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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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• Weary—Longing—Hoping

I AM weary, oh, so weary
Of the ceaseless toil and strife!
I am tired, oh, so tired
Of the failures of my life!

I am longing, oh, I'm longing
For a brighter, better day!
When, like a passing shadow,
Sin's mists shall flee away.

I am hoping, oh I'm hoping!
That, unworthy though I be,
I shall find eternal resting
With the One who died for me.

C. P. B.

Our Publishing House

Home Office News

SALES report for week ending December 28, 1912: Total number bound volumes, 1,192; *Watchman*, 8,000.

Elder Eastman left Nashville the morning of the 1st inst., for Atlanta, for the purpose of attending the Georgia canvassers' institute. Before returning to the office he will attend also the Cumberland institute at Graysville, Tenn.

Brother Hook, our general manager, left Monday morning for Atlanta where he goes for the purpose of auditing the books of the Atlanta branch. He expects to return this week so as to be ready next week to respond to the call of the General Conference Committee to attend an important council at Mountain View Calif., January 19-25. He will go by way of Chicago where he will join Elder Wight, the two making the remainder of the trip in company.

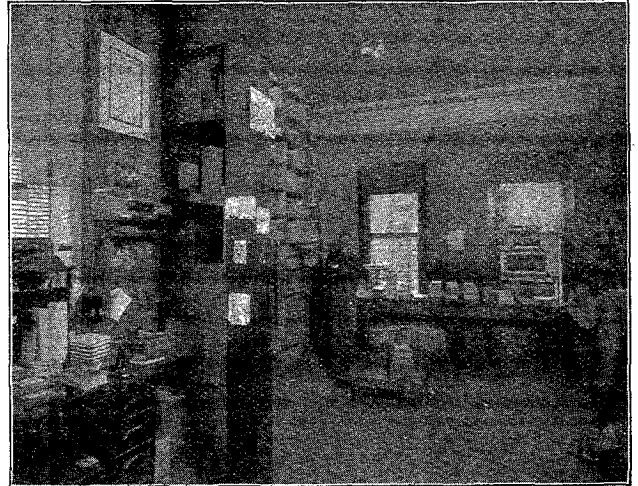
Our clerks and bookkeepers are busy as bees taking inventory and getting out the annual statement. It is believed that the statement when made up will show a substantial gain. The volume of business was much larger during 1912 than for 1911; this is true both of *Watchman* and of book sales.

We wish to call special attention to the notice on the first page of this paper, signed by the secretary of the Board, announcing the new date for the Keene meeting, and also explaining fully and clearly why there are two calls for the annual meeting of the members of the constituency at two different times and in two widely separated places. The conflict is only a seeming one.

Chapel service was conducted Monday morning by Brother Hook, who after reading the ninety-first Psalm and making a few appropriate comments read a letter from Eld. W. C.

White giving some account of the work at Saint Helena Sanitarium, Pacific Union College, and at Loma Linda Sanitarium and Medical College.

Last week we gave a view of our Book and Periodical Department. Just back of the office shown last week is the Packing and Shipping Department, shown in the accompanying picture. This view shows only a part of this very important department. Back of the camera, and of course not appearing in the picture, are the bins in which the books are stored, extending from floor to ceiling. Immediately in the



THE PACKING ROOM

foreground to the left is the desk of the shipping-clerk, while at the further end of the room by the windows opening toward the factory, is the packing table. The man standing by this table is Brother Stark, the packer.

Just back of the packing room is the loading platform and driveway, both under roof, so that work can go forward regardless of weather conditions.

Next week our friends will be introduced to the manager's office and then we will ask them to step upstairs to the editorial rooms, and chapel.

C. P. B.

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Publishing Association

THERE will be two annual meetings held this year by the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association, namely, the legal meeting, formally called to meet in Nashville, Jan. 31, 1913, and the larger meeting originally announced for Keene, Texas, Jan. 21, 1913. As stated last week the Keene meeting was indefinitely postponed by request of the General Conference Committee. But a new date has now been agreed upon, and was formally adopted by the Publishing

House Board in a meeting held Monday morning, January 6. No preventing providence, the Keene meeting will open at 7:30 P. M., February 3. It is believed that by prompt action this meeting can adjourn without day not later than Wednesday morning, February 5.

The Nashville meeting, the legal notice of which can not now be recalled, will be adjourned until some convenient date, later than the Keene meeting, so that the actions taken there can be ratified by the probably smaller representation of the constituency present at Nashville.

L. A. SMITH, *Secretary.*

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

A. L. MILLER, President.

THOS. E. PAVEY, Secretary and Treasurer.

THOS. E. PAVEY, Tract Society Secretary.

MARK WILSON, Field Missionary Secretary.

OFFICE ADDRESS, 1700 7th Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.

HELEN M. KEATE, Sabbath-School and Y. P. M. V. Secretary, Fort Payne, Ala.

C. R. WALDRON, Educational Secretary, Rockford, Ala.

Membership of Alabama Conference, 195, proportion of Fifteen-cents-a-week Fund, \$1,521. Amount paid, \$1,097.64. Still to be raised, \$423.36.

Notes

ELDER MILLER and Brother Wilson expect to visit Sylacauga this week.

We still have a few damaged copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" at the tract society. Send seventy-cents to the tract society and a copy of this book will be sent to you post-paid.

Let us all begin now to pay our fifteen cents a week to missions. The conference treasurer will soon begin to publish in the WORKER the amount each church is to raise on this fund so you can tell how your church stands. Fifteen cents a week is a small amount, but if all will be faithful, it amounts to a large sum for missions. May the Lord help us all to be faithful.

Elder Bellinger has been visiting at Carbon Hill, Jasper, and other places in that part of the State. The Lord is blessing Brother Bellinger's efforts among the churches and isolated members and new ones are being added to the church.

For the past two weeks the canvassers have been taking a little vacation but we are glad to report good work being done now, and new resolutions being formed to make 1913 the banner year for the book work in Alabama. Let us resolve to be good, hope to be good, pray to be good, work to be good, to make others good.

Our State agent is working to get out a statistical report of the canvassing work in Alabama for 1912, which will be sent to the canvassers in a few days. I am sure all will be glad to see the progress made in this part of the work.

We are glad to add a new name and a valiant soldier to the Gideon Band, this week—that of Bro. C. D. Sloan, from Louisville, Ky. Brother Sloan will canvass in Jefferson County.

Our State agent is very much encouraged by receiving letters from without, and calls from within the State, from the interested ones wanting to come and take up the canvassing work in Alabama. Everything tends toward a prosperous year for the canvassing work in Alabama.

Sister Kenyon has left us but I am sure the good instruc-

tions received will bring great results in the magazine work for this conference. One of our paper workers, on the day after Christmas, when one would expect the people to be very slow to buy papers, sold seventy-nine papers in just a few hours. Could not others do just as well?

Brother Peevy is now in Birmingham for a few weeks, and while here he will not be idle, but will continue to canvass for "Bible Footlights."

The true, faithful canvasser will never know until we are gathered into God's eternal kingdom, the good he has done and the joy he has brought to many sad and honest hearts longing for the truth. This is very forcefully illustrated in the following letter received from a sister living near Tuskegee, who learned the truth by reading "Coming King." In speaking of the book and her Christian experience, she says:—

"Since the book had interested me beyond measure I thought that I would like to carry it and the message it contains to my people that they may rejoice in this great salvation. I am twenty-four years of age. I believe in God, and as I look about me I can but realize his mighty works, and deep down in my heart I feel a reverence for him. I believe in his holy law and the seventh-day Sabbath, and as I am yet unsaved by grace, I am hoping and praying that in his own good time he will come to me. And as soon as he does, I shall unite with the only church I have found to be the true followers of Christ—the Adventists."

Kentucky Conference

Conference Directory

B. W. BROWN, President.

F. C. BRUCE, Secretary and Treasurer.

H. E. BECK, Field Agent.

MRS. B. W. BROWN, Sabbath-School Secretary.

W. H. WHITE, Y. P. M. V. Secretary.

OFFICE ADDRESS, 1410 Beech St., Louisville, Ky.

Reasons for Thanksgiving

"O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south." Ps. 107: 1-3.

The above words are quite fitting to express the gratitude of each heart in the Kentucky Conference. We have all labored and prayed that God would help us in raising funds for missions during the past year, that our missionaries could be supported and the work pushed on to the ends of the earth. Because of the oneness that has existed among us as a people in Kentucky, God has heard the united petition and given each of us a liberal heart to give of our means; and for all this we should be thankful. Each member in the conference has done all he could, and I can report that our fifteen-cents-a-week fund has been paid in full for the past year. I hope that each one who has helped to raise this fund will thank the Lord for it, and will ask a special blessing upon the missionaries who will use this money, that many souls may be led to accept the message. Personally, I do thank God for what has been accomplished, and I wish to commend each member of the conference family for your support and help in making it possible for the Kentucky Conference to sing the jubilee song.

Now as the old year has passed and we have entered upon the new one, there comes to us added responsibility, and we should determine that the present year shall be the best in

our experience. So let us all consecrate our lives and all that we have to God. Very soon our money will be of no value, so let us use it to warn the world while we have opportunity, and thus we will lay up treasure in heaven. I feel confident that we all will enter upon the new year with the determination that our funds for missions shall be kept flowing in God's treasure house. Glory ye in his holy name; and rejoice in the Lord; let all the people sing praises unto him.

B. W. BROWN.

Come and Join the Ranks

"THE great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand. . . . Lift up the standard; lift it up higher. Proclaim the third angel's message, that it may be heard by all the world. Let it be seen that 'here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.'" Rev. 14:12.—*Testimonies Vol. 9, p. 61.*

Let our people everywhere read these words and the pages which follow in Volume 9, and other writings on the publication and circulation of the third angel's message, and may they stir our hearts to get out and sell our literature, placing the books and periodicals, containing the last warning message, into the hands of those dying in sin.

Remember that our institute for Kentucky will be in March, and that the Lord is calling for more workers to come into his vineyard. Let us get rid of our business in the world, and take up work with him who will never permit us to suffer hunger or thirst, and in the world to come will give us eternal life. The work is advancing; the workers in the field are having good success, and write encouraging letters each week. Let many more join the ranks for the next year, and help to warn the many, many, souls perishing without the message.

H. E. BECK.

Louisiana Conference

Conference Directory

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O. R. GODSMARK, Tract Society Secretary.
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S. F. REEDER, Field Agent, Alexandria, La., R. F. D. 1.
MRS. C. A. SAXBY, Educational and Y. P. M. V. Secretary, Lake Charles, La., R. F. D. 2.
MRS. LAURA BROWN, Sabbath-School Secretary, 2515 Milan St. New Orleans, La.
LYDIA E. PARMELE, Medical.

Membership of the Louisiana Conference, 267; quota of the Fifteen-cents-a-week Fund, \$2,082.60. Amount paid, \$1,209.65. Still to be raised, \$872.95.

On the Firing Line in Louisiana

I DELIVERED a few books in Alexandria, Monday and Tuesday, then came to this place on Wednesday.

Bro. A. Thresher and I started out on Thursday morning and took seven dollars' worth of orders at the first place we stopped. Then we went on taking one or more orders at every place for three hours, when it began to rain so hard that we were obliged to stop. The Lord gave us four dollars' worth of orders for each hour's work that day, December 26. Friday, December 27, we started out again taking as before, one or more orders at every house till we visited seven houses when we returned to Brother Thresher's home. We put in about six hours' time in the field, walked about twelve miles, and took orders for thirteen dollars and fifty cents worth of our good books. In all we worked nine hours and took twenty-five dollars and fifty cents worth of orders.

S. F. REEDER.

Mississippi Conference

Conference Directory

C. S. WIEST, President.
MISS PARIZETTA SMITH, Secretary and Treasurer.
MISS PARIZETTA SMITH, Tract Society Secretary.
H. G. MILLER, Field Missionary Agent.
MRS. E. L. MORROW, Sabbath-School and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.
OFFICE ADDRESS, 932 Union St., Jackson, Miss.

Membership of the Mississippi Conference, 157; quota of the Fifteen-cents-a-week Fund, \$1,224.60. Amount paid, \$838.33. Still to be raised, \$386.27.

Sabbath-School Report

Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1912

[This report is republished by request because of a mistake in it as first printed. As it appeared in the WORKER of Dec. 19, 1912, the third column of figures now properly labeled "Contributions," was marked "Expense." The mistake was ours.—EDITOR WORKER.]

Names	Memb.	Av. Att.	Contribs.	13th Sab.	Missions
Camp-Meeting . . .			\$	\$	\$37 74
Meridian	17	15	34 00	7 24	34 00
Jackson	30	21	28 13	5 02	28 13
Home Department	39	38	21 76	6 18	21 76
Hatley	24	22	12 63	2 63	12 63
Enid	4	4	12 09	10 20	12 09
Natchez	17	12	10 83	1 25	10 83
Ellisville	10	8	5 61	65	5 61
Ridgeland	23	21	3 70	30	3 70
Pine Grove	22	14	3 30	27	3 30
Vicksburg	7	6	2 86	1 00	2 86
Dixie	6	4	2 55	21	2 55
Laurel	9	6	2 40	20	2 40
Totals	208	171	\$177 60	\$35 15	\$177 60

MRS. E. L. MORROW, Sabbath-School Secy.

THE January number of *Christian Education* sparkles with good things for teachers and parents. Every father and mother in the church should have the instruction Mrs. Lewis gives in this issue, in her lesson on, "Every Home a School"; the suggestions given in, "A Letter from Mrs. A.," on school work, and the Editor's teaching on, "Stepping-Stones and Pitfalls in Education." Those who do not have *Christian Education* should subscribe for it at once, while it may be secured with other papers at special rates.

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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 F. C. VARNEY, Conference and Tract Society Secretary and Treas.
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 MRS. E. H. REES, Secretary Sabbath-School Department, 2305
 Buchanan St., Nashville, Tenn.
 C. F. LOWRY, Educational and Y. P. M. V. Secretary, 218 Morgan
 St., Jackson, Tenn.
 C. F. DART, Field Missionary Agent, 2309 Lacey St., Nashville,
 Tenn.

Membership of the Tennessee River Conference, 538;
 quota of the Fifteen-cents-a-week Fund, \$4,196.40.
 Amount paid, \$1,965.70. Still to be raised, \$2,230.70.

News Items

OUR annual Colporteur's Institute will be held in the Southern Publishing Association chapel Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 21 to March 2, 1913.

ELD. W. R. ELLIOTT spent Sabbath and Sunday in Hazel, conducting quarterly meeting while there.

A Presbyterian minister called in the office a few days ago and gave us his subscription for the *Protestant* magazine. He seemed to be very much interested in this paper. He said that it was the best thing he ever read on Protestantism. Now is the time we should place the *Protestant* in the hands of every minister.

Bro. J. C. Miller, one of our colored workers in Memphis, writes that the Week of Prayer was a source of encouragement to the company there. They are trying to raise enough money to build a church in that city for the colored people. If there are any who wish to contribute to this fund, we assure them that it will be thankfully received. Send the money to the conference treasurer and we will see that it is forwarded to the proper parties.

We Begin the New Year with the Following Colporteurs in the Field

SISTER MAMIE MOORE, an old stand-by, is still at Memphis, where she has been working with "Daniel and the Revelation" for the past five years with good success, and has not finished the city yet.

Bro. R. H. Hazelton, another one of our old stand-bys, is working in Robertson County with "Great Controversy." He canvassed every week in the year during 1912. This is a remarkable record—the only case I ever knew of a colporteur putting in fifty-two weeks in the year. Just as regular as Monday morning came, this faithful colporteur could be seen going down the pike on his way to his territory. This faithfulness is registered in the record books of heaven.

Brethren Bracy and Cutchville have just begun work in Fayette County with "Bible Footlights." The past summer and fall they have been canvassing in Haywood County. Brother Bracy has made a good record for the past eight months for a beginner; heading the list more than half of the time.

Bro. D. H. Frase is having his initial experience in the colporteur work with "The Man that Rum Made," in Davidson County. His experience appears in another place.

Nashville—the home of the *Watchman*,—is the only city

in which we have any magazine colporteurs, and all are unanimous in saying the *Watchman* is the best selling magazine we have.

Sister E. L. Maxwell, our conference president's wife, is setting a good example by putting in some fifteen hours a week selling magazines, aside from her household duties. She is taking the lead. One day she sold one hundred in six hours, making one dollar per hour profit.

Sister Laura Young has been selling the *Watchman* here the past two months, and is doing better all the time.

Sister Bessie Swartzbaugh, from Texas, aside from her school work, has begun canvassing here with our magazines with good success.

Sister Frances Hart, who has been selling "Bible Footlights," the past summer and fall, is now handling the *Watchman*. She has her family to keep house for, yet she manages to get in some fifteen or twenty hours a week, selling seventy-five or more copies.

A few others are going out occasionally as they have time, selling the *Watchman*.

C. F. DART.

A Good Start New Years Day

THE morning of Jan. 1, 1913 found Bro. D. H. Frase in the canvassing field with that new and splendid selling book—"The Man that Rum Made." At each of the first four houses he secured an order, and at the next two, orders for "Gospel Primer."

At the first house he received an order for both books. Going to the next place he met the man and began showing him the book; who, when he saw it was a temperance work, said, "I have no use whatever for the book. I use tobacco and take a glass of beer occasionally when I feel like it." After a few minutes friendly talk, however, the man took Brother Frase to the house and introduced him to his wife and her sister. The wife told him there was no use showing a temperance book there, but after looking at it ordered a copy. She would have paid cash for it if she had had the money. Each of the women also ordered a copy of "Gospel Primer."

At another house, the man met him at the door, sized him up as a Seventh-day Adventist colporteur, and said, "I do not want any of that kind of literature." Brother Frase asked him what was the matter with it. He said it had the Sabbath in it. When told it was a temperance work, he said he did not need it, as he was a temperance man. Brother Frase put up the book and in a friendly way started a conversation with him, which soon began to loosen the man's heart strings, and he invited Brother Frase in to warm. His curiosity got the better of him and he asked to see the book. After looking it through, he asked the price and pulled out a dollar to pay for it. But Brother Frase had no change. He then asked what the other little book was. When showed the "Gospel Primer," he bought both books.

Passing along the road where some young men were breaking a colt, he tried to show them the book, but they said they did not want anything to do with the book. Starting to a house near by, one of the young men said, "My mother lives there and there is no use going there as she does not

queer people and wanted to know what they believed, and why they keep Saturday for the Sabbath. He was then given some reasons why we keep the Sabbath.

C. F. DART.

Hazel Academy Items

DELMAR HIBBEN, from Chicago, and Dewey Pipkin, from Nashville, are the last two students to come in. There are now twenty-nine students in both homes—more than ever before. Three more have made application and expect to come this week. This will fill every available room until some improvements can be made.

Our dining-room and parlor are about full at meals and worship, and our seating capacity in the school chapel will need to be increased.

Every student who took advantage of the excursion rates to spend a few days at home, returned Sunday night December 29, ready for earnest work.

Last week everything was covered with a heavy snow. It was six inches deep.

Prof. Atteberry spent a day in Nashville recently, attending a committee meeting of the Tennessee River Conference.

We were much pleased to have a visit from Elder Wight last week. This was his first visit to the school. He gave several talks to the students, and his counsel regarding many matters relating to the school was much appreciated by those in charge.

Last Friday morning several of the students and two of the teachers went into the village and the country around the school with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. Other literature was also taken and distributed. Nearly every one seemed to appreciate the call, and some interest was awakened which will, we trust open the way for Bible studies later on.

Talks on Foreign Missions. No. 1

BY ELD. C. A. HANSEN

THE Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society of Nashville had the privilege of listening to the first of a series of lectures last Friday evening, by Eld. C. A. Hansen. The subject was Ideas of a Missionary, and Events that Happened on the Trip to Bombay, India. Some of the many interesting points mentioned were as follows:—

The call to be a missionary is found in Rev. 14:6 and 7. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

By these angels, are not meant people with wings, but people who believe in the third angel's message; people in these seats. The third angel's message is a real live thing to us and it is a terrible responsibility to accept this message. It takes hold of us, our pocketbooks, our friends, our relatives, and everything that we have. The work in Nashville is only a small part of the work that must be done before Jesus can come, and I would like to enlist your services farther in this message.

There are people to-day in this city who do not believe in foreign missions, but "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." While the work may close up in one place before it does in another, yet the end can not come until the work is done in China, in Africa, and in all

parts of the field. The origin of missionary work comes from the call of Jesus himself.

The first requisite of a successful missionary is a burden for his field. While one may have no special burden for a people whom he has never seen, there must be a burden to work and to forward the gospel, and this burden comes through genuine prayer.

Second, a missionary must be one who can adapt himself to circumstances, for he will find no publishing house, no tract society, no Bible worker, and he must struggle with foreign tongues and make a way for himself. Adaptability is one of the strong traits of a successful missionary.

Third, temperament and health. No person with poor health should offer himself to the Foreign Mission Board. A person with a nervous temperament in a hot climate is like a fish out of water. It has been found that persons of dark complexions and easy-going natures stand the climate the best, while blonds of nervous temperament do not last long in India. About one-half of the people who come from a cold climate can not stand the climate of that country.

Fourth, missionaries of all people should have a fair education, for the mission boards of other denominations almost without exception send college graduates, and the natives are not slow to recognize how one ranks with other ministers. Medical missionaries have the advantage over others as the native word for minister means "devil" while the word for doctor means "god." A fair education, a good knowledge of present truth and a burden for souls are important factors of a successful missionary.

Workers who are inexperienced should not be sent to foreign fields, there to learn to preach or give Bible readings, but workers for foreign fields should be persons of experience, well equipped in every way. It has been said that those young people who have been brought up in the truth, who have never known anything else, are the safest class to send out, for they are not as apt to become discouraged.

The test comes to every missionary when he leaves the home circle and bids farewell to loved ones. In my own experience the trip across the Atlantic from New York to England was quite a pleasant one. There were ten missionaries from the Presbyterian Board, among them one physician and one young professor, on the boat with us. Our workers should be instructed to avoid argument with other missionaries. If they ask a question, answer them and if they make further inquiries, sell them a book.

From England we sailed for France, going by train to Marseilles where we took a French liner to Bombay. Sailing out through the Mediterranean we saw many flying fish. Our first experience with natives was in Port Said, Egypt. There the native's home is under a palm tree. One was rich enough to live in an organ-box and thought himself very well off. We were somewhat disappointed in the faint view we obtained of Mount Sinai which was thirty miles distant.

The Red Sea, which is between one and two thousand miles long, is very rough and dangerous. There we encountered the typhoons, but occasionally there would be a heavy shower lasting about thirty minutes which would make the sea very quiet, almost calm.

One morning we could see mountains through the haze and then we got our first view of Bombay, where we arrived about noon. As we neared land the breeze stopped and we got off on the hot sand with the temperature from 110 to 115 degrees in the shade. After getting the natives to take our baggage we took a hack to the city, where we found rooms at the Temperance Hotel.


General


Search the Scriptures

MRS. E. G. WHITE

I HAVE a decided message from the Lord for the people who claim to believe the truth for this time. I can but present before them their danger. There are many who, *though members of the church, are unconverted*, having lost their first love. God will not accept any excuse for backsliding, for continuing in a cold, lifeless condition spiritually. Christ has given every encouragement for his disciples to grow in grace. "Come unto me," he says, "all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

If you remain servants of sin, the result of this course will rest upon you; for you have had light. *We are not to turn from the one mighty in counsel to ask guidance of men. Let those who are inclined to do this read and receive the Bible as the word of God to them. The Bible is the voice of God to his people. As we study the living oracles, we are to remember that God is speaking to his people out of his Word.* We are to make this Word the man of our counsel. "Search the Scriptures," Christ said; "for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." If we realized the importance of searching the Scriptures, how much more diligently we would study them! With awe we would take up the inspired Word, and with earnest desire search its pages, beginning a new life of genuine experience in the things of God. The Scriptures would be read and studied as the sure expression of God's will concerning us.

If we do not receive the Word of God as food for the soul, we shall miss the greatest treasure that has been prepared for men and women; for the Word is a message to each and every soul. Christ declares that those who make its truths a part of their lives are eating his flesh and drinking his blood. If obeyed, it gives spiritual life and strength. The pure, spiritual current that enters the life in a living experience is eternal life to the receiver.

God's Word is our light. It is Christ's message to his heritage, who have been bought with the price of his blood. It was written for our guidance, and if we make this Word our counselor, we shall never walk in strange paths. Our words, whether we are in the home or associating with those outside the home, will be kind, affectionate, and pure. If we study the Word, and make it a part of our lives, we shall have a wholesome experience, which will always speak forth the truth. We shall search our hearts diligently; comparing our daily speech and tenor of life with the Word, that we may make no mistake. With the example of Christ Jesus before us, none need make a failure of the life-work.

We are deciding our eternal destiny, and it rests wholly with us whether we shall gain eternal life. Shall we live the lessons given in the Word of God, Christ's great lesson book? It is the grandest, and yet the most simply arranged and easily understood study book ever provided for human beings. It is the only book that will prepare men and women for the life that measures with the life of God.

Christ is the only judge of the fitness of human beings to receive eternal life. The gates of the holy city will open to those who are humble, meek, lowly followers of his, those who learn in his school, and receive from him the divine similitude.

One night I was standing before a congregation calling

their attention to the way to obtain the life insurance policy by living upon the plan of addition. Read the first chapter of Second Peter. I now call upon all to take the Word of God as their guide. *Let them not listen to the words of men who are not studying the Word with the determined purpose of carrying out the principles of the teaching of Christ, but who have come to suppose that they can be a law to themselves.* If those who suppose this continue to carry on the same kind of character building that they have carried on, they will at last find themselves outside the gates of the city, with that company who think that they can take the city, and hold it as their property, though they have no right to it. They are disqualified by disobedience for being received into the kingdom of God as loyal citizens.

Let all who shall read these words, all to whose notice they shall come, remember that they are truth,—a solemn, earnest warning. I know that in the hearts of our people there is a large work to be done. O how grateful I should be if I could see a deep, thorough work accomplished in the hearts of all! Purification of soul is needed. Let us begin at once to take out of our hearts the root of bitterness. Let us consider the time in which we are living, the nearness of the end, and the work that God expects us to do.

Spanish Books with "Ministry of Healing" in Arizona

FINISHING my work on the northern California coast a few weeks ago, I took an ocean steamer for San Francisco. The Lord gave a safe passage over the dangerous Humboldt Bar, and we landed all safe in due time. A hurried visit to Oakland, St. Helena, Pacific Union College, the St. Helena Sanitarium near by, and a brief call at Mountain View, Calif., then I again embarked on the ocean from San Francisco for Los Angeles, en route to Loma Linda Sanitarium, at which place I rested a few days taking needed treatments, etc., then I pushed on to Arizona to spend this fall and winter canvassing chiefly among the Spanish speaking people for literature in that tongue.

In addition to this, I try to get some orders daily for that casket of truth, "Ministry of Healing." The Lord does give marked success. We can only give him all the praise and glory. Left alone, all our efforts would soon fail completely.

I reached Winkelman, Gila County, Arizona, Friday noon, November 22, and soon was comfortably located in the best lodging house in this city, the "Vendome." The next day—Sabbath,—feeling my special need of help for more power from on high, I kept as a day of prayer and fasting. The dear Saviour came near; my soul was refreshed.

I started out to work Sunday morning, calling first upon a Mexican family, and was blessed in getting one order for "Home and Health" in Spanish and sold also a "New Testament Primer" in the same tongue. That first week commencing November 24, the dear Father gave me over \$210 worth of orders for books, outside of helps, etc. Besides this there was \$27 in orders for "Ministry of Healing" for the Loma Linda (Calif.) College of Medical Evangelists. I have gotten on this trip as high as five orders in one day for "Ministry of Healing," sometimes two in one house.

Thanksgiving day, November 28, I did not get to work till very late. It was nearly noon, before I secured my first order. (I was up late the preceding night.) By shortly after five, P. M., the Master had given me over \$82 worth of orders for books, helps, etc.; nearly \$40 worth in one cabin.

My leading book in English is "Daniel and the Revelation,"

by the late Eld. Uriah Smith, I delight to give the Scriptural view of Dan. 11 and 12 on the "Eastern Question," which is correctly and clearly elucidated in this book. This is a burning question now. This work fits in "just right" to arrest the attention of the people now. I have sold also a good many "Patriarchs and Prophets" in Spanish.

I thank the Lord for his many tokens of love to me, and for many marked answers to prayer. When we recount God's mercies to us we find we have enough to fill us with praise all the time. I look for the message to now go with leaps and bounds. We can look for, pray for, and get, great things from God from now on. According to our faith, so will it be.

When I get through delivering my orders, I copy off the names of those who bought books (designating what work each one purchased) and send in these names and addresses to the tract society so they can follow up with our papers and by missionary correspondence. I wish all our canvassers would follow this plan with all their subscribers' names after their delivery. I am sure untold good would result.

WALTER HARPER.

How to Interest the Jews in Present Truth. No. 4

AS THE Jews become acquainted with the Seventh-day Adventists, they begin to have confidence in them as teachers of the Word of God. This means much to our people, as the Jewish people generally have little confidence in the ordinary Christian teacher. The masses of the professed Christian people have so little faith in the Old Testament that the Jewish people, as a rule, do not consider them at all versed in Old Testament teaching.

It will give our workers a chance of taking particular interest in the Jews when they come to such subjects as the Sabbath, the law, the tithing, the spirit of prophecy, health reform, and kindred topics which bear particularly along Old Testament lines. It is true that the Jews do not come much to Christian services, and we know that they think they have reasons. But we must be patient, and do all we can to lead them in a kindly way to the foot of the cross.

There will be many questions that the people will be asked, especially along the lines of certain Old Testament prophecies. While we as a people believe and teach the whole Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament, as a rule, our workers and our people are much more familiar with certain prophecies and teachings of the Word of God than they are with other parts. Consequently we not only need to know how to teach the Gentiles, but we also ought to become informed on those parts of the Scriptures which particularly appeal to the Jews. This we believe can be done.

The Jewish Department has prepared a series of Bible Readings bearing on special lines of Old Testament prophecies, which will be found helpful in working where there are Jews. A copy of these typewritten Bible Readings will be freely sent to any desiring them, by sending a two-cent stamp to the Jewish Department, South Lancaster, Mass. If the Jews can be made to see that the truths that we as a people teach to-day are the same truths that their forefathers believed and taught, it will arouse interest in their hearts.

Here is what the spirit of prophecy says on this point:—

"When this gospel shall be presented in its fullness to the Jews many will accept Christ as the Messiah."

"As the Old Testament Scriptures are blended with the New in an explanation of Jehovah's eternal purpose, this will be to many of the Jews as the dawn of a new creation, the resurrection of the soul. As they see the Christ of the

gospel dispensation portrayed in the pages of the Old Testament Scriptures, and perceive how clearly the New Testament explains the Old, their slumbering faculties will be aroused, and they will recognize Christ as the Saviour of the world. Many will by faith receive Christ as their Saviour."—*Acts of the Apostles,* pages 380, 381.

These are encouraging words. Let us thank God for them. We will do all we can to co-operate with our people and workers in bringing the truths of this blessed message to the lost sheep of Israel. Let us pray that God will open THEIR eyes to see, and open OUR hearts to bring the message to them.

F. C. GILBERT.

South Lancaster, Mass.

The February Signs Magazine

THE future of Turkey in Prophecy, by L. A. Reed. The events in the fulfilment of the prophecy are traced out clearly, definitely, and interestingly. A strong, convincing setting showing the importance of time.

Lack of Faith a Sign, by the editor. An article that clearly shows these particular conditions to-day as a sign of the times, and turns the minds of the readers to serious thought.

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Light on Life's Path, the new department, but one of wide interest and helpfulness.

Like as a Father, by Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuttle. Another of those sympathetic home articles for our Home Department.

Glimpses of China, by F. E. Stafford. "Gardens" is the subject presented in this number.

Bible and Science, Evolution in Prophecy. Another sign of the times. World-wide fulfilment. A brief unanswerable presentation.

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THE 1913 Temperance *Instructor* will be dated February 4, and mailed about January 24. It will surpass all other temperance issues in both appearance, and contents. The usual prices will be continued on this special issue.

Let all remember that at *sundown January 31, 1913*, the special club rates on our periodicals will end. No club-rate orders will be filled after that date.

THERE is only one greater folly than that of the fool who says in his heart "there is no God;" and that is the folly of those who say with the head that they do not know whether there is a God or not.—*Bismarck*.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the fifth annual meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on Friday, Jan. 31, 1913, at 10 A. M., at the publishing house chapel, 2123, 24th Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

S. E. WIGHT, *President.*
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Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth 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 Street, Nashville, Tenn., at 5 P. M., Tuesday, January 28, 1913.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of trustees and a Board of Counselors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

A. J. HAYSMER, *Chairman,*
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A Good Tract for You to Use

"OUR House Which Is from Heaven, or Departing and Being with Christ," a study of 2 Cor. 5:1-9 and Phil. 1:23, 24. This tract is by Elder C. P. Bollman and is on the state of the dead. In this little tract the author so presents the subject as to allay rather than arouse prejudice in the mind of the reader.

This is an excellent tract for ministers and Bible workers to use in their work, as well as for church members to use among their neighbors.

W. W. EASTMAN.

A TRACT has turned the destiny of many a life.—*Isaiah Reid.*

Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference

Week Ending Dec. 28, 1912

ALABAMA CONFERENCE									
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered		
W C Wales	BF	27	73	\$74 00	\$	\$74 00	\$10 50		
H G Smith	CK	27	9	14 00	2 00	16 00	12 00		
I W Peevy	BF	60	7	10 00	4 00	14 00	15 50		
A J Rice	BF	24	8	9 00		9 00			
Mrs H G Smith	CK	8	4	6 00		6 00	7 50		

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE									
James Hickman	BF	30					50 85		
Andy Schroader	BF	24					35 50		
Milton Jones	JUV	25	5		5 00				

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE									
A L Saxon	BR	15	2	4 00	7 25	11 25	20 25		
H C Balsbaugh	GC	12	1	4 00	7 10	11 10	14 10		
J S Fry	D&R	12	4	10 00		10 00	5 00		
E A Taylor	BR	18			4 25	4 25	25 25		
W H Haddon	MOFH	14			1 35	1 35	12 35		
Virgil Smith	BR	20					13 00		
M T McMullen	BF	5				50	50	5 50	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE									
R H Hazelton		30	8	16 00	2 10	18 10			
Misc. Deliveries during fall, not previously reported							222 15		

SUMMARY									
Alabama Conf		147	100	113 00	6 00	119 00	45 50		
Kentucky Conf		79	5		5 00		86 35		
Louisiana Conf		No Report							
Mississippi Conf		96	7	18 00	20 45	38 45	95 45		
Tenn River Conf		30	8	16 00	2 10	18 10	222 15		
Totals		352	120	\$147 00	\$38 55	\$175 55	\$449 45		

Magazine Agents' Report

Week Ending Dec. 28, 1912

Agent	No.	Value							
ALABAMA CONFERENCE									
Mrs. H G Smith	2	\$ 20							
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE									
James Skinner	200	20 00							
Milton Jones	59	5 90							
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE									
Grace Holt	44	4 40							
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE									
*Frances Hart	183	18 30							
Lenora Maxwell	177	17 70							
**Bessie Swartzbaugh	165	16 50							
Laura E Young	133	13 30							
Totals	963	\$ 96 30							
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