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TRUST

THE clouds hang heavy round my way;
I cannot see;
But through the darkness I believe
God leadeth me.
'T is sweet to keep my hand in his
While all is dim;
To close my weary aching eyes,
And follow him.
Through many a thorny path he leads
My tired feet;
Through many a path of tears I go,
But it is sweet
To know that he is close to me,
My Guard, my Guide:
He leadeth me; and so I walk
Quite satisfied.

—Selected.

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ORGANIZATION

[The following was read in a young people's meeting at the Dickson camp-meeting, August 16, 1909.]

ONE definition of organization is, "A plan, or system of, by common consent, uniting individual efforts to more efficiently and effectually strengthen and advance a common cause." The effect of organization is to build up, to strengthen, to sustain, and, when necessary, to do aggressive work. The importance of organization is seen in the difference between an army and a mob. The former is organized, the latter is not. In time of mob violence and riot, organized bodies are called to put it down. There is something about the steady on-coming of well-organized forces that has a tendency to create a feeling of panic in the heart of less efficient forces. On a battle-field, a rout is preceded by a certain degree of demoralization and disintegration in the organization. The superiority in the efficiency of an army over a mob in a conflict well illustrates the efficiency of the young people as a potent factor in the spread of this message, when they are properly organized and trained for service. The Lord has said, Where two or three are agreed as touching anything, it shall be granted them. One shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight. The Lord tells us in this text that

the efficiency and strength of the united efforts of two over the individual effort is increased in ten-fold ratio. These are some of the reasons for our Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers. Our common cause is, "The Advent Message to all the World in this Generation." Our hope is in the young people. The veterans are falling. Some are deserting. Let me give you a picture of a battle-field. "In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia. The other was led by the blood-stained banner of Prince Immanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust, as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe." These are the deserters that have turned traitor to Immanuel's cause. We must try to keep the armies from deserting, and keep the banner from trailing in the dust.

On the other hand, we must have recruits. "And tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standards of Immanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried with a loud voice, 'Come into line. . . . Let every Christian stand in his lot and place.' . . . Soldiers of the cross are to exert a positive influence for good."

Again, in "Early Writings" we have another picture of the work: "My attention was then turned to a company I had seen who were mightily shaken. . . . The company of guardian angels around them had been doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet. They moved in exact order like a company of soldiers. . . . The careless and indifferent . . . were left behind in the darkness, and their places were immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth and coming into the ranks. . . . It had its effect." Many recruits were gathered in; but the Lord does not draft. He calls for volunteers. It is by common consent, by volunteer service, that the work is closed up. Let us all "Come into line." What our cause most needs is men and women who can take the initiative; those who can plan, lead out, and execute. We want those who can set themselves to work, and who will not stand around

in the market-place idle because no man has hired them. One way to meet this need is by our organized Young People's Society. By this they are enabled to organize themselves, elect their officers, plan for work, arrange programs, keep records, etc., also giving them a training in counseling among themselves, and with the older members, as well as an experience in independent thought. Thus each member acts a part and receives the training that will make him a valuable worker in the days to come. So again, we sound the call, "Come into line."

If there are a large number belonging to the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, let them be formed into small companies, to work, not only for the young members, but for the unconverted. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers. Let them keep their bond of unity unbroken, pressing together in love and unity, gaining strength and courage from the assistance of each other. Form into praying bands, and as they pray and work in Christ's name, their numbers will increase. "Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted to others, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue." Every one must learn to work, and to stand in his place as a burden-bearer. Every addition to the Young People's Society should be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption. Remember that you are running a race, striving for a crown of immortality. Let us finish the work and go home where "they that be wise shall shine as the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forevermore." Yours for the young people.

MRS. W. M. CROTHERS.

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KENTUCKY

ONE of the best little camp-meetings I ever attended was the one held at Louisville, Ky., Aug. 19-29. The second session of the annual conference was held in connection with this meeting. There was a good proportionate attendance of the Sabbath-keepers in the State, about twenty of whom testified that this was the first Seventh-day Adventist camp-meeting

they had ever attended. Most of the family tents were new, and the camp presented a good appearance. The blessing and power of God was manifest in all the meetings from the very beginning. Revival and consecration meetings, in which nearly all took part, were held on both Sabbaths of the meeting. Seven were baptized. The people of Kentucky are of good courage, and the work is onward. Elder A. O. Burrill was re-elected president, Mrs. Clara Russell secretary and treasurer, Dolly Callender Sabbath-school secretary, and C. F. Dart field agent. Aside from the conference laborers, there were present for a whole or part of the time Elder J. W. Christian, Dr. George, Professor VanKirk, A. F. Harrison, R. Hook Jr., and the writer. Brother Harrison went from the meeting to the bedside of his aged father who is seriously ill at the old home in Indiana.

C. F. McVAGH.

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ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND PARENTS

THERE are opportunities that come but once in a lifetime. The Reading Course comes every year. Yet what many young people lost by not taking the course last year will probably never be regained. The mill never grinds with the water that is past. The only atonement for the past is the improvement of the present.

So great has been the interest in the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course, and so persistent the demand for something for the children, that this year two courses are offered, the regular Missionary Volunteer Reading Course and a Junior Reading Course. Missionary Volunteer leaflet No. 24 will tell you all about it, if you will permit. Your Missionary Volunteer secretary will send you one for the asking.

Let parents realize that there is something vastly more important than making a living for their children, and that is to train them into a life worth living, by the home influences thrown about them—the intellectual and spiritual atmosphere that goes with good books, elevated conversation, and devotion in the home.

M. E. KERN.

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MISSIONARY REPORT OF THE ALABAMA CONFERENCE

For May, June, and July, 1909

Missionary Letters Written.....	40
Missionary Letters Received.....	15
Missionary Visits	47
Bible Readings Held.....	60
People Interested	20
Papers Sold	307
Papers Mailed or Given Away.....	678
Books Sold	181
Books Loaned	6
Pages of Tracts Given Away.....	567

This is a report from three churches—Marlow, Gadsden, and Mobile No. 2—and three individuals. We hope the others will join with them in the good work.

HELEN MCKINNON.

Secretary Alabama Conference.



The Book Tent, Dickson Camp-Meeting

ANOTHER REPORT FROM THE DICKSON CAMP-MEETING

OUR camp-meeting in the Tennessee River Conference was one much enjoyed by the young people, and we believe it was productive of much good.

The young people's meetings were well attended, and great interest manifested. At one of our meetings we raised the remaining portion of our scholarship for the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington, D. C., in about twenty minutes. This we believe will encourage our young people to do more missionary work.

We were glad to have Mrs. Crothers with us to assist in the plans; we also appreciate the help others gave us in our daily meetings.

Each day we had a prayer-band to meet at the close of the afternoon meetings. This was blessed of God. There were several young people baptized at this meeting—baptized into his name. To some of them the baptismal vows will mean a "covenant by sacrifice." Several spoke of how the camp-meeting had given them courage in the work and that they would henceforth be more faithful in God's service.

Pray for the Missionary Volunteer work.
MRS. G. G. LOWRY.

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FALKVILLE, ALABAMA

We began meetings here Friday night, July 9, with a fair attendance. While we were presenting the Sabbath question, the congregation increased until we had the tent full; some having to stand on the outside, and others listening from their houses. Some came six miles to hear the truth. The entire town and community seemed stirred over the truth. One of the ministers also became stirred and preached against the Sabbath truth at his church, quoting the commandment: "Re-

member a Sabbath day to keep it holy." But before finishing his sermon he spoke very emphatically, saying that we ought to keep the first day because the laws of the land enforce its observance. The following night we reviewed his sermon, the truth gaining a complete victory.

We closed the tent effort Sunday night, Aug. 15. As a partial result of the effort ten promised to keep the Sabbath, and others are in the valley of decision.

We are now (Aug. 23) out two miles from Falkville, holding meetings in a schoolhouse, and are having good congregations. Some are very much interested. We are desirous of holding the interest in and around Falkville until a company is organized and firmly established in the truth.

Remember the work here in your prayers.

W. R. ELLIOTT,
E. L. ILES.

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A DISCUSSION

[THE following are extracts from an interesting letter received by Brother Bollman from Elder Maxwell, Hammond, La. The extracts should be carefully read and studied:—]

I have just held a four-days' discussion with Ben. M. Bogard, of Little Rock, Ark., editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, and moderator of the Arkansas State Baptist Association. This is the man who has been running a series of articles in his paper against us.

The discussion was a complete victory for the truth on the questions discussed, which were:—

1. The Scriptures teach that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment was given for all men, and its observance is binding on people in the Christian age. E. L. Maxwell affirmed, B. M. Bogard denied.

2. The Scriptures teach that the first day of the week, called Sunday, is the day Christians should observe as the day of rest and worship. B. M. Bogard affirmed.

3. The Scriptures teach that man is wholly mortal and unconscious between death and the resurrection. E. L. Maxwell affirmed.

4. The Scriptures teach that the wicked will be punished with unending, conscious suffering in fire. B. M. Bogard affirmed.

Elder E. H. Rees was with me as moderator through it all, and gave me some valuable help.

Our work is onward, and we hope to see a year of great advancement.

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OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS

THROUGH the co-operation of the authors and publishers, desk copies of the following text-books will be furnished, postpaid, at half price to those who are teaching in our denominational schools:—

	Reg. Price	Teach. Price
Bible Nature Studies.....	\$1.00	\$.50
Bible Nature Series No. 1.....	1.20	.60
Bible Nature Note Book No. 1....	.40	.20
Bible Nature Note Book No. 2....	.40	.20
Bible Nature Note Book No. 3....	.40	.20
Bible Nature Note Book Complete	.85	.43
Essentials of English.....	.75	.37
Educational Reader No. 1.....	.60	.30
Educational Reader No. 2.....	.60	.30
Educational Reader No. 3.....	.75	.38
Educational Reader No. 5.....	.90	.45
Educational Reader No. 7.....	1.00	.50
McKibbin's Bible Lessons No. 1...	.90	.45
McKibbin's Bible Lessons No. 2...	.90	.45
Studies in Gospel History.....	1.00	.50
Science in the Bible.....	.30	.15

To secure books at these prices, orders must come through your Educational Secretary or Superintendent, who will forward to the Pacific Press. Only one copy of each book to a teacher will be furnished at these rates. Cash must accompany order to secure discount. Ask your Educational Secretary for special Order Blanks.

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THE LATEST

ERROR, and especially that of a religious nature, is very tenacious of life, struggles desperately to maintain its ground, and is most resourceful in expedients. Particularly is this true of the first-day-sabbath cause.

Like the man who, when remonstrated with for having broken an important promise, calmly replied, "It does n't matter, I will make you another just as good," so, when the false claims of Sunday sacredness are one after the other overthrown and broken down, its advocates and devotees unblushingly set up another which is "just as good," but sometimes even more apparently weak and foolish than those which have been demolished.

The latest comes from Alabama. During a discussion between some laymen, provoked by the interest aroused by a series of tent-meetings recently held in a rural district of

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For Week Ending Aug. 13, 1909

NAME—	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
*ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
R V Cory.....	—	42	\$72 60	\$ 3 20
B F Harmon.....	—	36	50 50	2 75
Carl Matthews	—	20	20 50	1 00
R Roberts	—	42	56 50	4 50
M L Ivory.....	—	83	27 00	3 40
C G Manns.....	—	9	17 50	
Alexander Wood	—	9	16 75	

*THIS report, for week ending Aug. 13, has three new names: B. F. Harmon at Tuscum-bia, and Brethren Manns and Wood at Eutaw. Brother Harmon canvassed last year, but this is his first report for this one. This is the first experience of the other two brethren mentioned in this State. They are Oakwood students who wish to earn a scholarship. Pray for them.
R. I. KEATE.

that State, as the result of which some seven or eight persons have begun the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, an interested listener declared with much assurance that he could prove from Scripture that God changed the day of rest. When asked for the text, he cited Luke 24:1-3, saying that Christ was raised Sunday morning so that the women who came to the sepulcher to anoint his body could not do the work on that day!

W. M. C.

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NO BURDEN, BUT A DELIGHT

THE blessings that come from constantly remembering our Creator and Redeemer are manifold. So observable is this that those who are our neighbors call us "blessed." What the Lord is doing for such makes them happy in him. They recognize what the Lord is doing for those who "bring all the tithes into the store-house." Why not all have this blessing?

"The tithing system was no burden to those who did not depart from the [Lord's] plan. The system enjoined upon the Hebrews has not been repealed, or relaxed by the One who enjoined it. Instead of not being in force now, it is to be more fully carried out and extended, as salvation through Christ alone should be more fully brought to light in the Christian age."

"Great peace have they which love thy law," is as true with the commands to pay tithes and offerings as with the moral law. Wherever I travel and observe among our people I see that these statements are verified. Who does not want the blessing of our Lord to rest upon them?
A. O. BURRILL.

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BROTHER HORTON went to Murfreesboro, Tenn., August 31, to defend Brother D. S. Brown Jr. on the charge of Sunday-law violation. The trial resulted in dismissing the case without costs. A fuller report of the case will appear in the October number of the *Watchman*.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

W P Ethington.....	BFL	30		51 00
Z S Arey.....	BFL	120		42 50
M Wheeler	D&R	95	104 50	5 75
Charley Allran	BFL	38	24 00	4 00
Lyndon Taylor	BFL	52	8 75	2 75
Edward Whittier	CK	39	24 00	1 00
Luther Alexander	D&R	44	36 00	
Sans Philmon	CK	36	36 00	
H C Carmichael.....	dofa	27	31 50	
M J Weber.....	BFL	25	14 00	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Mrs A E Frank....	H&H	32	36 25	7 50
Gertrude Evans	BFL	20	4 90	
C L Collison.....	D&R BR	28	70 95	5 70
J N Steel.....	GC	41	51 60	2 10
I T Reynolds.....	BFL	20	7 00	1 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Virgil Smith	D&R	48	43 20	6 45
Cora Smith	D&R	7	5 00	
W E Covington.....	BFL	40	24 00	
Emily Billups	BFL	30	16 00	16 00
Celestia Wilson	BFL	15	1 75	2 75
Ruby & Grace Holt	PAP'S	30	8 60	8 60
Sarah Stegall	PAPERS	40	13 90	13 90

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh.....	GC	21	1 50	72 40
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	20	3 75	38 00
G W Power 2 wks....	CK	85	35 00	95 75

For Week Ending Aug. 20, 1909

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

B Griffith	BFL	100		252 00
W G Ringgold.....	BS	31	38 00	
W H Waite.....	MISC	16	11 65	5 95
K Skidmore 2 wks....	BFL	95	131 85	
Alex Wood	D&R	43	54 80	
C G Manns.....	BFL	45	52 50	
M L Ivory.....	BFL	64	10 10	7 10
R Roberts	BFL	17	4 50	2 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H E Beck.....	D&R	29	8 50	96 75
Charley Allran	BFL	31	4 50	23 00
M Wheeler	D&R	16	3 25	22 50
Sans Philmon	CK	35	40 00	
Lyndon Taylor	BFL	18	8 50	
Luther Alexander	D&R		5 50	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Mrs A E Frank....	H&H	43	62 25	28 25
Gertrude Evans	BFL	15	5 35	6 50
Mrs J Almendro.....	CK	24	17 00	1 00
I T Reynolds.....	BFL	40		61 25

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Book Stands	MISC	100	125 00	125 00
R H Hazelton.....	MISC	30	30 00	6 50
G W Powers.....	CK	21	7 75	8 75

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf. 2 wks....	652	564 75	281 90
Kentucky Conf. 2 wks....	635	349 00	249 25
Louisiana Conf. 2 wks....	173	255 30	113 30
Mississippi Conf. 1 wk..	210	112 45	47 70
Tenn. River Conf. 2 wks	277	203 00	346 40

Totals 1947 1484 50 1038 55

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"ALL desires after the resurrection life will fail if we are only seeking our own perfection and happiness."

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ATTENTION

WE wish to call the attention of parents, secretaries, and especially our young people of the Missionary Volunteer Societies to an article in another column by Professor M. E. Kern, chairman of the Young People's work. I ask a careful reading of the same, and a prompt response to duty. "The Christian's command is not, 'Right about, face—mark time,' but 'Right about, face—forward! march!'" This must be our inspiring motto as we plan for one of these two courses.

Who will be the first to respond?

Address me MRS. W. M. CROTHERS,
24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

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WANTED.—To correspond with any of our poor brethren in Alabama who are renters, either cash or share rent, who desire a good farming community where they can be a help in holding up the work where some have just accepted the truth and are keeping the Sabbath. This does not apply to those who are located where they are already a help to the work. Any information I can give will be gladly given.

E. L. ILES.

Falkville, Ala.

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AN impromptu reception was tendered Brother and Sister Ford on the eve of their departure for Washington. Later, when all was quiet, voices were heard near their veranda singing softly. Brother Ford went out quietly and, much to his surprise, found his Bible class there singing their last farewell, "We'll Never Say Good-by in Heaven."

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WATCHMAN PRICE FOR 1910

At a recent meeting of the Southern Publishing Association board, it was decided by a unanimous vote to raise the subscription price of the *Watchman* to \$1.00 a year, to take place January 1, 1910. This action is not the result of a hurried consideration of the subject, but follows a careful and deliberate inquiry into the cost of material, etc., involved in publishing the *Watchman*. We are quite sure that our friends will agree with us in this move.

From correspondence which comes to us daily, we are warranted in saying that the *Watchman* is much appreciated by its readers, and the plan to make the *Watchman* a first-class magazine in every particular will con-

tinue to be uppermost in the minds of its publishers.

We are authorized to make this offer. All renewals between now and the first of January for one or more years will be at the present rate of 75 cents a year. We hope this offer will be taken advantage of at once.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

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FOOD FACTORY ITEMS

At the Dickson camp-meeting just closed, there was a large supply of the Nashville factory foods; in fact, about three times the quantity ever shipped before to a camp-meeting in the Southern Union Conference. It was gratifying to see how these foods were appreciated by our people. Quite a quantity more could have been sold.

OF the forty camp-meetings listed in the *Review and Herald*, August 5th, the Nashville factory had the pleasure of supplying foods for half of them. Does this not speak well for the new factory when it is remembered that there are several other food factories to draw from? Many of these large orders were secured after a full supply of samples had been submitted and the excellent quality of the foods tested. Surely the Lord is leading in this good work.

BROTHER JOHN H. NIEHAUS of the Indiana Conference writes as follows: "Enclosed find check for \$93.86 for camp-meeting supplies (at Bluffton, Ind.). I had some call for Maltona. Is it ready for the market? We ran short on Nutfoda. We hold our next meeting at Linton, Sept. 9-19, and will order a supply next week."

Of course he will. The high quality and low prices of these foods justify their liberal use.

WORD comes from the North Carolina camp-meeting as follows: "The foods are most gone. I wish we had a supply till the camp closes."

The West Virginia Conference writes, "Enclosed you will find check to pay for the bill which we ordered for our camp-meeting. We were well pleased with your foods."

THE largest camp-meeting order of the season has just come from the Wisconsin Conference for the camp-meeting to be held in Milwaukee in September. They were in correspondence with other factories, but samples and prices from our Nashville factory secured the order.

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NASHVILLE AGRICULTURAL AND NORMAL INSTITUTE NOTICE

THE Annual Meeting of the Constituency of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute will be held at ten o'clock, A. M., Wednesday, October 13th, in the chapel of the

Gotzain Hall Building, near Nashville, Tennessee.

The annual meeting of the Trustees, as required by law, is called to meet in the same place at three o'clock on the same day and date.

Signed, P. T. MAGAN, Secretary.

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OFFICE NEWS ITEMS

BROTHER C. C. CRISLER of California is in the city. He has been attending the convention of self-supporting workers recently held at Madison, Tennessee. He will remain in the city for a few weeks, and then hopes to visit near-by conferences and institutions. He reports an encouraging outlook for the message.

BROTHER I. A. FORD has resigned his position on the board of the Southern Publishing Association, and Brother S. B. Horton has been chosen to fill the vacancy.

A FEW days before his departure for Washington, D. C., to take up work in connection with the *Review and Herald*, a few friends gathered at the home of Brother I. A. Ford, former manager of the Southern Publishing Association, to wish him God-speed in his new field of labor. After some songs, recitations, and speeches, Elder S. B. Horton, in behalf of the friends gathered, presented Brother and Sister Ford with a suit-case and hand-bag. After a few appropriate remarks by Brother Horton, and responses by Brother and Sister Ford, a prayer was offered by Elder W. R. Burrows, president of the Tennessee River Conference, and the company separated.

SERGEANT B. N. BROWN, late of the hospital corps, United States army, is visiting at Brother Hook's for a few days.

Brother Brown, after doing duty for a period of nine years, has taken his discharge from the military service in order to enter the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington, D. C., where he goes to receive a training for missionary work in a foreign field.

Brother Brown first heard the message from Elder McElhany while stationed at Manila, Philippine Islands, about eighteen months ago, and has since been studying our faith, and has now taken his stand with God's remnant people; by so doing he has given up the fond ambition of a life-time in order to serve God, and leaves his old life and associates with no regrets, having determined to be obedient, let come what may. This is another brand plucked from the fire. So the message is doing its work, and people from all walks of life are accepting the truth for this time. Now is the time to work; let us be up and doing.

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If your name is not on our mailing list write at once for price-list, special offer circular and order blank, to Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory, Nashville, Tennessee.