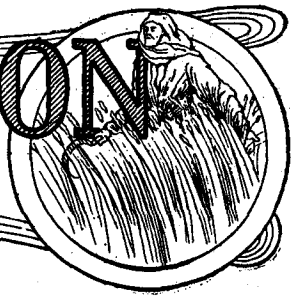


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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." *Joshua 1:9*

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THE UPPER SIDE

WHEN the clouds are low, and the winds are wild,
And the world forgets that it ever smiled,
Have thou no fear; for above the cloud,
And above the realm where the winds are loud,
Light, and glory, and joy abide;
There is always light on the upper side.

—M. E. Sangster.

A PECULIAR PEOPLE

PAUL, to Titus, speaking of those who are to be looking for the appearing of Christ in the last days, says concerning Christ, "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14. The force and beauty of this expression is frequently lost by a misunderstanding of this word "peculiar." Some seem to confine it to its colloquial signification, as meaning something strange, odd, or unusual; and so when they are criticized for being grotesque or fantastic in dress or actions, they reply, "Oh, well, that is all right; for the Lord is going to purify to himself in the last days a peculiar people."

But that is not the meaning of the word "peculiar," in this connection. It means a people who will be peculiarly the Lord's and whom he will consider a special treasure unto himself. We should not therefore read the passage, "Purify unto himself a strange, odd, uncouth, and dowdy people, zealous of good works;" but rather, "Purify unto himself a people peculiarly precious in his sight, an esteemed treasure, zealous of good works."

This should be a comfort and encouragement to those who are called out to accept the testing truths for this time, and bear the cross and the reproaches of Christ, in the closing work of the gospel. Those who will do this the Lord will love and regard with favor; they will be to him a peculiar treasure. And he is now working to call out a people whom he can so regard. Who will be among the number?

The work here means the same as in Ex. 19:5, when the Lord said to Israel, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people;" and the same as in Deut. 14:2, where Moses, rehearsing, forty years afterward, how the Lord was fulfilling that promise to them says: "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself above all the nations that are upon the earth." And it is proposed, under the new covenant, that the Lord's people shall occupy, in a spiritual sense, a corresponding position; for 1 Peter 2:9 says: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

And this meaning of the word "peculiar" is in full accord with its immediate context in Titus 2:14; for Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity (*anomis*, lawlessness) and to purify or cleanse us from everything offensive in his sight. When such a work is wrought for any people, of course they would be peculiarly precious in his sight.

And what is to be our badge by which to show that we have reached this position?—Not any oddities or eccentricities in dress or action; not anything which would attract the attention of the people, and lead them to regard us with the same curiosity they would a circus or a menagerie (they will do enough of that anyway), but a zeal for, and perseverance in, good works—"zealous for good works." And the same apostle (Gal. 6:9) further encourages us in the way, when he says, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." And Peter exhorts to commit the keeping of our souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.—U. Smith.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

JUNE 10th, the writer in company with Elds. G. A. Irwin, R. A. Underwood, E. T. Russell, G. F. Watson, Chas. Thompson, and Morris Lukens, went aboard the *Celtic* bound from New York to Liverpool on the way to the biennial council at Friedensau, Germany. This is a long journey, and this council will cost the cause much time and money, so all God's people the world over should pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit will preside at every meeting and guide in the plans laid.

Paul was a great traveller in his day and at one time was fourteen days out of sight of land during a storm on the Mediterranean Sea. We are reading something of his travels and labors in the Sabbath-school lessons. Our message today is a world-wide message, and God's servants must cover the whole world as carefully as Paul did his field in his day. In the providence of God modern inventions and methods of travel have made this possible. In fact, it would be almost impossible to get out of sight of land for fourteen days now in a trip round the world in any direction.

As many of the readers of the *WORKER* have never crossed the Atlantic, perhaps some extracts from my diary would be interesting. The *Celtic* has on this trip nearly fifteen hundred passengers and a crew of about five hundred, making about two thousand souls in all. This makes quite a missionary field in itself, and during eight days at sea we have had many opportunities to speak and act for God and the truth. Shortly after leaving America, about five p. m., the first day out, the Hamberg-American liner *General Grant* passing within half a mile of us signaled "man overboard." Both ships lowered boats and searched for at least an hour, but were not successful in finding the man. It was reported

that he jumped overboard with suicidal intent. Sunday, by request of the steward, our party conducted both the morning and evening services in the dining saloon. The first three days the sea was smooth and weather ideal, and nearly all enjoyed themselves on deck, passing the time in visiting, reading, or games and amusements, according to inclination.

There is a sameness about the scenery at sea, and every one rushes excitedly to the rail when a shoal of porpoise appears or a stream of water spouting indicates the presence of a whale, even though it is miles away and all that can be seen is a little jet of water occasionally.

Tuesday we passed quite close to a beautiful iceberg. Tuesday afternoon was cold and windy, and Wednesday morning the ship, notwithstanding its length, seven hundred feet, and twenty-one thousand tons displacement, was rolling and pitching in a way that drove all except the best sailors from the deck, and also from the dining-room. Our own party did not keep together, so I must let each one tell his own story to his friends as he remembers it. The next day was bright, and the ship rode steady, and one by one practically all returned to the deck and to the table. On the whole it was an exceptionally pleasant voyage. We cited Ireland Sabbath afternoon, the 17th, and landed passengers at Queenstown about midnight.

C. F. McVAGH.

P. S.—I hope that all the readers are planning to go to camp-meeting.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending June 30, 1911: Number of bound volumes, 1,552; *Watchman*, 4,519; *Gospel Sentinel*, 1,900.

We have received a report from the Southwestern Union Conference showing that one of the canvassers in Oklahoma in forty-seven hours took 105 orders, value, \$330. Surely this is a splendid report, and shows what can be accomplished when we go out in faith, believing.

The following is an extract from a letter dated June 15, received from Eld. N. Z. Town, of the General Conference Publishing Department, Washington, D. C.

"We are glad to see the good report from the Southwestern Union. One of your men in Oklahoma stands at the head of the list, I think. I notice in the report for the week ending May 27, that in forty-seven hours C. A. Nettleton took one hundred five orders, value, \$330. This is certainly a splendid record, and is the best I have seen.

"Just before receiving this report, I had word from Brother Randall, of Atlanta, calling attention to a record one of their canvassers made in North Carolina. In fifty-one hours he took seventy-nine orders, value, \$281. We are receiving very encouraging reports from nearly every field. Brother Payne, of North Dakota, writes Brother Painter concerning one of his men as follows:—

"Our best record this year so far is from Ora Duncan, working with "Heralds." His first week, 32 orders; second, 34; third, 36; and fourth, 38. He received orders from four of the Dunkard ministers, and one of them told him that they are soon going to have a large conference, and if Brother Duncan would have one hundred of his books on the ground, he would guarantee the sale of them. So he ordered one hundred "Heralds" in two styles. How is that for business? Duncan seems to be the man for the Dunkards."

"Here is the experience of another canvasser in the same State:—

"One of the ministers invited him to speak to his congregation, and on Sunday night he gave them a very good temperance lecture. Before closing the meeting, the Rev. Dr. Wood (seventeen years a missionary in India) arose, and after a few remarks, handed out several very handsome bouquets to the young temperance talker, though he was only a canvasser. He also advertised "Great Controversy" from the pulpit, and told the one hundred people present that it ought to be in every home. Besides subscribing for it himself, he wrote a recommendation for it in Brother White's prospectus. To finish it all, he told the people that Brother White was a self-supporting missionary, and asked two young ladies present to pass hats for a collection. The result was \$4.30 to help the canvasser out on his expenses."

"As Brother Painter remarks in his letter, the canvasser does not find all thorns in his pathway.

"We receive very encouraging words from nearly every field concerning this branch of the work. We are looking for big things from the Southwestern Union for this month. I certainly hope that you have had rains down there before this, and that you may have a prosperous year."

Bro. I. W. Peavy writes from Alabama: "This leaves me enjoying the blessing of God. I am of good courage in this work, and know the Lord is with me. I have been unable to do what I desired to do this week as it is raining every day here, but I go between showers of rain. The field is truly ripe down where I am. The future looks bright. One gentleman says the more he reads our papers the more he wants to read them. Others say 'Bible Footlights' is the best book they ever had. I was going along the other day and a man called me and bought a book for cash and gave me my dinner. Pray for my success in the work."

A CANVASSER'S EXPERIENCE FOR ONE WEEK

Gleanings from a personal letter from Bro. W. H. George, of South Carolina:—

"DEAR BROTHER COLE:—With reference to my success in the canvassing work for week ending June 2, in brief, it is this: I asked the Lord to give me success, and he did it. One day I asked the Lord to help me to take about seventy dollars' worth of orders, and again I asked him to give me eighty dollars' worth that day. When night came I found that I had taken eighty-five dollars' worth, including cash sale for one 'Ministry of Healing.' I was then directed to the home of a Mr. Noble, who was sick in bed with rheumatism and toothache. After suggesting some simple treatment for his ailments, and telling him of the good book, I was invited to eat a bite. When I returned he said, 'I will take one of the best bindings, and want the same for my son.' So I took the two orders straight. This made ninety-five dollars in orders and also gave me supper, -lodging, and breakfast free, besides an invitation to stop when I returned. In the morning he helped me to take his neighbor's order who had called before breakfast. As Brother Woodall would say, 'He is a noble man indeed.' I asked the Lord for this, so he gave more than I asked. To him be all the praise. The canvass was made in the country and the houses were not far apart in places. The people are good and kind, and the Lord loves them. I am working with that good book, 'Great Controversy.' At the end of the week I found that the Lord had given me \$281.00 worth of orders.

"The weather is hot, but I love the work and do not mind the heat so much. It will be better in the earth made new, if we are faithful. Pray for me."

Brother Cole remarks, "We will understand that this is not the experience of every canvasser that goes out, by any means. Some are having a harder time and taking less

orders, but the Lord knows just how to give reward to the faithful. It does demonstrate, however, the great power of God to help forward the message for this time."

The writer has just returned from a ten days' rest and has enjoyed the recreation immensely, and returns to his desk better able to take up duties devolving upon him. Those of you who have not received prompt replies to your letters, kindly bear with me a little while as I soon hope to get caught up with my work and all will receive attention in due time. I expect to leave Monday morning for New Orleans to counsel with the brethren there regarding the work of our branch office.

Upon my return, I found the plant running on full time—in fact, we are very, very busy. We are glad that this is so, for we know it is one of the results of the faithful work being done by our canvassers in the field. Bro. A. F. Harrison, our general agent, is in Kentucky trying his hand at canvassing, and is having good success. The Lord has set his hand to finish the work, and those who have enlisted in the ranks of our book and periodical workers are receiving rich blessings from above. Remember, brethren and sisters, that the Lord has told us that where there is one who is engaged in this work there should be one hundred, hence it is very evident that there is a large number of our people who have not yet signed the enlistment blanks.

"Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties."—*Spurgeon*.

"The least error should humble, but we should never permit even the greatest to discourage us."—*Bishop Potter*.

"If you want to be missed by your friends, be useful."—*Robert E. Lee*.

"In all God's creation there is no place appointed for the idle man."—*Gladstone*.

Miss Hazel Wood is visiting friends in Graysville, Tenn.

Miss Lee Huguley has returned to her work in the office bindery.

Mrs. G. H. Curtis and daughter are visiting relatives in Iowa.

Eld. C. P. Bollman will represent the publishing interests at all the camp-meetings in the Southern Union Conference this season.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

R. HOOK JR., *Manager*.

Periodical Department

THE WATCHMAN

Our agents certainly made a strong campaign for the Fourth of July, for our orders were unusually heavy.

This distinctively *city number* of the *Watchman* should be placed in the homes of every one, and you could do no better than circulate a few among your townspeople.

The Lord has said that the *Watchman* will do its appointed work wherever it goes, and it surely does. Just listen to this: "I found an old *Watchman* of the October, 1910, issue, and was greatly interested in The Eastern Question series by Professor Magan. Are there more articles like this? Can I purchase them in a book, and if so what is the price? Please let me know the price of the *Watchman* per year. I want to subscribe." This party is now a happy subscriber.

The articles referred to are widely read, and certainly draw intelligent conclusions concerning the acute political situation in Europe and the Far East and their relationship to the prophecies of Daniel.

The *Watchman* is necessary in every home for a right understanding of our times; why not subscribe now for the coming year?

Send in your dollar, and you will receive the worth of your money in the next two issues.

We would like to call the attention of those sending in orders to the necessity of writing correctly and plainly the name of the town to which they wish their papers sent.

To-day we received an order written plainly enough, but the place could not be found in either the postal or shipper's guide. These guides are very complete, and we therefore assumed the order was in error. This required holding up the order, wiring for correct shipping instructions, and altogether delaying the agent. We are sometimes put in very difficult positions trying to "guess at" an order not written correctly or plainly. Help us to help you, and pray that the Lord may help us both.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

Alabama Conference

AFTER thorough consideration by the conference committee at its meeting in February, it was decided to hold our annual conference and camp-meeting August 3 to 13, in the city of Decatur.

This city is located about eighty miles north of Birmingham, on the Louisville and Nashville and the Southern railways, and with New Decatur has a population of more than ten thousand.

Elder Cruzan, with Brother Iles, is just beginning a series of tent-meetings in the city, and we may expect a good attendance from the people during the camp-meeting. We should make our camp-meetings a spiritual uplift and blessing to all our people and also a special effort for those not of our faith.

We trust that every member in the conference that can possibly arrange to be present, will do so. We all need the blessings of these opportunities and the counsel of all the brethren is desired in the conference meeting in planning for the work for the coming year.

We will have good general help and Elder McVagh will be with us through the meeting. He will arrive directly from the council in Europe, and will be able to tell us of the progress of the work and the plans laid for its development in the great world-wide field.

Special meetings will be conducted daily for the children and young people; so let all come.

The Lord anciently required his people to come together three times a year for counsel, instruction, and blessing. Many had to go long distances without the traveling conveniences of to-day. As God saw his people needed the means of grace thus afforded them at that time, surely in this time of preparation for the Lord's coming we should make every effort to meet at this annual gathering for counsel and God's blessing.

There is also to be a local camp-meeting at Dothan, July 14-24, for our people in the southeastern part of the conference who will be unable to attend the meeting at Decatur. This will also help in binding off the effort made in that vicinity the past year.

Come, and pray that God will give us a feast of good things at these meetings.

E. G. HAYES.

"DRAGGED crosses are very heavy, but carried crosses are very light."

DEAR FELLOW WORKERS: After spending a few months in school and some time at home, I am glad to report my connection with the canvassing work again.

Brethren Parkins, Nelson, and I are pleasantly located at Enterprise, Coffee Co., Ala. I have worked part of two weeks, since arriving, and enjoyed it because I know it is the Lord's work. There are many obstacles to meet, but His truth will triumph through it all.

Where I have been working the drouth seriously affected growing crops, and farmers were not in a buying mood, so I tried to show them their need of the books whether crops are good or not; for we are told, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

One of my best selling points is mentioning the second coming of Christ. Many people require something to wake them "out of sleep" (Rom. 13: 11, 12); for they seem not to give the Word the least attention, and admit the fact when brought to think seriously. If they are not too hardened, one can usually get them to see the awful times in which we are living, their own true condition in view of it, and what a preparation is needed to meet the Lord. This produces a desire for the book. I usually tell the careless to stop and think, "what this life is compared to eternal life." They admit there is no comparison. Then I ask, "Is it not worth a little sacrifice on our part to gain eternal life?" Their own condition is what they ought to see, and not another's.

There are families that have become disgusted with the condition of the churches. They have given up, and now seldom enter a church door, or study, or even read their Bibles. But, on the other hand, there are those who are seeking for the true light, and are not at rest; so it is time they were having the truth.

The Lord is going before us to prepare the hearts of the people. I believe that in this community the Lord is using the Holiness, and even the Millennial Dawn people, in a singular manner. They are preaching new doctrine, and the orthodox churches are debating it with them. As a result, people are stirred up and want more.

One Holiness man did not want a book. He said, "I have the Bible, the best book on earth, and am following it, and I can be saved without your book," all of which I heartily agreed to. After talking with him a few minutes, he asked what church I belonged to, and whether I was a preacher. The words "Seventh-day Adventist" were new to him and called for an explanation. Then I gave him "a reason of the hope" that I have. In a few minutes he admitted he was disobeying God's law, and said that he was going to keep God's holy Sabbath. He was in good spirits when I left him with his order for a book. May the Lord give him power to obey his conviction. ALBION L. KIEHNHOFF.

If Christians generally could realize, even in a faint degree, the mighty power which there is in prayer, especially in united prayer, there would be more noonday prayer-meetings as well as more wrestling with God in private. Then there would be more glory and more victory in the secret lives of God's saints and in the outward progress of his church.—*Witness.*

It may not be ours to utter convincing arguments, but it may be ours to live holy lives. It may not be ours to be subtle, and learned, and logical, but it may be ours to be noble, and sweet, and pure.—*Canon Farrar.*

Kentucky Conference

Camp-Meeting

WE have secured the beautiful park at Pleasureville in which to hold our coming conference and camp-meeting. I hope our people throughout the conference will begin now to plan to attend this annual feast. I am sure none can afford to remain at home.

We expect this meeting to be the best ever held in our State, for we are nearer the end and each succeeding meeting is of more importance to us than the last.

Pleasureville is located on the L. and N. railroad, between Louisville and Frankfort. The city mayor and council have given twenty-five dollars to pay for the use of the park, and there seems to be a real interest on the part of the people to hear the truth. We hope to see some souls accept the truth as the result of this meeting. Let all pray for God's blessing to be with us.

Notes

The Grove church dedication and convention were well attended, and we believe that the Lord came very near. I am glad to report that we have a neat building that is a credit to our work, and that every dollar was already paid by our people, so that the church was dedicated free from debt. We expect to see others added to that church. At the close of the convention four souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

The tent-meetings in Lexington are progressing with a large attendance. Several have expressed themselves as ready to obey the truth.

The convention held at Louisville was a real spiritual lift to all who attended. Many good thoughts were brought out. Sunday afternoon we held a baptismal service when two souls were buried in baptism, Elder Graf administering the ordinance. One of the candidates accepted the faith as the result of Sister Todd's Bible work. She spends her spare hours in trying to get the truth before the people. Let others of our lay members do likewise and thus finish the work.

Let all pray for our canvassers that God will continue to bless them in their work which is moving onward.

B. W. BROWN.

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Two Weeks Ending June 24, 1911

LOUISVILLE		Papers	Hrs.	No.	Value
Agents					
Milton Jones	.....soft L&H P YI W	63	209		\$20 90
LEXINGTON					
Bessie Mount	.....W	54	108		10 80
Marie Wirth	.....W	2	35		3 50
Charley Allran	.....W	2	20		2 00
Runa Walbert	.....W	1	7		70
Mrs. Gatton	.....L&H W	100			10 00
Totals	.....	122	479		\$47 90

KENTUCKY TRACT SOCIETY.

Per DORA B. ROBERTS.

It is only a question of whether your possessions should go into the cause of God, or into the lake of fire; and now is the time to decide.

Mississippi Conference

NOTICE

At the meeting of the conference committee, Nov. 27 and 28, 1910, 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

Amount already donated.....\$26.00

THE \$100.00-SABBATH-SCHOOL FUND

Previously reported\$27.00

C. D. Scales..... 1.00

Total\$28.00

Who will be next?

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

Louisiana Conference

WORD FROM BATON ROUGE

DEAR COLABORERS: We have been plodding up and down the streets of Baton Rouge during the past fourteen weeks, and have been thinking for some time that perhaps the readers of the WORKER would like to get a word from us.

On the first day of March we came from Ariel, Pa., near the mining district of Scranton. We spent a few pleasant days with friends at Nashville and New Orleans.

We are meeting with fresh, encouraging experiences from day to day, and find many who are hungry for the bread of life. Upon leaving, after taking an order from a lady, she expressed a thousand thanks, and said she would be more thankful when she received her book.

We delivered a "Past, Present, and Future" to a man, and upon seeing him a little later in the day, he expressed himself as so interested that he had read until his eyes were sore. At another place where a copy of this book was taken by one of a firm, another member asked in regard to other books. We showed him "Story of Daniel," "Christ's Object Lessons," and "Desire of Ages." He ordered the latter and is now paying for it. We meet with many words of praise for the books.

We have exchanged books for provision, shoe-repairing, washing, and pressing clothes with people who would not otherwise have taken them.

We found a lady who came out in the truth about twenty years ago, and kept the Sabbath four years; but through discouraging influences at home she was led to give it up. She hopes to attend the camp-meeting, and we trust she will start anew, and go on with the remnant church. Several to whom we have spoken of the camp-meeting seem desirous of attending.

The people are very friendly and hospitable, and we have little trouble in gaining access to their homes.

We are glad to note the progress of the cause throughout

the union, and over the wide field, as it all points to the glorious coming of our Saviour, and the gathering of his people to himself. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Yours in this soon-closing message.

MR. AND MRS. F. A. EVANS.

Our Schools

CORRECTION NOTICE

THROUGH an unaccountable error, the publishers of *Christian Education* placed the cut of the Lodi Normal School at the head of the Southern Training School advertisement. The main building of the Southern Training School appeared in the advertisement of the Fernando Academy. The leaving out of the address, Graysville, Tenn., of the Southern Training School advertisement, is another matter of regret. The publishers have been spoken to regarding this matter, and it will be corrected in the next issue of the journal. In the meantime this notice is published for the benefit of those who may not know the buildings from the cuts.

M. B. VANKIRK, *Principal*.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

WELL, what are you going to do about it? About what? you say. About getting an education and making preparation to act your part of carrying the message that God has given us to carry to the world. Where are your interests? Are you making preparation to engage in some trade, simply for a livelihood? Are you planning on staying in this world a lifetime? Do you believe the message of Revelation 14?

These, to my mind, are important questions, which ought to be asked candidly by every young man and woman, and a candid answer ought to be expected.

As the days come and go, the hold Satan has upon this world is tightening. He expects soon to close up every avenue of carrying this message to the world. Ominous signs are happening and God by his Spirit is urging every one who knows this truth to do everything that is possible to carry it quickly to the world. Some of our young people may feel that there is too much time spent in preparation, but if there were but four years to do the work in it would be better to spend three of these years in making preparation to do this work right and the one year in actual labor, rather than to spend one year in a hurried unsatisfactory preparation and three years in labor.

The new calendar of the Southern Training School is nearly ready for distribution. Would you like a copy? If so, send us your name. This calendar contains some excellent cuts of the school and its surroundings, contains carefully written explanation concerning the courses of the school. It is full of interest to every person who loves an education. We are anxious to become acquainted with you if you are interested in school matters. Sit down and take careful record of yourself. Look the situation squarely in the face, and read in the light God has given you, what ought to be your course; then remember what God asks a person to do may always be done. May you have wisdom from above to make proper decisions and wise plans for future preparations.

The Southern Training School is anxious for every eligible young man or woman in its territories to be seen in its halls making this preparation to do God's given work.

M. B. VANKIRK, *Principal of the So. Tr. School.*
Graysville, Tenn.

Missionary Volunteers

"COME YE YOURSELVES APART"

Most of us, from one cause or another, are physically weary when summer comes, and look forward longingly to holiday time and the going away it brings. But many of us do not really "go away," in the fullest and best sense of the term at all. "Going away" should, if possible, mean cutting ourselves entirely free from everything that has formed our lives during the year, away from worrying troubles, away from depressing surroundings, away from one's daily self to seek for one's best self, and away from familiar places and people.

Most of us need this going away badly, and because so many of the world's workers have so little time for rest and recreation during the working months, the holiday should be made as much a real change as possible.

The Saviour advised his disciples to go "into a desert place" for the rest they needed, that, so getting nearer to nature, they might gain a little more of the spirit which comes from communion with God in quiet hours amid the beauty and glory of the world which he created.

Many a weary worker is helped to do and to bear by the timely holiday. Burdens which seem too heavy can be carried more easily after rest. To seek for health is a duty. We cannot do our work as it ought to be done if we are ill and weary; and unless we try to keep ourselves as far as possible in a fit state to do it, we are neglecting an obvious duty.

Only a day's rest and change is better than nothing, and even a variety in our surroundings does good. I know one busy woman, who, when she gets very tired and weary of home, re-arranges her rooms, changes her pictures and furniture, and so makes a change. She says it refreshes her, and no doubt it does. Anything is better than to accustom our eyes to the same thing year in and year out, till we get heartily sick of it all.

And there are very few of us, who, if we make the effort, cannot do something to break the weary round of monotony. The wise question is not "What might I do if things were different?" but, "What can I do situated as I am with things as they are?"

A rest at home is often as much needed, and does nearly as much good, as a long journey in search of health. Even our limitations are sometimes of immense good if they teach us to make the best of what we have. It is well, of course, if we can have change of scenery; but if we stay at home, and yet "go away" in the sense of making things different in some way, no matter how small, from the ordinary routine, we shall probably be surprised to find how it refreshes and rests us. The very act of changing even minor things leads our thoughts into new channels, gives us new work to do. The interest in it is freshened, the sense of change has come into our life.

If we use our holiday aright, we shall gain from it not only the strength we need to fight our daily worries and cares, but, if we remember Christ's injunction, "Come ye apart," and try to spend the holiday in a way that we feel he would approve, we shall also find strength to help us to fight onward and upward on the heavenly road, which will lead us at last to his side.

M. H. C.

"I CANNOT, I dare not, go up to judgment till I have done the utmost God enables me to do to diffuse his glory through the world."

A REMEDY THAT TOOK HOLD

A PREACHER'S righteous soul was sadly vexed by the talking and giggling of some of the junior members of his congregation. Breaking off in the middle of his discourse, he looked straight at his tormentors and said:—

"Some years ago there happened to sit right in front of the pulpit a young man who was perpetually laughing and talking and making silly faces. I stopped short and took him severely to task. At the close of the service a gentleman stepped up to me and said: 'Sir, you make a great mistake; that young man is an idiot.'

"Since that time I have not ventured to reprimand any more persons who behave themselves indecorously, lest I should repeat the mistake and inflict the censure upon an idiot."

There was exemplary silence during the rest of the service.—*Selected.*

A CAMP-MEETING STUDY

WHAT were the Israelites instructed to do at stated seasons every year?

"God gave direction to the Israelites to assemble before him at set periods, . . . and observe special days wherein no unnecessary work was to be done."—*Testimonies for the Church,* Vol. II, p. 573.

Were these annual gatherings of sufficient importance to warrant the time and expense incurred?

"With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of his people. They need to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities."—*Idem,* Vol. VI, p. 40.

How should our people feel with reference to similar annual gatherings?

"Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them."—*Idem,* Vol. II, p. 575.

What should be the object of a camp-meeting?

"The object of a camp-meeting is to lead all to separate from business care and burdens, and devote a few days exclusively to seeking the Lord."—*Idem,* Vol. II, p. 60r.

What is of more value than all earthly possessions?

"A strong, clear sense of eternal things, and a heart willing to yield all to Christ, are blessings of more value than all the riches, pleasures, and glories of this world."—*Idem,* Vol. II, p. 576.

How was the time to be spent at these annual gatherings anciently?

"The time was to be devoted to a consideration of the blessings which He had bestowed upon them."—*Idem,* Vol. II, p. 573.

How should the time be spent at our camp-meetings?

"We should occupy the time in self-examination, close searching of heart, penitential confession of sins, and renewing our vows to the Most High."—*Idem,* Vol. II, p. 60r.

What were the people anciently to bring with them?

"At these special seasons, they were to bring gifts, freewill offerings and thank-offerings unto the Lord, according as he had blessed them."—*Idem,* Vol. II, p. 573.

Of what are these gifts to be tokens?

"They were commanded not to appear before the Lord empty. They were to bring tokens of their gratitude to God

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending June 24, 1911

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
NAME	Book	Hrs. Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
E N Lewis.....BF	55	60	\$85 50	\$ 2 00	\$87 50	\$
Isadore Evans...BF	59	42	63 00	1 50	64 50	
Wright Battles..BF	50	30	45 00	50	45 50	
W F Nance.....CK	27	32	49 50		49 50	
W F Nelson.....BF	50	59	66 00	11 50	77 50	1 70
J M McLaughlin.BF	41	70	76 00		76 00	
A L Kiehnhoff..PPF	46	38	68 50	24 75	93 25	
W B Parkins....BF	48	39	41 00	10 00	51 00	2 50
R T Jacks.....BF	36	25	25 00	7 00	32 00	50
M L Ivory.....BF	56	10	15 00	6 75	21 75	4 20
N E Allen.....BF	46	35	51 00	8 00	59 00	
W V Wilson....BF	20	21	22 00		22 00	
I W Peevy.....BF	23	6	8 50	3 00	11 50	4 00
Jessie Whatley..BF						1 00
Ben Griffiths...BF	51	67	100 50	3 75	104 25	3 75
Maud Ivory.....BF	4					3 00
Eva Wilson....BF	7	6	16 50	35	6 85	
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
L Rice.....BF	15	15	15 00		15 00	
C F Dart.....BF	22		50		50	58 00
D C Ray.....BF	48	5	5 50		5 50	31 45
C R Millar.....BF	56	4	5 00	50	5 50	45 00
V F Todd.....BF	35					39 00
H E Beck.....BF	37	8	9 00	2 50	11 50	1 00
W P Ethington..BF	44	13	14 00	50	14 50	
C Mount.....CK	43	12	18 00	3 25	21 25	2 25
H C Harrison..D&R	47	16	37 00	4 75	41 75	50
C Cochran.....D&R	39	17	37 00	3 50	40 50	
R L Davis.....PPF	43	22	18 50	7 70	26 20	
A F Harrison..D&R	36	14	28 00	2 00	30 00	50
Wm Horn 2 wks.GC	104	44	133 00	25 60	158 60	1 00
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
F A Evans.....PPF	43	20	36 50	14 25	50 75	26 50
Mrs F A Evans.PPF	17	6	9 50	1 75	11 25	15 00
G. S. Rogers....PPF	30	22	48 50	1 50	50 00	2 50
Gordon ReynoldsPPF	8	2	3 00		3 00	3 25
Mrs I T ReynoldsMISC	20	3	6 75		6 75	4 50
G Jorgenson 2W PPF	105	17	28 50	9 50	38 00	56 25
Frank Bickham PPF	16	18	31 00		31 00	49 50
Clara Moore...PPF	10	10	18 00		18 00	
T S Sligh.....PPF	30	12	19 50	15 50	35 00	25 40
P C Sibley....PPF	31	27	47 00	1 50	48 50	1 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

J S Fry.....D&R	30	13	31 00	1 25	32 25	1 25
Virgil Smith...BF	54	59	68 00	19 75	87 75	12 50
C H McColrey..BF	53	3	3 00		3 00	61 75
W E Cooper....BF	34	23	28 50	3 00	31 50	2 00
Lamar Cooper..BF	25	15	17 50	1 25	18 75	1 25
Colie Parkins..BF	43	40	45 00	7 25	52 25	3 50
Parazetta Smith BF	21	19	21 00	6 00	27 00	1 50
Mary E Mundy..BF	19					3 00
Lucy Allen....BF	11	1	1 00		1 00	4 00
E M Blunt.....BF	25	30	34 00	3 50	37 50	25
Ella Johnson...BF	28	95	130 00	7 00	137 00	
J P Campbell...BF	34	28	31 00	50	31 50	1 50
Mrs E P Campbell.PG	22	2	6 00	1 00	7 00	9 00
Louise Jackson..BF	17	1	1 00	25	1 25	3 00
John Woods...BF	47	31	46 50	2 50	49 00	6 00
Emily Billups...BF	20					57 00
Lettie Linyear..BF	27	29	29 50	3 25	32 75	
D V Barnes....BF	41	42	61 50	14 75	76 25	1 75

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mrs S Frisby...BF	16	5	5 00		5 00	4 00
Mamie Moore...D&R	16	1	2 00		2 00	43 90
C L Sims.....BF	35	26	30 00	5 00	35 00	30 00
Emma R Jones..BF	6					10 00
Anna Calloway..BF	22	20	21 00		21 00	21 00
R H Hazelton...BF	40	11	11 00	26 70	37 70	4 30
J S Moore....sofp	36	3	4 50	75	5 25	75
Mrs Mary Allen..BF	34	17	18 00	6 50	24 50	
C H Chenault..D&R	49	25	53 00	27 00	80 00	3 00
Dan Brown....BF	54	13	15 00	2 40	17 40	2 65
Tom Brown....BF	54	12	13 00	8 20	21 20	3 10
A C Wolff.....BF	41	31	31 50	12 00	43 50	3 00
C D Wolff.....BF	28	29	30 50	3 00	33 50	21 00
C E Morphew...BF	20	7	7 00	6 50	13 50	

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf....	619	540	723 00	79 10	802 10	20 65
Kentucky Conf....	567	170	320 50	50 30	370 80	178 70
Louisiana Conf...	310	147	248 25	44 00	292 25	184 40
Mississippi Conf..	551	431	554 50	71 25	625 75	169 25
Tenn River Conf..	451	200	241 50	98 05	339 55	146 70
Totals.....	2408	1488	2087 75	342 70	2430 45	699 70

IT'S YOU

You say that the world's misused you;
 That everything goes dead wrong;
 That the right is not triumphant;
 That the weak bows down to the strong.
 Look up, O despairing brother,
 Why take such a morbid view?
 Don't blame the world for your troubles,
 It is n't the world, it's you.

—Selected.

for his continued mercies and blessings bestowed upon them.”
 —*Idem.*, Vol. II, p. 573.

Are such gifts and offerings required of God's people now?
 “God requires no less of his people in these last days, in sacrifices and offerings, than he did of the Jewish nation.”—*Idem.*, Vol. II, p. 274.

How do some treat these annual gatherings?
 “For fear of losing a little of this world's gain, some let these precious privileges come and go as though they were of but little importance.”—*Idem.*, Vol. II, p. 576.

Whom should we expect to meet at such gatherings?
 “Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast. He will be present, and he will do for you that which you most need to have done.”—*Idem.*, Vol. II, p. 575.

A. T. ROBINSON.

“REJOICE with them that do rejoice,” stands before that of: “Weep with them that weep.” We may well ask: “Is it possible to enter into the sorrows of our fellow men, unless we enter first into their joys?” When the hand of affliction falls upon us, whose voice is it, among those of mere mortals, that we desire most to hear? Whose presence is it, for which we most yearn? Is it not that of one who has previously participated in our joys? The more intimate his fellowship in our past joys, the more consoling his sympathy in our present sorrow.—*Lutheran.*

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OUR BOOK DEPARTMENT

C AN'T you really try to go?
A sk yourself the question.
M aybe you really do not know,
P erhaps you're only thinking so.

M ust the crops be tended to
E very day, while we're
E ver busy, never ready
T ill our gain we see?

I nstead of worrying for our future
N ow listen well to me,
G od will care for you and yours,
S o come, get blessings more than three.

Camp-meeting fever is becoming contagious. Every one we see wears an air of preparation. We all feel that the time for our annual feast is not many months or weeks away when we can have a few days in which to worship God something like the way we hope we may be privileged to do in the new earth. No rising early only to rush away to our day's task, only to come home worn and fatigued. But rising early and repairing to the tent where our hearts can go out to the great Father of all and we can thank him for the beautiful sunshine, merry singing of the birds, and get rest, strength, and courage for life's battle.

Is not this opportunity worth everything to you? God will surely bless the one who seeks it. Come to camp-meeting by all means, and come prepared to get blessings, acquaintances, and books. We are going to offer such attractive "combinations" this year that you will be glad to do what we

CAMP-MEETING NOTICES

Louisiana, Baton Rouge.....July 27 to August 6
Alabama, Decatur.....August 3-13
Kentucky, Pleasureville.....August 17-27
Mississippi.....August 31 to September 10
Tennessee River.....September 7-17

want you to do; viz., go home and scatter the books we have as you would sow seed in the spring.

Lay by money little by little now, and come to camp-meeting.
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IVY POISONING

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No SCRATCHING; no ointments in the acute stage; no bandages (which would tend to spread the poison to adjacent surfaces); any protector, if necessary, should be a loosely applied dressing of absorbent cotton, kept moist at all times and changed frequently; frequent and copious washings with lukewarm water and an unirritating soap; the inflamed surface is best handled by means of rubber gloves; after washing the parts, apply a 2-4 per cent. warm solution of potassium permanganate, which completely neutralizes any poison with which it comes in contact. After the acute stage is past, ointments are permissible.

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NO SAND IN SANDPAPER

"THERE is no sand in sandpaper," said the manufacturer. "It is a powdered glass that does the business. That's where the broken bottles go to."

He nodded toward a pile of broken bottles in the yard. "We powder the glass into half a dozen different grades," he said. "We coat our paper with an even layer of hot glue. Then without loss of time, we spread over the glass powder. Finally we run a wooden roller lightly over the sheets to give them a good surface. When, in the past, sandpaper was made of sand, it would n't do a quarter of the work that glass paper does."—*The News*.

REFLECT upon your present blessings, of which every man has many, and not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.—*Dickens*.