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JUNIOR READING COURSE

Lesson 2.- Si Yong's Troubles

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NOTES

A GLIMPSE AT CHINA'S SORROW.—It was time for evening worship at the mission. Suddenly there came a loud knocking at the outer door, and a breathless messenger begged for help for some one who had taken opium. Soon two missionaries were on their way.

An hour brought them back with this sad story. A little girl only fourteen years old lay in an outer room, struggling violently. The court was full of excited men and women, who were shouting to one another. It was impossible to do anything to relieve the little sufferer in all this confusion, and finally they succeeded in removing her to another room. She refused to take the medicine, and said that she longed to die, and would not live. She had been sold into this family when only six years old, to be the wife of one of the sons. Her mother-in-law had beaten her cruelly. Finally the missionaries succeeded in forcing her to take some of the medicine, and when they left her, she was out of danger. Many times the workers are called to help some one who has attempted to commit suicide by taking opium.

A CHINESE WEDDING is far different from one in our own land. There the young man and his future bride may never have seen each other. All the arrangements are made by the parents. Much money is spent in preparations for the marriage feast, and friends and relatives gather from far and near. The bride is brought to her husband's home in the bridal chair. On a table in the court stand two cups of wine. The bride drops on her knees before this table, striking her head three times on the ground, in worship of heaven, earth, and the ancestors. The bridegroom goes through the same ceremony, and then they are both seated at the table, where each tastes the wine, and cups are exchanged. This completes the ceremony, after which comes the marriage feast.

THE BOXER REBELLION was really a plan of the Chinese government to stamp out every

trace of Western civilization and Christianity. The Chinese, in their superstition, believe that famine and pestilence of every kind result from these evil influences. There had been a long-continued drought, and millions of the people believed that the time had come to rid the country of those who were the cause of their trouble. Reports were circulated that the foreigners had poisoned the wells and food, and that they had cast spells on families and houses. Printed circulars, telling horrible stories about the foreigners, were freely distributed. Men were called upon to rise and "sweep the foreign devils into the sea."

For months the Boxer bands continued to create more or less disturbance, but the real rebellion began on the night of May 27, 1900. Then a large company of armed men destroyed a part of the railway line, and burned six mission stations. All the native Christians and foreigners were obliged to flee for their lives, and many were cruelly murdered before they could reach a place of safety. Finally the foreign troops succeeded in restoring quiet, and the missionaries went back to their work. Shall we not do all that we can to help them tell the story of the Saviour's love in a country where "a million a month are dying without God"?

THE SIEGE OF PEKING is a story of the brave defense of that city during the Boxer revolution. On the 8th of June, 1900, the Chinese government warned all missionaries and foreigners to leave. This they could not do, and so they left their homes and the missions, and all gathered at the foreign legation buildings, which were located in one certain part of the city. Here for nine long weeks they defended themselves against thousands of excited Chinese who were eager to kill them. There was not food enough for all, and many suffered from hunger and exposure. At last relief came, and the missionaries sent this telegram to America (It is found in Ps. 124:7): "Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we are escaped."

Our Work in China.—The first Seventhday Adventist worker in China was Brother La Rue, who began work in the city of Hong

Kong in 1887. Some of the Chinese became deeply interested in the truth, and translated tracts, which Brother La Rue printed. In 1902 help was sent from America, and since then many young people have responded to urgent calls from different parts of this needy field. Hundreds of Chinese have now heard the story of the Saviour's soon coming. The printing office is at Shanghai. A paper, the Gospel Herald, and books and leaflets are published in the Chinese language Elder I. H. Evans is now in China, visiting the missionaries at the different stations.

FLORIDA ITEMS

MISS MAUD KYNETT of Bartow is visiting her sister, Dr. L. E. Parmele, at the Orlando Sanitarium.

Elder R. W. Parmele is now attending the Union Conference meeting at Nashville.

Brother C. V. Achenbach attended the Bookmen's Convention at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30 to Jan. 6, by invitation of the Southern Publishing Association.

Elder C. B. Stephenson spent Sabbath and Sunday, Dec. 26, 27, at Jennings Lake. While there he baptized nine, six of whom united with the Jennings Lake church.

Bartow was favored with a visit from Elder and Dr. Parmele Dec. 23-28. Their visit was much appreciated at the office, as was also their presence at the quarterly meeting. The meeting Sabbath was a good one, in which the Lord came very near. One family of five who have begun the observance of the Sabbath expressed a desire to become united with the church. Two of these are youth who, we hope, may develop into workers for the Master's service. Sunday evening Elder Parmele spoke to an interested and good-sized congregation.

Most interesting and encouraging reports' have come in from all the Sabbath-schools so very early. These early reports are greatly appreciated. One Home Department writes: "We are starting the new year with a determination to do something for the Lord. We used twenty of the Thanksgiving Reviews and collected \$9. Please order us twenty-five of the January Watchman as soon as pos-

sible." Two of the family have volunteered to sell the January number of the Watchman, and then they will change, and two other members of the family will sell the next number. If all our isolated members were at work, there would be many beacon-lights scattered through the conference. The Home Department of the Sabbath-school is an excellent help in the training of our youth and children. Although we cannot meet with others of like faith, we need not be deprived of the blessings of the Sabbath-school, for we can take it to our homes.

A tent effort was begun in Jacksonville, Jan. I, by Elders Page Shepard and J. W. Manns. A few weeks since, when they went to Jacksonville, they could not get permission to pitch the tent for meetings, and the way seemed hedged up. The many disadvantages which the brethren have had to meet there, and the condition of things now reveals the fact that the way is fast closing up, and what can be done to bring the light to these people must be done quickly. They now have permission to hold tent-meetings, and have a good and growing interest. They desire the prayers of all for the work there.

ORANGE MILLS AND HASTINGS, FLORIDA

THE meetings here have come to a close, and the tent will next go to Daytona, where Elder R. W. Parmele will join us and take the lead in an effort there beginning about Jan. 15.

The meetings here have been quite successful, and the workers were made glad by seeing twelve precious souls take their stand with God's commandment-keeping people. Seven of these are at Orange Mills and five at Hastings. Seven are awaiting baptism.

We believe that a good company can soon be organized there and a church building erected.

Our address and that of Brother C. P. Whitford will now be Daytona, Fla., where we shall immediately begin to prepare for the meetings there.

W. H. Branson.

THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

WITH grateful hearts we feel to thank God for his prospering hand that is attending his work in our conference.

In the month of December I visited the Cedar Grove church near Madison, Tenn. Brethren Parmele and Bollman had been holding meetings here with good interest. It was good to meet with this little church. Five were added to their number, and a full list of officers were elected.

Sabbath, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2, I spent with the Memphis church No. 1. Here a full list of officers were elected. Brethren A. N. Attebury and F. T. Wales were ordained elders, and Brother Charley Allen deacon. The many new Sabbath-keepers here are a cause of rejoicing for the blessings of God in our work in Memphis last summer and fall. In spite of the opposition of the enemy, the work here is progressing steadily.

Brother Kilgore has been doing excellent

work in Jackson, Tenn., and is now holding meetings at Leach. Some here are accepting the truth. This place is where Brother Samuel Fulton's tent was burned twenty-five years ago. This is the third church organized in the South, and the little log house they built is standing yet, with some improvements. It is where Brother Kilgore is holding meetings; also where the writer was born into this truth twenty-three years ago.

The work at the Hazel school is going finely. Professor Rowe says the students have never done better work. They are getting down to business. At this place our canvassers' institute will be held, beginning the 28th. Let every one wishing to attend write Brother C. F. Parmele at Madison, Tenn., and make arrangements at once. We expect the best institute ever held in the conference.

W. R. Burrow.

NORTH CAROLINA FIELD NOTES

Brethren Lanier and Underwood are pushing the work at our capital city, Raleigh. Sister Lanier will join them the fore part of January. Sister Anna F. Drake of Winston-Salem will also connect with the work there the first of January, handling our magazine, the Watchman. Pray for those who have been asked to connect with the work at this center of influence, that the seed sown may yield fruit for the kingdom of God.

The workers at Concord are enjoying their new calling. O, how much we have to be thankful for in the privilege of laboring for the Master.

Brother J. P. Allran writes that his courage is good, and that he enjoys the work.

. We are glad to be associated with Brother O. R. Steed in our field work.

I certainly appreciate the earnestness characterized by our field men, and the ambition they manifest by staying with their work.

H. B. TILDEN.

TO OUR COLORED BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF MISSISSIPPI

THE canvassing institute for the colored people will be held at Kings, a town on the Illinois Central Railway, five miles north of Vicksburg. The institute will begin on Jan 26 at 9 A. M.

Your board will be furnished free and car fare paid one way. Good help is promised me, and the best of all, we expect the presence of the Spirit of God.

There are in Mississippi about 1,200,000 colored people to be warned, and should you not desire to act your part in this work? We ought to have fifty or more of our colored believers in Mississippi going from house to house with our books, which are laden with precious, soul-saving truths.

This institute will afford all a golden opportunity to get a preparation for this line of missionary work. Those who are thinking of attending, should write to me immediately, so I can arrange for them. If you wish to come, and difficulties are in your way, write to me about them, and perhaps I can help to remove them.

I hope to hear soon from a goodly number. Please bring some bedding, your Bibles, song books, and such books as "Coming King," "Bible Footlights," "Great Controversy," "Early Writings," etc., if you have any of them.

My address, until Jan. 18, will be Amory, Miss. After that date it will be Jackson, Miss., R. F. D. 2.

H. G. MILLER, Field Missionary Agent.

SILER CITY AND MEADOWS, N. C.

In harmony with the advice of the conference committee, I began meetings in a country school-house near Siler City, Sept I. On account of prejudice, the attendance was very small. I have moved my family to this place, and since we began house to house work, many are more favorable, and we expect to see some take their stand for the truth.

Mrs. Killen and myself held a ten-days' meeting at Meadows. As a result, seven precious souls took their stand firmly for the truth. We organized a Sabbath-school, and appointed a leader for the company. Others took a new stand for the truth, and thirteen are awaiting baptism.

We are glad to have a part in the great work of winning souls to Christ. The truth is more dear to us, if possible, than ever before. Pray for us, brethren, that the good work may continue to the glory of God.

W. L. KILLEN.

TO OUR CHURCHES IN ALABAMA

Another year, with all its blessings and privileges, is in the past. Another year, with all its responsibilities, is before us. The past year has been a history-making year in efforts to secure religious legislation. What will be accomplished along this line in 1909 can be judged only by the prophetic word, and by the developments we see in the world to-day.

As considered from the standpoint of present developments, especially in the federation of churches, which stands for legislation to protect Sunday as a rest-day, it should become a live and important question to every American citizen who prizes the dearly-bought principles of religious liberty. Understanding these things as God has revealed them to us, what is our duty in revealing these truths to our fellow men? In Testimonies, Vol. 5, page 711, we read: "A great crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us. Events which for more than forty years we have, upon the authority of the prophetic word, declared to be impending, are now taking place before our eyes. ... The question of enforcing Sunday observance has become one of national interest and importance." While legislation for the enforcement of the observance of Sunday 15 being agitated and demanded, are we doing all we can to stay the hand of persecution until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads?

In the same volume, page 714, are the following words: "We are not doing the will of

God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience." We are glad that great good has been accomplished in the past, but we believe that the present developments demand greater zeal and stronger efforts on our part, that the hand of persecution may be stayed a little longer.

Following the last quotation, on page 715, we read: "The people need to be aroused in regard to the dangers of the present time." As God's people, let us become aroused ourselves, that we may be faithful watchmen on the wall to warn the people of the coming danger. Let us see if we cannot find an opportunity for all to do something in sounding the notes of warning.

Let us hear what the Lord says concerning this important and neglected subject: "The Sentinel [now Liberty] is like a trumpet giving a certain sound; and all our people [not merely a few] should read it carefully, and then send it to some relative or friend, thus putting to the best use the light that God has given them."—Test., Vol. 5, p. 718.

What is the duty of our workers in this matter? -- "Let every worker for God comprehend the situation, and place the Sentinel [Liberty] before our churches." So let us, as workers together with God, as we go out among the churches, place this matter before them in all its importance. Let our church elders bring it before the churches in its true light. Let there be a revival in all our churches in Alabama in this matter. Liberty is within the reach of all. Let clubs be taken in all the churches, and let the true missionary spirit be revived, and let us do all we can to make our neighbors and friends acquainted with the coming danger. Let every true lover of liberty spring to the front, and with courage and zeal work together until the work is finished, and the Saviour comes to reward his faithful children.

Any item of special interest along this line that may be found in the local papers, would be thankfully received.

E. L. Iles, Religious Liberty Sec. Cullman, Ala.

SOSO. MISS.

I AM always glad to get REPORT of PROGRESS, and note all the reports from different parts of the field.

It has occurred to me that others might like to see something from me; and that in order to make the paper true to name, all should send in such items as would show the progress in the little garden spots as well as in the fields.

Our little company near Soso has set its motto "To come behind in no gift," and so we have done what we could to help out all along, in every advance move in this message. Therefore, when I saw from the Review that there would be a special mission number, I began to plan for it, beginning school a week sooner than I would have done, in order to get off one week to take part in the good work of soliciting means for the cause.

I had the names of some people,—one M. E. minister in Meridian, and two principals of

CANVASSING REPORT

For Week Ending Dec. 26, 1908 Southern Union Conference

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the public schools in Ellisville and Laurel, whom I had promised that I would lecture at their respective places, at some convenient time, on India. I wrote them, making engagements. Sunday night, Nov. 22, in the church in Meridian, I began my work. The people enjoyed the lecture, and the Lord gave me a donation of \$6.35. (There were some Seventh-day Adventist brethren present, and most of it was from them.)

Thence I went to Ellisville, and lectured to a goodly number, students and older people, Tuesday P. M. and at night, in the school hall. At the close I sold papers at ten cents each. Wednesday I visited Laurel, and arranged to give a talk on India following their school entertainment Thanksgiving day.

I returned to Ellisville, and found a man waiting for me at the station to go and fill an engagement they had made for me at the C. M. E. church that night. I went direct to the church from the station. There was a goodly number present, and the interest was excellent. The minister was so pleased with the talk that he invited me to go to his church in Laurel the following Sunday and lecture there. Of course I accepted. At the close, I sold papers again.

Thursday I went to Laurel to meet my school engagement. I had a good experience, and sold a number of papers. After resting at home over Sabbath and Sunday, I got up at 5 A. M., drove five miles to Soso, and caught the train to Laurel, where I gave my lecture at the C. M. E. church according to promise. It being Sunday and at church, I did not sell papers, but they took up a collection, and I gave away some papers. We had a good time, and God gave me favor with the people.

On my return Sunday night, I found that my sister, who worked among the home folk, had received \$1.91, and one of the boys got \$1.10. This, with what I had gathered, made the sum of \$25.60, which we sent in to the treasurer at once.

I have organized a little Foreign Missionary Society, for a year, in a Baptist church in Lamar County, where I did some canvassing and Bible work while visiting a friend. I wrote to this friend, who is a Sabbath-keeper, and sent twenty-five papers, requesting that the members be given one, and asked for a donation. In about ten days I received a good letter with \$2.40. This I have sent in also. We used two hundred papers.

The work is onward here, and our courage is good.

Anna Knight.

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McKinney	3.83
Richmond	9.00
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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.

The newly elected Board of Directors of the Southern Publishing Association is as follows: C. F. McVagh, I. A. Ford, C. P. Bollman, A. F. Harrison, L. A. Smith, W. A. Westworth, P. T. Magan, R. Hook, Jr., Leroy Pierce. The officers are C. F. McVagh, president; I. A. Ford, vice-president and business manager; R. Hook, Jr., secretary and treasurer.

The Bookmen's Convention closes to-day (Jan. 6). A real live interest has been taken in the subjects presented, and the way the bookmen feel is indicated by such remarks as, "This convention has been worth more to me than three or four camp-meetings." "It has been too short; that is all that is the matter." We believe it will give a new impetus to this important branch of the work.

The address of Elder A. O. Burrill, president of the Kentucky Conference, is Milledgeville, Ky.; that of Mrs. Clara Russell, secretary and treasurer, is 108 East Gray Street, Louisville, Ky.; and that of C. F. Dart, field missionary agent, is 116 East Jacob Street, Louisville, Ky. Those having occasion to write to these officers would do well to cut out this note and preserve it.

The first number of the magazine Watchman is just issuing from the press. Those who have seen the matter in this number pronounce it very excellent, "a strong number." The report of the Church Federation Convention, held in Philadelphia early in December, is an exceedingly important and timely article, setting forth, as it does, not only the acts of the Convention, but the underlying principles of the movement and its probable results. The Editor of the Watchman attended the Convention, and received his in-

formation at first hand. This number should receive a wide circulation, and we trust that this will be the case.

THE school board of the Ft. Ogden church and intermediate school would like to secure a man teacher whose wife could take charge of the school home. There are forty-five acres of land and three school buildings composing the school property. This is an excellent opportunity for some one. Address the chairman, W. F. Martin, Ft. Ogden, Fla.

THE January number of Life and Health comes to our table with improved appearance and increased size,—sixty-four pages filled with timely instruction for the preservation of health during the winter months. The valuable improvements make this magazine an easy seller. The publishers have very generously decided to give the agents the full benefit of the expensive improvements, continuing to furnish the magazine in quantity for selling at the same price as before, four cents a copy when twenty-five or more are ordered at a time. Send in your orders.

NORTH CAROLINA, NOTICE!

A CANVASSERS' institute for North Carolina will be held Feb. 5-17, 1909. Brother V. O. Cole, our union conference general agent, and Brother H. B. Tilden, our state agent, will both be present to give instruction. The writer also hopes to be present during a large part of the time. We want every present or prospective canvasser to begin at once to plan to be present. The work of God is onward. Let us rally to the call, and have a part in this preparation for more efficient service. I cannot at this time definitely announce the place, but will do this next week.

T. H. JEYS.

THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE

Those who have seen sample pages of the first magazine number of the Watchman are greatly pleased with the manner in which this paper takes up the subject of church federation in the United States, and also deals with other historical and current events which bear upon the subject of the United States in prophecy. This number is well calculated to arouse interest in these important subjects, and get the truth about our times into the hands of interested readers.

On account of unfortunate and unavoidable delays, it was found impossible to get this paper ready as soon as was anticipated. When it was seen that it could not be mailed the first of January, the large delegation of workers attending the Bookmen's Convention and Union Conference meeting, then in session at Nashville, advised the publishers to put out this first magazine number as the February issue instead of the January issue. This is being done. The paper is being mailed at the earliest possible date. Those who have ordered the January number will receive the magazine which they ordered, but it will appear as the February number.

Thus those desiring to work with it will have ample time to sell many copies. Orders for this issue are being filled. This first number will be excellent to handle throughout the month of February, and future orders for same will be filled promptly. Who will take hold of this good work? The magazine retails at ten cents per copy, and will be supplied to agents as follows:—

5 to 24 copies, 5 cents each.
25 to 499 copies, 4 cents each.
500 to 1,000 copies, 3 1-2 cents each.
Send orders to the Watchman, 2123 24th
Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

NOTICE TO GEORGIA

THE CO-OPERATIVE PLAN

Dear brethren and sisters, I feel sure that you are very anxious about the progress of the canvassing work in Georgia. I believe this because you have manifested an interest in it, and are still doing so. The Lord has blessed us in the canvassing work in our state the past year; for this we are grateful, and it gives us courage to push on a little harder this year.

We wish to thank those who have been with us the past year for their faithfulness and hearty co-operation. And we also wish to thank those who have opened their doors, and have given some of our canvassers a good *free* home over Sabbath and Sunday. This has been a great help to the work, and I feel sure the Lord will remember them when he makes up his jewels.

Now I wonder how many more there are who would be pleased to give a good canvasser or two a free home over Sabbath and Sunday for the sake of having their city or county worked. I believe there are some; and when our institute closes, Jan. 26, we expect to have several canvassers to enter new territory. So we would like to have you write us as soon as you can, telling us how much you can help in this co-operative work.

We shall be pleased to hear from some in middle and southern Georgia. The Lord has most wonderfully blessed the work the past year, helping us to deliver about \$4,446.29 worth of books against \$2,635.91 worth last year. We are thankful for this gain, but we hope to do even better next year. May the Lord bless us all.

A. L. Manous, Field Agent. 54 Beecher Street, Atlanta, Ga.

ALABAMA

THERE will be held, the Lord willing, a canvassers' institute for our colored members, in Birmingham, March 4 to 17.

Elder Haysmer, Brother A. F. Harrison, and the writer will be present.

We expect this institute to be a first-class one, and all of our colored canvassers and those thinking of taking up this line of work should attend.

All who plan to attend please let me know. Address me Box 623, Fort Payne, Ala.

R. I. KEATE.