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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

"I wish you a happy New Year," is now being repeated far and near, by parents and children, brothers and sisters, acquaintances and friends. In a world like ours, this New Year's greeting seems more appropriate than the "Merry Christmas" so lately echoed from lip to lip. On every hand are pale faces, brows furrowed with pain and care, or forms bowed with age. Wherever we turn may be seen the garb of mourning. The suffering, the care-worn, and the aged can no longer be merry. In many a household there is a vacant chair; a beloved child or a husband and father whose presence gladdened the last Christmas and New Year's festivities, is gone from the circle. A merry Christmas seems a mockery to that bereaved family.

But whatever the cares and sorrows of life, whatever the mistakes and errors of the past, the "Happy New Year," when uttered as an expression of love or respect, falls pleasantly upon the ear. And yet, are not these kindly wishes often forgotten with the utterance? How often we fail to carry their import into the daily life, and thus to aid in their fulfillment. The New Year's greeting is frequently uttered by insincere lips, from hearts that would not forego one selfish gratification in order to make others happy. Recipients of gifts and favors every New Year, many accept these as their due. Receiving daily the bounties of heaven, sunshine and shower, food and raiment, friends and home,—all the unnoted yet priceless blessings of life,—they forget the claims of the Giver; forget that God has left them a legacy in his poor; and that Christ, the Majesty of heaven, identifies himself with suffering humanity in the person of his saints.

Says our Saviour, "It was I whom you neglected. While your wardrobe was supplied with costly apparel, I had no comfortable clothing; while you feasted, I was hungry; while you were absorbed in pleasure, I was sick, a stranger, and uncared for. Let those who would have a happy new year seek to honor God and make all around them happy. Let them share the gifts of Providence with those more needy, and bring to the Lord their

offerings of gratitude, their sin-offerings, and their free-will offerings.

Let us review our own course during the past year, and compare our life and character with the Bible standard. Have we withheld from our gracious Benefactor that which he claims from us in return for all the blessings he has granted? Have we neglected to care for the poor and comfort the sorrowing? Here, then, is work for us.

Upon many, God has bestowed his gifts with a lavish hand. Will they make corresponding returns? Some of these persons, when in poverty, were faithful in the smallest trust committed to them. They would sooner deny themselves of the comforts, or even the necessities of life, than to withhold their offerings from the Lord's treasury. God has rewarded their faithfulness by prosperity. But now a change comes over the recipients of his bounty. Their wants increase faster than their income, and they no longer return to God the portion which is his due. Thus is developed that same spirit of covetousness which proved the ruin of Judas.

Let us each bring our souls to task. Let us see if we have brought all our offerings to God. I would do this for myself as an individual. It may be that I have been remiss during the past year. I know not when or where, but to make sure that I have done my whole duty, I will at the first of the year bring an offering to God to be appropriated as may seem best, to some one of the branches of his work. If any of you, my brethren and sisters, are convicted that you have failed to render to God the things that are his; if you have not kindly considered the wants of the poor; or if you have withheld from any man his due, I entreat you to repent before the Lord, and to restore fourfold. Strict honesty toward God and men will alone meet the divine requirements. Remember that if you have defrauded a neighbor in trade, or in any manner deprived him of his own, or if you have robbed God in tithes and offerings, it is all registered in the books of heaven.

Many are bemoaning their backsliding, their want of peace and rest in Christ, when the past year's record shows that they have separated themselves from God by their departure

from strict integrity. When they will faithfully examine their hearts, when they will open their eyes to see the selfishness of their motives,—then their prayer will be, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." God requires us to have a pure heart and clean hands. Let those who have committed wrong give proof of their repentance by seeking to make full restitution, let them in their after-life give evidence of a genuine reformation, and they will assuredly enjoy the peace of heaven.

Let us enter upon the new year with a clean record. Let faults be corrected. Let bitterness and malice be uprooted. Let right triumph over wrong. Let envy and jealousy between brethren be put away. Heartfelt, honest confession will heal grave difficulties. Then, with the love of God in the soul, there may flow from sincere lips the greeting, "I wish you a happy New Year."

Many who were with us at the beginning of 1908 are not here to welcome 1909. We ourselves may not live to see another year. Shall we not seek to improve the little time allotted us? Will not the church of Christ turn from their backslidings? Will they not cast aside their idols, repent of their love of the world, overcome their selfish greed, and open the door of the heart to bid the Saviour welcome? May the beginning of this year be a time when Christ shall come in among us, and say, "Peace be unto you."

Brethren and sisters, I wish you, one and all, a happy New Year.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thought, not breath;

In feelings, not in figures on the dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs when they beat

For man, for duty. He most lives

Who thinks most, feels most, acts the best."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Do your work cheerfully, even if it is not congenial.

Make it a stepping-stone to something higher.

Keep yourself in condition to do it as well as it can be done.

## JUNIOR READING COURSE

### Lesson 1.—Ah-san, a Chinese Boy

"Child Life in Mission Lands," pages 21-33.  
Test questions, page 34.

#### NOTES.

**HOW OPIUM WENT TO CHINA.**—This story is one of the saddest in history. As early as the thirteenth century the drug was used for medical purposes. In 1781 the East India Company sent their first ship-load of opium to the "Flowery Kingdom." They could find only one merchant who would take it, and later he returned the entire cargo because he could not sell it. The government, realizing the danger, strictly forbade the use of opium; but in spite of opposition the drug was smuggled into the country, and in 1838 thirty-four thousand chests were used each year by the Chinese. A few months later an effort was made to crush this wicked traffic, which resulted in war with England. When peace was again restored, China was crushed and silenced. England, because she was great and strong and free, had gained the day. Soon it became a common proverb that "eleven out of every ten people in China smoke opium."

**THE BOXER UPRISING.**—"Come, boys, come quickly," called Professor Chang to the children who were playing in the court.

"May we not finish this one game?" asked little Ken-en.

"No, come quickly; there is not a moment to lose," answered the father.

"What's the trouble, mother?" asked Kao-en, as they hurried into the house.

"The Boxers are killing all the foreigners and Christians, and we must leave our home and hide, or we shall all be killed," she answered.

They could hear the shouts of the angry mob as they hurried down the narrow, crooked street. The Boxers were crying, "Kill, kill." There were many, many people fleeing for their lives, and soon Kan-en and Kao-en found that somehow in the crowd they had lost sight of father and mother. They were all alone among strangers, and the two very frightened little boys crept into an old deserted warehouse to hide.

"Let's ask Jesus not to let us be killed," said Kao-en.

"Yes, let's," whispered little Kan-en.

In a few moments the dreadful Boxers were there. They took the children prisoners, and setting the house on fire passed on. The boys saw many terrible things that day. Among others whom they saw the Boxers put to death was their own sister. But Jesus had heard their prayers in the old warehouse, and neither Kan-en nor Kao-en was harmed. For several weeks they were allowed to stay together; then an officer took Kao-en with him to another province. This was a great trial to them, for they had never been separated.

Finally, when the cruel war was over, they went back to live with their father and mother, who had succeeded in reaching a place of safety the day the boys were lost.

**THE GREAT WALL.**—China's great wall was

built for defense against the barbarians of Northern Asia, and is said to have been finished about two hundred and five years before Christ. It is nearly 1,600 miles long, from 25 to 30 feet high, and about 20 feet thick. It climbs straight up the steepest and most rugged mountains and crosses rivers, valleys, and plains, making a strong barrier along the northern frontier of the empire. One writer says, "Its walls are so solid and its gates so well arranged for defense, that it would puzzle a modern army to get through it."

## MISSIONARY SIFTINGS

### CHRISTIAN HELP WORK.—CONCLUDED.

THERE are other things we do that have formed no part of our plan. We did not set out in the morning to accomplish them. They are unplanned, unpurposed things, not premeditated or prearranged. They are wayside ministries. They are the little things we do between the greater things. They are the seeds we drop by chance from our hand in the path as we go out to the broad field to sow. They are the minor kindnesses and courtesies that fill up the interstices of our busy days. They are the little flowers and lowly plants that grow in the shade of the majestic trees, or are hidden away like violets under the taller plants and shrubs. They are the smaller opportunities of usefulness which open to us as we carry our great responsibilities. They are the things of which we take no note, and perhaps retain no memory—mere touches given as we hasten by, words dropped as we pass along. We set no store on this part of our life-work. We do not expect to see any results from it. We pride ourselves on our great masterpieces. We point to them as the things which fitly represent us, the things in which we hope to live.

And yet often these unpurposed things are the holiest and most beautiful things we do, far outshining those which we ourselves prize so highly. I believe that when the books are opened, it will be seen that the very best parts of many lives are the parts from which they expected no outcome, no fruits, while the things they took delight and pride in, and wrought with plan and pain, will prove to be of but small value.

Our Lord tells us that the righteous will be surprised in the judgment to hear of noble deeds wrought by them of which they have no knowledge or recollection. No doubt there is a wondrous amount of good done unconsciously, of which the doers will never be aware until it is disclosed in the future life.

We go out in the morning to our round of duties, and perform them with more or less faithfulness and effectiveness. But during the busy hours of the day we find opportunity for doing minor kindnesses. We meet a friend on the street whose heart is heavy, and we stop to speak a word of thoughtful cheer and hope which sings in his ear like a bar of music that the angel's sing all day long. As we go out from dinner, we ring a neighbor's door-bell to inquire for his sick child, and there is a little more brightness in that

sad home all the afternoon because of this thoughtfulness. We walk a few steps with a young man who is in danger of slipping out of the way, and let fall a sincere word of interest which he will remember, and which may help to save him.

All sorts of people come to us on all sorts of errands during the day. We cannot talk much to each, and yet we may drop into each heart a word of kindness that will prove a seed of beauty. We meet people in business relations. To talk to them on religious themes may be neither practical nor expedient, and yet there is not one of them to whom we may not minister in some way. One man may have had a sorrow in his home. His face carries the marks of sore struggle and inward pain. By a gentler bearing, a mellowed speech, a heartier hand-clasp or longer pressure, and a thoughtful expression of the sympathy and interest we feel, we send him away strangely comforted. Another is staggering under financial loads, and a hopeful word gives him courage to stand more bravely under his burden.

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

## KENTUCKY

### Sand Hill

WE have just spent four weeks with this church. Elder McVagh was with us for one week, and we enjoyed his labors very much. It had been three years since they had ministerial help. There were thirty names upon the church record. Most of these persons are living within a few miles of each other. The Sabbath-school had twelve members. Only a few were paying tithes. Very few were taking the *Review and Herald*. They have no building in which to meet. This place is in the hills, and all are farmers. There are some faithful souls here.

All are hospitable, and we enjoyed our stay among them very much. They were all ready to do for us, and made us more than welcome. They hold meetings from house to house. We held meetings in eight different places, speaking to them twenty-eight times.

We labored from house to house and endeavored to show them from the Word the dangers that surround the people of God at this age, and the importance of secret and family prayer. Some of the homes had not taken up family worship, or if they had they had laid it down again. A few were so far back that they were not any longer interested to attend the meetings.

I was most forcibly reminded of the "shaking time" described in "Early Writings." A class is mentioned that did not feel the need of earnest prayer, and they were left behind, and others came in to take their places. Doubtless this will be true with some at this place. I am sure that it will unless a decided change takes place. We made some effort to erect a church building, and when I return in a few weeks, I hope that we shall succeed in this movement. Ten families renewed for REPORT OF PROGRESS, three for the *Review and Herald*, two for *Life and Health*, two for the

Watchman, three for Liberty, and one for Little Friend. These periodicals will be a great blessing to this church. One was baptized. One young man from this church is in the canvassing field, and has done well. There are others who should go out into the work.

In a recent communication from Elder J. M. Irving, he says that he finds all the believers where he had the tent-meeting last summer holding on to the message. He has bought the property of Brother Warren Latham, in Lexington, Ky., and will soon move his family to that city. His address will be 630 Euclid Ave., Lexington. We are sure that this will greatly please the Sabbath-keepers living there, but we shall all be very sorry to have Brother and Sister Latham leave this conference. They go on account of her health. He has done a good work. Several have decided to obey the message as a result of his Bible work.

From Louisville Elder Hayes writes: "We have just begun Sunday-evening meetings. At the first gathering, we had a fair-sized audience. Seven or eight not of our faith were present, which was quite an encouragement to our people. We hope to be able to increase the attendance. I am sure we could if we had a few dollars with which to advertise from time to time. There are not many able to attend our institute with regularity, but yet I believe it will accomplish much good. We have five regular students, and a few others come a part of the time, but none from outside the church. The attendance from Sister Gibson's on Tuesday nights is very regular, although not large; about nine or ten present each time."

The special Thanksgiving Review has been liberally circulated, and considerable gathered in from it. At this writing I am unable to tell the amount. We are sure that the knowledge of the message will be of great importance to the work. A. O. BURRILL.

**NEW ALBANY, MISS.**

I BEGAN a series of meetings July 27 in a bush arbor ten miles from the above place. The arbor was comfortably seated, and located in a beautiful hickory grove. I continued the meeting for a time with good interest and attendance, although not without a great deal of opposition. The Baptists and Methodists began and continued their protracted meetings, and for several weeks they drew away some of our congregations; and as our camp-meeting was near at hand, which was held Aug. 13-23 at Amory, Miss., I thought best to discontinue the meeting till after camp-meeting.

After enjoying the annual feast of good things, my wife and I returned with faith and good courage to our place of labor. Elder Shaeffer accompanied us, and assisted in the meeting for a week. As our meetings began, the opposition began. Our opponents, built an arbor near by, and held a week's revival meeting. We continued our meetings right along for three weeks more, and we thank and praise the Lord for the success and

**CANVASSING REPORT  
For Week Ending Dec. 19, 1908  
Southern Union Conference**

| NAME—                               | Book      | Hours | Value | Deliv'd |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|---------|
| ALABAMA CONFERENCE                  |           |       |       |         |
| Carl Mathews                        | BFL       |       |       | \$32 70 |
| H A Lynd                            | 2w. CK BS | 64    | 3 50  | 71 50   |
| W H Waite                           | CK NTP    | 25    | 20 45 | 5 60    |
| M L Ivory                           | BFL       | 51    | 1 75  | 4 75    |
| KENTUCKY CONFERENCE                 |           |       |       |         |
| Mrs Alice Reynolds                  | BFL       |       |       | 7 80    |
| M Wheeler                           | BFL       | 19    | 7 50  | 5 50    |
| M J Weber                           | BFL GP    | 38    | 25 85 | 2 00    |
| J T Crockett                        | BFL       | 12    |       | 5 75    |
| Z S Arey                            | 5w. MISC  | 135   |       | 32 45   |
| LOUISIANA CONFERENCE<br>(Two weeks) |           |       |       |         |
| John Harzman                        | MOFN GC   | 38    | 31 50 |         |
| I T Reynolds                        | GC        | 57    | 20 00 | 41 00   |
| A B Cheek                           | BR D&R    | 50    | 15 25 | 22 50   |
| J T Miller                          | D&R       | 42    | 33 50 | 47 25   |

victory he gave. Fourteen signed the covenant to keep all the commandments of God.

Among those who signed is a very promising young man twenty-three years of age, a native of Spain. He was brought up in the Catholic faith. He came to the United States four years ago. He is now attending our industrial school at Pine Grove near Amory, Miss., and is educating himself to help carry this last great message to his own people.

Our little company is desirous of having a house of worship, and we have begun the work of building a nice church. The acre of land where our opponents had their arbor has been donated to us for our church building. We now have on the ground 14,000 feet of nice lumber, and we shall build as fast as the weather will permit.

People are hungering and thirsting for more of this precious truth. I am holding cottage meetings with good interest, and hope soon to see other Sabbath-keepers added to our number.

I desire an interest in the prayers of God's people for the success of the work here.

T. C. COLTRIN.

**LOUISIANA**

**Jennings, Lake Arthur, and Hayes**

At all three of these places which I have visited, the brethren are of good courage, and are beginning the new year with a new determination to be ready to meet Jesus when he shall come.

Let us all keep the thought expressed in Matt. 24:14 constantly before us, and let us all work to do our part in the giving of the message.

Why not invest a dollar or two in tracts to circulate among your neighbors? If you live near a good-sized town, why not take a club of Watchman or Signs, or Life and Health, and sell them to the people? The Lord has said that many should engage in this work.

Let every one do nothing less than we know that God requires, and we shall enjoy a prosperous year in his service.

E. L. MAXWELL.

|              |      |    |       |       |
|--------------|------|----|-------|-------|
| O F Frank    | D&R  | 40 | 57 75 | 30 00 |
| Wm Olmstead  | MOFN | 40 | 21 75 | 7 50  |
| C L Collison | MISC | 60 | 30 80 |       |

| MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE |          |    |       |       |
|------------------------|----------|----|-------|-------|
| M C Whitmarsh          | BR       | 15 | 72 00 |       |
| Delia Wilson           | stoc     | 30 |       | 16 80 |
| W H Haddon             | MOFN     | 27 | 14 40 | 70    |
| J S Fry                | D&R      | 30 | 7 50  | 36 00 |
| H G Miller             | D&R      | 8  |       | 13 75 |
| Mrs Mollie Miller      | COL stoc | 12 |       | 6 80  |

| TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE |           |    |       |        |
|----------------------------|-----------|----|-------|--------|
| H C Balsbaugh              | sofp      | 35 | 22 60 | 45 70  |
| J T Eaton                  | BFL       | 40 | 4 00  | 37 00  |
| R H Hazelton               | MISC      | 30 |       | 35 00  |
| J S Moore                  | sofd sofp | 50 |       | 42 10  |
| Mamie Moore                | D&R       | 35 | 8 05  | 120 55 |
| C H McColrey               | D&R       | 27 |       | 47 50  |
| Alice Patton               | D&R       | 4  | 3 50  | 26 20  |

| RECAPITULATION         |     |        |  |        |
|------------------------|-----|--------|--|--------|
| Alabama Conference     | 140 | 25 70  |  | 114 55 |
| Kentucky Conference    | 204 | 33 35  |  | 53 40  |
| Louisiana Conference   | 327 | 210 55 |  | 148 25 |
| Mississippi Conference | 122 | 93 90  |  | 74 05  |
| Tennessee River Conf.  | 221 | 38 15  |  | 354 05 |

Totals .. 1014 401 65 744 30

**Southeastern Union Conference**

| CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE |     |    |       |       |
|-----------------------|-----|----|-------|-------|
| Miss Ada Woolsey      | BFL | 11 | 12 75 |       |
| Fred Meister          | BFL | 37 | 53 50 | 2 40  |
| M S Baldwin           | CK  | 20 | 23 15 | 20 80 |
| Walter Kirkham        | BFL | 15 | 5 90  |       |
| S F Reeder            | D&R | 20 | 11 00 |       |
| V O Cole              | D&R |    |       | 21 00 |
| F B Sedore            | BFL | 27 | 28 80 | 35    |
| W S Fulbright         | 2w. | 40 | 19 50 |       |
| C L Wrinkle           |     | 25 | 48 90 |       |

| FLORIDA CONFERENCE |     |    |       |      |
|--------------------|-----|----|-------|------|
| Gracie Hunter      | BFL |    |       | 2 25 |
| Wm J Haines        | BFL | 36 | 19 00 | 1 00 |
| W K Achenbach      | CK  | 21 | 14 00 |      |
| John C Haines      | BFL | 36 | 13 45 |      |
| Mary Manns         | BFL | 10 | 7 50  |      |

| GEORGIA CONFERENCE   |        |    |       |       |
|----------------------|--------|----|-------|-------|
| Mrs E G Haley        | BS     | 2  |       | 2 00  |
| Albert Benson        | MISC   | 33 | 4 75  | 55 50 |
| Mrs A L Manous       | D&R    | 3  |       | 3 20  |
| Martin Grim          | D&R    | 32 | 14 45 | 3 20  |
| Mary Sharp           | L&H    | 22 |       | 21 30 |
| Mrs Callie Rainwater | BFL    | 10 |       | 22 50 |
| J A Kimmell          | MISC   | 18 |       | 26 20 |
| J D Andrews          | GC     | 30 |       | 74 00 |
| E G Haley            | D&R    | 2  |       | 2 50  |
| Albert Cochran       | D&R    | 16 |       | 24 50 |
| Thos Henderson       | PAPERS | 14 |       | 10 40 |

| NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE |        |    |       |       |
|---------------------------|--------|----|-------|-------|
| Mrs Annie Patterson       | MISC   | 30 | 7 90  |       |
| Mrs Jane Hundley          | MISC   | 30 | 7 00  |       |
| W E Lanier                | D&R BS | 38 | 37 25 | 7 25  |
| Neill Q Smith             | CK     | 25 | 9 45  | 9 45  |
| M L Branch                | CK     | 23 | 12 40 | 1 40  |
| R L Underwood             | D&R    | 37 | 72 50 | 1 00  |
| G L Kerley                | D&R    | 19 |       | 29 00 |

| SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE |           |    |       |       |
|---------------------------|-----------|----|-------|-------|
| Mrs E A Wing              | D&R       | 12 | 8 40  | 11 35 |
| Isaac R Harden            | BFL       | 5  | 6 50  |       |
| Jas A Brown               | 2w. MISC  | 80 |       | 63 35 |
| J B Rise                  | D&R       |    |       | 2 50  |
| Rose Lull                 | D&R BS    | 8  |       | 19 50 |
| S H Swingle               | sofd sofp | 15 | 6 75  | 13 00 |
| Joseph Revans             | GC        | 30 | 37 50 | 5 00  |
| Mrs H B Gallion           | D&R       | 3  |       | 12 50 |
| G B Case                  | D&R BFL   | 24 | 7 25  | 29 20 |

| RECAPITULATION        |     |        |  |        |
|-----------------------|-----|--------|--|--------|
| Cumberland Conference | 195 | 203 50 |  | 44 55  |
| Florida Conference    | 103 | 53 95  |  | 3 25   |
| Georgia Conference    | 182 | 19 20  |  | 245 30 |
| North Carolina Conf.  | 202 | 144 50 |  | 48 10  |
| South Carolina Conf.  | 177 | 66 40  |  | 156 40 |

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## BY WAY OF REMINDER

CANVASSER'S institutes have been appointed in several conferences as follows:—

Mississippi, Amory, beginning Jan. 8, 1909.  
Mississippi (colored), Kings, Jan. 26, 1909.  
Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 13-26, 1909.  
Louisiana, West Monroe, Jan. 18-28, 1909.  
Tennessee River, Hazel, Ky., Jan. 28 to Feb. 8.  
Kentucky, Bowling Green, beginning Feb. 7.

MISS KATE HOWARD, Albany, Georgia, desires late clean copies of any of our denominational papers, tracts, etc., sent post-paid for free missionary distribution.

THE first meeting of the Bookmen's Convention was held Dec. 30 at 9:30 A. M. The general and state agents of the Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Union Conferences are nearly all here, and some of the conference presidents; others will come later. A good interest is manifested by those in attendance.

WE give this week the first instalment of lessons on the "Junior Reading Course." We hope it will be of sufficient interest to induce all the young people in our field to undertake the course if they have not already done so. And why not the older people? The information they would gain would no doubt be as interesting and helpful to them as to those who are younger.

AGAIN and again have persons been surprised at the readiness of their neighbors to buy copies of *Life and Health*. The valuable and pleasing improvements seen in the January number will make it a more ready seller than ever. If you have not tried it, send in a trial order, and convince yourself that *Life and Health* can be sold in your neighborhood. Five copies for 25 cents, or 25 copies for \$1.00.

## NORTH CAROLINA, NOTICE!

At a meeting of the Conference Committee held Dec. 28, 1908, Elder M. H. Brown was selected to fill the office of secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Conference, made vacant by the death of Sister Jessie V. Bosworth. All business intended for the conference secretary and treasurer should now be addressed to Elder M. H. Brown, Greensboro, N. C. R. F. D. 1. T. H. JEYS.

## THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OFFERING FOR 1909

THE Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference has only one annual offering with which to carry on its work. The time which has been set apart for the annual offering this year is Sabbath, Feb. 6, 1909. We hope that all our people will bear this date in mind, and come prepared to contribute liberally to this annual offering.

The funds for carrying on the work of this department are now exhausted. All should plan to make their offering a liberal one this year, in view of our present needs, and the great demands upon us in effectively carrying on this important line of work.

More will be said upon this subject later.

K. C. RUSSELL,

Chairman Religious Liberty Bureau.

## PLEDGES TO THE CANVASSERS' FUND

WILL not all those who made pledges to the canvassers' fund of the Tennessee River Conference please send the amount to the treasurer at once. The prospect for the canvassing work in our conference the coming year is bright. But we need to all pull together that this branch of the Lord's work may be forwarded. The year 1909 should be our banner year, and it will be if all will work together to that end.

If any who did not make a pledge to this fund, but would like to help forward this branch of the work in our conference, will just send the amount you wish to give to this office, a receipt will be sent you, and the amount will be placed in the canvassers' fund.

THOS. E. PAVEY.

Hazel, Ky.

## AMONG THE CHURCHES IN FLORIDA

By invitation of our beloved president, I visited the following churches and places:—

Dec. 1, 2, at Starke, about twenty-five came out to hear the precious truth. Dec. 4-6, I conducted quarterly meeting at Brooker. Two united with the church; one was baptized. The Lord came very near, his presence being evinced by fervent testimony and tearful eye.

Dec. 7 I spoke in the school-house at Haynesworth. The house was well filled. Dec. 8-13 I met with the church at Morrison, and conducted quarterly meeting. This is a young church. The brethren are of good courage in the Lord. The contract for their church was filed with carpenters while I was there, and they hope to have the building finished by the 15th of January.

Dec. 14 I spent visiting isolated ones in Trenton. Dec. 15-20 I met with the church at Jennings Lake, and conducted quarterly meeting. Nine were baptized there. There are seven new members, and one more surrendered in my last service. Dec. 21 and 22 I spent in Bell, preaching in the Baptist church. Dec. 23 I met with the church at Ward City; Dec. 24, with the brethren at Starke. Though it was Christmas eve, a goodly number from the outside came in. Dec. 25-28 I conducted quarterly services

with the Gainesville church, and baptized one.

The Lord greatly blessed in all the services, and we trust much good will result from these meetings. May the dear souls who gave their hearts to God be faithful, and prove to be earnest workers for their new-found Friend.

I expect soon to connect with our tent on the East Coast. Brethren, pray for us.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

## KENTUCKY'S OUTLOOK

THE outlook for the canvassing work in Kentucky this year is bright. We already have in the field six canvassers, of good courage, who expect to put in the full year. Several that canvassed last year say they expect to canvass again this year. One brother writes: "I want to go at it again the first of the year, and help build up the work." Another writes: "I want to do more for the Lord." Still another: "I must try to sell from \$800 to \$1,000 worth."

A third of last year was gone before the canvassers really got started, yet they sold \$4,000 worth of books. We want to double that this year, and we can if all will do their part. Let us take hold of this in earnest. If you are not already planning to attend one of our institutes, begin at once to do so. Write me, and I will help you plan. Come on, brother, sister, do your best. Let us make this the banner year for Kentucky.

C. F. DART.

## THE AMORY, MISS., INSTITUTE

THIS will be my last opportunity to speak to you about our institute, to be held at Amory, Miss., beginning Jan. 8, 1909.

Every one who knows of this institute and feels it a duty to be there, should let nothing hinder, but come to prepare for work in God's cause.

Our Bible teacher will be M. C. Whitmarsh, a minister recently sent to our field by the Michigan Conference. He is a deep Bible student, and I feel sure our Bible studies will be intensely interesting and profitable.

Come and enjoy a feast of good things with us.

H. G. MILLER.

Jackson, Miss., R. F. R. 2.

## KENTUCKY TITHE FOR NOVEMBER

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|------------------------|---------|
| HENDERSON .....        | \$24.77 |
| McKinney .....         | 11.90   |
| Louisville No. 1 ..... | 122.74  |
| Louisville No. 2 ..... | 70.00   |
| Lexington No. 2 .....  | 11.18   |
| Richmond ..            | 8.35    |
| Sand Hill .....        | 12.00   |
| Grove ..               | 3.70    |
| Individuals ..         | 6.80    |

Total .....

\$271.44  
C. RUSSELL, Treas.

A GENERAL meeting for the Sabbath-keepers in the land of Judson was held October 9-19. This meeting in far-off Burma will serve to their field much as does the annual camp-meeting in the local home field.