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

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## Behold the Day

O THOU that dwellest in the land, awake!  
The time is near;  
The dawn of morning's come; behold the light  
That shineth clear;  
And list! beyond are golden days that sing,  
That greet the Sun, and bask beneath his wing.

The eve of man's long day draws on apace,  
Its close is near;  
Then let us toil while yet remaineth day,  
For life is dear.  
Find harvests white and look upon the grain,  
And ask the Lord for showers—the "latter rain."

And thou, O faithful pilgrim! bear thy way—  
'Tis drawing near!  
Soon will earth's shadowed scenes and forms be gone;  
Yield not to fear.  
Bear on thy burden; for thy rest is sure  
If humble are thy ways and thou art pure.

How joyful is the thought for soldier true—  
Day draweth near!  
With armor on withstand the wily foe;  
The day brings cheer.  
Then, weary pilgrim, shod with gospel peace,  
Gird up thy loins; for morn will bring release.

—Selected.

### CHURCH ORDER

WE feel called upon to mention the great lack of reverence shown for the house of worship in many places. When we remember, brethren and sisters, that these houses of worship are devoted to God's service, dedicated to his worship, and thus should in a measure partake of the sanctity of God's ancient temple on earth, why is it that we do not realize more than we do the sacredness of his house? When God met with his servant at the burning bush, the fact that he was there made it holy ground, and in accordance with the ancient custom, Moses was told to remove his shoes from off his feet, reverently recognizing that God was there.

Have we not set apart these places of worship for God's presence? All of them, perhaps, are not formally dedicated as churches, still if they are no more than temporary places of worship—a hall or a common room—yet, like the place about the burning bush, for the time being they are holy, and should be so regarded by old and young. Quietness should prevail. The head should be reverently bowed; no laughing or whispering should be heard. We know that many of our dear brethren and sisters are grieved at heart over this careless visiting and irreverent attitude of some, and the fact that children are allowed to run to and fro at their pleasure in God's house.

The writer has been saddened to learn that on two occasions, persons who were interested have been driven away from among our people because they were shocked at the irreverence manifested by the congregations visited. O, what an account must be rendered in the judgment for such unbecoming behavior in the house of God! Will not our church elders and ministers everywhere speak upon this important subject, and show the necessity of being more careful and reverent in our worship? Angels of God are waiting to be present at our gatherings; but certainly they must be

driven away by anything that savors of a lack of order or irreverence, for they come from the courts of glory, from the presence of the holy God.

In connection with this subject we would call attention also to the proper use of the desk in our houses of worship. If there is one place above another in the house of God, where he meets in a special manner with his servants as they lead the service and proclaim his Word, it certainly is at the sacred desk. And to have an indiscriminate use made by anybody, and everybody of the pulpit, we consider out of harmony with what God teaches us in his Word concerning the places dedicated to his service. The pulpit, we believe, is especially set apart for the ministers, and those especially appointed to preach the Word, and for our ordained elders.

Is there any importance attached to church organization? Is there any dignity to the office of elder or minister? Have they any prerogatives that other members do not have? If so, these officers should be respected, and the place which has been especially set apart for those upon whom hands have been laid should not be regarded as a common part of the sanctuary. It seems to me that presidents of our conferences, pastors of our churches, and our church elders everywhere should see to it that great regard is paid to the entire house of worship, and that indiscriminate use should not be made of the pulpit.

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning." From the sacredness which was attached to the earthly sanctuary, we may learn how we should regard these places of worship set apart to-day where God meets his people. Remember how sacred was the earthly sanctuary! How holy its apartments—the holy place and the most holy! These were figures of the true temple in heaven, and while the sanctuary service, as it was carried on in ancient times, has passed away, yet God has not left us

without his presence, and he has promised to meet with his people still. Therefore in the houses which are now set apart in the different places where our congregations meet, shall we not expect God's presence as of old? for he has promised to be with us "always, even unto the end of the world."

Shall we not learn lessons from the history of the past relating to the sacredness of the places where God meets with his remnant people? May the reverence shown for the house of God and the holiness with which all his sacred work is regarded, be still on earth a figure of the sanctuary in its holy service above.

J. E. FULTON.

### REVERENCE

'T is not the temple's shrine  
Which holy makes the place;  
Where'er God is, is power divine;  
Where'er God helps is grace.

The bush on Horeb's peak,  
Burning and unconsumed,  
The prophet bent with reverence meek,  
For God the spot illumed.

The sword at night beheld  
By Jordan's swelling bed,  
The captain of the host compelled  
To own the Lord that led.

— Selected.

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending Aug. 25, 1911: Total number of bound volumes, 2,680; *Watchman*, 7,451.

BRO. BENJAMIN GRIFFITHS sends the following report from Alabama: "I have finished my delivery, and it was better than I thought it would be this time of the year. I did not have enough books to go around, so had to postpone some orders until my next delivery. Please ship me by freight fifty pounds of "Gospel Primers" and fifty pounds of "New Testament Primers," board, to Red Level, Ala. Rush, as I will want them soon. I am going home to see my wife and children."

BROTHER COOK, of Alabama, writes: "I am of good courage in the Lord. As I meet with the people in their homes, it is a joy to see how attentively they listen to the words of truth. The Lord is certainly going before his workers."

THE following letter is from Bro. H. G. Miller, field agent of Mississippi: "As you see I am away from home. I have been helping one of our canvassers make his delivery. I helped him last week, and will help him two days this week. Since the organization of our tract society, I have had but little occasion to write to you. This is quite different from what it was last year. I miss your pleasant correspondence, and yet I have been so busy that I have not been at all lonesome, I can assure you.

"We are soon going to give you some large orders to fill. Our deliveries will begin about October 10. The company at McDonald will need about 1200 copies of 'Bible Footlights;' Sister Johnson will need about 500 copies, Brother Smith about 500 or 600 copies, Brother Cobbs perhaps 300, and Brother Campbell also will need about 500 copies of the same book. Brother Fry will want about 150 copies of 'Daniel and Revela-

tion,' plain, and 50 marbled, besides what we have for him in stock. Many more orders will be taken which will call for perhaps a thousand or two more.

"You have been very prompt in filling our orders this summer which we surely appreciate. We thank you for the good service rendered, and we will do our best to be prompt in paying our bills.

"Our canvassers are well, and of good courage and are pressing forward. May God continue to prosper you in your work and may this message be quickly given, and then we can go home."

### HIGHER GROUND

"Sometimes it is a battle that causes us to *seek* higher ground. In giving the experiences of the Waldenses, when they were attacked in their native mountains by almost overwhelming numbers, the historian says: 'At night they retired to *higher ground*.'

'I'm pressing on the upward way,  
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day;  
Still praying as I onward bound,  
'Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.'

"I want to live above the world,  
Tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught the joyful sound,  
The song of saints on higher ground.

"Lord, lift me up and let me stand,  
By faith, on heaven's table-land,—  
A higher plane than I have found;  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

—From *Pacific Press News Letter*.

It is surely necessary that Seventh-day Adventists as a people should get upon higher ground. The canvasser especially realizes the need of a closer walk with God, for in order to succeed in circulating our books and periodicals, it is an absolute necessity that we have a close relation with the Divine. May God help each one of us to get upon higher ground.

### "THE BUSY MAN'S CREED," A GOOD CANVASSER'S CREED.

"I believe in the stuff I am handing out, in the firm I am working for, and in my ability to get results. I believe that honest stuff can be passed out to honest men by honest methods. I believe in working, not weeping; in hoisting, not knocking; and in the pleasure of my job. I believe that a man gets what he goes after; that one deed done to-day is worth two deeds to-morrow, and that no man is down, and out until he has lost faith in himself. I believe in to-day and the work I am doing, in to-morrow and the work I hope to do, and in the sure reward which the future holds.

"I believe in courtesy, in kindness, in generosity, in good cheer, in friendship, and in honest competition. I believe there is something doing, somewhere, for every man ready to do it. I believe I'm ready—right now!"—*Elbert Hubbard*.

ELD. W. E. VIDETO, formerly of Berrien Springs, but now of North Carolina, was an office visitor this week.

"THOUGHTLESSNESS is never an excuse for wrong-doing. Our hasty actions disclose as does nothing else our habitual feelings."

## Periodical Department

### THE WATCHMAN STEADILY CLIMBING

OUR September issue is taking well. Thirty-five thousand sold by August 31. Sounds pretty good, does it not? Think of the thirty-five thousand people, scattered all over the known world, reading the glorious message it contains. One thousand in a single order goes to darkest Africa. Many others go to far-off India, Australia, Europe, China, and the islands of the sea.

How many have *you* sent to these people, many of whom are in darkness? It is a rather pertinent question, but one we will doubtless be asked in the judgment; for in Vol. 9, p. 35, we read: "Those who refuse to work for their unconverted neighbors will have to give an account for their unfulfilled duties."

This is plain instruction. Why not invest fifty cents in ten copies; sell them if you like, and get twenty more, and so on? The possibilities in this proposition are unlimited.

Professor Magan's articles are being widely read, and arousing much interest on the part of readers of the *Watchman*. Why not let your neighbor enjoy them, too?

The leading editorial, "The Social Unrest," dealing with the acute conditions in this country relating to the masses and the classes, is an exceptionally good article to show to your working friend.

Did you know that the spirit of prophecy has definitely spoken concerning the *Watchman*? In a statement signed by Mrs. E. G. White, at Sanitarium, Cal., she says, "The *Watchman* bears the message of truth. It will accomplish its appointed purpose throughout the world, if given an opportunity." Why not give it that opportunity?

Order a small standing order through your tract society to-day, say ten or twenty-five copies; sell or distribute them among your neighbors, and watch the results. It will make your heart glow with old time zeal to have them commence to ask you questions. It will make you "read up." Send for ten to-day. Rates in quantities up to 40, 5 cents, over, 4 cents.

## Alabama Conference

### AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

ANOTHER week is in the past, and considering the territory I worked, I have had wonderful success. The crops I saw this week were the poorest I have ever seen. I saw one field of cotton with hardly a boll on it, and other fields were not much better.

The reason for this shortage of crops is the drought which lasted from March to July 2, and the hail storm which passed through this section of the country on that day. After the storm of July 2, they had another drought, which lasted until last week. And as an additional hindrance to my work about one half of the people are Primitive Baptists. But notwithstanding all these adverse circumstances the Lord wonderfully blessed my efforts.

Yesterday morning I had about twelve miles of territory to work before finishing my round, and it generally takes me two days or more to cover this distance; but this twelve miles was so thinly settled that I finished yesterday evening. The last six miles, I gave eight exhibitions and took \$10 worth of orders. Pray for us that we may have success.

The territory I canvassed this week was seriously affected by the drought, and now the daily rains are causing the cotton to rot in the boll; but the Lord overruled all this, and wonder-

fully blessed my efforts. I gave 115 exhibitions, and took 103 orders for gilt "Bible Footlights," 16 for "Best Stories" (cloth), and \$24.50 worth of orders for Bibles; total value of orders, \$191. This is the Lord's doing, and to him be all the honor and praise.

We go to Hartford and finish Geneva County with "Past, Present, and Future" for an October 16-26 delivery.

WALTER A. NELSON.

### SHEFFIELD

AUGUST first we left our home in Sheffield for Decatur, Ala., where we attended our annual camp-meeting. To me personally this was a good meeting, and I felt that God gave me new strength and courage to go forward in his work for another year.

Friday, August 18, we returned to our work in Sheffield, and found our little church all alive and full of courage. Sabbath we had a good Sabbath-school and meeting. Sunday following, at 9:30, we all met at the church, and had service, after which we went to the river where two precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. We are planning to have a good church-school here this winter.

We are of good courage, and find plenty to do in Sheffield. Others are interested, and we hope to see many more added to the church.

We ask the prayers of the WORKER family.

JAMES BELLINGER.

### BURDEN LIFTERS

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Prov. 17:22.

A SMILE will make a sad heart bright,  
A frown a light heart sad,  
Let smiles, therefore, thy face alight,  
And other hearts make glad.

A word of kindness often brings  
To those weighed down with care,  
A brighter hope for heav'nly things,  
And drives away despair.

A little deed performed in love  
Makes heavy loads more light,  
And leads a soul to Christ above,  
And makes a life more bright.

Let smiles, and words, and noble deeds  
Be in thy life always,  
And may the Lord supply thy needs,  
And keep thee lest thou stray.

WALTER A. NELSON.

ENCLOSED with Brother Keate's canvassers' report was the following encouraging note:—

BRO. W. F. Nance, who is handling "Coming King," writes: "Two families have announced that they intend to keep God's Sabbath in preference to man's, since reading their books."

THE pitiable foolishness of practical joking was shown in St. Louis not long ago when a mother pointed a pistol at her three-year-old and only child, called "Hands up," and pulled the trigger. Ten minutes later the little boy was dead. She thought that it was a toy or harmless. She knows better now. It was a poor sort of education to give the boy even if the pistol had been harmless. At its best, practical joking is foolishness. It demands very little brains.—*Signs of the Times*.

## Kentucky Conference

### PLEASUREVILLE

THE camp-meeting and conference held in the public park at Pleasureville, August 17-27, was the largest and best meeting ever held by Seventh-day Adventists in the State of Kentucky. Pleasureville is a beautiful little city, located in the midst of a good country, about midway between Louisville and Lexington. The park has plenty of maple shade, is well kept, and is the popular place for public gatherings. In addition to this, the mayor and city council took an active interest in securing and advertising the meetings, and the people came for miles and gave respectful and even reverent attention to what was presented.

Sundays five hundred or more people remained upon the grounds all day, and the tent would not hold the audience any night. Doctrinal subjects were asked for and presented, as the people said, "We want to know what you believe." As they left the grounds after service, some could be heard discussing different views, but much satisfaction was expressed. While these things were new to many of them, yet it was quite generally assented, "They read it out of the Bible."

In response to the interest and many cordial invitations, the camp-meeting will be followed by a tent effort in town. About seventy-five of our own people encamped upon the ground, and the Spirit of the Lord was manifestly present in all the meetings. A good degree of courage and harmony prevailed among the delegates, and the conference business was quickly disposed of. Elder B. W. Brown was re-elected president; Lulu E. Shaffer, secretary and treasurer of the conference and tract society; C. F. Dart, field missionary agent.

Some changes were made in the executive committee so as to more equitably represent the different parts of the State. The committee now stands: B. W. Brown, C. F. Dart, and H. U. Jacobs, in the eastern part of the conference, while H. E. Beck and Dr. John W. Ford are from the western part. Strong plans were laid for an aggressive work. The Kentucky Conference is growing. In addition to the writer, the following laborers from outside Kentucky were present for a few days each, and rendered valuable help. Elds. J. N. Anderson and C. P. Bollman; A. F. Harrison, L. A. Hansen, Prof. Van Kirk, and Dr. R. M. Clarke. Our next camp-meeting is in Mississippi. C. F. McVAGH.

## Mississippi Conference

### WORDS OF CHEER FROM OUR CANVASSERS

WE are of good courage in this great and glorious work; but we feel the need of your earnest prayers in our behalf that we may be faithful in discharging our duty.—*Lamar Cooper.*

I am so full of love for the Lord that I do not know how to express it. I have practically finished my delivery in the boll weevil section and had good success. I did not urge the people nor scold, but left the matter between them and the Lord with a total delivery of three hundred sixty-one books.—*C. H. McColrey.*

I canvassed a young man the other day. He complained of the dry weather, and seemed to be pretty reckless, but I told him if the Lord would send us rain every time we needed it, and give us big crops every year, that we would soon get independent, and forget that we were dependent on him for

rain, and the world would soon be much more wicked. He said: "Yes, that is so," and gave me his order. Some people were surprised that he took the book of me. Although we have trials, I thank the Lord for a part in his work.—*Colie Parkins.*

## Tennessee River Conference

### TITHE REPORT FOR JUNE AND JULY, 1911

Memphis .....	\$1031 09
Nashville .....	462 30
Fountainhead .....	96 03
Cedar Grove .....	79 72
North Nashville .....	50 00
Leach .....	49 41
Springville .....	20 63
Trezevant .....	18 85
Hazel .....	15 15
Conference Church .....	15 00
Madison .....	12 20
Lane .....	10 22
Jackson .....	8 83
Paducah .....	1 00
Individual .....	95

Total .....\$1871 38

THOS. E. PAVEY, *Treas.*

## Our Schools

### THE FALL TERM OF THE SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 13 is the date set for the opening of the Southern Training School. The present curriculum of the school has been arranged with a view to meet the needs of the Southern field.

As a preparation to enter the regular *Training Courses* the student should have finished the tenth grade. To meet the needs of students who have not finished the tenth grade, a preparatory course beginning with the eighth grade is offered. For those who live in Graysville, or for others who may for any reason desire to send proper students to Graysville, a primary, or normal department, and an intermediate department are conducted.

By referring to the new calendar, information concerning expense regulations, etc., may be secured.

Training courses in the following lines are offered: Literary, scientific, ministerial, normal (both elementary and advanced), Bible workers, commercial, stenographic, and vocal and instrumental music.

The present indications are that a full attendance will be realized. Are you planning to be there?

M. B. VAN KIRK.

FAITH in God is something far deeper and more vital than any theory or opinion about God; and it draws after it immense consequences in logic and in life.—*Charles Gordon Ames.*

"It is a good business rule to beware of transactions that can only be defended with the maxim, 'Business is business.'"

## Missionary Volunteers

### YOUNG PEOPLE, ATTENTION!

"RESOLVE to do a little reading every day, if it is but a single sentence. If you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year."

This is the injunction on the title-page of the leaflet which has just been sent out by the General Conference regarding the Reading Course for the fall and winter of 1911-12.

All who have in the past read the books of the other courses have received great benefit. These books are always very carefully selected. "Lean Christians," says one, "own Bibles and feed on newspapers." So every young man or woman who would possess a strong intellect and a pure heart, must not only abstain from the bad, but must read what is good. If you do not read at all, it means spiritual starvation. We should cherish an acquaintance with good books, just as we treasure the friendship of persons we highly esteem; the reading of good books will make us better workers for the Master, better friends for our associates, and better companions for ourselves.

The Reading Course will be thorough and systematic. Weekly test questions in the *Youth's Instructor* will insure this. Here are the directions for joining this Spare Minute Reading Circle.

1. Enroll. Send your name and address, to your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary.

2. Send for the books used in the course. The books, cloth binding, for the Senior Course No. 5, will cost you \$2.40. In the paper covers they will cost \$1.40. The Junior Course, in the cloth, will cost \$1.85; in the paper, \$1.30. If you can not buy them all at once, buy them as they come in the course. But be sure that you get them on time.

3. Arrange to have the use of the *Youth's Instructor* every week. The surest way to do this is to subscribe personally for it, and have it come to your home. It is \$1 per year.

4. Keep your book handy, where you can look into it many times a day.

5. Keep up your readings. Do not lag behind.

6. When the book is finished, answer the test questions promptly, and send them to your secretary. Your work will be rewarded in the many good thoughts which will be yours, and you will be entitled to a Reading Course certificate next spring.

These two courses will begin in October, and it is time you began to order your books and papers, so a prompt start can be made.

Send in your order to the conference secretary of the Missionary Volunteer department, or to the tract society.

The following are the names of the books:—

#### SENIOR COURSE NO. 5

The price of "Africa," paper, 25 cents; cloth, 50 cents. "Passion for Men;" paper, 20 cents; cloth, 40 cents. "Ministry of Healing;" cloth, \$1.50. "Miracles of Missions;" paper, 35 cents; cloth, \$1.

#### JUNIOR COURSE NO. 4

"Uganda's White Men of Work;" paper, 35 cents; cloth, 50 cents. "Early Writings;" paper, 35 cents; cloth, 75 cents. For any further information write to Mrs. M. H. Crothers, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

"AN obstinate man does not hold opinions, but they hold him."

### THE LAND OF ANYHOW

BEYOND the Isle of What's the Use,  
Where Slipshod Point is now,  
There used to be, when I was young,  
The Land of Anyhow.

Do n't Care was king of all this realm—  
A cruel king was he,  
For those who served him with good  
heart,  
He treated shamefully.

When boys and girls their tasks would  
slight,  
And cloud poor mother's brow,  
He'd say, "Do n't care! It's good  
enough!  
Just do it anyhow."

But when in after life they longed  
To make proud fortune bow,  
He let them find that fate ne'er smiles  
On work done anyhow.

For he who would the harvest reap  
Must learn to use the plow,  
And pitch his tent a long, long way  
From the Land of Anyhow.

—Canadian Presbyterian.

### CONVERSION

THE convert is known by his fruits. Conduct, conversation, and character, are the infallible test of a personality transformed within.

"In a large iron factory one of the worst men in the place was converted. He had been a man of terrible temper, and could scarcely speak without swearing and blaspheming against God. After his conversion his comrades waited for his temper to break out as before, and to hear him give utterance to a string of oaths. But nothing of the sort occurred. So they prepared a trap for him, which they felt sure would cause his downfall. They heated a long bar of iron and tempered it so that it would look as though it were cold. Then they laid it on the floor when he was absent, and waited for him to come in and pick it up. Presently he returned, and, stooping over, grasped the hot iron with both hands. His comrades now expected an explosion, for there was a badly blistered strip of flesh on each hand. But the man simply turned around and said quietly, 'Men, I did n't think you would do that.'

"At these words, so different from what they expected, tears ran down the cheeks of those strong men; a revival broke out then and there, and many of those iron-workers found salvation because that man had not lost his temper, but had shown the reality of his transformation.

The influence of a Christlike life is infinite. "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place." 2 Cor. 2:14.—*Illustrations.*

A CERTAIN famous prima donna lately sailed for Europe, taking with her forty-five pairs of American-made shoes. When one considers that she is to return to this country next October, it seems possible that she may be able to keep away from at least one kind of shop while she is absent.

### THE OCTOBER OFFERING

THE first Sabbath in October has been set apart by the General Conference as the day when the annual offering shall be taken up to assist in the carrying of this last message to the colored people in this country.

A good work has been begun, and hundreds are now rejoicing in the present truth. But there are millions who have never had the privilege of hearing about the soon coming of our Saviour and the preparation that must be made in order to meet him in peace. The work is soon to close up in this field, and now is the best time we will ever have to do this work. In Testimony Vol. 9, page 226, I read: "Thousands of colored people in the South may now be uplifted and become human agents to help their own race, if they can receive the help God is calling upon us to give them." The great question is, Shall we give them the help needed just now?

The Lord has greatly blessed the efforts put forth in the past, and we are sure that if we can get the means now to push this work forward, the results will be far greater than if we delay.

We see the things coming that we have been told would come, that will make this work very difficult. The field will soon be closed, and what we do must be done quickly.

I wish to appeal to all our people to help this branch of the work now. Lay plans now to bring a good liberal offering. Let all our workers, conference and church officers, do all they can to make this the banner year for raising funds to help this needy field.

May the Spirit of God bless us all abundantly in the effort to finish this work.

A. J. HAYSMER.

### 40,000 A DAY!

THE big rotary press at the *Signs of the Times* office is running into the long hours of the night, printing the inside sixteen pages of our beautiful Ingathering number of the *Signs*, and 40,000 copies are being printed each day. We will pass the 160,000 mark to-night. These are being sorted and tied into bundles until the outside sixteen pages are printed a few weeks later, when they will be stitched and trimmed. Its new form, new illustrations, new arrangement, and new matter throughout, make this paper one that we can justly be proud of. It will be a real privilege to circulate it. Your orders should be sent to your tract society office at once.

### ALL GONE AGAIN

It is simply astonishing how the orders for the September *Signs* magazine have come in. That number is certainly appreciated. We simply can not anticipate the calls from agents, August 22, and only 3,000 copies left. Under ordinary circumstances there should be five times as many. 5,000 more were printed than were sold last year, but agents have taken them all. At the rate the orders are coming in, they will all be gone to-morrow night. The only thing to do is to hurry along that October number. This number will be ready so agents' orders can be filled before the first of the month. It is a splendid number, too; a very important and attractive one; one that bears the message; a regular city number, and one that agents can use freely. Hurry your orders to your tract society office. The magazine with the message.

### WORTHY OF YOUR CONSIDERATION

WE are living in days when the hurry and bustle of life are causing many good Christians to forget the training of early childhood in the matter of family religion. The family altar, morning and evening prayers, are very often forgotten or neglected. The following from a pastoral letter of the presbytery of one of the large cities of America, is worthy of the consideration of all good Christians. Let its counsel go deep home in the heart:—

"We admonish you to build anew the altars of family religion, honored by our fathers, and still worthy of honor by their children. We know the hurry and the rush of the morning hour in many a Christian household. We are not unmindful of the difficulties attendant upon the regular observance of 'times and seasons' of family devotion. We, therefore, do not offer rules and regulations for the maintenance of religion in the home, but we do urge upon Christian fathers and mothers, the unspeakable importance of finding a time and a place to honor God before their children, and to cultivate that spirit of reverent devotion without which character is poor indeed."

### WHAT HOME NEEDS

WHAT is the crying need of the home?—Not money, not intellect, not refinement, not wisdom. It is love, and warm demonstration.

Life is such a little thing, a short space of years at best, and to have missed love in childhood, from father and mother, is the saddest thing in all the universe.

Most people love their children. Few fathers and mothers would own to a lack of affection for their offspring. But in many homes—shall I say in the majority?—there is a lack of the real living love and tenderness that fill the heart full to running over with love-words, kisses, and fond caresses. The good-night kiss, the dear hand upon the little one's head and cheek—how these things expand the soul of the child, and make it receptive to good influences.

To be a father or mother is to hold the keys of heaven or hell of the human race.

The relation is a divine one, with infinite demands, and yet how often undertaken with no forethought, no sense of the awful responsibility. Wisdom, nobility, strength, goodness, and patience are needed by the parent, and above all, *love*.

### FOR POISON IVY

IN a place where poison-ivy is both plentiful and luxuriant, the family found that cider vinegar was the remedy par excellent for poisoning. As soon as the first burning roughness appeared on the skin, a soft cloth dipped in vinegar was used to bathe the affected parts.

This was repeated very frequently, and in no case failed to bring about a complete cure. It may cause a stinging sensation at first, but this counteracts the burning of the inflammation. Other remedies that we used when the vinegar was not at hand were sweet oil or sugar of lead dissolved in water. The sweet oil is perhaps best of all where the inside of the mouth has been poisoned.

In one case a large part of the body of a two-year-old baby became suddenly covered with an eruption, and the mother thought it erysipelas. The county physician whom she called pronounced it ivy-poisoning, and cured it promptly by frequent bathings with a much diluted tincture of red-root. In using either of these remedies, change both soft cloths and liquids frequently.—*The Delineator*.

UTAH is to have a new state house patterned after the capitol at Washington, and to cost two and a half million dollars.

**CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE**

For Week Ending Aug. 19, 1911

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NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W A Nelson	BF	50	103	\$154 50	\$12 00	166 50	\$ 1 50
N E Allen	BF	38	29	43 50		43 50	
A Kiehnhoff	PPF	49	33	71 50	3 50	75 00	1 75
B Griffiths	2wksBF	100	45	67 50		67 50	226 50
W F Nance	CK	20					79 00
M L Ivory	BF	38	20	30 00	14 35	44 35	2 25
W Battles	BF	43	21	36 50		36 50	9 00
C Griffith	BF	43	37	56 50	8 00	64 50	
Isadore Evans	BF	40	1	1 50	50	2 00	2 25
W B Parkins	BF	44	20	30 00	2 50	32 50	50
I W Peevy	BF	43	20	30 00	5 00	35 00	6 00
Vernon Vaughn	BF	38	47	63 50	1 00	64 50	
S S Guilford	BF	24	21	31 50	5 50	37 00	1 00
John Finch	BF	37	16	24 00	8 00	32 00	
Robert Cook	BF	37	20	24 00	6 95	30 95	
G W Brown	BF	45	14	16 50	7 00	23 50	2 50
F D Hunt	BF	20	10	14 50	3 75	18 25	4 50
Jessie Whatley	BF	6	4	4 50		4 50	1 00
W V Wilson	BF	30	15	15 00	2 50	17 50	10 00

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

J J Jackson	BF	10	10			10 00	
G S Rogers	PPF	28	25	42 00	11 25	53 25	5 25
V McPhall	BF	10					5 00
J W Wade	PPF	30	35	57 00	20 00	77 00	14 50
G Jorgenson	PPF	18	5	8 00	6 75	14 75	4 00
P C Sibley	PPF	30	21	35 50		35 50	
Mrs I T Reynolds	PG	10	2	6 00		6 00	
Mrs F A Evans	PPF	23	8	14 00	2 75	16 75	1 50
F A Evans	PPF	13	3	5 50	3 00	8 50	9 70

**A GREAT CHANGE**

AN old story comes down to us of a striking conversation between a pope and a pious priest. The pope was boasting of his jubilee offering, and remarked to the priest: "Peter can not now say, 'Silver and gold have I none;'" and the priest responded, "No, your Holiness; neither can he say now, 'In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.'" The anecdote, whether true or not, represents a greater change in character than condition.

"THERE is to be found in Mexico, spiders that construct common nests, and live in societies like the ant or bee. The nests are surrounded with threads which serve as hiding-places in which the spiders lie in wait for their prey. All the insects caught are used as food for the colony. In the nests which the spiders never leave for any reason or under any circumstances, are piled hecatombs of flies, yet the nests are kept with the utmost cleanliness.

"The public hygiene of the colony is looked after by a small creature treated with scrupulous respect by all the spiders. This infinitesimal being does for spider communities what the blind white wood louse does for ants. It is of the family of the *Latricides*; it lives in the common nest with all the spiders, nourishing itself on everything rejected and cast off by them."

It will be interesting to our readers to know that Queen Mary of England is very economical. She refuses to have served on the royal table many delicacies because of the

**MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**

J S Fry	DR	44	11	31 00	7 25	38 25	7 25
Virgil Smith	BF	45	44	44 50	10 15	54 65	8 05
Coley Parkins	BF	36	15	15 00	3 50	18 50	46 25
L Cooper	BF	41	13	14 00	2 25	16 25	14 25
W E Cooper	BF	40	9	9 50	2 00	11 50	75
Parizetta Smith	BF	24	12	12 50		12 50	
Mary Parkins	BF	15	5	6 00	25	6 25	
Mary Mundy	BF	30					31 00
Louise Jackson	BF	18	2	2 00	2 25	4 25	1 25
Annie Watts	BF	32	12	18 00	7 00	25 00	
Luella Hill	BF	32	9	14 50		14 50	
Mrs S D Miller	BF	8					17 00
John Wood	BF	50	20	30 00	1 00	31 00	35 00
J P Campbell	BF	22	32	45 50	75	46 25	
Willie Cobb	BF	47	91	125 50	6 25	131 75	2 00
Lettie Lyneear	BF	50					28 00
Horace Miller	BF	35	7	7 50	2 00	9 50	3 00
Mollie Miller	stoc	5					1 80

**TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE**

Mrs E R Jones	BF	6					12 50
J S Moore	sofp	48	24	35 75	5 25	41 00	3 00
R H Hazelton	BF	43					50 00
Mrs C D Wolff	BF	10	1	1 00	50	1 50	8 25
C D Wolff	BF	15	3	3 00		3 00	23 50
R Roberts	BF	34	2	2 00	13 00	15 00	6 50
C E Morpew	BF	40	21	23 50	19 95	43 45	7 75

**SUMMARY**

Alabama Conf	745	476	715 00	80 55	795 55	347 75
Kentucky Conf	No Report					
Louisiana Conf	172	109	168 00	43 75	211 75	39 95
Mississippi Conf	574	282	375 50	44 65	420 15	195 60
Tenn River Conf	196	51	65 25	38 70	103 95	111 50
Totals	1687	918	1323 75	207 65	1531 40	694 80

expense. She objects to fruits out of season on the ground that they cost too much, saying that the money thus saved can go to help the poor. The menus are submitted daily to the queen by one of her ladies in waiting. The queen reads them and makes changes. Recently the menu contained strawberries, and Queen Mary promptly put her pen through the item, saying: "We can not submit to such extravagance while people starve. We will not have strawberries until they are in season and the price lower." The queen follows the same principle throughout the household, seeking wherever possible to curtail expenses, and save money for the poor.—*Selected.*

MANY conversations and many communications from different parts of the country testify to us that many hearts are in mourning over the untimely departure of the soul of the prayer-meeting. In vain have many surrounded its cold and lifeless remains from week to week, hoping that it might some day awake from among the dead and go forth again in newness of life. Some have abandoned the watch in despair, and some are waiting and hoping on still, trusting that God is even able to awaken it into life again. Let us all pray for a revival of the church prayer-meeting.

"It is the continual dropping that creates an interest and arouses the thinker."

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THERE was fifteen million dollars' worth of gold plate used at the King's great banquet. Eight tons of the precious metal, collected in the reigns of the Georges, was used at the magnificent dinner given in Buckingham Palace. American women were conspicuous with gems. "Their diamonds almost blind us," said Premier Asquith.

"THE program for the harvest ingathering service for 1911 appears in the *Youth's Instructor* of August 15. It is believed this program will form the basis of an excellent ingathering service in every church where arrangements are made by competent leaders for such a meeting. Let every one work to secure generous offerings for missions as a result of the ingathering service."

It is announced that the government has opened savings departments in something like eight hundred and fifty post-offices. It is the intention to add about one hundred and fifty offices a week until the entire 40,000 money-order offices shall have savings departments.

LITTLE minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above it.—*Washington Irving.*