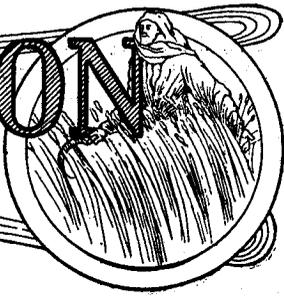




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HARKEN

COME near, O ye nations, my voice to hear,
And harken ye people both far and near,
The earth and all things that liveth therein,
Ye children of faith, and ye children of sin.

Go seek ye the Book of the Lord and read—
The Book that revealeth our every need—
For in the days to come (he who reads understand)
A famine will be throughout the land.

Not a famine for bread, nor of thirst for drink
(Let him that hath ears give ear and think),
But a famine for hearing the Word of God,
When they've sought it in vain, though earth they've trod.

O search ye the Scriptures while yet 't is day!
O choose ye the Lord, and his Word obey!
A lamp it will be to thy weary feet,
And unto thy pathway a light replete.

O be not a hearer of truth in vain,
But do the Lord's will, and all wrong disdain;
For hearers alone, are not justified,
But doers are blessed of God when tried.

God blesseth all those who his law doth keep,
And they of the tree of life shall eat,
They shall live in that city of purest gold
And forever its glorious light behold.

The days of our sojourn are now far spent,
Soon Jesus will come as from earth he went;
Yea, he will again in the clouds appear—
O blessed are they who will read and hear!

WALTER A. NELSON.

THE TRIAL OF OUR FAITH

In this time of trial we need to be encouraged and comforted by one another. The temptations of Satan are greater now than ever before, for he knows that his time is short, and that very soon every case will be decided, either for life or for death. It is no time now to sink down beneath discouragement and trial; we must bear up under all our afflictions, and trust wholly in the Almighty God of Jacob. The Lord has shown me that his grace is sufficient for all our trials; and although they are greater than ever before, yet if we trust wholly in God, we can overcome every temptation, and through his grace come off victorious.

If we overcome our trials, and get victory over the temptations of Satan, then we endure the trial of our faith, which is more precious than gold, and are stronger and better pre-

pared to meet the next. But if we sink down and give way to the temptations of Satan, we shall grow weaker and get no reward for the trial, and shall not be so well prepared for the next. In this way we shall grow weaker and weaker, until we are led captive by Satan at his will. We must have on the whole armor of God, and be ready at any moment for a conflict with the powers of darkness. When temptations and trials rush in upon us, let us go to God, and agonize with him in prayer. He will not turn us away empty, but will give us grace and strength to overcome, and to break the power of the enemy. Oh, that all could see these things in their true light, and endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus! Then would Israel move forward, strong in God, and in the power of his might.

God has shown me that he gave his people a bitter cup to drink, to purify and cleanse them. It is a bitter draught, and they can make it still more bitter by murmuring, complaining, and repining. But those who receive it thus must have another draught, for the first does not have its designed effect upon the heart. And if the second does not effect the work, then they must have another, and another, until it does have its designed effect, or they will be left filthy, impure in heart. I saw that this bitter cup can be sweetened by patience, endurance, and prayer, and that it will have its designed effect upon the hearts of those who thus receive it, and God will be honored and glorified. It is no small thing to be a Christian, and to be owned and approved of God. The Lord has shown me some who profess the present truth, whose lives do not correspond with their profession. They have the standard of piety altogether too low, and they come far short of Bible holiness. Some engage in vain and unbecoming conversation, and others give way to the risings of self. We must not expect to please ourselves, live and act like the world, have its pleasures, and enjoy the company of those who are of the world, and reign with Christ in glory.

We must be partakers of Christ's sufferings here, if we would share in his glory hereafter. If we seek our own interest, how we can best please ourselves, instead of seeking to please God and advance his precious, suffering cause, we shall dishonor God and the holy cause we profess to love. We have but a little space of time left in which to work for God. Nothing should be too dear to sacrifice for the salvation of the scattered and torn flock of Jesus. Those who make a covenant with God by sacrifice now, will soon be gathered home to share a rich reward, and possess the new kingdom forever and ever.

Oh, let us live wholly for the Lord, and show by a well-ordered life and godly conversation that we have been with Jesus, and are his meek and lowly followers. We must work while the day lasts, for when the dark night of trouble and anguish comes, it will be too late to work for God. Jesus is in his holy temple, and will now accept our sacrifices, our prayers, and our confessions of faults and sins, and will par-

don all the transgressions of Israel, that they may be blotted out before he leaves the sanctuary. When Jesus leaves the sanctuary, then they who are holy and righteous, will be holy and righteous still; for all their sins will then be blotted out, and they will be sealed with the seal of the living God. But those that are unjust and filthy, will be unjust and filthy still; for then there will be no Priest in the sanctuary to offer their sacrifices, their confessions, and their prayers before the Father's throne. Therefore what is done to rescue souls from the coming storm of wrath, must be done before Jesus leaves the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary.—“*Early Writings*,” p. 46.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS CANVASSERS' LETTERS

I AM sure we are all pleased to read the encouraging reports from each other through the WORKER. During the past year I have enjoyed many precious experiences in the canvassing work in different towns and the country, in Hines County. God has blessed me wonderfully with health and strength. It is surprising how the Lord blesses his people that keep his commandments. The more I canvass, the more I love the work of ministering to others. If we ever enter the holy city with Jesus our Saviour, we must do what he says we should do.

Bro. H. Balsbaugh and myself have decided to work Jackson with “Great Controversy” and “Bible Footlights.” Pray fervently that the Lord's work may be richly blessed by his presence constantly and until he comes with his holy angels to take his own from the earth to the mansions that he has gone to prepare. It is an evident fact that the work will soon be finished. The Lord has told us that delay shall be no longer. Then how important that we all let our light shine brightly all the time.

W. H. HADDON.

I RECEIVED your letter, in which you ask for a few cheery experiences in my canvassing work.

I can truly say the canvassing work is a great work, and is doing much to advance the message in all parts of the world; and at the same time is preparing young men and young women for other places in the Lord's vineyard.

During the three summers that I was engaged in the canvassing work I had many blessed experiences, and I could see that the Lord is with the faithful canvasser at all times. During my first year I seemed to have the most trying times; but those trying experiences brought me nearer to God, and often I sought him by the wayside or in some quiet grove. I recall one experience which gave me much courage to go on with my work.

I had gone several days without taking an order, and was almost ready to give up. I asked the Lord to give me strength to go forward, but something seemed to say to me, “You can never make a success of it any way.” I then told the Lord that if he would give me an order at the next place I would canvass all summer.

I then went to the house. A young woman came to the door and before I could say a word, said: “We don't want anything.” I then said, “I would like to show you the book for a few moments.” But she said, “No, I have not time. I am washing.” I then asked where her husband was. After telling me, she said, “It will do you no good to go to see him.” I said, “Perhaps it will do him some good,” but as I was crossing the field the thought came to me again, “You can never make a success of it.” When I approached the

man, he was very friendly and willing to listen to me. After I had shown him about half of the book he said, “Did you stop at the house to show it to my wife?” I replied, “Yes, but she was too busy to look at it.” He said: “That looks like a good book, let us go back to the house and show it to her.” We reached the house and he asked her to come out and see it. But she said angrily, “What is he doing here again? I sent him away once.” He then said, “I think it is a good book, come and look at it.” Finally she did so, and I then had an opportunity to tell them much of the truth. But before I left the place I received an order for “Great Controversy” in full morocco binding. The lady was now very friendly and told me where her friends and relatives lived, and asked me to call on them. I went away with a merry heart thanking God for his goodness.

This was in my first year's work while canvassing in northern Missouri. I recall another experience while canvassing in Nebraska last summer for the same book.

I had not been doing as well as I would like to have done, when I came to a house and was met by an old man. I showed him the book, but the first thing he said after seeing it was, “You are an Adventist are you not?” He told me that he had been at the Nebraska Sanitarium for several months, and was well acquainted with the Adventist doctrine. He said further, “You will not sell a half dozen books in this county all summer.” “That is not speaking very encouragingly,” he said, “but that is what I believe.” I went from the place wishing I had never seen the man, but I determined to sell books with the Lord's help. That was the best week I had in my work last summer. With the Lord's help I sold books in five different languages, in every language in which our good book is printed. If we put our trust wholly in the Lord, he will never leave us. I have learned through these, and many other experiences, to trust him and go to him for guidance in all things.

May God bless, strengthen, and keep the canvassers in the field, and put it into the hearts of many others to take up this work, is my prayer.

C. C. SPECHT.

Clinton, Mo.

Alabama Conference

RESULTS OF FAITHFULNESS

THE Lord has blessed the earnest, consecrated effort that has been put forth by our conference laborers the past year, and a number of precious souls have accepted the message and are now rejoicing in the truth as the result of their faithfulness.

The last Sabbath of the year was marked by the addition, on profession of faith, of seven earnest souls to the church in Birmingham. Four others united with the body two weeks before.

It was a day of rejoicing to all. After a short discourse on the prominent features of the message and the privilege of our connection with it, we led eight of these dear souls into the watery grave of baptism, that they might arise to walk in “newness of life.” All seemed to realize the importance of dedicating their lives anew to the Lord to do better service the coming year than ever before.

There are several others that have recently commenced keeping the Sabbath and are becoming established in all the principles of the truth, who will soon be ready to unite with us. Some of these have accepted the message as the result of the faithful efforts of members of the church who are not in conference employ. Our members can do much in bringing those about them, who are longing for greater light, into

the truth, if they will watch for opportunities and then study the Bible with their neighbors in their homes.

The blessing of the Lord has also been with us throughout the conference in "basket and in store," and the amount of tithes and offerings paid in to carry on the work shows a good degree of interest and devotion on the part of our people. We have succeeded in rising a little above our undertaking to average ten cents a week for missions for every member, yet some, we are sorry to say, have not been as faithful in these things in the past as the Lord desires they should be.

Shall we not one and all determine that by the Lord's grace we will be strictly honest with God the coming year in rendering to him the tithe, and then endeavor to increase the amount of offerings so as to reach at least the new standard of fifteen cents per week per member for missions?

Remember the institute to be held at Birmingham, February 2-12. We are anxious to have all come who are thinking of entering the work of circulating our good literature. The institute will be held in the church on 17th Street, near 12th Ave., north.

We ask an interest in your prayers that success may attend the efforts of all our faithful workers. E. G. HAYES.

DECEMBER 13, myself and wife were called to Carbon Hill, Ala., to assist Elder Hayes in a meeting. It rained almost continually while we were there, but we remained ten days, holding meetings and doing Bible work. As a result, one person, a colored school teacher, accepted the truth, and we believe he will become a help to his own race.

December 23 we returned to Florence and Sheffield, where we found plenty to do. Our church in these places is in a growing condition. Our tithes from June 1 to December 1, 1911, were about ninety dollars. At the beginning of the new year new resolutions were made, and we hope to see a larger tithe for 1912. Our Sabbath-school numbers twenty-seven, and its donations to missions last quarter were \$11.96.

Sabbath, January 6, we held our quarterly meeting. The weather was bad, but notwithstanding this a goodly number were present. The president of our conference was with us, and we enjoyed his presence and help very much. Two new members from Florence were added to the church, and others will be later. My plans for the winter are to fill Florence with our literature preparatory to the tent meeting next spring. If those having clean copies of any of our papers or magazines that they would like to donate to this work will send them to us, they will be gladly received. Send them to my address.

JAMES BELLINGER.

Florence, Ala.

BIRMINGHAM INSTITUTE

The Alabama Book and Paper Workers' Institute will be held in Birmingham, February 2-12, beginning on the morning of the second.

All features of the book and paper work will be carefully considered.

Eld. E. G. Hayes will conduct a series of Bible studies. Following are some of the subjects he will consider: "Nature of the Prophecies Relating to the First and Second Advents of Christ;" "Lessons from the Law of God;" "The Sanctuaries—Earthly and Heavenly;" "The Two-Thousand-Three-hundred-day Prophecy;" "The Covenants;" "Becoming Partakers of the Divine Nature;" "God's Message for To-day."

A course of studies on the "History of the Reformation" will be given by Helen M. Keate. She will endeavor to show

what a great influence literature has had in the past in giving the gospel to the world.

We hope that as many as possible of our people will attend this meeting. The railroad fare of the regular canvassers will be paid to the institute and from there to their fields of labor. Room and cot will also be provided, but each one will be expected to bring his own bedding.

The writer would be pleased to hear from all who are thinking of taking up this important line of the Lord's work.

R. I. KEATE

Fort Payne, Ala.

Louisiana Conference

STATEMENT OF FUNDS RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR 1911

TITHE					
New Orleans	\$1,947.04	Lake Arthur	.....	11.95
Welsh	1,093.78	Jennings	.....	10.00
Shreveport	902.69	Shreveport	.....	9.26
Lake Charles	280.69	Conference Church	.....	6.00
Jennings	259.04	Mansfield	.....	2.00
Individual	257.97			
Hobart	253.31	Total	.....	\$77.16
Lake Arthur	197.10	EMERGENCY FUND		
Hammond	174.17	Welsh	.....	\$22.80
Conference Church	169.63	Hammond	.....	5.91
Newellton	27.00	Shreveport	.....	3.02
Mansfield	22.50	Jennings	.....	1.00
Hodge	22.00			
Jena	11.98	Total	.....	\$32.73
			COLEMAN NOTE		
Total	\$5,618.90	Jennings	.....	\$15.00

\$300,000 FUND					
New Orleans	\$190.96	New Orleans	.....	7.61
Hammond	53.00	Welsh	.....	5.00
Welsh	35.00			
Conference Church	35.00	Total	.....	\$27.61
Camp-Meeting Col.	32.76	CONFERENCE SCHOOL		
Mansfield	25.00	New Orleans	.....	\$23.00
Jennings	15.00	LOMA LINDA		
Lake Arthur	10.50	New Orleans	.....	\$13.40
Hobart	10.00	GRAYSVILLE		
			Hammond	.....	\$10.00
Total	\$407.22	New Orleans	.....	6.00

MISSIONS					
New Orleans	\$ 66.98	Lake Charles	.....	5.00
Lake Charles	34.18			
Welsh	17.51	Total	.....	\$21.00
Lake Arthur	13.60	AGED AND ORPHANS		
Shreveport	11.50	Lake Charles	.....	\$2.75
Hobart	9.20	New Orleans	.....	1.00
Jennings	8.25	Jennings	.....	1.00
Conference Church	7.20	Welsh	.....	.86
Hammond	4.21	Conference Church	.....	.30
Individual	1.30			
Mansfield	1.15	Total	.....	\$5.91

POOR FUND					
New Orleans	\$175.08	New Orleans	\$5.00

MID-SUMMER OFFERING					
New Orleans	17.95	New Orleans	.....	\$316.35
Lake Charles	\$18.00	Welsh	.....	56.77

SABBATH-SCHOOL					
New Orleans	\$175.08	New Orleans	.....	\$316.35
Lake Charles	\$18.00	Welsh	.....	56.77

Hammond	51.41
Jennings	39.76
Lake Charles	31.30
Home Department	30.68
Shreveport	28.86
Camp-Meeting Col.	25.11
Lake Arthur	22.74
Newellton	18.93
De Ridder	16.16
Conference Church	14.55
Ringgold	9.40
Hobart	8.26
Jena	8.08
Hodge	2.31
Mansfield	2.00

Total \$682.67

ANNUAL OFFERINGS

New Orleans	\$ 98.74
Welsh	84.95
Conference Church	10.00
Individual	8.00
Mansfield	6.50
Newellton	4.80
Lake Charles	1.00

Total \$213.99

HARVEST INGATHERING

New Orleans	\$ 84.29
Welsh	37.75
New Orleans (Col.)	25.31
Individual	9.80
Lake Charles	8.85
Shreveport	3.55
Ringgold	2.00
Jennings	1.00
Hammond	.35

Total \$172.90

TENT FUND

Hammond	\$ 60.00
Welsh	42.00
New Orleans	20.00

MISSIONARY REPORT FOR LAST QUARTER

Letters Written	23
Letters Received	7
Tracts Given	81
Papers Given	1,120
Papers Distributed	531
Books Loaned	14
Periodicals Sold	800
Pages of Tracts Given	1,266
Pages of Tracts Sold	58
Hours Christian Help Work	160
Foreign Mission Offerings	\$6.59
Missionary Visits	278
Bible Readings Held	18
Garments Given	12

L. B. SPEAR, *Secretary*.

"EXAMPLE is instruction in action. It is teaching without words, often exemplifying more than tongue can teach."

ONE DOLLAR A DAY FOR MISSIONS

THIS is the aim of the New Orleans Sabbath-school for 1912. The New Orleans Sabbath-school devoted a portion of the first Sabbath of this year to a review of God's blessings during the past year, and to a consideration of the needs of the mission fields. It was a time of encouragement and uplifting to all.

A few years ago when the school paid its local expenses out of the weekly contributions, there was never a very large offering left for the mission treasury. But from the time it was voted to give all the donations to missions, and to defray local expenses some other way, the offerings have gradually increased and with them the general welfare and prosperity of the school.

The record for 1911 contained some items worthy of mention. At the beginning of each quarter the school resolved to raise a definite amount for missions. Various devices were used to record the amount donated from week to week, and it was interesting to see how the last Sabbath of each quarter invariably placed the total amount of contributions just beyond the mark. Encouraged by the attainment of each past quarter, the mark was set a little higher for each succeeding quarter, and thus the interest has grown.

During the first quarter of 1911 the donations were over \$51. Each succeeding quarter the amount was larger, until during the last quarter it had reached \$76.54. This was an increase of \$25 during the last quarter over that of the first. All were thankful for this evidence of a growing interest in missions, and considered that the fixed resolution to raise a definite amount had been a helpful factor in developing it.

But what of the year 1912? The work for this time is onward, and the needs of the fields are increasing. It was the unanimous opinion of the school that it could not afford to do less than it is already doing. The school has raised \$260 for missions during 1911. What mark should it set for 1912? Could it raise \$100 more for missions this year than had been raised last? This matter received due consideration, and it was thought that it would be a privilege to thus set the mark, or, better still, to make it one dollar a day. And this was heartily agreed to by vote. The school then arose, sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," and then separated into classes for the study of the lesson.

The school has an average attendance of about sixty, and a spirit of willing co-operation prevails.

A. J. HETHERINGTON.

Mississippi Conference

WORDS OF CHEER AND COURAGE FROM OUR CANVASSERS

BRO. VIRGIL SMITH writes: "Well, I had splendid success delivering although the people had been told that I was selling Adventist books.

"The people living on the place owned by the man who gave me such a going over, took their books all right.

"I am certainly thankful to our dear heavenly Father for the good success he has given me during the past year, and for his preserving and protecting care, and for our pleasant association together."

Bro. C. H. McColrey, speaking of his delivery, says:—

"I do feel sorry for my subscribers. Nearly all would take their books if they only had the money. The white people in the Mount Moriah neighborhood do not believe in

educating the negro. They keep them in debt, and will not let them have money to take their books."

In connection with this testimony I wish to say that Brother McColey has worked this year in one of the most difficult counties in the State. The boll weevil was very bad, crops were short, and prices low; yet he sold his \$1,000 worth of books. He has been instrumental in getting a number deeply interested in the truth. One has taken a firm stand, accepting every point of truth presented to him. He is planning to take up the canvassing work this year with Brother McColey.

Bro. Coley Parkins expresses himself as follows:—

"I like the canvassing work and expect to stick to it until the Lord calls me to some other branch of his service."

As Lamar Cooper was closing his work for the year 1911, he said:—

"Well, we are planning to go to Amory to school until spring, and then go into the canvassing work again. We intend to do our best in this line of work even though at times the way seems dark."

I visited Bro. W. E. Cooper a short time ago, and found him just finishing his delivery, and helped him a few days. He was of good courage and plans to keep right on in the work.

Willie Cobbs sends us the following cheering words:—

"DEAR WORKERS: As this is my first year of canvassing, I thought I would write a short letter to let you know how I like the work. I gave up a job at \$2 per day to take up canvassing, and I can truly say that I would not give it up for \$4 per day.

"Although money has been very scarce because of the boll weevil, I am not discouraged. When I entered the work I enlisted for life, or until the Lord comes. Because of the good experiences I have, I would not give it up on any account. I am of good courage. Pray for me."

A few words from Sister Murphy. She says:—

"Thank God the year closes finding me still at my post of duty. I wish I could mention the many words of praise spoken in behalf of my book—'Bible Footlights.' A white lady, at George, said that it was just the book she wanted, and that her boy was very earnestly studying it."

Sr. Emily Billups says she sold a book to a preacher who said that he cherished but one regret, and that was that he did not have it twenty years ago.

Brother Fry, expressing his gratitude to God, says:—

"The Lord has blessed me with health and strength, and given me all I need to eat and wear, and I am profoundly thankful for it." He is now located at Starkville; a new territory, for earnest work during 1912.

Sr. Ella Johnson writes:—

"I want to locate in some city and do some real good canvassing. I do want to be the means of some souls being saved in the kingdom of God."

A word or two from Sr. E. P. Campbell:—

"Oh, if I can only be ready when the call comes to go home and be forever with our heavenly Father. I have some deliveries to make this week. Pray for my success. One thing I am glad to say is that wherever I delivered a book, the people were well pleased with it."

Sr. Louise Jackson is a home worker; she says:—

"I feel like having a little visit with you this morning. I am of good courage. Although I have not kept up the twenty hours per week, I am doing the best I can to hold on until the work is finished and all are gathered home."

H. G. MILLER.

7. EXTRACTS FROM SABBATH SCHOOL LETTERS

SISTER WATSON of Dolorosa writes:—

"I am sending in my Sabbath-school report and this will close my record in Sabbath-school work for 1911. We are nearing the end of our journey." The membership of this school is three, with a donation of \$2.

Sister Warren, of Natchez, writes:—

"Your kind letter was highly appreciated. When are you going to visit our Sabbath-school? I thought you would have been here ere this. I go out as much as possible to sow the seeds of truth, knowing the Lord will give the increase." Donations, \$4.86.

Sister Crawford, of the little Sabbath-school at Vicksburg, writes:—

"We are all busy, and getting along nicely." Donations to missions, \$3.56.

Frankie Cain, of the little home Sabbath-school at Holmesville, writes:—

"I have made no resolutions except to read the Bible through this year and to learn the lessons in the Sabbath-school quarterlies. Enclosed find our donations."

Sister Lee, of Laurel, writes:—

"Enclosed find our Sabbath-school report. Our attendance has been small because we live so far apart. The week of prayer did us all good and made us all feel of better courage. I want to be one of the number that will be ready when Jesus comes." Donations, \$3.25.

The Hatley Sabbath-school has an average attendance of thirty—mostly young people. Their donations amount to \$10.

Bro. C. D. Scales is faithful and prompt in sending in his offering to missions. This time it is \$1.60.

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

Tennessee River Conference

AMONG THE CHURCHES

CHRISTMAS Day the writer, in company with Elder Martin, left Memphis en route to Lane, for the purpose of visiting the church at that place. Lane is in the northern part of Dyer County, and the nearest railroad point is about ten miles.

The roads were exceedingly bad, and the trip from Newbern to Lane was a trying one. Our card, sent the previous week, had not reached the elder of the church, and consequently no announcement of the meetings had been made. The weather was very unfavorable for public meetings, and it was not until Wednesday night that we were able to hold our first service. The day was spent in visiting.

Thursday we held two meetings, one at 2:30 P. M., and the other at 7 P. M. Friday it set in raining in the afternoon and continued to rain until about the close of the Sabbath. This made it impossible to hold further meetings, and Sunday morning, December 31, we left Lane for Nashville.

The Lane church is one of the oldest in the conference, and one that has had a baptism of persecution. It was there that Eld. Wm. Covert was shot at while he was preaching, the bullet striking the wall just behind him and falling to the floor at his feet. It was there, too, that R. M. King was arrested for Sunday work, and it was in Dyer County that he had his trial.

There is now no disposition on the part of anybody to persecute Sabbath-keepers in that neighborhood, but possibly the believers there are now exposed to a much more serious danger; namely, the friendship of the world. Something should be done to strengthen the Lane church, and we hope

that this can be done; but it is impractical to hold meetings there at present.

Wednesday night, January 3, we commenced meetings in North Nashville. Seven meetings, including two with the employees of the publishing house in its chapel, were held. A beginning was made, but it was thought best to postpone further meetings until after the session of the Union Conference.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

HAZEL ACADEMY

DURING the past week we have been having genuine winter weather. The ground is covered with several inches of snow and sleet, and the thermometer has ranged from a few degrees above zero to twelve degrees below, the coldest night. We have experienced very little inconvenience, however, and the effect of the cold, crisp air is noticeable in its stimulating effect on the appetite of nearly every student. All enjoy it greatly.

Thursday, January 10, marked the beginning of the second half of the school year.

There are now thirty-one in the Home family (twenty-six students), and some others are planning to come in a few days. This is about the limit of our capacity until our much-needed storehouse is built. This, I think, is the largest number ever in the home; but I believe the enrolment in the school has been a little higher than at present.

Most of the students are doing good work, and many are making progress in spiritual things.

Will you not pray with us that every heart may be definitely given to God for service before the school year shall close?

On New Year's morning each student was presented with a Morning Watch Calendar, and nearly all are learning the verses for each day. The verses for the week are reviewed as a scripture lesson at Young People's Meeting Sabbath afternoon.

The Improvement Society renders a program night after the Sabbath every other week.

We feel thankful to our heavenly Father for the blessing of health we have enjoyed thus far. It would be hard to find a healthier home than ours.

We do not find time to write a personal letter to parents as often as we would like, but we are always glad to hear from them, and to answer any questions regarding the work of the school. Only by the fullest co-operation can the student receive the greatest benefit.

A. N. ATTEBERRY.

SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FUND

OUR brethren in the Southern Union Conference will remember that during the camp-meeting season, a call was made for cash pledges to aid in providing better equipment for the Southern Training School, especially its industrial department. Those of you who gave to this fund, will be glad to know that our longed-for broom factory is in operation, and that our carpenter shop is also ready for use.

You will also be glad to know that we have recently installed a water system of our own. We will no longer depend upon the Sanitarium for water supply. We have a steam pump capable of throwing 3,500 gallons of water per hour. We have laid good galvanized pipes into the buildings, and installed better fire protection. This system will be of great benefit to the school and will pay for itself in five years, since we will no longer pay the Sanitarium \$50 a year for the use of its water privilege, and besides, we shall have plenty of water to use.

Now brethren some of you have paid your pledges, but

there is still due from different sources, something over \$200. There are a number of things of which the school is much in need, which were to be supplied by this fund. Furnishings for the boys' dormitory are much needed, and we would be glad to have all pay their pledges as soon as possible.

We would be glad to have the brethren who have made pledges, immediately forward the funds to the conference treasurer.

Now brethren, do all you can for us as soon as possible.

M. B. VANKIRK.

General

MEN WANTED

God give us men. The time demands
Strong minds, great hearts, truth, faith, and willing hands.
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And rebuke his treacherous flatteries without flinching;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking;
For while the rabble with their thumb-worn creeds
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife; lo; Freedom weeps;
Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps.

— J. G. Holland.

A LETTER

To Our Friends in Tennessee and the South:—

WHEN we left Tennessee last July we did not intend waiting so long before writing something for the WORKER, but time slips away very fast.

Feeling our need of a higher altitude, and knowing what a dryer climate had done for us in the past, we came to this famed valley of the Pecos River. Not many years ago the cattlemen said that farming here would always be impossible for want of rainfall sufficient to grow crops. But when artesian water was discovered, the once almost barren wastes began to blossom with fruit-trees and vast fields of alfalfa. Last year was a banner year for fruit here.

We are living at Roswell, N. Mex., 3,700 feet above sea-level, and while we are nearly two hundred miles south of Nashville, we have had more cold weather already this winter than is sometimes experienced in that city. We are told, however, that this is unusual. It is true that the cold is the dry kind, and is not, therefore, quite so trying, perhaps. But the best part of it is, we are getting stronger, and hope to soon be more active in the message that is more dear to us than any earthly treasure.

But we are not idle even now. I have spent considerable time canvassing, and serving the Roswell church as pastor. We find many Mexicans here who are hungry for the simple truths of the gospel. We are expecting to make a trip to the mountains soon, where many of these people live. Will you pray that we may gather souls for the soon coming kingdom? We have often remembered at the throne of grace the work and workers in Tennessee.

Wishing you a profitable time at the Union Conference, and a happy new year, we are as ever your fellow-workers in the closing message,

C. F. AND BERTHA PARMELE.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

To THE soul struggling with temptation and seeking a way of deliverance from the bondage of sin, to the soul darkened by doubt and almost overwhelmed with despair, to the soul crying out for help and needing the reviving influences of divine grace, nothing can take the place of personal fellowship with God in Christ. To such a one how empty are the mere forms of the ritual! How unsatisfying are the theological dogmas! How vain are pretensions of professional ecclesiastics! Fellowship with God,—for this was man created, and this is the ultimate purpose of redemption. "Our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." "Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God." And this blessed experience of oneness with God is brought within the reach of every one in the gift of Christ, and may be apprehended directly through faith's acceptance of him. The divine plan is simple and glorious. It is human theology and the evil heart of unbelief which has deprived the lonesome soul of the blessing of rest in the bosom of the Father. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden," says the great Restorer, "and I will give you rest." Happy are they who accept the invitation.—*Protestant Magazine.*

LUTHER'S MOTTO

ON one occasion when evil reports were being circulated concerning Luther and his work, he is quoted as saying:—

"When I am concerned, everybody believes what is told of me. Can I stop the mouths of the whole world? Well, let them say, hear, and believe whatever they like concerning me. I shall work so long as God gives me strength, and with his help I shall fear nothing."—*D'Aubigné, "History of the Reformation," vol. 1, p. 319.*

Is not this a good motto for us to adopt to-day? Read it again.
A. L. MANOUS.

THOSE who are criticized for well doing can afford to suffer patiently until the Lord exonerates them. Those who are criticised for a real fault, for wrong doing, or for neglect of right doing, that is, for neglect of duty, have the one remedy in their own hands. They can deliver themselves by avoiding the cause. A sister who never wears feathers in her hat will never be criticised for so doing. A sister who does wear feathers in her hat, has no right to complain if her brethren speak about it, and question the propriety of her so doing. This principle covers all real offenses and applies to all departures from rectitude.
W. M. C.

THE MIRACLE OF POLITE PERSISTENCY

AH what miracles tenacity of purpose has performed! It has won many a battle even after hope has left the field. It is the man who will not surrender, who will not take "no" for an answer, and who stands his ground with such suavity of manner, such politeness that you can not take offense, can not turn him down, that gets the order. It is the man who combines a gracious manner, suavity, cordiality, cheerfulness, with that dogged persistency, that never gives up. Of course, it takes grit to persist when everybody would stop, to keep on pleading your case when others would give up in despair; but it is just the ability to stick and hang, and yet not lose your temper or suffer your good sense or good judgment to fail you that enables you to achieve success where others fail.—*Selected.*

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Jan. 6, 1912

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Mrs J Hardin...	CK	4		\$	\$	\$	\$10 50
C R Millar.....	BF	47	17	19 50	8 00	27 50	1 00
Curtis Pound ..	BF	34	19	20 50	2 50	23 00	50
D C Ray.....	BF	47	17	19 00	2 25	21 25	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE*							
P C Sibley.....	PPF	66	2	3 50	19 10	22 60	41 50
G Jorgenson ..	PPF	54	12	17 50	7 15	25 15	17 55
T S Sligh.....	BF	65	18	25 50	10 50	35 00	21 45
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
J S Fry.....	BF	3					3 00
A L Saxon.....	BR	14	5	17 00	2 25	19 25	
Ella Johnson ..	BF	20	21	25 00		25 00	
W Haddon ..	MISC	10	2	4 50	1 00	5 50	75
W E Cooper..	MISC	10					2 00
Louise Jackson ..	BF				25		25
SUMMARY							
Alabama Conf	No report						
Kentucky Conf	...	132	53	59 00	12 75	71 75	12 00
Louisiana Conf	2wk	185	32	46 50	36 75	82 75	80 50
Mississippi Conf	..	57	28	46 50	3 50	49 75	6 00
Tenn River Conf	No report						

Totals 374 113 \$152 00 \$53 00 \$205 25 \$98 50
*Two weeks.

WHAT THE "SIGNS" IS DOING

THE following encouraging letter, which shows what our literature is doing, was recently received by our contemporary, the *Signs of the Times*:—

"Dear Sirs:—

"Please find enclosed money-order for thirty (\$30) dollars, which amount you will kindly use in the service of God; that is, give it to his ministers who are fulfilling his commands, preaching the gospel.

"I have just become convinced that the (at least) one tenth of my increase belongs to God, and the \$30 is one tenth of my last two months' salary. You know best where to use it."

A few weeks later the following was received:—

"Dear Sir and Brother:—

"A friend of ours, having saved up \$100, brought me one tenth of it this morning, and asked me to give it to our foreign missions; and so please find enclosed post-office money-order for \$10, which you will please place where you think it is most needed to spread God's truth. You know best where to put it. Since writing you last, I have joined the Seventh-day Adventists, and so have been sending my tithe direct to the _____ Conference at _____, and that is why you have not heard from me in the last month or two. But whenever I get something like the enclosed, then I desire to send it to you direct; for it was your fine little paper that first called my attention to the perpetuity of God's commandments, but I will confess that it took a very long time—over three years—for me to decide to obey them. Thanks be to God for his mercy, that he found me.

"Wishing you, and all of yours, many of God's blessings,
I am—
Your Brother in Christ."

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THE UNION CONFERENCE AT NASHVILLE

ACCORDING to the latest appointment the Southern Union Conference convened in Nashville, Monday morning, January 15. The time of the first meeting was occupied by the president, Eld. C. F. McVagh, who read from the Testimonies, instruction pertinent to the occasion, after which a special committee was chosen to appoint the regular standing committees.

After arranging the preliminaries at its first sitting, the conference gave place to the bookmen, who had been assigned the first three days of the appointed time, and held their first meeting Sunday, January 14, with an attendance of seventeen delegates from outside the city, and a sufficient number of resident delegates and believers to make a full house. The conference also began its work but without a full delegation, though other members are arriving by almost every train, and all will probably be present when the conference resumes its work Wednesday morning.

The meetings of the bookmen's convention have, at this writing, been characterized by a spirit of earnestness, consecration to the work, and zeal, which promises a still greater work along the lines of book and periodical canvassing than the successful past. The cheering reports and courage of the canvassers, who are just from the field, are good to hear and see. The convention has under consideration plans for the further organization and development of the book and periodical work.

By the time this report reaches its readers the business of the conference will be well under way, and matters of much importance to the Southern field, and seriously affecting its future for either good or ill, according to the decisions reached, will be under consideration. Let every one, therefore, who reads these lines, earnestly pray that the Holy Spirit will lead to right decisions concerning every matter and question.

W. M. C.

"I MAY not triumph in success,
Despite my earnest labor;
I may not grasp results that bless
The efforts of my neighbor;
Yet though my goal I never see,
This thought shall always dwell with me:
I will be worthy of it!"

Love always has in its heart the seeds of new sacrifice.—
Rev. Josiah Strong.

THE ARMY BOOK FUND

THE steady stream of light that is being each day sent to another company of the United States soldiers through "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Great Controversy" is beginning to take effect.

The commander of a company stationed in New York has written a two-page reply acknowledging receipt of the copy of "Daniel and the Revelation" sent to his command. The letter indicates an open thoughtful mind and a desire to learn what is truth. Unfortunately he has become interested in Christian Science, but promises to read the book because of the spirit that prompted the sending of it. He is doing this because, to use his own words, "Any book touching the Bible is worthy of consideration, no matter by whom published, even though it might be mistaken in its interpretation of scriptures. I am an earnest seeker after truth." Pray for this earnest inquiring soul that he may be led to a knowledge of the truth.

Are there not others who will help us to send the truth to the honest-hearted men in the army? If so, kindly send a book of stamps to the Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., and indicate for what purpose it is intended. All funds are being handled through the Southern Publishing House; send neither stamps nor money to me.

B. N. BROWN.

WE hope that all of our readers and particularly our Sabbath-school workers will carefully peruse and study the report of the New Orleans Sabbath-school which they will find in the Louisiana column of this issue of the WORKER. This school's experience shows what can be done by systematic and determined effort faithfully followed up. All of our Sabbath-schools are not as large as the one in New Orleans, and could not be expected to raise so large an amount. But a true sense of the importance of our mission work and a corresponding interest in its prosperity and advancement ought to and will inspire every true believer to do all he can. Why not try the plan of the New Orleans brethren for the rest of the year?

W. M. C.

LOUISIANA — NOTICE

I HAVE succeeded in making arrangements with our general agent, A. F. Harrison, to hold our annual institute for white canvassers from February 22 to March 3 inclusive.

I hope all who are now in the field, and many others, will begin to lay their plans to be with us throughout the meeting.

The conference will pay all expenses of those who will sell \$125 worth of books in 1912.

Let us have a good attendance and a feast of the good things that God has in store for us, and thus be better prepared to do the work the Lord has called us to do, and make 1912 the banner year for Louisiana.

S. F. REEDER.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the third annual meeting of the constituency of the Hillcrest School Farm, incorporated, will be held at the North Nashville church-school building, 23rd Ave. North and Seifried St., Nashville, Tenn., at four p. m., Thursday, Jan. 25, 1912. The purpose of the meeting is the election of trustees and a Board of Councilors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. (Signed) A. J. HAYSMER, Chairman,

A. J. HARRIS, Secretary.