26: 26-30; Mark 14: 22-25; Luke 22: 19, 20; 1 Cor. 11: 23-34 for the Lord's Supper. Where nothing else is provided for the service, the simple reading of these verses in whole or in part is very appropriate. Also portions of chapters seventy-one and seventy-two in "Desire of Ages" make an acceptable reading.

In preparing for the communion, the deaconess should not break the bread, this being done later by the presiding elder or minister. If individual glasses are used, they should be filled before the service; otherwise the elder pours the wine.
—Claude Conard, in *Pacific Union Recorder*.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

NUMBER of bound volumes sold during the week ending March 10, 2,671; *Watchman* sales, 3,382; *Gospel Sentinel*, 1,900.

Reports from the field this week are very scarce. For a time it seemed as though it would be necessary to allow our column to remain blank, but surely the brethren in the field would be disappointed to receive no news from the home office, so we are giving you the local items this week, and we earnestly request our workers to send us a report of some of their experiences in the field. This is an invitation for each and every one of you to write a short letter telling us in a brief way how the Lord is blessing you in your work. This makes interesting reading to our people at large, and we trust you will bear the request in mind. We presume that the large number of institutes that have been held in our union are responsible for the scarcity of news, but in a number of conferences the workers are now back in the field and we expect to have several columns of interesting reading for the next number of our paper.

Please do not forget this request. Upon reading this, please sit down and write us a report at once. DO IT NOW.

Last Friday we said good-by to Brother Floyd Hull, who is one of the veterans in the employ of this office, having been with us more than nine years, some years of which were spent as foreman of the composing room. For the last few months Brother Hull has been going through our training course, getting a thorough training in the printing business. Not only has he gone through the different mechanical departments, but he has also studied in the business office and salesroom. It is our plan to continually have some one in training to answer the many calls that are coming in for competent workers to take charge of small offices in the fields beyond.

A short time ago a request came from the Foreign Mission Seminary, Washington, D. C., asking us to recommend some one to take charge of their printing office in the seminary. Brother Hull was recommended, and left last Friday to take up his duties. For the present the assignment is only temporary, but we believe Brother Hull will give good satisfaction, and he has the earnest prayers and best wishes of his former associates in the office; and it is with deep regret in a sense, that we allow him to leave us, but we feel that he has been called of God to take up work in a field of larger usefulness.

Good reports are coming in from the ministerial institute at Knoxville, and we learn from Brother Crothers, who has had charge of the book and periodical work, that they have disposed of about eight hundred of the March *Watchman*.

The canvassers' institute at Lexington, Ky., opened March 13.

Eld. S. N. Haskell, of Oakland, Cal., made a pleasant call at the office Monday.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSN.,

R. Hook Jr., Gen. Mgr.

ANOTHER WORKER LEAVES

BROTHER Floyd E. Hull, who has been connected with the Southern Publishing Association since 1901, was recently invited to connect with the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary printing office. On the eve of his departure his fellow workers in the composing room gathered around him, extend-

ing to him their wishes for success in his new field of labor, and as a token of esteem presented him with a beautiful copy of "Desire of Ages."

Brother Hull has enjoyed unusual advantages in connection with the publishing house, and this thorough training fits him admirably for the new responsible position to which he has been called. He will be greatly missed by the office family and also by the circle of young people, among whom he has untiringly labored in connection with the young people's society. The prayers of his friends will follow this dear worker, and we expect that his sphere of usefulness in connection with this great cause will continue to enlarge.

F. E. PFEIFFER.

Periodical Department

Reduced Facsimile



Matt. 24: 32, 33

THE APRIL WATCHMAN The Present Truth Evangelizer

The Watchman is a magazine for everybody.

To reach the people, the *Watchman* begins to evangelize with the cover page.

Matthew 24: 32, 33, is the theme upon which our artist has based the design for the April *Watchman* cover. It will be very handsome and one which will please everybody.

This number is of unusual excellence. Prominence is given to the subject of the Second Advent.

"Can We Know?" is a question answered by the editor, having reference to the signs and the prophecies by which we may know that "He is near, even at the doors."

There appears, by Elder S. N. Haskell, a beloved pioneer in the advent message, a stirring article on "The Second Coming of Christ."

Do not fail to read the article on the "Seven Seals," by Prof. B. G. Wilkinson.

Professor Magan turns from events in the Far East and in his article of the Eastern Question series takes up the question of the renewal of the struggle for world empire, which has been held in abeyance by the nations since the days of Napoleon.

"Trusts in the Light of Bible Prophecy" presented by C. P. Bollman.

There appears an interesting article by Dr. G. H. Heald, on the deadly plague in China.

A Bible reading on the subject of "The Little Horn of Daniel Seven," by A. L. Manous.

"Panama and the Canal," by B. E. Connerly.

And a number of other splendid articles besides the usual Outlook, Mission Field, and Home and Health departments.

Order early through your tract society.

Kentucky Conference

CANVASSING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1911

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W P Ethington	BF	110	10	\$10 00	\$ 3 75	\$13 75	\$65 00
H E Beck	BF	43	18	18 00	10 25	28 25	17 75
Totals		153	18	28 00	14 00	42 00	82 75

Mississippi Conference

NOTICE

At the meeting of the conference committee, November 27 and 28, it was decided to raise a fund to pay for some office furniture that we find our office very much in need of, such as desks, a typewriter, etc. All who would like to help raise this fund will please send their donations to Miss Beulah Callicott, and your name, with the amount given will be published. If you cannot give a large sum, do not be ashamed to give a small amount.

W. S. LOWRY.

CONFERENCE OFFICE FURNITURE FUND

F. R. Rogers	\$5 00
H. G. Miller	5 00
Beulah M. Callicott	1 00
W. S. Lowry	2 00
J. S. Fry	1 00
Katie R. McLeod	8 00
Virgil Smith	1 00

SABBATH-SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

To the Sabbath-school officers and teachers in Mississippi, Greetings: The first quarter of 1911 is now almost in the past; the time is nearing to send in your donations to missions, quarterly reports, etc. I trust each school has enjoyed much of the blessing of God, that souls have been converted, and that the missionary spirit has increased in each heart.

Last quarter our donations amounted to \$60.29. I trust it may be much more this quarter.

Officers and parents, encourage the youth to sell the Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*. Hundreds should be sold in Mississippi by our young people.

Our young people are encouraged by the Young People's Missionary Volunteer department to reach a definite standard of knowledge in Bible doctrines and denominational history. The examination for the "Standard of Attainment" is given in March, and all our young people who desire to take the test should apply at once to me, and the questions will be sent you.

Our brethren and sisters over the State will remember that

it was decided to raise one hundred dollars by our Sabbath-schools during the year, or by camp-meeting, 1911. Seventeen dollars and nine cents have been paid in to the Conference treasury for this purpose. We want to raise the remainder by July 30. We have no time to lose, so parents, plan with your children to raise one dollar each,—let them have a missionary garden, raise chickens, sell small books, or journals. We will send in the name of each to the WORKER as soon as the dollar is received.

In sending the money to Sister Callicott, state that it is for the one hundred dollars to be raised by the young people for the foreign mission work. At camp-meeting we expect to have a Sabbath-school convention, and decide to which field the one hundred dollars is to be sent. There are approximately sixty young people in the State so we who are older are invited to help out in the good work. I am sending Temperance and Missionary Volunteer pledges to all our young people, and all who have not already signed them, I request that they do so at once, and send me their names.

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

353 McKee St., Jackson, Miss.

Tennessee River Conference

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Three Weeks Ending March 11, 1911

Agent	Paper	Hrs.	No.	Value
J A Fry	W	92	\$9 20
O L McAlexander	S, W	64	6 40
O Godsmark	W	59	5 90
Miss M A Sharp	W	50	5 00
Totals		265	26 50

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1911

TITHES

Nashville	.....	\$200 00
Memphis	.....	131 83
Leach	.....	63 58
Lane	.....	30 80
Trezevant	.....	21 50
Springville	.....	4 40
Jackson	.....	3 37
Cedar Grove	.....	2 34
Total	.....	\$467 32

OFFERINGS

\$300,000 fund	.....	\$41 25
Sabbath-school donations	.....	7 57
Ingathering	.....	3 55
Second-Sabbath offering	.....	3 33
First-day offerings	.....	3 30
Annual offering	.....	1 75
Total	.....	\$60 75

THOS. E. PAVEY, Treas.

"ITALIANS in North and South America send home about two hundred and fifty million dollars a year, and after five years of absence they return. The Italian government, consequently, has ceased to worry over the emigration problem, but rejoices that the people have enterprise enough to go abroad and get rich."

Missionary Volunteers

AID FOR THE TEMPTED

As long as life lasts, you will experience temptations. Those of youth are not like those of old age. Indeed, the temptations of any one year are probably never exactly like those of the next, but be sure that temptations will come.

Those who have read Miss Clara Laughlin's amusing and illuminative story, "The Evolution of a Girl's Ideal," will remember how very different were the longings of the little heroine from one period of her life to another. According to the things which we desire, so run our temptations.

The greatest temptation which comes to Christians, and which includes many minor ones, is probably that of following prevailing customs and fashions; or, as the Scripture puts it, being "conformed to the world."

Because most of their mates pursue a certain course, wear certain harmful clothes, or acquire certain habits, seems to most young people a perfectly valid reason for doing the same thing. The stupid, unquestioning manner in which we sacrifice our freedom of opinion and take our orders from the crowd, would be ludicrous if it were not so tragic.

"Few sometimes may know when thousands err."

In the first book of Samuel we read, "He that is now called a prophet was beforetime called a seer."

This is the true sequence. We must see before we can prophesy.

Let us look around from time to time and examine the current customs, and search for those that are wrong. Most of our friends may be following them "like dumb, driven cattle," without thinking whether such customs have a moral quality or not. But let us weigh them for ourselves; for everything is either right or wrong. If it is wrong, even a little wrong (if there is such a thing as much or little in the measurements of ethics), let us put it from us, pass it by, and turn away.

Is a habit filthy? Does it make your breath, your teeth, your fingers offensive? Is it said by the best authorities to be harmful to health? Does it add unnecessarily to your expenses? If so, have none of it, no matter how you may be ridiculed, or how singular you may have to appear in consequence. You know Mark Twain said that "to be good is to be lonesome." It is often true, but it is a wholesome kind of lonesomeness.

Do you feel that drunkenness is becoming the great curse of this nation? Do you feel that you do not wish by any sign or look or word or act to abet or encourage the awful traffic on which it feeds? And yet do you see your comrades entering saloons, bragging of the large amounts of liquor that they can "carry"? Telling you that only cranks are total abstainers?

There your duty is plain. Do it, and God will help you.

Dr. Banks tells of a sailor on one of our warships who crept behind one of the big guns every night and prayed. Long he was alone. At last, another jack tar joined him. Many nights they met together and prayed behind the big gun. One of their mates, out of a number who had seen and ridiculed them, went and told the commander, who was a Roman Catholic, and, as the informer thought, might stop the daily prayer-meeting. But no. He was a large-minded man. He ordered a place curtained off for his praying sailors, and said that no one must molest them. One by one their comrades came to them to be admitted into the little prayer tent, until thirty-two converted men gathered daily there to read God's Word and worship him.

Follow your conscience through all temptations, clasping God's hand closely. You know not how many may be nerved by your example to do the same thing.—*Selected.*

DO YOU?

Who of us know
The heartaches of the restless crowds we meet
Each day in passing on the busy street,—
The anxious cares that ever round them press,
Forebodings which their inmost soul distress,—
Who of us know? Do you?

Who of us care
To try to understand their pain and grief,
And toil to bring to breaking hearts relief;
To lessen much the burden of their care
By cheering word, by kindly look, and prayer,—
Who of us care? Do you?

Who of us strive
To help these slaves in galling fetters bound,—
The fallen, ruined, hopeless ones around,
The human wrecks on deadly breakers tossed,—
By pointing them to Him who saves the lost?
Who of us strive? Do you?

—*Selected.*

General

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF ENOCH

WE read of the prophet Enoch, that he "walked with God . . . three hundred years." Enoch's walk with God was not in a trance or a vision, but in all the duties of his daily life. He did not become a hermit, shutting himself entirely from the world; for he had a work to do for God in the world. In the family and in his intercourse with men, as a husband and father, a friend, a citizen, he was the steadfast, unwavering servant of the Lord. His heart was in harmony with God's will; for "can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

Enoch was a public teacher of the truth in the age in which he lived. He taught the truth; he lived the truth; and the character of the teacher was in every way harmonious with the greatness and sacredness of his mission. Enoch was a prophet who spoke as he was moved by the Holy Ghost. He was a light amid the moral darkness, a pattern man, a man who walked with God, being obedient to his law,—that law which Satan had refused to obey, which Adam had transgressed, which Abel obeyed, and because of his obedience was murdered. Now God would demonstrate to the universe the falsity of Satan's charge that men could not keep God's law. He would demonstrate that though man had sinned, he could so relate himself to God that he would have the mind and Spirit of God. This holy man was selected to denounce the wickedness of the world, and to give evidence that man can keep the law.

How little is said of Enoch; how brief is his biography! Many volumes are written of Napoleon; much is said of Cæsar and other great men of the world. Their exploits are recorded and sent through the length and breadth of the land; yet we have no evidence that these men honored God, or that God honored them. Of Enoch it is recorded, "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

Enoch walked with God, while of the world around him sacred history records, "The wickedness of man was great in the earth," "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Enoch's righteous life was in marked contrast with that of the wicked people around him. His piety, his purity, his unswerving integrity, were the result of his walking with God, while the wickedness of the world was the result of their walking with the deceiver of mankind.

Enoch was an active worker. He did not seek ease and comfort. Nor did he spend his time in idle meditation, or in striving to gain happiness for himself. He did not participate in the festivities and amusements that constantly engaged the attention of the pleasure-lovers of the antediluvian world. In his day the minds of many were absorbed in worldly pleasures,—pleasures that tempted them to go astray. But Enoch was terribly in earnest. With the sinful and with the workers of iniquity he mingled only as God's messenger, to warn them to turn with abhorrence from their evil ways, and to repent and seek God.

Enoch did not become polluted with the iniquities existing in his day. Why need we in our day? But we may, like our Master, have compassion for suffering humanity, pity for the unfortunate, and a generous consideration for the feelings and necessities of the needy, the troubled, and the despairing. Those who are Christians indeed will seek to do good to others, and at the same time will so order their conversation and deportment as to maintain a calm, hallowed peace of mind. Selfishness and worldliness are not fruits of a Christian tree. No man can live for himself, and yet enjoy the approbation of God.

Were Enoch upon the earth to-day his heart would be in harmony with all God's requirements; he would walk with God, although surrounded with influences which are the most wicked and debasing. So may we remain pure and uncorrupted. He was a representative of the saints who live amid the perils and corruptions of the last days. For his faithful obedience to God, he was translated. So, also, the faithful, who are alive and remain, will be translated. They will be removed from a sinful and corrupt world to the pure joys of heaven.

Enoch meditated and prayed, and put on the armor of watchfulness, and he came forth from his pleadings with God to plead with his fellow men. He did not mask the truth to find favor with unbelievers. His close connection with God gave him courage to work the works of God. He had the testimony that his ways pleased God. This is the privilege of every believer to-day. It is man dwelling with God, and God taking up his abode with man. "I in them, and thou in me," says Jesus. To walk with God and have the witness that their ways pleased him, is an experience not to be confined to Enoch, to Elijah, to patriarchs, to prophets, to apostles, to martyrs. It is the privilege of all the followers of Christ to have Jesus enshrined in their hearts, to carry him with them in their lives. This will make them fruit-bearing trees.

I wish I could impress upon every worker in God's cause the great need of continual, earnest prayer. They cannot be constantly upon their knees, but they can be uplifting their hearts to God. We have too slight a hold upon God and upon eternal realities.

Those who teach the Word must themselves live in hourly contact, in conscious, living communion, with God. The principles of truth and righteousness and mercy must be within them. They must draw from the fountain of all wisdom moral and intellectual power. Their hearts must be alive with the deep movings of the Spirit of God.

It is our privilege to-day to stand with the light of heaven upon us. It was thus that Enoch walked with God. It was

no easier for Enoch to live a righteous life in his day than it is for us at the present time. The world at that time was no more favorable to growth in grace and holiness than it is now, but Enoch devoted time to prayer and communion with God, and this enabled him to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. It was his devotion to God that fitted him for translation.

We are living amid the perils of the last days, and we must receive our strength from the same source as did Enoch. We must walk with God. A separation from the world is required of us. We cannot remain free from its pollution unless we follow the example of faithful Enoch.

Every man, woman, and youth who professes the religion of Christ should realize the responsibility resting upon the believer. All should feel that this is an individual work, an individual warfare, an individual preaching of Christ. If each would realize this, and take hold of the work, we should be mighty as an army with banners. The heavenly dove would hover over us. The light of the glory of God would no more be shut away from us than it was from the devoted Enoch.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

REMEMBER THE POOR, THE ORPHANS, AND AGED

SABBATH, April 1, is the regular time for our annual offering for the orphans and the poor in all churches of Seventh-day Adventists. No single act of faith is more frequently commended in the Bible or connected with more blessed promises than the care of the poor, the orphans, and widows. I will not attempt to refer to all the promises and admonitions on this subject, but perhaps citing a few of the many will bring blessing to some and an increased offering to this worthy cause.

"The poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand *wide* unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land." Deut. 15: 11. "For ye have the poor always with you." Matt. 26: 11. "I was a father to the poor; and the cause which I knew not I searched out." Job 29: 16. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Ps. 41: 1. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Prov. 19: 17.

And in the great day of judgment those who inherit the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world will be the ones who have fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and relieved the sick and distressed; and in doing these things we are told that the Lord counts it as done unto himself. Matt. 25: 40: "And the king shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Read prayerfully these instructions and promises, and let your offering be a liberal one the first Sabbath in April.

C. F. McVAGH,
on behalf of the S. U. Conf.

Note to the Elder or Leader—Please read this call in the church the last Sabbath in March, and ask the people to come prepared to make the offering the first Sabbath in April.

THE many who enjoyed the article on Astronomy in the February *Signs* will be glad to know that Dr. Reed continues his articles in the April magazine. "And now the brain, lost in the frightful sweep of its thought, fairly swims in its efforts to comprehend the infinite." You ought to follow these studies. They are intensely interesting.

LET KINDNESS RULE

How many have stood beside the casket wherein lay the lifeless form of some loved one? I think nearly all have. Some may have seen within that casket some very dear friend, or even mother or father. And would you not have given worlds, if you possessed them, to once more clasp them in your arms, and have a talk with them?

Some of us would perhaps ask forgiveness for speaking unkind words, and doing unkind deeds. We would tell them how much we loved them; we would tell them how much good they had done in our behalf; how they had helped us over difficult places when all others had failed us; but that opportunity is lost,—forever. Would it not have been well if we had told them of these things while they were with us? One kind word to the living is worth more than all the kind words, flowers, and tears that we may shower upon them after death.

Let us be careful of our words. A wound made by a thoughtless word may be healed, but it will always leave a scar. If some one helps you over hard and trying places, or in any way shows you kindness, let them know that you appreciate it, and that you have been benefited by it,—it will do them good to know.

Let us be more thoughtful in what we do and say and thus brighten lives and be a blessing to those about us.—*An Academy Student in Workers' Bulletin.*

THE GRUMBLER

THE man who has become the petty tyrant of his home, and who scarcely opens his mouth except to grumble and find fault, would probably be rather astonished to hear what his friends think of him.

"He is conscious, perhaps, of being a little irritable under what he would call 'great provocation'; but can always find excuses for his ill-temper, while to those around him he appears a perfect bear, and they wonder how his wife can possibly live with him?"

"The fact is he has become the surly fellow he is by degrees. He has never troubled to control his temper, and it has got the upper hand: but he still deceives himself with the belief that he is at bottom a very 'good fellow.'

"Do not, when anything happens to annoy you, get into the way of venting your irritation on the first person within reach, especially if it is a member of your own family. For it is just in this way that the seeds of ill-feeling are sown between relatives; and husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters, become estranged from one another. No one can afford to behave less politely and kindly to his or her own people than they would to strangers, and you will always find that where a family is particularly happy and united, the secret of it lies in the fact that they have a scrupulous regard for each other's feelings in their daily intercourse."

IF I KNEW

"If I knew that a word of mine,
A word not kind and true,
Might leave its trace on a loved one's face,
I'd never speak harshly, would you?"

"If I knew that the light of a smile,
Might linger the whole day through,
And brighten some heart with a heavier part,
I wouldn't withhold it, would you?"

ALL of our people ought to read the *Protestant Magazine* for their own personal benefit, and then do their utmost in placing it in the possession of others. It is the only publication issued by our people that presents in a clear, dignified manner the principles involved in the making of the image to the beast, in a way that seems to attract the attention and interest of Protestants in other churches. It is receiving attention by the best Protestant thinkers in the popular churches. It is rapidly becoming prominent before the public mind. It has received many flattering compliments during the past six months from some of the best men in the country. Let all who are not familiar with the *Protestant Magazine* send for a sample copy, and through it be convinced of the merits of the magazine. Wherever the publishers have sent out sample copies of the *Protestant Magazine* to prominent men, these samples have, in a great majority of cases, brought back not only the individual subscription, but several others with it. The party to whom the sample was sent not only became interested himself, but interested his friends to the extent of securing their subscriptions.

The *Protestant* is only twenty-five cents a year. In bulk orders, the prices are the same as on other ten-cent magazines.

THE Temperance number of the *Instructor* is now ready to be mailed. The first edition of two hundred thousand copies is completed. It will be of interest to our readers to recall the fact that the first Temperance number of the *Instructor* was issued in 1907, and fifty thousand copies were circulated, that the second number was issued in 1909, and one hundred and twenty thousand copies were circulated; and that the third number was issued last year, and two hundred and ten thousand copies were circulated. It will be noticed that beginning with the fifty thousand copies of the first Temperance number, each issue practically doubled the previous issue in circulation. If, therefore, the rate of increase is maintained this year, we will circulate at least four hundred thousand copies of the Temperance *Instructor*. In view of the great need of the instruction the present Temperance number contains, and the experience our workers have gained in the circulation of previous issues, and the additional help we have added to these workers through the making of strong friends among outside temperance people, and whose co-operation we shall have in the circulation of the *Instructor* this year, we ought to circulate five hundred thousand copies of the present issue.

In running the first edition of this year's issue of two hundred thousand copies, 550 reams, or 260,000 sheets of paper were required, or 51,800 pounds—approximately two car-loads of paper. Each copy requires four impressions from one of our large cylinder presses, a total of eight hundred thousand impressions being required in order to make up this first edition; five hundred thousand copies, of course, will more than double these figures.

The present Temperance number is far superior to any previous issue both in appearance and contents. It has been contributed to by some of the strongest temperance writers, lecturers, and authors in the country. The articles of these well-known temperance people will bring the *Instructor* in favor with the temperance elements in all localities. In addition to these articles, our own workers have produced some of the best matter for temperance work that could be secured at the present time. Altogether, the contents of the present number are very strong, and will do a great work when placed in the possession of the people. Our workers ought this year to put forth as great efforts as possible as individuals, but they should not overlook the fact that these temperance peo-

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For Week Ending March 4, 1911

ALABAMA CONFERENCE									
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value.	Helps	Total	Delivered		
F D Hunt	.....BF	38	31	\$40 50	\$30 50	\$71 00	\$ 2.50		
M L Ivory	.....BF	35	9	13 50	3 00	16 50	11 05		
Delia Russell	..D&R	8	8	20 00	1 00	21 00			
R Roberts	.....BF	41	9	10 00	8 00	18 00	6 00		
Lucinda Jokt	2W.BF	19	17	21 00	25	21 25			
W E Allen	..PPF,BS	32	10	16 50	50	17 00			
Geo W Brown	.BF	45	6	7 00	4 25	11 25	4 25		
Wm Williams	..BS	26	11		5 50	5 50	4 50		
Ione Parker	...BF	15	6	6 50		6 50			
Sarah Parker	2WB.F	11	4	4 50		4 50			
I W Peevy	.....BF	8			3 00	3 00			
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE									
H E Beck	.....BF	54	31	32 50	11 35	43 85			
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE									
J H Williams	2WPPF	27	15	26 75		26 75	1 00		
G Jorgenson	2WPPF	76	14	13 50	3 00	16 50	23 50		
Jas Reed	2W....PPF	48	20	42 00		42 00	15 00		
M D Reed	2W....PPF	46	21	18 25	7 25	25 50			
Virginia McPhall	PPF	25	4	6.75	3 00	9 75	9 75		
Jno Harzman	.PPF	36	13	20 00	4 25	24 25	16 25		
A Lansdale	....PPF	18	22	34 00		34 00	1 50		
T S Sligh	....PPF	30	3	4 50	1 75	6 25	42 50		
J W Wade	....PPF	7	17	7 50	3 75	11 25	50		
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE									
W H Haddon	...	40							
C H McColrey	..	11					24 75		
S D Miller	....	19	2	2 00		2 00	24 50		
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE									
Mamie Moore	.D&R	33	34	57 50	2 50	60 00	8 75		
M Wheeler	....BF	18	17	19 00	2 50	21 50	2 00		
C E Morphew	..BF	17	17	20 00	50	20 50			
J S Moore	2w...sofP	80	19	27 75	31 65	59 40	26 40		
Tom Brown	...BF	4	2	2 00	1 25	3 25			
I E Stratton	...BF	3					13 00		
R H Hazelton	..BF	30	5	5 50	20 50	26 00	4 00		
A C Wolff	....BF	4	6	6 00	2 50	8 50			
T R Tyer	.....CK	15	1	1 50	1 50	3 00	1 50		
SUMMARY									
Alabama Conf.	....	278	111	139 50	56 00	195 50	28 30		
Kentucky Conf	....	54	31	32 50	11 35	43 85			
Louisiana Conf	...	313	129	173 25	23 00	196 25	110 00		
Mississippi Conf	..	70	2	2 00		2 00	49 25		
Tenn River Conf	.	204	101	139 25	62 90	202 15	55 65		
Totals	.....	919	374	486 50	153 25	639 75	243 20		

ple all over the country will gladly join them in the circulation of a publication like the present Temperance issue of the *Youth's Instructor*. We must gain their co-operation, and enlist their energies with ours in this good work. Through their added efforts we ought to more than double our last year's circulation.

The prices of the present Temperance number of the *Instructor* are the same as last year, namely; 5 to 40 copies, one order, one address, 5 cents per copy; 50 or more copies, 4 cents per copy. All orders for the Temperance *Instructor* should be sent through the conference tract society.

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THE EASTERN QUESTION

THREE strong, timely articles on this subject will appear in the *Signs* magazine for April. Advance copies are now being mailed. The first article will be extensive reprints from a recent issue of the *Chicago Tribune*, showing how delicately balanced the situation is. Then follow extracts from authorities showing the situation as viewed by them, with timely comments. The climax is not far off. Practically all students are agreed as to its imminence and location. Then the editor follows with a most important and interesting Bible study on the subject, calling attention to the time, the place, the participants, the maneuvers of nations preceding the event, the leadership, the cause for the present seeming delay or prevention, the terrible events centering around this great event, and the conditions resulting from and following the awful crash. "The deliverance of God's people, and the wreck of this wicked world." These, with almost a dozen more important articles, make the April *Signs* one that should be in every home. Another strong astronomical article on "The Infinitude of Space" will also appear. Let us circulate it freely. Order some from the tract society.

SAMPLE REPORTS

THE following report came from a regular *Life and Health* worker located in a large Southern city where she has definite territory, and goes over it regularly each month:—

"*Life and Health* is reaching many people here of the higher classes, as well as the common classes. The city officials read it regularly, having instructed me to bring it to them every month. School-teachers, publishers, and others request me to bring the magazine to them. I know these people read *Life and Health*, because they talk to me about what they read in it. I have many regular subscribers. At the beginning of this year I expected a large number of these regular subscribers to tell me to discontinue bringing the paper, but not one of them has so instructed me. On the other hand, they wish me all kinds of success, and say, 'Keep *Life and Health* coming.'

"I cannot begin to tell you all that is said to me from time to time. Some ask me how I hold out to work so hard and so long each day. Some say they believe I work day and night; and that, if I get my strength by living out the principles advocated by *Life and Health*, certainly these principles are heartily recommended through my individual life. I assure them that my power of endurance is, in the main, the result of the application of the principles presented in *Life and Health*; and being able to say this is worth a great deal to my work.

"Many people insist upon talking on health topics, and asking me what they should eat, and how they should do this or that. My life is becoming a very busy, and, I believe, an effective one. The opportunities presented in the *Life and Health* work are many, and one of the most practical features of it is that almost any intelligent person among our people can take it up, develop it, and become a practical self-supporting missionary worker. *Life and Health* will take our workers into the best homes, and will present opportunities for fruitful work that could not be produced through any other work at the present time."

The following statement has been received from Wellington, New Zealand:—

"I have been taking your journal for the past four years, having been, previous to that time, afflicted with severe stomach trouble. Since reading *Life and Health* and adopting its principles, I have been made a different man. I therefore feel very appreciative of this health journal. It has accomplished great good for me."

A NEW PROPHETIC CHART

A NEW prophetic chart has just been issued, 36x48 inches in size, with the same symbols as appear on the large one now in use, only reduced in size. Just right for use in giving Bible studies, conducting cottage meetings, and for small congregations. It is beautifully lithographed in five colors on an extra quality of muslin. Price, postpaid, only \$1.50. We believe it is just what you have been looking for. Order of your tract society, or of the Southern Publishing Association.

"AN interesting comparative statement of the ten-cent-a-week funds as they relate to union and local conferences, was published in the *Review and Herald* two weeks ago. During 1910 the total of \$300,427.57 was given to this fund. However, this did not come up to the requirement, as there was an aggregate deficit in the amount to be raised of \$52,375.76. This means that a number of the conferences did not raise their full proportion. To offset this in part a number of the other conferences overpaid \$22,000, so that the deficit really amounts to \$29,000."

"THE Gideonites, like those in olden times, are in for service. Six thousand Bibles were placed in the hotel bed-rooms of Chicago. They will not be chained down. If a reader steals a Bible to read it, the book will be replaced and the loss charged to the credit account, because the purpose of the project is to encourage Bible reading. The Gideons, an association of Christian traveling men of the United States, are back of the movement. The Bibles were delivered to the hotels by one thousand young men from the churches."

BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

THE above-named pamphlet of 176 pages is now ready and may be procured of your tract society. Let all interested ones send their orders in at once.

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