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## GENERAL CONFERENCE DAILY BULLETIN

THE next session of the General Conference, May 13 to June 6, 1909, being destined to be the largest, and in every respect the most important, council ever held by this denomination, the General Conference Committee, anticipating the desire of our people for a fuller and more perfect report of the proceedings than can be given in the regular issues of the *Review*, have decided to issue a *Daily Bulletin* during the session, and mail it out promptly each day to all who order it. *The General Conference Daily Bulletin* will, therefore, be entered as a second-class publication to run only for the time of the Conference, twenty-five days, and then cease.

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No family of our people can afford to be without the *Bulletin*, containing reports of the coming session of the General Conference. It will be worth many times its price. Order as early as possible. Do not wait until nearly the time of the conference, and be disappointed by not getting the first issues promptly.

Remember that the price of the *Bulletin* is 50 cents for the time of the General Conference.

THE normal occupation of created beings is praising God.

If you are a Christian, there is something in your countenance which indicates the fact to those you meet.

## JUNIOR READING COURSE

### Lesson 2.—Paz, a Mexican Drunkard's Daughter

"Child Life in Mission Lands," pages 52-62.  
Test Questions, page 62.

(It would be well to notice in connection with this lesson the article on "The History of Mexico," which will appear in the *Instructor* of February 2.)

#### NOTES.

THE PEOPLE AND CUSTOMS OF MEXICO.—There are many strange and interesting things to be seen in the country which is so close to ours that it is often called our "next-door neighbor." The houses are one story high and made of mud or sun-dried bricks with only one entrance which leads into an open court. Among the poorer people you will often see the dogs, cats, pigs, and chickens sharing the house with the family. When the Mexican wishes to make bread, he takes the wheat and places it between two large stones. These he rubs back and forth until his flour is ready. Then he mixes it with water and bakes it in a flat cake. This the people eat with their vegetables.

One very strange article of dress is a long shawl, called a *rebozo*, which the women wear. This is dropped on the head, one end falling in front of the left shoulder, and the other end is passed in front of the face and thrown behind the left shoulder. It serves as a head-dress, cloak, basket, baby-wagon, and in general for anything that is to be carried. The men wear a long blanket called a *serape*. Often a hole is cut in the middle of this, and it is slipped over the head. At other times it is thrown about the shoulders.

Most of the people who use any shoes at all wear sandals. These are made from a piece of leather with holes around the edge for strings to lace over the foot. The hat of the average native has a very high pointed crown and a broad brim.

In every Mexican city the water-carriers are numerous. A large earthen jar is slung on the back, supported by a strap which passes over the forehead. To balance this, a smaller jar is hung in front. This is supported by a strap over the top of the head. All sorts of

boxes, trunks, and furniture are carried on the shoulders of men. One reason for this is because the streets are so narrow and crowded that it is difficult for carts to pass through them.

OUR WORK IN MEXICO.—In November, 1893, our first missionary, Elder D. T. Jones, went to Mexico. He began work in Guadalajara, the second largest city in the republic. Later in the year Miss Osborne opened a kindergarten, which soon grew into a mission school with an enrolment of twenty-five. A sanitarium was also built at this place. The first Spanish Seventh-day Adventist paper was published at Mexico City in the year 1896. It was called *El Amigo de la Verdad* (*The Friend of Truth*.) Two years ago the Pacific Press gave the Mexican Mission a cylinder press, and many books and tracts are being published and placed in the hands of the people by our faithful canvassers. Elder Reaser has recently gone from Southern California to work in this field. There are now in this dark Catholic land about 140 Sabbath-keepers.

## ALABAMA CONFERENCE AND INSTITUTE

THE canvassers' institute and the conference just held at Birmingham, Ala., were both well attended. The papers prepared on the different subjects were excellent, showing thought and careful preparation as well as experience. Elder McVagh and Brethren A. F. Harrison and I. A. Ford from the Southern Union Conference gave us valuable help and instruction. The year 1909 is before us with all of its opportunities and blessings. May the Lord enable his workers to go forth from this institute with renewed consecration and zeal.

The churches in the state were quite well represented at the conference. The committees appointed to do the work of the conference were selected by a large committee representing all parts of the conference. In this way all had a voice in the proceedings, so the work was not done by a few. The following recommendations were discussed and adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That we express our thanks

to God for his continued blessings and for the degree of success that has attended the work of the message during the past year, and that we hereby renew our consecration, pledging greater faithfulness in duty and service.

2. *We recommend*, That our ministers and church elders co-operate with the state agent in setting before the churches the importance of the canvassing work, and that the churches be urged to select those of their number who have a burden for this work and uphold them by their earnest prayers and by their means.

3. *We recommend*, That an effort be made to cover the entire state with our literature in 1909, and to assist in doing this that a fund be raised for the purpose of holding institutes, assisting canvassers, and purchasing tracts for free distribution by the canvassers.

4. *We recommend*, as far as possible, the company plan of work for canvassers.

5. *We recommend*, That the canvassers be asked to furnish the names of interested persons to the secretary for missionary purposes.

6. *We recommend*, That at least one new tent 40 x 60 or thereabouts be provided for the colored work, and that the same be well equipped with lights and help.

7. *We recommend*, That a strong tent effort and camp-meeting for the colored people be held in Montgomery this summer.

8. *We recommend*, That two tents for the colored people and three for the whites be operated in the conference during the coming tent season.

9. *Resolved*, That we co-operate with the Southern Missionary Society in their work in this conference.

10. *We recommend*, That all our Sabbath-school offerings be given to foreign mission work.

11. *We recommend*, That church officers and parents encourage all our young people to take up the young people's Reading Course.

12. *We recommend* all our churches to take the *Watchman* in clubs for missionary purposes, and that individuals be selected and encouraged to devote their time to the sale of the paper.

13. *We earnestly recommend*, That all our people co-operate with the Religious Liberty Department by circulating petitions against religious legislation and by distributing Religious Liberty literature, and selling and taking subscriptions for *Liberty*.

14. *Whereas*, The future of Gadsden presents a very encouraging aspect, and as the present place of worship cannot accommodate the members and visitors; therefore resolved that the conference do all in their power to push the work in that field, and assist the brethren there in their effort to erect a small church building.

15. *We recommend*, That the Alabama Conference encourage the work of the colored sanitarium in Birmingham and give it moral support.

16. *Resolved*, That we indorse the action of the conference committee in donating the proceeds of one hundred copies of "Monitor of Health" and the "Christ's Object Lessons" on hand to the canvasser's fund.

17. In view of the importance of church organization, we recommend that before organizing a church, the conference committee be informed, and either the conference president or one of the conference committee whom he may choose, attend to same.

18. *We recommend*, That great care be exercised in receiving members into the church; that they be thoroughly examined, and that the church officers be counseled with before the names are presented to the church.

19. *We recommend*, That the Selma church be received into the Alabama Conference.

The officers elected for the present year are: President, A. J. Haysmer; Secretary and Treasurer, Helen McKinnon; Field Missionary Agent, R. I. Keate; Secretary Educational, Sabbath-School, and Missionary Volunteer Departments, Helen McKinnon; Religious Liberty Secretary, E. L. Iles; Executive Committee, A. J. Haysmer, A. F. Prieger, F. W. Halladay, R. I. Keate, T. B. Buckner; Field Missionary Secretary, R. I. Keate; Medical Secretary, Dr. Amy Bascom.

Ministerial credentials were given to A. J. Haysmer, E. Van Deusen, T. B. Buckner, W. S. Cruzan; ministerial license to H. W. Jones, J. H. Lawrence, E. L. Iles, Ross Lindsay; missionary license to Miss Helen McKinnon, R. I. Keate, Geo. Peters, and D. V. Barnes; canvasser's licenses to Benj. Griffiths, H. A. Lynd, W. A. Nelson, P. W. Paulson, Carl Matthews, H. L. Waters, A. F. Prieger, O. A. Prieger, E. A. Keate, D. C. Wolff, W. H. Waite, Mrs. W. R. Elliott, Mrs. H. T. Moore, Miss Mamie Hawkins, Miss May Vaughn, Mrs. M. J. Shaffer, W. C. Wales, M. L. Ivory, I. W. Peevy, George Brown. That all other names be referred to the conference committee.

The tithe received for the seventeen months commencing July 1, 1907, amounting to \$4,590.14.

The meeting closed with an encouraging address from Elder McVagh. He was glad to be with us and become acquainted with the workers, and felt assured that in our work we had done the best we knew how.

HELEN MCKINNON, *Sec. Ala. Conf.*

### "CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME"

WHILE working with the special *Review* during Thanksgiving week, our pleas for donations in behalf of foreign missions were frequently met with—"We have heathen at home, and so many poor at our door; I have nothing for foreign missions." "I don't believe in sending our money away." "I have no interest in those people, and have not one cent to give them." "Charity begins at home."

"Well, my friend, I suppose you believe that Christ came to this world to save you and me?" "Yes, I do." "Then are you not glad he came to this foreign land?" "Yes, I am." "Now, my brother, if he had not believed in foreign missions, and had imbibed the theory that 'Charity begins at home,' he would have remained at home, in heaven. Then what would have become of you and

me?" "Well, we would have been lost." "You are certainly right in that." "So now we see that the doctrine, 'Charity begins at home,' is not of heavenly origin." No, my friend, that is not true. Christ came to this dark heathen land to seek and save that which was lost. He left all; his Father sent him to a lost and ruined race of rebels. So Christ now says, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." "Go ye, into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

R. M. KILGORE.

### A LIFT FOR LIBERTY

THE forces which are rapidly undermining the freedom of this government have been very active during the past two years. With prompt and decided effort our Religious Liberty Bureau has met the onward progress of the enemy. Over \$1,000 worth of literature has been distributed in recent campaigns.

Much remains to be done, for the conflict is waxing fiercer. The movement for religious legislation is making headway under such a guise of religion that many honest souls will be swept along with the wave of popularity, aid in making the image to the beast, and at last land in perdition with the beast and his image, unless faithful and constant effort is made to save these souls from the destruction that is upon the world. The religious liberty work is a phase of gospel work—rescue work—which cannot be given up or neglected in this stage of the controversy without imperiling many souls. This work belongs to the whole body of Seventh-day Adventists. It is ours to help bear the expense burden and to lift in any way that we can.

Sabbath, February 6, is the day appointed for taking the annual offering for the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference. This department will stand in great need of funds during the year. A large sum should be raised on this date, as this is the only offering to be taken for the general work.

Church elders and leaders of companies in South Carolina, please remember this occasion, and see that the reading in the *Review* of January 28 is read before the offering is collected.

E. W. CAREY,

*Sec. Religious Liberty Dept. S. C.*  
Aiken, S. C.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OFFERING IN ALABAMA

A GENERAL could do but little in subduing an enemy unless the soldiers under his command obeyed orders, and fell in line in time for battle.

There is power in concerted harmony and concentrated action. If this be true in regard to earthly affairs, and necessary in order to be victorious in battle where carnal weapons are used, how much more important then, in regard to the great battle between the kingdom

of God and the power of darkness. Satan, as the general of the army of the power of darkness, has marshaled his host of evil angels for the last conflict. All who understand the truths for this time, know that it will be a sharp conflict, but the kingdom of righteousness will be victorious. To aid in this great battle against the power of darkness, we are requested to take up a special offering Sabbath, February 6, in the interest of the religious liberty work. By what we have seen and do see around us, we know that the battle is on. We must fall in line; we must work together in harmony. Satan is endeavoring to keep means out of the work. We read in "Spiritual Gifts," Vol. 1, page 128, that Satan told his angels that the churches were asleep. "But," said he, "the sect of Sabbath-keepers we hate; they are continually working against us, and taking from us our subjects, to keep the hated law of God. Go, make the possessors of land and money drunk with cares. If you can, make them place their affections upon these things, we will have them yet. They may profess what they please, only make them care more for money than for the success of Christ's kingdom, or the spread of the truth we hate. Present the world before them in the most attractive light, that they may love and idolize it. We must keep in our ranks all the means of which we can gain control. The more means the followers of Christ devote to his service, the more will they injure our kingdom by getting our subjects."

While Satan and his angels are endeavoring to keep our means out of the work, shall we not donate all the more liberally, that his purposes may be defeated and the work victoriously advanced? We hope all the churches in Alabama will do nobly in donating to this important branch of the great work, and thus help in defeating our great adversary. Remember the date, Sabbath, Feb. 6. Let the elders of the churches do all they can to get a liberal offering for this important work at this special time.

E. L. ILES, *Religious Liberty Sec.*

**WHILE THE DAY LASTS**

It will not last long. Your day, my day, the world's day, the day of opportunity, the day of grace, the day of salvation, all days are swiftly passing away; and the great day, the last day, will surely and speedily come. Now there is opportunity for us to work; by and by the time will be past.

While it is day, we may work the work of God, and do what he has commanded us. But if we idle this present opportunity away, it will never return, and the neglect of to-day may never be repaired. To-morrow will bring the work for to-morrow, and every day and every year will bring its appropriate duties. Let the work of to-day be done to-day, and then we may calmly await the coming of the morrow, if the morrow shall ever come.—*Selected.*

**CANVASSING REPORT  
For Week Ending Jan. 9, 1909  
Southern Union Conference**

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
H L Waters.....	BFL	6	\$12 75	
E A Keate.....	BFL	34	34 00	3 00
Reginald Etheredge ..	BFL	34	31 00	
W C Wales.....	BFL	20	18 00	1 00
M L Ivory.....	BFL	48	3 00	2 85
Mrs M J Shaffer..	BFL BS	19	30 20	1 65
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
John Harzman .....	GC	28	3 60	8 60
A B Cheek 2w.....	MISC	39	29 25	8 75
O F Frank 2w.....	D&R	48	87 00	31 00
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Mrs Alice Reynolds..	BFL	36	15 25	1 50
M J Weber.....	BFL GP	26		38 10
J S Moore.....	MISC	23	1 25	16 55
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
M C Whitmarsh.....	BR	15	55 00	
W H Haddon.....	Mo/N	20	21 50	4 45
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
H C Balsbaugh.....	so/p	28	34 15	
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	15	9 00	
J S Moore.....	MISC	23	14 55	16 55
Mamie Moore .....	D&R	28	33 10	2 45
C H McColrey.....	D&R	25	13 00	2 75

**CANVASSERS, CHARGE!**

Go on, brave canvasser, and true,  
Bear forth the burden borne to you;  
And send the sacred heralds forth  
To East and West, to South and North.

Emboldened by the truth you love,  
Empowered by all heaven above,  
To every human dwelling bear  
The burden of the word "Prepare."

"A little while,"—ah, sweet release!—  
And Jesus to the home of peace  
Will bid his faithful servants here  
To tread the streets of gold up there.

ALBERT CAREY.

R. F. D. 5, Hickory, N. C.

**NOT**

BEHOLD how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to watch each other, and note every failure and magnify every mistake. Observe the deep satisfaction that wells up in the heart as the weak points are held up and subjected to examination. Discern the deep, abiding joy that results from a careful array of skilful criticism. How the mind enlarges, and the faculties expand, as the faults and frailties of our fallible fellow mortals are brought to view.

How like a sweet morsel under the tongue is the recital of the naughty ways, questionable doings, and dark and devious paths of earth's erring ones.

And how doubly dear is it all, if it is a brother in the church whose faults are thus exposed and published and blazed abroad. With what unbounded satisfaction to all concerned is such effort crowned.

On looking over the above article I notice that a certain word has been omitted. Sometimes the omission of a single word makes considerable difference. Sometimes people make a similar omission and mistake in their lives. Do I?  
T. H. JEYS.

**RECAPITULATION**

Alabama Conference....	161	128	95	8 50
Louisiana Conference....	115	119	85	48 35
Kentucky Conference....	85	16	50	56 15
Mississippi Conference...	35	76	50	4 45
Tennessee River Conf... 119	103	80	21 75	
Totals ..	515	445	60	139 20

**Southeastern Union Conference**

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE				
Fred Meister .....	BFL	35	28 45	2 10
F B Sedore.....	BFL	36	38 15	70
W S Fulbright.....	D&R	28	8 85	
E A Clarke.....	D&R	28	8 85	
G A Slade.....	D&R	31	5 00	2 00
GEORGIA CONFERENCE				
Thos Henderson ..	PAPERS	14		8 10
Mrs R O Terry.....	D&R BS	30	58 50	2 90
J J Jobe.....	BR	28	12 85	9 25
J D Andrews.....	GC	18		3 50
J A Kimmell.....	GC	25	37 10	3 35
Martin Grim .....	D&R	32	8 00	1 00
J A Sudduth.....	BFL	38	7 50	2 00
FLORIDA CONFERENCE				
Wm J Hamer.....	BFL	30	54 00	
Gracie Hunter .....	BFL	39	17 50	3 75
John C Hamer.....	BFL	24	39 00	
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
Neill Q Smith.....	CK	10	7 15	20 15
G L Kerley.....	D&R	41	30 00	2 00
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE				
Mrs E A Wing.....	so/p BS	18	20 10	85
Rose Lull .....	D&R BS	27	14 95	
C E Sutton.....	BFL	13	9 50	1 00
G B Case.....	BFL	12		8 50
Joseph Revans.....	GC	28		17 50
RECAPITULATION				
Cumberland Conference..	158	89	30	5 15
Georgia Conference.....	185	123	95	30 10
Florida Conference .....	93	110	50	3 75
North Carolina Conf....	51	37	15	22 15
South Carolina Conf....	98	44	55	27 85
Totals ..	585	405	45	89 00

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE TITHE  
For November, 1908**

Individual ..	\$ 1.50
Mansfield ..	8.40
Jennings ..	70.60
New Orleans No. 1 ..	73.97
Welsh ..	407.74
Shreveport ..	9.02
Lake Arthur ..	9.83
Hammond ..	17.77
Hayes ..	5.80
New Orleans No. 2 ..	16.10
Total ..	\$620.73

**For December**

Individual ..	\$39.75
New Orleans No. 1 ..	50.16
Welsh ..	72.06
Lake Arthur ..	62.85
Hammond ..	27.30
Hayes ..	10.00
Mixon ..	11.00
Total ..	\$273.12

MRS. C. A. SAXBY, *Treas.*

**THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE  
Canvassing Report for December, 1908**

Conf.	Ag'ts	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Deliv.
Miss. ..	5	428	108	\$107.75	\$268.95
Tenn. ..	12	596	100	234.85	561.35
Ky. ....	10	549	137	157.00	427.80
Ala. ..	13	385	150	261.35	518.50
La. ....	9	752	127	337.05	843.10
Totals ....	49	2710	622	\$1097.00	\$2619.70

A. F. HARRISON.

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## BY WAY OF REMINDER

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

Tennessee River, Hazel, Ky., Jan. 28 to Feb. 8.  
North Carolina, ———, Feb. 5-17.  
Kentucky, Bowling Green, beginning Feb. 7.  
Alabama, Birmingham, March 4-17.

THE article on the "Junior Reading Course" came too late to appear in REPORT OF PROGRESS of Jan. 19, so we publish it this week.

IF any one has a copy of the *Review* of Aug. 20, 1901, and would kindly send it to us, it would be conferring a great favor. Direct L. A. Smith, editor of the *Watchman*, 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

PLEASE send late clean copies of all our papers and tracts, a continuous supply, to Mrs. W. C. Wales, 815 S. Court Street, Montgomery, Ala.

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All our people know the true worth of the *Bulletin*, and should hail its return with delight, as it was very much missed at the last General Conference meeting, especially by those who were unable to attend the meetings. In order to get it entered at the Washington post-office, they must have a bona-fide

subscription list; hence we are asking early for subscriptions. We are anxious that every family in the different states and conferences shall have the *Bulletin*, so we would urge you to send in your orders to your state tract society as soon as possible after you read this announcement, that your secretary may be able to send the orders on, and not cause you disappointment.

Those who do not order until about the time of the conference, need not complain if they do not get the first issues promptly, even if they get them at all. Everything will be in a rush at the opening of the conference, and it will be impossible to receive orders and furnish back numbers after the conference opens. Please do all you can to get your orders to your secretaries as early as possible. Yours sincerely,

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS,  
Southern Union Conf. Missionary Secy.

## CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

WE wish to again call the attention of our people to the importance of this work of the Lord. During the year 1908 the Southern Publishing Association sent to our conference \$5,000 worth of books. Our faithful brethren and sisters placed these in the homes of the people of the state. This means much patient labor over hill and valley. Many thousand homes have been visited, and the message introduced by these missionaries for God.

February 7 is the time set for the institute at Bowling Green, Ky., to begin. Brethren A. F. Harrison and C. F. Dart will be in attendance to instruct those who are present. The writer expects to be present, and render such assistance as he can to this important work. The periodical work will soon be organized in the conference. We expect that this will have attention at this time. I had the pleasure of seeing the first number of the monthly *Watchman*. I am sure that this will be a seller. Let all who can, attend this institute. Address C. F. Dart, 116 E. Jacob St., Louisville, Ky., for further information.

A. O. BURRILL.

## THE RIGHT THING

IT cannot be too forcibly impressed upon our minds that we are living in the very days when the image of the beast is being formed. As individuals and as a people, we fail to sense the shortness of the time in which the giving of our message must be accomplished.

Every effort is being made to bring the powerful organizations in this country into line for Sunday laws. This is plainly shown by the article entitled "Church Federation: Its Aims and Meaning," in the February number of the *Watchman*. Not only is the truth of this matter made apparent, but the gospel message is so interwoven with the report that there is hardly an individual but will be deeply interested in reading the entire article.

This issue of the *Watchman* also takes up the Sunday law now before Congress. Other articles are entitled, "Our Nation in Bible

Prophecy," "A Dangerous Deception," "Federation in China," "Kitchen and Rum," "Another Great Earthquake," etc. The entire issue is beautifully illustrated, and sells readily at ten cents a copy. Agents wanted in every locality. Send \$1.00 for twenty-five copies, or write for further information. Address the *Watchman*, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

## THE ANNUAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OFFERING

WE hope that none of our people will forget the annual offering for the religious liberty work to be taken Sabbath, February 6. Should it be a bad day, and few attend meeting, or should those who go fail to go prepared to give, the offering would necessarily be small. But we are hoping for a liberal offering, as we are desirous of prosecuting this branch of our work with greater vigor than ever before. We shall wish to distribute a large amount of literature in our work this coming year, and carry on campaigns in various parts of the field. The demands upon us were never greater, nor the situation more urgent, than now. Let there be a liberal response.

W. A. COLCORD.

Secretary Religious Liberty Bureau.

## A 1909 BOOK-MARK

THE General Conference Sabbath-School Department has provided some attractive book-marks for use during the year 1909. They are of satin ribbon, nine inches long, and give the Sabbath-school memory verses for the year, and the Lord's Prayer. "Pretty," "neat," "dainty," "useful," "appropriate," are some of the commendatory words we hear. Many Sabbath-school and church-school teachers gave them to their pupils as New Year's gifts. They are nice for any one who uses a book-mark. The price is six cents each; on all orders of five or more to one address, five cents each. Send cash with order. Address Sabbath-School Department, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COLLECTION

IT is well known to all the REPORT OF PROGRESS family that active measures are needed to defeat the Johnson Sunday Bill now pending in the Congress of the United States. The General Conference have set Feb. 6 for the annual collection in the United States for this department. We are sure that all our people in Kentucky will contribute to this donation. Will all the elders of our churches and leaders of companies look after this important branch of the Lord's work? Send the collection at once to Mrs. Clara Russell, 108 E. Gray St., Louisville, Ky.

A. O. BURRILL.

THE value of the farm products of this country for 1908 is estimated at \$7,778,000,000. In the last ten years the wealth produced on the farms of the United States has exceeded the fabulous sum of \$60,000,000,000.