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THE CHOICE

"ALL the folks in our house had to tell one day
In which one of all the rooms they liked
best to stay.
Mother chose the living-room, where we
mostly sit;
Sister likes the parlor nights, with her big
lamp lit;
Granny said her own room's better 'n all the
rest;
Jack (he's always studying) likes the lib'ry
best;
I just love the attic, where there's room to
swing,
Or roller-skate, or spin a top, or play 'most
anything;
But when I asked my father, he laughed and
said that he
Guessed he'd choose whatever place mother
chanced to be!"



THE YOUTH TO LEARN THE PRINCIPLES OF TRUE TEMPERANCE

(Concluded.)

WHEN we hear the sad lamentation of Christian men and women over the terrible results of intemperance, the questions at once arise, Who have educated the youth? Who have fostered in them these unruly appetites? Who have neglected the solemn responsibility of forming their characters for usefulness in this life, and for the society of heavenly angels in the next? When parents and children meet at the final reckoning, what a scene will be presented! Thousands of children who have been slaves to appetite and debasing vice, whose lives are moral wrecks, will stand face to face with the parents who have made them what they are. Who but the parents must bear this fearful responsibility?

Our youth need mothers who will teach them from the cradle to control passion, to deny appetite, and to overcome selfishness. These youth need to be instructed line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. The Hebrews were taught how to train their children so that they might avoid the idolatry and wickedness of the heathen nations: "Therefore shall ye lay up these my

words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

The position of the woman in her family is more sacred than that of the king upon his throne. Her great work is to make her life an example such as she would wish her children to copy. And by precept as well as example she is to store their minds with useful knowledge, and lead them to self-sacrificing labor for the good of others. The great stimulus to the toiling, burdened mother should be that every child who is trained aright, and who has the inward adorning, the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, will shine in the courts of the Lord.

Would that mothers of this generation might feel the sacredness of their mission, not trying to vie with their wealthy neighbors in appearance, but seeking to honor God by the faithful performance of duty. If right principles in regard to temperance were planted in the youth who are to form and mould society, there would be little necessity for temperance crusades. Firmness of character, moral control, would prevail, and in the strength of Jesus the temptations of these last days would be resisted.

It is a most difficult matter to unlearn the habits which have been indulged through life. The demon of intemperance is of giant strength, and is not easily conquered. But if parents begin the crusade against it at their own firesides, in their own families, in the principles they teach their children from very infancy, they may hope for success. It will pay you, mothers, to use the precious hours which are given you by God in forming the characters of your children, and in teaching them to adhere strictly to the principles of temperance in eating and drinking.

A sacred trust is committed to parents, to guard the physical and moral constitutions of their children, so that the nervous system may be well-balanced, and the soul not endangered. Fathers and mothers should understand the laws of life, that they may not through ig-

norance allow wrong tendencies to develop in their children. The diet affects both physical and moral health. How carefully then should mothers study to supply the table with the most simple, healthful food, in order that the digestive organs may not be weakened, the nerves unbalanced, or the instruction which they give their children counteracted. Satan knows that he cannot have so great power over minds when the appetite is kept under control as when it is indulged, and he is constantly working to lead men to indulgence. Under the influence of unhealthful food, the conscience becomes stupefied, the mind is darkened, and its sensibility to good impressions is impaired. But the guilt of the transgressor is not lessened because conscience has been violated till it has become insensible. Every true Christian will have control of his appetites and passions; for unless he is free from the bondage of appetite, he cannot be a true, obedient servant of Christ.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.



JUNIOR READING COURSE

Les. 15: "Christ Our Saviour," pp. 101-121
Judas

1. WHAT evil trait of character did Judas naturally possess?

Read 1 Tim. 6: 10. Observe the lesson herein contained with reference to cultivating an evil inclination.

2. Note the heavenly forbearance of the Saviour for Judas.

3. Write a paragraph on the fate of Judas.

Before Pilate

4. After being condemned by the Sanhedrin, why was Jesus tried before Pilate?

5. Show that the accusations brought against Christ at this trial were false.

6. How did Pilate regard Jesus? His accusers?

7. Why did Pilate send Jesus to Herod?

Before Herod

8. Why did Jesus not perform a miracle as Herod demanded?

9. Who was this Herod and what awful deed had he done? What causes hardness of heart?

10. What mockery and insult did Christ endure while before Herod? What was Satan's purpose in causing the Saviour such abuse?

Condemned by Pilate

11. In the trial, when Jesus again appeared before Pilate, how did the governor show his weakness? How did this embolden the Jews?

12. What warning was sent to Pilate at a critical moment?

13. In choosing Barabbas rather than Christ, note the blindness of those who take the wrong path.

14. What terrible sentence did the Jews pass upon themselves?

What can you say of its fulfilment?

Notes

PONTIUS PILATE entered upon his office of Roman procurator of Judea and Samaria about the year 25 or 26 A. D. He held this position for ten years, thus covering the entire time of Christ's ministry. Through fear of losing his own office if accused by the Jews to Cæsar, the weak and unprincipled Pilate condemned the innocent Saviour. For his cruelties to the Samaritans, he was sent to Rome to answer to the emperor for his conduct. "But in spite of his precautions, the very thing he dreaded afterward came upon him. His honors were stripped from him, he was cast down from his high office, and, stung by remorse and wounded pride, not long after the crucifixion he ended his own life. So all who compromise with sin will gain only sorrow and ruin. 'There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.'"

JUDAS. "The history of Judas presents the sad ending of a life that might have been honored of God. Had Judas died before his last journey to Jerusalem, he would have been regarded as a man worthy of a place among the twelve, and one who would be greatly missed. The abhorrence which has followed him through the centuries would not have existed, but for the attributes revealed at the close of the history. But it was for a purpose that his character was laid open to the world. It was to be a warning to all who, like him, should betray sacred trusts." "The dissension as to which of them should be greatest was generally excited by Judas."

HISTORY OF THE OAK LEVEL, ALA., SABBATH-SCHOOL

ABOUT thirteen years ago, some one to whom the Spirit of God had given a missionary zeal, sent literature to the postmaster at Oak Level, Ala. He, from some cause, gave it to one of his neighbors, who at once became much interested in it and desired to learn more. So he wrote for ministerial help, addressing his letter to the publishers. In response to his request, two ministers, Elders Drummond and Wells, came to conduct a series of meetings and to promulgate the truths taught by Seventh-day Adventists.

The first course of lectures continued several weeks, and resulted in quite a number of members from other churches accepting the truth. Those who espoused the cause and the doctrines taught by these ministers at

once made a radical change in their manner of worship. They at once began to observe the seventh day. Instead of going to Sunday-school, as they had formerly done, they decided to organize a Sabbath-school. So, having no church building, they met in the grove near the public schoolhouse, and there, under the blue canopy of heaven, on a grass-carpeted floor, songs of praise ascended to God from hearts made happy by the acceptance of new light and truth. Surely those "that sat in darkness" had seen "great light." After an earnest prayer for the guidance of the Lord, officers for the first quarter of the first Cleburn County Sabbath-school were elected. There were about thirty members present, and two classes were formed, one for the senior division, and one for the primary.

As they had no literature, Elder Drummond was requested to order lesson pamphlets and *Little Friends*. The attendance from Sabbath to Sabbath was very irregular, owing to the great distance many of them lived from the place of meeting. Six deaths, several removals, and some apostasies finally reduced the attendance considerably. A few of the charter members are still living, and standing firm and true, although the storms of persecution have raged and howled with unrelenting fury around them. Some from other localities have moved their membership here, and we are pleased to see at present quite a number who, "through changeful time, unchanged have stood," "fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in a Saviour's love."

MRS. EUNICE C. WARREN.

Borden Springs, Ala.

KENTUCKY

ELDER IRVING reports considerable interest in Lexington. Sister Minnie Adams is working with *Life and Health*, and is doing quite well. Brother H. C. Carmichael has begun work in Harlin County. He finds a good field and says: "I am well and am doing well, but have not yet reached as high as I expect to get. I am expecting to take orders amounting to one hundred dollars per week." One week the orders were \$53.45. He will reach his desires. Think what this means in the way of visiting homes. This brother is in a county without railroads.

Brother M. Wheeler writes: "I have been up in Metcalf County for three weeks and worked 132 hours. I took orders to the amount of \$168.65. It makes me feel good to place copies of 'Daniel and the Revelation' in the homes of the people. It gives them an opportunity to learn the last message of mercy for this generation. Of these orders, \$25.70 were for cash. I am planning to have orders for the 10th of May to the amount of \$200 for that delivery."

Another missionary, Brother H. E. Beck, writes: "I am having good experiences in the work. I called where a young man had just died, and the Lord gave me words of comfort for the stricken family. I had a sweet

experience with a family where Brother Wheeler and I spent the Sabbath. He took their order for 'Daniel and the Revelation.' I took an order from the man's brother-in-law for 'Daniel and the Revelation.' I could hardly get away from them. When I was reading 'Steps to Christ' to them tears filled the man's eyes as well as mine. They are greatly interested in our literature. It does us good to have so many rich experiences."

Sister Charley Allran, writing from Versailles, says, "I sold two 'Bible Footlights' and one 'Best Stories' to the ministers here in town, one to the white and one to the colored minister. I canvassed the white minister's wife, and she seemed to like the book, and wanted to carry it up-stairs and let her husband see it. I said, 'All right,' but was afraid if he got hold of the book and looked it through, he would say, 'No.' But I let her have it, and while she was gone I lifted up my heart in prayer to God. I knew that if the minister took it, that would have an influence upon the people, and the Lord heard and answered my prayer. The lady came down and said, 'Both. Husband says they are certainly all right.' Then she took the pains to tell another lady, that afternoon, that she wanted her to get one, telling her that she knew she needed it."

We have an institute beginning here to-night. We hope to see many carrying the printed page to all portions of the State. There are not a few who could, if they would, consecrate themselves to the message for this time.

I have been with Brother Webber at Corbin for a few days. Several have begun the observance of the Sabbath there as a result of his book and Bible work.

A. O. BURRILL.

WEST TENNESSEE

Trezevant

THE meetings at this place were well attended by both members of the church and those without. Two good souls received the message and united with the church.

Leach

After the debate at Memphis we returned to Leach, and labored two weeks, visiting every family in the church. We found some of the members had not been enjoying full fellowship with each other for several years, because of a lack of unity. This condition of affairs led to a called meeting of the church for a hearing and investigation of the difficulties between them. This was conducted in an impartial manner, and with a determination to find the roots of this eating cancer, which was destroying the life of the body and the peace of all who indulged in evil thoughts and speeches against their brethren.

This meeting continued through two full days. The blessing of God came in, touched and softened hearts, confessions were made and accepted, then souls that had been estranged for seven years were united again in true brotherly love. It was good to be there, for the Lord had wrought a great work in

giving a grand victory. Tears flowed freely, and all went to their homes rejoicing and praising the Lord. Truly the Lord is good to his people.

During our stay at Leach in the winter, eleven souls were added to this church. Another one was baptized last week.

Two deacons were ordained, and a leader was elected to act in the absence of the elder of the church.

They are now planning for, and are at work on a new house of worship, 40 x 60 feet, to be completed this fall. The house they now occupy is too small, and not well located for all the members.

R. M. KILGORE.

LOUISIANA, NOTICE

How many of you would like to know all that is done at the General Conference? All will not be able to go, but all may have a complete report of the meetings, sermons, resolutions, recommendations, etc.; all for 50 cents. A *Bulletin* will be published each day of the three weeks that the conference will last. It will be mailed you for the above price. Send the amount and your name to the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., and you will get enough of the most interesting reading to keep you busy for a month. Order early.

E. L. MAXWELL.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southern Union Conference

For Week Ending April 10, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Debit
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
B Griffiths	—	60	\$121 50	\$6 00
Carl Matthews	—	20	13 00	
W C Wales	—		1 00	1 00
T H Dobb	—	3		35
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Z S Arey	BFL	83		16 95
H E Beck	D&R	35	16 75	14 05
M Wheeler	D&R	43	41 85	9 60
Charisey Allran	BFL	27	17 50	25 50
Mrs A Reynolds	BFL	35	10 00	1 00
H C Carmichael	dofa	42	53 45	
M J Weber	BFL	41	23 00	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
Edwin Booth	CK	42	12 95	4 75
J N Steel	GC	22	16 90	3 15
Joel Battle	BFL	13	17 10	60
M A Battle	BFL	29	38 70	20
Henry Roberson	D&R	37	27 00	
Mrs Jno Almencero	CK	7	13 50	
Mrs E Tate	BFL	26	13 50	
I T Reynolds	GC	38	45 00	2 75
A B Cheek	D&R	46	39 00	1 75
Wm Olmsted	mofn	26	9 50	3 25
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
Virgil Smith	dofa	47	9 70	14 95
J S Fry	D&R	44	40 00	6 00
W H Haddon	mofn	40	30 25	12 75
A C Maddock	D&R	44	28 70	7 95
Horace Miller	BFL	10		2 00
Louise Jackson	stoc	14	3 60	60
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
H C Balsbaugh	sofp	21	27 50	5 80
C H Chenault	D&R	58	81 50	8 00
Carrie Goldcamp	BFL	3	2 00	11 20
M E McCaughan	BFL	23	18 00	28 00
Mamie Moore	D&R	31	40 55	9 00
Ben Romines	BFL	24	3 75	75
Chas Romines	D&R	38	38 25	7 25
Mrs F T Wales	BFL	5	3 50	
C F Parmele	CK	36	32 50	6 50

SUMMARY

Alabama Conference.....	83	135 50	7 35
Kentucky Conference....	306	162 55	44 10
Louisiana Conference....	286	233 15	16 45
Mississippi Conference... 199	112 25	44 25	
Tennessee River Conf... 239	247 55	76 50	

Totals .. 1113 891 00 188 65

In making up my report to the General Conference, I have communicated with the officers of the conferences and institutions in the union, and have been much gratified to receive replies indicating that courage and progress characterize the workers and work in every part of the Southern Union. There will be a good representation from this field to the General Conference. Every one should arrange beforehand for a tent or room, so as to avoid disappointment on arrival in Washington.

C. F. McVAGH.

THE General Conference *Daily Bulletin* is only 50 cents for the entire session of the conference.

ALABAMA PARER WORKERS' REPORT FOR MARCH

Name	Hrs.	Orders	Value
Miss May Vaughn.....	62½	1064	\$106.40
Miss Lula Smith.....	82	464	45.95

Totals .. 144½ 1528 152.35

The papers used were the *Watchman* and *Bible Training School*.

This month I have received no report from Sister Burdine, who usually does so well, and I have not heard from Brother Luke Hill, who did fine last month.

This is a line of work that many more could take up and do well, especially our sisters. Consider prayerfully if this is not a call to you.

R. I. KEATE.

Fort Payne, Ala.

A CALL TO SERVICE

"CHRIST calls for young men who will volunteer to carry the truth to the world. Men of spiritual stamina are wanted, men who are able to find work close at hand, because they are looking for it. The church needs new men to give energy to the ranks, men for the times, able to cope with its errors, men who will inspire with fresh zeal the flagging efforts of the few laborers, men whose hearts are warm with Christian love and whose hands are eager to go about their Master's work." *Men and women are wanted* who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole—men and women who will work without having their way smoothed and every obstacle removed."—*Manual for Canvassers*, pp. 20, 21.

The Alabama Conference, with its 58,342 square miles of territory and over two million people, most of whom are yet to be warned, must appeal to every true believer, and especially to all who are part of this conference. *How many will respond to this call?* Consider what an open door for service there is in the canvassing work. To those desiring to enter some other branch of our work it offers a means of obtaining the necessary training through the scholarship plan, and to all who wish to help carry the truth to the world, the canvassing work presents one of the most effective means we can use.

I shall be glad to correspond with all who desire to answer this call to service.

R. I. KEATE.

Fort Payne, Ala.

MID-MONTH EXPERIENCES

A LETTER from Sister W. D. Bush of De Ridder calls for a minister to come and reap the fruit of some of the seed-sowing that they have done there.

The treasurer reports a larger amount of receipts for March than for any month in the past.

Elder Saxby reports the arrival in New Orleans of several workers who will remain for a few weeks.

E. L. MAXWELL.

KENTUCKY MISSIONARY REPORT

For Quarter Ending March 31, 1909

Letters written	50
Letters received	30
Bible readings held.....	105
Families visited	89
Hours Christian help work.....	22
Number garments distributed.....	48
Lunches donated	7
Periodicals used	442
Pages books and tracts sold, loaned, or given away	5275

L. I. BURRILL.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

It was my privilege to attend the Religious Liberty convention at Memphis, Tenn., Sabbath and Sunday, April 17 and 18. The attendance was good, and I was much pleased and edified with the marked spirit of unity, consecration, and courage of the Sabbath-keepers present. Indeed the Memphis church has much to praise the Lord for. During the last few months the active membership of the church has about doubled, and others are deeply interested.

The recent debate between Elders J. S. Washburn and J. S. Warlick was undoubtedly productive of much good. The newspapers gave somewhat sensational reports of the discussion, written in a tone that was in the main favorable to the truth; at least the reporter took Elder Washburn and his arguments seriously, while his opponent was frequently referred to as a cheap actor and his arguments as jests. The work in Memphis is onward, and the workers there should have our earnest prayers that they may have wisdom to make the most of present opportunities.

Report of Progress

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BY WAY OF REMINDER

THIS paper is mailed each Tuesday. All matter, other than canvassers' reports, designed for publication in any special issue, should be in the editor's hands not later than the preceding Wednesday to insure its insertion.

PERIODICALS WANTED

BROTHER C. S. ROBINSON, General Delivery, Des Moines, Iowa, desires clean copies of the *Watchman* and *Signs*, weekly and monthly, post-paid, for free distribution.

APPOINTMENT

NO PROVIDENCE preventing, there will be a two-days' meeting at the home of Brother Jacob H. Whites, seven miles from Stanford, Ky., Sabbath and Sunday, May 8 and 9. The ordinance of baptism will be administered. The first meeting will be Friday night. Elder Irving has been invited to be present. We hope for a full attendance.

A. O. BURRILL,
H. U. JACOBS.

WORDS OF INTEREST

"Desire of Ages"

THE Sabbath-school lessons for more than a year to come will be on the life of Christ and no better help can be had in this study than the book "Desire of Ages." The Southern Publishing Association is prepared to furnish this book in the following styles and prices:—

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We can now furnish the book "Great Second Advent Movement" in a heavy paper cover at fifty cents per copy. This brings it within the reach of every one.

This valuable book is especially adapted to the use of our young people. It gives the early history of this work, its rise, and progress down to the present time. We are sure the book in this form will be much appreciated by our young peoples' societies.

"Shall the Liquor Curse be Continued?"

Send for a quantity of the little tract, "Shall the Liquor Curse be Continued?" It contains facts and figures of great interest on this subject, and should be scattered broadcast.

Prices: \$2.00 per 1,000, or 20c per 100.

Busy Times

Everything at the Publishing House has taken on a busy air during the past three weeks. Almost every department has been working overtime to get books ready for the large orders we have received. The shipping department has sent out nearly eleven tons of books in less than two weeks. This has greatly reduced our stock and necessitated placing binding orders for nearly 20,000 books.

Large consignments of paper are being received daily for printing new editions of our books and the *Watchman*, and we fully expect to fill every order from our workers as fast as received.

ORDER the General Conference *Daily Bulletin*.

Do NOT neglect to order the General Conference *Daily Bulletin*.

DOES IT PAY?

FOR some time, as most of our people doubtless know, we have been encouraging our people to send our magazine *Liberty* to members of State Legislatures and prominent business and thinking men throughout the country. While it may be true that the magazine sent in this way may often be passed by with little or no attention, it is not so in all cases.

The other day we received a communication from a lawyer from one of the Central Western States, who is also a member of the State Legislature, in which he says: "I desire to subscribe for your *Liberty* magazine of religious freedom. I have No. 1, of Vol. 4, First Quarter, 1909. Somebody sent me that number. I am so well pleased with it, I want more. I should like to know to whom and how much I must send to become a regular subscriber."

This man's name is on the regular subscription list to the Legislature of which he is a member. He did not, of course, know how he came to be receiving the magazine; but it came about as a result of our brethren in the State in which he resides sending in a subscription for *Liberty* to the members of their State Legislature.

We cite this case simply to show that seed sown in this way is not all wasted, and we hope that our people all over the country will take a greater interest than ever before in seeing that this magazine, containing, as it does, matter of such vital importance, is supplied regularly to a large number of thinking, reading people in their respective States and neighborhoods. The journal is furnished at such a low rate for this purpose, that there can be no good excuse for not doing so.

W. A. COLCORD.

NASHVILLE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

For Quarter Ending March 31, 1909

Missionary letters written.....	12
Missionary visits	32
Bible headings held	61
People attending meetings	34
People interested	26
<i>Watchman</i> sold	135
Papers mailed or given away.....	4800
Books loaned	1
Pages of tracts given away.....	35
Hours of Christian help work.....	41
Colored Bible worker	\$30.00

G. H. HEWITT, *Leader*,
LIZZIE HOLLINGSWORTH, *Sec.*

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

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Conf.	Agts.	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Deliv.
La.	11	952	352	\$786.00	\$572.55
Ala.	15	867	580	756.10	366.95
Miss.	8	880	329	757.10	173.00
Tenn. Riv. .. .	12	1038	331	700.00	425.15
Ky.	8	793	255	474.50	230.90

Totals 54 4530 1847 3473.70 1768.55

For March, 1908

Totals 26 1722 561 1821.25 1100.65

The work is steadily growing in this field, and we believe that the April report will be much larger. Pray for the work. I will be at Graysville from now until the General Conference convenes May 13, helping Brother Cole, the Southeastern agent, with the students of the Southern Training School at Graysville. We hope to find among these students a good many workers for our field. We fully believe we shall not be disappointed.

A. F. HARRISON.

It is now time to order the General Conference *Daily Bulletin*. It will give daily reports of the conference proceedings.

No Seventh-day Adventist who desires to keep in close touch with the advancement of our special work can afford to be without the General Conference *Daily Bulletin*.

THE General Conference *Daily Bulletin* costs only 50 cents for the entire session, but its real value to all of our people could not be estimated in dollars and cents.

WE may consistently expect inspiring things to take place at the coming General Conference. The *Bulletin* will bear this good news to all subscribers daily. Order it now. Only 50 cents for the session.

LAST General Conference the reports of the proceedings of the council were printed in very brief form in the *Review*. This year a *Daily Bulletin* will be issued, and good, full reports will be given. No one can afford to be without these reports. The price of the *Bulletin* is only 50 cents.