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

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HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

I AWOKE in the early morning
After a restless night;
I was glad the darkness was passing,
Glad the coming light,
For I felt the pressure of sorrow
Over my spirit cast,
And I did not know how to meet it;
But God was holding me fast.

I tried to think of some promise
From out of the precious Book,
That would open the door before me,
And show me which way to look
For the comfort my spirit was craving,
Till out of the depths I passed;
But not a word did He answer,
But only held me fast.

Then I rested my head on His bosom
Amid the storm and blast,
For my spirit was bruised and broken;
But still He held me fast.
The arms everlasting, beneath me,
Around me in love were clasped;
And I looked up and said: "Don't speak, Lord!
Just hold me—hold me fast!"

—Selected.

A VISIT FROM MRS. E. G. WHITE

THE teachers and students of the Pacific Union College greatly appreciated a visit from Mrs. E. G. White a few weeks ago. She came on Friday and remained until Sunday, speaking Sabbath afternoon for an hour, with old-time clearness and power. She began by reading very impressively, from the second chapter of Daniel, the account of the loyalty to principle of Daniel and his three friends. Dwelling upon the seventeenth verse, she said with voice tremulous with emotion, "Every time I read this verse I can hardly contain myself to think how the Lord of heaven guards his children, if they are true to him."

She dwelt upon the lesson of temperance, saying, "We should not in our day of necessity eat the same substances they did; but our food should be plain and simple. The effect will be placidity of temper and undisturbed condition of mind and heart. Most of our people have decided that the use of meat is not wise. I began speaking when I was fifteen years of age, and have continued to speak and write until the present time. At first my health was very poor; again and again they thought I was going to die. Physicians said, 'You must have a meat diet.' But God opened to me the importance of a simple diet, and assured me that he would sus-

tain me if I were careful; and for sixty-five years his promise has been fulfilled."

The speaker read from chapter two, and said, "All these chapters I desire you to read, and see how the Lord wrought." Referring to the trial of the fiery furnace, in the third chapter, she said, "I want to tell you, just as certainly serious times are before those who keep the commandments of God. For a long time I have not been able to have a good night's rest because of the scenes that are presented before me. God's people are not doing the work he would have them do for the cities. I have borne this testimony again and again until it seemed as if God's people were not going to do the work; but the cities must be entered. We must not let the people perish that do not know the binding force of God's law. We are responsible. The Lord wants us to awake. We must go forward, or the judgments of God will certainly come upon us. During the past few months the good work has begun among the great cities of the land. As soon as the cities began to be entered, the pain in my heart was relieved."

Speaking directly to the teachers, she encouraged them by saying: "You want means for the buildings. I can see the need of them in the near future. You should labor to the utmost of your ability; but do not sacrifice your health, which God will bestow upon those who will trust in him. I have learned to trust him in the past. Once for eleven months I never walked a step, and yet they said to me, 'We always see you smiling.' I could not move at all, except my right arm; but they made a form for my arm, and in this way I wrote twenty-five hundred pages in Australia. I think I ought to acknowledge this here. There are some present who know how my strength began to recover. The first step I took, an attendant burst out crying. They had to carry me to the congregation and carry me home six miles. But God works for us if we do our best. I have proved the Lord, and he has been true to me.

"Two nights ago I never slept a wink. I lay awake for hours praying. The world is going to be surprised by the Lord's coming. Your work here will convince others that we are in earnest. Take hold here with all your heart. Let no evil work go from your hands. The world is going mad, stirred up by Lucifer, who is working upon the minds of men. We must hold up our banner. I could never feel free until I stood here and tested whether I had the strength to speak."

The foregoing is only a brief sketch of the speaker's remarks, but it will serve to show the fervent spirit of the aged servant of God. Her effort was greatly appreciated, and the zeal of students and teachers was stimulated by her noble example.—C. C. Lewis, in *Pacific Union Recorder*.

"EVERY mission field in the world is crying for trained workers, and there are ten calls for every man that can be supplied."

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending April 1, 1911: bound volumes, 3,245; *Watchman*, 4,845; *Gospel Sentinel*, 2,000.

Bro. E. O. Parker, from northern Illinois, was with us at the chapel hour Monday morning. He told us how thirty-two years ago when he was but a boy working in the field, the words, "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God," were impressed upon his mind and resulted in his conversion. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul."

At that time there were but three publications going out from one publishing house. Now there are more than one hundred in many different languages issued by several publishing houses. He sought to impress the workers with the sacred-

preaching the gospel if we are coworkers with Christ. He has been tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. If, when we are passing through trials and temptations, we could see what God sees, and know what he knows, we would choose exactly what God is permitting to come to us. By and by, if faithful, we will hear the words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

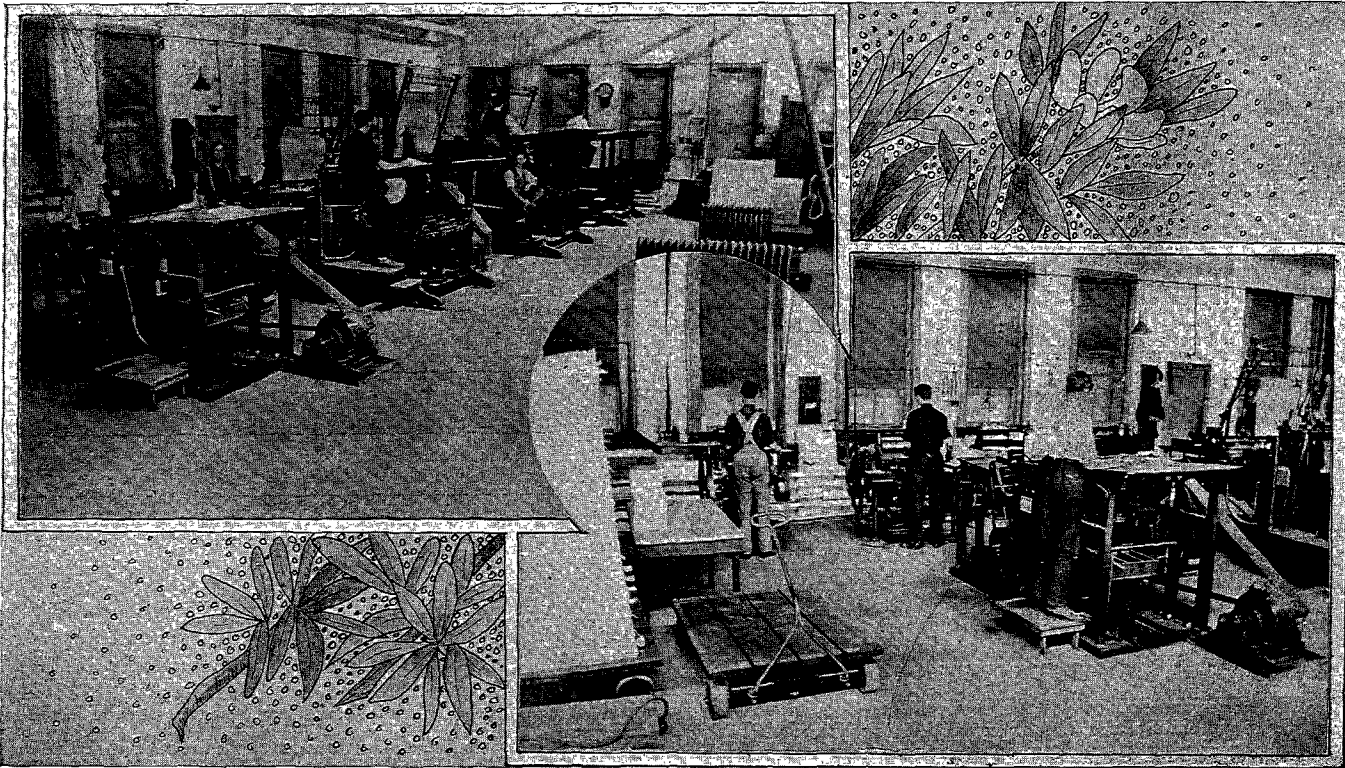
Bro. R. L. Pierce, manager of our Fort Worth branch, writes, "March, 1911, will prove to be the best March business we have ever had."

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

R. 5, Murfreesboro, Tenn., March 27, 1911.

Mr. R. Hook Jr., Nashville, Tenn.,

DEAR BROTHER: This leaves me of good courage. While I



The Press-room, Southern Publishing Association

ness of the work in which we are engaged, and said that the angels would gladly take hold of this work, and that they watch the pages of truth from the press until they speak to the hearts of the people in their homes, but their work must be secondary for man must have a part in giving the truth to others.

He spoke of the few canvassers who first ventured out with the book "Daniel and the Revelation" and how the Lord blessed in its presentation and they found buyers. God's hand is in this work and, he said, our books can be sold. The time is soon coming when difficulties will arise that will bind us together as one people and we will push this work as we are not doing it now. We must stand true to the message. We ought to love it more than our lives. The time will come when we shall bring our sheaves to the garner, and what will be more precious to us at that time? Our lives must be

am not able to be out in the field working, my prayers are for those who can be out on the firing line. I am so much interested in all the good reports that come from our canvassers and in the home office news. It does my heart so much good to read the cheering testimonies that are given by our canvassers at the different institutes. We who are isolated and seldom see a Sabbath-keeper are much encouraged when the workers tell us through our good papers how the Lord is blessing them and giving them good experiences.

May the Lord continue to bless every worker in the field is the prayer of your sister in Christ.

Mrs. B. A. PHILPOT.

CASTING all your care upon him; for he careth for you.—
1 Peter 5: 7.

Periodical Department

THE WATCHMAN FOR MAY

WE want your name on our subscription list. Here are a few testimonials which ought to help you decide to subscribe now:—

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"I certainly appreciate the *Watchman*. In my opinion we have no better magazine than the *Watchman*. Professor Magan's articles have certainly been very rich and are well worth the price of a year's subscription."

"I find the *Watchman* is a wonderful magazine. Its value is not to be compared. It contains wonderful news from all over the world, and then it bears a great message to the world. It has a quick sale."

"The other morning a man called here and asked if he could get the February *Watchman*. He stated that his brother had read the January *Watchman* and if the February number was as good he wanted it. While on a flying trip to ——— about ten days ago, the secretary of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer work stated that the *Watchman* took better than the ———. On the journey to and fro I took occasion to distribute the *Watchman*. All seemed pleased to get the reading matter, and one woman took our address. One elderly woman, after reading it, came to me and said that she believed much as we do, and gave me a 'God bless you.'"

Prices: yearly subscriptions, \$1; 5 to 40 copies, 5 cents per copy; 50 or more copies, 4 cents per copy. Order early of your conference tract society.

"GOD'S TWO BOOKS; OR PLAIN FACTS ABOUT EVOLUTION, GEOLOGY, AND THE BIBLE"

THIS book by George McCreedy Price, professor of geology and physics, in Loma Linda (Cal.) medical college, and author of "Illogical Geology," etc., is just issued.

Not long ago a clergyman in Wisconsin wrote in a taunting way, "Do you know of any college, or even high school, that amounts to anything, which is not teaching the doctrine of evolution?"

In our own minds we had to sadly confess that this teaching has become well-nigh universal throughout the civilized world. While not all teach the evolution of man from the lower animals, there are comparatively few to-day who doubt or question the long, successive ages of the modern evolutionary geology. The truth about geology is vital, and should be understood by all.

The present volume gives a summary, in easy, readable language, of the wonderful discoveries that have recently been made in the rocks of Europe and America, which have done so much to confirm the Bible record. To give but one instance: Just east of the Rocky Mountains, extending over one hundred miles in the southern part of Alberta, and running nearly another hundred miles down into Montana, is a tract of country, now known to be over a thousand square miles in area, where what are called pretty nearly the "youngest" rocks are underneath, and almost the very "oldest" are on top, and yet these rocks have every physical appearance of having been deposited just as we find them. But if they were really deposited in this order, the writings of Darwin and all his followers are only so much waste paper, and the evolution theory becomes a piece of elaborate nonsense. This is only one of the many modern discoveries mentioned in this book,—discoveries which are compelling some of the best

scholars of our time to acknowledge that there must be something radically wrong with this system of geology that has so long been contradicting the first chapters of the Bible.

"God's Two Books" is well illustrated, giving the portraits of most of the scientists mentioned in the book, with diagrams, pictures of fossils, etc. 184 pages; cloth, \$1. Address your tract society or the Southern Publishing Association, 2119-2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

Alabama Conference

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending March 18, 1911

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Kentucky Conference

FROM THE FIELD

THE canvassers at Frankfort all write that they are full of courage and glad they are in the work. They have started in with success.

Bro. W. P. Ethington went home for a few days before continuing his work in Henry County.

Sister Walter Jones distributed 420 copies of the Harvest Ingathering Review in western Kentucky, and collected over \$63. After paying her expenses, she turned over to the conference \$52.25. This is good work. C. F. DART.

A LETTER

DEAR COWORKERS: Since my last report I have moved to Frankfort to work with three new workers trained in the institute held in Lexington, Ky., March 13-22.

We came over to Frankfort Wednesday. The Lord blessed us in giving us a room at a reasonable price, then we spent Thursday and Friday taking orders. All came in with good courage and with several orders.

We enjoyed our Sabbath-school and studies through the day. Each agreed to pay fifteen cents a week—five cents to Sabbath-school and the regular ten cents for missions—and we count out our tithe each week.

I was sorry when I reached Lexington to find Bro. C. F. Dart ill, and Brother Harrison had just left for home because of his health. But this is the Lord's work. So let us, dear brethren that are able to work, put our whole trust in God that we may soon finish the work he has given us to do. We ask an interest in your prayers, that God may give much fruit for our labor. I remain your brother in the canvassing work, H. E. BECK.

CAN WE DO IT?

It seems to me this is a question of vital importance, and it should be, and I hope it will be answered in the affirmative by every Sabbath-school in the conference. Can we not raise our Sabbath-school donations to missions to one hundred dollars each quarter? It seems to me we ought to make this small raise. Last quarter it was \$73.11 and to make it one hundred dollars we would only have to average \$1.69 on the increase for each school. Let us each one refresh his mind with the words, "God loveth a cheerful giver," and then give according to the way he prospers us.

DOLLIE H. CALLENDER, S. S. and Y. P. M. V. Sec.

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.

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Tennessee River Conference

JOHNSONVILLE

BROTHER MARTIN of Bon Aque, Tenn., has just visited the Hustburg church and held a series of meetings from March 17th to the evening of the 26th. There was a good outside attendance and interest. Elder Martin was shown much respect by the young people of the community by their help in the song service. Many have expressed a desire to have him come regularly and speak to the people at this place.

J. S. ROOKER.

IN THE FIELD

I MUST begin my letter with praise and thanks to the Lord for his many wonderful blessings to me, and the success he is giving in the work. Although there are many difficulties, perplexities, and disappointments, there are so many blessed experiences in the work that the trials are all covered up.

One trying experience I have had recently is the loss of my horse. He died Tuesday night, and I had to give up a borrowed one Monday morning. I had my delivery to make, and sent to a livery stable for a rig but could not get it. It was after eight o'clock then, and I went to another stable, where I got a rig, loaded up my books and started off feeling very blue and discouraged. It was eleven o'clock before I reached my territory; but, praise the Lord, when eight o'clock in the evening came I had delivered over thirty-three dollars' worth of books, and when Thursday night came I had delivered eighty-four dollars' worth and had taken \$40.85 worth of orders, for which all the praise belongs to God. I am so thankful for the part the Lord has given me in this message.

While making deliveries where I had already delivered some "Bible Footlights," I was driving along and heard some colored men say, "That is him." I looked back and they started toward me signaling me to stop. I did so and they came up, one on each side of the buggy and bought a "Bible Footlights" each, through the influence of the one I had already sold.

There are many good experiences like these to tell, but space will not permit more. But one thing that makes my heart rejoice is to see the work going so rapidly. I am

blessed with a company of four canvassers in my home now, and I close with praise and thanks to the Lord for the message, and expecting to spend my whole life in this work. My daily prayer is that the Lord will raise up more laborers and give them faith in the work.

M. WHEELER.

CANVASSING AGAIN

I AM glad to be back in the work, and am of good courage. I am certainly glad to find so many copies of the "New Testament Primer" in the homes of the people. It makes no difference how small the book, if it contains the truth we shall never know until the end how much good it has done. In one instance, a few days ago, I found a lady that had bought a copy of the "New Testament Primer," and I canvassed her for "Bible Footlights." She saw that I had a copy of "New Testament Primer" also, and said she would buy the larger book because she thought so much of the small one and saw that they taught the same truths.

Trusting that I can remain a canvasser until the end, if it be the Lord's will, I am yours in the work,

DAN BROWN, JR.

Missionary Volunteers

WHAT CAN WE AS YOUNG PEOPLE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE YEAR 1911 AS OPTIMISTS?

[Read at Mountain View at the Union Meeting of Young People's Societies.]

AN optimist is one who looks on the favorable side, the bright side of everything. No cloud is too dark to hide from him the silver lining. And he not only sees it himself, but his good cheer shines out so that others catch it. It is infectious. Nobody dodges to the opposite side of the street to avoid meeting him. People are attracted to him by his cheeriness as the bee is drawn to the nectar of the flower.

Now if each young person represented by these societies here should be such a person as this—a really true optimist for the year 1911—what could we accomplish? What could we *not* accomplish? And is there any reason why it should not be so? Is there any reason why we should not be bodies of light and friendliness? What are our qualifications for such service? In the first place we are young people. Years are ahead of us; life looks large to us. We have plenty of time and room to dispense sunshine. There is no gloomy or unhappy past to cast its shadow over us. Why shouldn't our faces shine as the morning?

And then we are members of Christian societies; and if we are true to our pledges, the Sun of righteousness with his transforming power has entered our lives. We are not too young to have tasted the sweetness of forgiven sins; and a conscience void of offense makes the world our brothers.

The apostle John said, "I write unto you, young men, because you are strong." We have strong limbs to run on missions of comfort and mercy. We have strong arms to lift and bear the burdens from the shoulders of age or weakness. We have strong hands to minister to the necessities of those about us. And back of all we have the strong heart of youth to inspire us to deeds of helpfulness and to impart courage to weary souls.

But where shall we begin this campaign of optimism? No, I will not call it a campaign. A campaign comes to an end when one party reaches success and the other has suffered defeat. Let us rather call it our career of optimism. A career

may go on and on to the end of our lives, and surely we want no ending to this sunshine course. But where shall we begin it? Most good things begin in the home, and no better place than this can be found. Then let us begin by helping our care-burdened, hard-working parents; deny and control ourselves, put others' convenience before our own; watch for opportunities to cheer and assist brothers and sisters; show kindness and respect to the aged. Then there are the sick and the unfortunate, so often without a home, and struggling with poverty and discouragements. These, too, need our help. When we begin this life of optimism, the influence of our lives will be like a pebble thrown into the lake; a wave is formed, and another and another, and as they increase the circle widens, until it reaches the very shore.

"The work to which we are called does not require wealth or social position or great ability. It requires a kindly, self-sacrificing spirit and a steadfast purpose. A lamp, however small, if kept steadily burning, may be the means of lighting many other lamps. Our sphere of influence may seem narrow, our ability small, our opportunities few, our acquirements limited; yet wonderful possibilities are ours through a faithful use of the opportunities of our own home."

The Sabbath-school—what an improvement if all young persons here threw their full weight and energy into the Sabbath-school work! What would the music be? What would the class work be? Then the church work—let us bring our gladness into it. Don't let us think of it as a burden. Nothing is a burden that we delight in. And then of course when it comes to our own society meetings, we shall be ready to do our part and help the other one to do his part, and do it all with grace.

And let us begin at this good hour—here at the threshold of 1911; so that at its close we shall have no regrets to look back upon, but may have the satisfaction of knowing that our lives have been a blessing to others.

Let us remember the little poem:—

"Keep your smile pinned on!
Keep your smile pinned on!
It may give another cheer;
It may soothe another's fear;
It may help another fight,
If your smile's on tight."

ROSE GINTHER.

General

WELL DONE

At the beginning of the first quarter of 1911 the North Nashville Sabbath-school, consisting of twenty-four adult members and twenty-six children, determined to give all of its donations to the foreign mission work and set itself the task of raising not less than twenty-six dollars for that object during the first three months of the year.

The superintendent kept the undertaking, and the progress being made, before the school from Sabbath to Sabbath by means of the "thermometer," and the treasurer's report at the close of the quarter showed the total amount of contributions to be a little over twenty-six dollars.

In this effort the children were interested and took an active part. The teacher of one class made with her needle a quantity of kettle holders, which the little ones sold, and, with happy hearts and smiling faces, put the whole amount into the Sabbath-school offerings.

Two other little girls, the eldest not more than twelve years of age, sold twenty copies of the *Temperance Youth's*

Instructor, and after paying for the papers and giving the Lord his tithe, dropped the remainder in the envelopes to help the little boys and girls in China; and this brought them more real joy and happiness than many times the quantity of candy, peanuts, or playthings the money would have purchased.

What an advantage it would be to the work, both spiritually and financially, if the children, youth, and older ones as well, in all of our Sabbath-schools, were endued with this same spirit of love and consecration.

"THEY THAT DID THE KING'S BUSINESS HELPED THE JEWS"

THIS is the translation of the Hebrew text, found in Esther 9: 3, as given in the Revised Version. And the Lord blessed the people of the realm of Medo-Persia for the help they gave to the Jews. It is evident that our work of proclaiming the gospel to all peoples, nations, kindreds, and tongues, must include the Jews. It is true that the Jews have been very hard to reach with the gospel, but we must go to them with this truth, and we are sure the Lord will impress them by his Holy Spirit to give heed to the warning message of God for these last days.

We are glad to tell the readers that we see a great change coming over the hearts of many of the Jews, and there are among them those who are enquiring for the way of life and salvation. The literature which has been prepared for them, and which in many places has been circulated, has accomplished something in breaking down the prejudices of these people, and arousing in the hearts of many the spirit of inquiry.

A great many letters are being received at the office at Concord, Mass., from Jews who have read our literature. Many of them write for more. There are many who write for New Testaments. Some of them are even asking us to send a worker to teach them the way of the Lord more perfectly. In one city the call has come to preach in their temple. This is conclusive evidence that the Lord is going before us, and is preparing the way for a great work to be done among his people.

Shall we not do our part in making it possible for their hearts to be reached? The Jews are a reading people, and in this country where at the present time there are more than two millions of them, they are quite up to date, and generally keep in touch with the times. What better can we do than to place in their hands some of the messages of present truth? The spirit of prophecy has repeatedly stated that there will yet be many of the Jews who will take their stand for the truth; but we must give them the opportunity of knowing what real Christianity is. The only way the Jew will ever know what the religion of Jesus really is will be by those of God's children in the third angel's message who will give it to them.

In the cities and in the larger towns of all our conferences the Jews gather in large numbers, and a good opportunity is always present to give them the Word of God, as they can easily be found. If the churches will just interest themselves in these people, we are sure the blessing of the Lord will attend the efforts put forth, and we shall see the salvation of God.

At the last General Conference Council held at Washington, D. C., the Jewish work was placed in the Foreign Department of the General Conference, and it is the earnest desire of this department that all our people shall do what they can to bring the attention of this message to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, especially through the printed page.

The apostle says: "For as ye [Gentiles] in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their [the Jews'] unbelief: even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they [the Jews] also may obtain mercy." Rom. 11: 30, 31. Here, then, is an opportunity for the people of God to do something to show to the Jews that they appreciate the gospel which the Jewish people once had, but which through unbelief, they have lost.

We have a good supply of literature on hand, and we will gladly send this reading matter to every one who desires the same. Send your orders either to your state tract society, or else to *Good Tidings*, Concord, Mass. If you wish to help the work along by your donations, and we need much this year to carry on the aggressive work planned, send them to your church, or to your conference treasurer, and state that it is for the Jewish work. This will reach the General Conference treasurer in due time.

Let us help the Jews. Let us ask God that his Spirit may move upon their hearts, and let us do all we can to place in their hands the message of God for these last days.

For the Jewish Department,

F. C. GILBERT.

THE OAKWOOD INSTITUTE

THE workers' institute at Oakwood school is progressing favorably. The instructors present are Elders Charles Thompson, of the Southeastern Union; C. F. McVagh, of the Southern Union; K. C. Russell, of the General Conference, and A. J. Haysmer, of the Negro Department. The writer was present and assisted in the work of the institute March 24 to 29.

The outlook for the colored work is certainly encouraging. There is not only a good corps of workers gathered at this institute to receive instruction that will greatly strengthen them for future labor, but there are in the school proper a larger number than ever before of students who give promise of becoming successful laborers when they shall have finished their course of instruction at Oakwood.

The instruction given at the institute is of a most practical nature. Every study is calculated to be helpful to the workers both in their individual Christian experience and their efforts for others.

But few of those in attendance have ever had the privilege of a ministerial institute, and all seemed to appreciate highly the opportunity of studying together the Word of God. This institute will certainly result in unifying and strengthening the work as never before.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

CHURCH MUSIC

THE following incident was related by one who recently attended a fashionable church in Winnipeg:—

The choir started out with reference to the lilies of the field, and after singing the changes on the word, "consider," until all idea of its connection was lost, they began to tell the congregation through the mouth of the soprano, that Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed.

Straightway the soprano was reinforced by the basso, who declared most emphatically that Solomon was not arrayed, was not arrayed. Then the alto advanced it as her opinion that Solomon was not arrayed; when the tenor, without a moment's hesitation, sang, as it had been officially announced, that he was not arrayed.

Then, when the feelings of the congregation had been harrowed up sufficiently, the choir, in a most calm and undisturbed manner, informed us that the idea they intended to convey was that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like

one of these. These what? Such a long time had elapsed since they sang of the lilies, that the thread was entirely lost. By "these," one naturally concluded that the choir was designated. Arrayed like one of these? We should think not, indeed! Solomon in a cut-away coat? No! Most decidedly no!! Solomon in the very zenith of his glory was not arrayed like one of these!!!

Despite the experience of the morning, the hope still remained that in the evening a sacred song might be sung in a manner that would not excite our risibilities, or leave the impression that we had been listening to a case of blackmail.

But again in the evening the soprano began with the very laudable, though startling announcement, "I will wash." Straightway the tenor, not to be outdone, declared he would wash. The alto, finding it to be the thing, warbled forth that she would wash. Then the deep-chested basso, as though calling forth all his fortitude for the plunge, bellowed forth that he also would wash. Next a short interlude of the organ strongly suggestive of escaping steam, of the splash of the wave; after which the choir individually and collectively asserted the firm and unshaken resolve that they would wash.

At last they solved the problem by stating that they proposed to wash their hands in innocency.

BUT AS FOR ME

"CHOOSE you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24: 15.

Whom ye will serve this day, O choose!
Your reason and your conscience use;
Will you the best of friends refuse,
Or your worst foe?

Your choice of service make this day;
Choose thou the Christ, for to delay
Is but to this dear friend to say:
"I choose the world."

Between the right and wrong choose ye;
Be saved or lost eternally;
"From God depart" or "welcome be,"
What choice make ye?

But as for all my house and me,
The Lord our joyous choice shall be
Until, life past, his glory we
In heaven shall see.

—Grace Weiser Davis.

WE invest our means in the message according to the faith we have in it. In order to grow spiritually we must get out of self, and work for others. Christ and Satan stand as the representatives of two great principles, benevolence and selfishness. Christ became poor that we might become rich. He gave himself and all that he had to help others, and so became Lord of lords and King of kings. Satan was interested only in self. Benevolence gets and gives. Selfishness gets and keeps. We should save to give.

THE first number of the *Academic Advocate* came to our desk a few days ago. It is a very neat little eight-page paper, full of good things, published by the Iowa Industrial Academy, Stuart, Iowa. The familiar name of Prof. J. G. Lamson appears as managing editor. We bespeak for it a cordial welcome.

THE MAGAZINE WITH THE MESSAGE

THIS seems to be the new slogan for the *Signs of the Times Monthly*, and it is certainly an appropriate one. The February and March numbers were both unusually good, but the April number passes them all. We know you will be interested in it. You should hand them to your townspeople.

BREAD UPON THE WATERS

SOME very remarkable and deeply gratifying results have attended the Bible distribution which was made by the "Gideons" in Chicago hotels about two months ago. W. E. Henderson, national secretary of the organization, has said of the first period of the work: "We are greatly pleased with the success of the work in Chicago, and the daily receipt of letters from those who have been benefited by the distribution of Bibles goes to show clearly that the undertaking was not a fruitless one." These letters have been from all sorts of people. A small boy pathetically writes thanks for the book which recalled his dead mother to the father who was forgetting the associations of the home which had been broken up. A young girl standing on the brink of the precipice was saved from the depths by one of these little Bibles in a hotel room. Many have written of their approval, and the majority of the hotel managers are convinced that it is a splendid work. The manager of the La Salle Hotel said: "There are some people who jest with me about the innovation, but as a rule the guests approve of the plan. It can do much good and no harm. The idea should be boosted."—*Christian Herald*.

A NEW HAND AT THE TELEPHONE

A LADY in Englewood, N. J., was called to the telephone one day by the operator, who inquired, "What do you want?"

"Nothing at all," she responded.

"Your bell rang," insisted the operator.

"None of us rang it," replied the lady.

The next day a man appeared from the telephone office. "I have come to see what makes your telephone bell ring most of the time," he remarked.

But none of the family could enlighten him, and he saw nothing about it which was out of order.

The next day he came again, took the telephone entirely to pieces, examined the full length of the wire. Still, he could find nothing amiss, and still at the central office the little flame kept burning in the niche dedicated to this particular family. This indicated that their bell was ringing.

At last it occurred to the authorities to examine a little box about the size of an ordinary suit-case, which was nailed up against a large tree close by the house.

In this box several telephone wires converged. It was a sort of neighborhood switchboard.

What was the surprise of the telephone men to find this box nearly filled with nuts! They took out three peach-baskets full, each one holding at least two quarts.

Rioting among the nuts were the youthful members of a promising squirrel family.

The girls in the telephone office had been sure that "spooks" were ringing the mysterious bell which nobody would confess to touching; but, as usually occurs in similar cases, the cause of the trouble was quite natural; the "spooks" were nothing on earth but a family of merry, romping little squirrels.—*Selected*.

"A BILL introduced in the Missouri House of Representatives forbids aeroplane ascensions to a greater height than one thousand feet, holding that higher ascensions than this are equivalent to attempted suicide."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending March 25, 1911

ALABAMA CONFERENCE								
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered	
M L Ivory	....BF	52	21	\$32 50	\$10 25	\$42 75	\$ 1 50	
R Roberts	....BF	40	9	11 00	6 50	17 50	12 50	
I W Peevy	....BF	30	3	4 50		4 50	4 50	
Sarah V Parker	BF	11	2	2 00		2 00	1 00	
Ione Parker	....BF	8	1	1 00		1 00		
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE								
H E Beck	....BF	11	2	2 00	2 50	4 50		
Annie Benton	...BF	7	4	4 50	1 00	5 50	25	
D C Ray	.....BF	11	3	3 00	75	3 75	75	
V F Todd	.....BF	14	7	8 00	1 50	9 50	75	
Jacob White	...BF	19	10	12 50	2 00	14 50	2 75	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE								
G Jorgenson	2WPF	98	79	123 00	8 75	131 75	74 25	
F A Evans	...sofp	21	21	30 75	4 50	35 25		
J F Goesling	...PF	12	16	27 50		27 50		
M Jenevein	...PF	28	47	74 00		74 00		
J J Jackson	...BF	12	18	18 00		18 00		
James Reed	...PF	45	45	74 00	5 00	79 00	7 00	
Warren Adams	PF	15	10	15 00	3 85	18 85		
Luvenia Parish	PF	12	4	6 00	1 50	7 50	3 50	
J W Wade	....PF	33	8	12 00	7 05	19 05	2 50	
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE								
J S Fry	2W D&R	73	28	58 00	4 75	62 75	6 25	
C H McColrey	..BF	42	59	59 00	1 90	60 90	1 90	
W H Haddon	...BF	47	34	48 50	4 50	53 00	2 00	
Ella Johnson	...BF	38	105	105 00	11 00	116 00	2 50	
J F Campbell	...BF	45					35 00	
Mary Moore	...BF	22	24	25 00		25 00		
M A Murphy	...BF	40	50	53 00	6 50	59 50	6 50	
S D Miller	....BF	18	18	18 00		18 00		
Emily Billups	...BF	47	58	87 00	7 50	94 50		
Virginia McPhall	BF	22	9	9 00	1 75	10 75	20 00	
Lettie Linyear	..BF	23	38	32 00	1 50	33 50		
Luella Hill	....BF	21	29	43 50	3 75	47 25		
Louise Jackson	..BF	20	12	13 50	2 00	15 50		
Annie Watts	...BF	33	35	55 00	2 50	57 50		
E M Blunt	....BF	37	23	23 00	1 25	24 25	1 25	
E P Campbell	..PG	25	4	12 00	16 00	28 00	5 00	
SUMMARY								
Alabama Conf	.....	141	36	51 00	16 75	67 75	19 50	
Kentucky Conf	....	62	26	90 00	7 75	37 75	4 50	
Louisiana Conf	...	276	248	380 25	30 65	410 90	87 25	
Mississippi Conf	..	553	526	641 50	64 90	706 40	80 40	
Tenn River Conf	—No report.							
Totals	.....	922	836	1102 75	120 05	1222 80	181 65	

"It is expected that the coronation of George V on June 22 will be the most gorgeous pageant London has ever witnessed. Kings and queens, emperors, princes, potentates, plenipotentiaries and representatives are coming from every part of the globe, and the problem of housing the crowds, vast as London is, will be the most difficult task to be considered. It is expected that in addition to London's own seven millions, at least three million more will be present, thus making an aggregation of ten million human beings in one city, which is unprecedented."

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A LETTER from the office of the Foreign Mission Board states that Dr. Miller and Eld. W. A. Westworth, of China, have been ordered from the country by medical counsel, and are now on their way to America. It is hoped that Dr. Miller who is suffering from intestinal difficulty, may recover and return, but it is stated that Elder Westworth's case is more serious, and it is doubtful if he can continue his labors in China without being a confirmed invalid. Surely this will mean much to our work in that far-off land. Who will go and fill the gap?

"DAMASCUS, the capital of Syria, is one of the oldest cities in the world. It is mentioned in the Bible in connection with Abraham (Gen. 15: 2), and in the books of Kings as having been conquered by David. It is noted for its confectionary, silk and cotton fabrics, gold, silver, and steel work, saddlery, perfumes, carpets, etc. Damascus has a population of about two hundred thousand people."

CAMP - MEETING NOTICES

Louisiana July 20-30
Alabama August 3-13
Kentucky August 17-27
Mississippi August 31 to September 10
Tennessee River September 7-17

THE APRIL SIGNS MAGAZINE

APPEARS with a very pretty and appropriate front cover and an unusually good table of contents. The leading features are: three articles on the Eastern Question, including a good Bible study on the subject; an article on astronomy—"The Infinitude of Space," by the editor; "Transmission of Disease through Milk," by Dr. Kress; "The Birth of Isaac," or "The Promise to Abraham," by Wm. Covert; "Easter and the Resurrection," or "Man's Condition after Death"; A Bible study, "What Shall be the Signs of Thy Coming," by Mrs. E. J. Hilton; "The Advancing Apostasy," by Frank S. Weston; "The Decay of Protestantism," touching on the Reformation in Germany, by E. E. Andross; and "The Divine Call," in behalf of missions; also a good, interesting Current Topics department. Our people should be glad to secure a few copies of this excellent number for distribution among their townspeople. Order ten or twenty from the tract society. Prices, 5 to 40 copies, 5 cents each; 50 or more, 4 cents each.

"Not infrequently the color of an animal harmonizes with that of its surroundings. Thus, the camel and lion have much the sandy color of the open deserts in which they live; the Arctic fox, polar bear, Alpine hare and ermine, are, temporarily or permanently, the color of the surrounding snow; the stripes of the tiger and zebra conceal their bodies in the checkered light and shade of the jungle of the forest; the speckled flat fish, such as flounder and plaice, glide almost invisibly along the sandy bottom of the sea."

"VERY few of the discoverers and conquerors of the New World died in peace. Columbus died of a broken heart; Cortez was dishonored; Balboa was beheaded; Pizarro was murdered and Sir Walter Raleigh beheaded; mutinous sailors cast Henry Hudson adrift in a small boat to perish amid the ice of the bay which he had discovered and which still bears his name."

"MORE than eight billion cigarettes were made and sold in the United States last year. Including those that were imported, something like a hundred cigarettes for every man, woman, and child in the country were consumed. When one considers the millions who do not use them, the crusade against cigarette-smoking receives fresh justification."

"It is estimated that there are twenty-five million English-speaking Catholics in the world to-day. Thirteen million of these are in the United States, four million in Ireland, and three million in Great Britain."

"COTTON was in use in India more than three thousand years ago, and in Egypt more than two thousand. It was known in Peru centuries ago, mummies having been found wrapped in cotton cloth."

"THE University of Chicago is the best endowed in the whole world. It has received in all more than forty-one million dollars. Of this amount Mr. Rockefeller gave \$34,226,045."