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OTHERS MAY; YOU CANNOT

IF God has really called you to be like Jesus, he will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians, and in many ways he will seem to let other good people do things which he will not let you do.

"Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

"Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their success, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing; and if you begin it, he will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

"Others may be allowed to succeed in making money or may have a legacy left them; but it is likely God will keep you poor, because he wants you to have something far better than gold; namely, a helpless dependence on him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

"The Lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory which can only be produce in the shade. He may let others be great but keep you small. He may let others do a work for him and get the credit of it; but he may make you work and toil on with out knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, he may let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

"The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as he pleases with his own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in his dealings with you, but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

"Settle it forever, then; that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that he is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hands, or closing your eyes, in ways that he does not seem to use with others. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of heaven."

Summer Travels

IHAD planned to depart from Oakwood July 4, to attend the camp meetings of the Southwestern Union Conference and also visit such churches and companies of our colored people as I could consistently reach. But we do not always do things exactly as we plan them in this world of uncertainty. Three days before the date fixed we received a despatch from Muncie, Indiana, our old home, announcing the sudden death of my mother.

Inasmuch as our term of service at Oakwood had just expired and Mrs. Boyd and Harold were planning to go to Indiana a little later anyway we decided to go together at this time. When we arrived the next afternoon we found a large gathering of relatives and friends assembled at the little country home. Elder W. A. Westworth, president of the Indiana Conference, spoke words of comfort. She was a good mother and was tenderly laid to rest by sympathizing hands, and altho the flowers were heaped high on her grave our heavy hearts were filled with the deepest sorrow as we left that grassy spot.

A few days later I departed for Huntsville leaving wife and son with grandpa Boyd. At Oakwood I found everybody busy and happy. Recent showers were keeping the crops looking fine. I saw large tubs of nice tender beans being canned. The boys and girls were carrying in fine ripe blackberries from field and thicket in large quantities.

Professor Beardsley and family were just locating. I had already formed an acquaintance with Professor Beardsley and was also glad to see at this time Mrs. Beardsley and the children. Oakwood was receiving these new workers with open arms and we trust that their labors in connection with this

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Sabbath Exemption For Adventist Soldiers In New Zealand

THE *Australasian Record* of May 14 contains the following interesting note from the pen of Elder A. W. Anderson:

"By the last New Zealand mail we received word that our convictions with regard to the Sabbath were to be respected, as the following extract from the *Evening Post*, Wellington, dated April 12, will show:

"Seventh-day Adventists and members of other religious denominations will be interested in the following extract from Featherston Camp Orders: 'Officers commanding units will note that all observers of the Seventh-day Adventist's faith are to be given leave every week from Friday nights till Saturday nights, and that their services are invariably utilized for Sunday fatigues and duties, thus relieving other men of Sunday work.'"

"The decision of the government and military authorities in New Zealand is one for which we should be very grateful, and we believe this denomination should thank God that the spirit of liberty still finds a place in the hearts of our rulers and those in authority over us. We are exhorted by the apostle that 'first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour.' 1 Tim. 2:1-3

"Surely if there was ever a time in the world's history when men should pay heed to this exhortation, that time is now. Shall we not therefore in all our homes, in our churches and Sabbath schools, pray for kings and for all who are in authority, that we 'may lead quiet and peaceful lives in all godliness and honesty?'"

From *Review and Herald*.

A Good Plan

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in present truth." 2 Pet. 1:12.

One of the West Indian Union Conferences has developed a plan

for the better training of its church officers through a reading course. One feature of this course is the study of the paper *Present Truth*, beginning with No. 1, taking a portion each week, until the officers have a good grasp of the truth it presents. Then taking up No. 2 in the same way and so on all thru the series. It can readily be seen that if this were done in a thorough manner, those officers would get a very full knowledge of the truths of this message and would be able to present them in a convincing manner. This is one excellent way of using this paper.

Its special purpose is, however, for the circulation among the public that they may learn the more of this truth. We give some practical illustrations of how this is being done that others may be encouraged to try the same plans and to think of others.

"A number in our church are working with *Present Truth*. Some work in the large office buildings among the business men, while others work in the residence section. It has been suggested that we distribute at least 10,000 of them in the city."

"On visiting a church recently one of our workers found them planning aggressive missionary work with the *Present Truth*. A quantity of these low-priced papers had been secured with the idea of putting a copy in every home in this city, each week, beginning with number one, and completing the series. This work will be followed up with Bible readings and cottage meetings."

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

Popular Ministers Preach on "Current Events in Light of Scriptures"

IT wasn't a Seventh-day Adventist minister, but the pastor of one of the largest Baptist churches in Kansas City, Mo., who took for his text, Sunday night, May 27, "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?" His subject was "Current Events in the Light of Scriptures," advertised in the newspapers, and the sermon was repeated at the urgent request of his audience. He declared "that the days of which the prophets wrote are the days in which we are living,"

pictured the conditions of 2 Timothy 3 as existing now, and urged his belief that the world is entering the most awful time in its history.

Such sermons are impressing the fact that the Scripture does throw light upon present conditions; and people want to know. Such terms as "signs of the times," "current events in the light of Scripture," "Armageddon," and others familiar to us are being popularized. Amid the religious, political and social confusion and strife, the Spirit of God is opening the way for the real message for this time to shine forth and reach those honestly searching for truth. A wonderful time for the circulation of our publications, isn't it?

A New York publishing company with largely fiction to sell, makes this significant statement in a half page announcement in their last monthly Bulletin:

"The minds of the American people are now stirred as never since the Civil War. They are feeling more deeply, and thinking more widely and more seriously. These are just the conditions under which the people inevitably turn to books—to books for inspiration, for guidance, for instruction, and for diversion. More books, and more different kinds of books will be demanded this summer than ever before." J. R. FERREN.

Alabama Notice

THE general meeting for the Ala. Mission will be held at Talladega, August 24 to August 28, 1917. This is because the Tent effort for the Mission is being held at Talladega this year. It is not a camp meeting, but a general meeting of about four days to transact business, and to call together representatives from the different mission churches that we may seek the Lord for his special guidance at this critical time in our work for the salvation of precious souls. The churches must send their delegates, and pay their expenses. Others can attend if they wish. Some may ask why do we not have a camp meeting as usual. Will say in response, that so many of our members have gone North recently, and this has caused such a falling off in our finance, that we thought best to have only a general

meeting of delegates from the different churches in the mission.

We expect to have the president of the Conference with us, and also the president of the Southern Union Conference if possible. Elder J. H. Lawrence, our evangelist, is expected to be with us also. Our tent effort here is progressing nicely. We presented the Sabbath last night, and a goodly number signed the covenant to keep all the commandments of God, and come out of Babylon. Out of this number we expect to raise up a nice church. Others will sign and take their stand as the meeting progresses. The interest is good. We ask the prayers of our brethren and sisters everywhere in behalf of the effort in Talladega. We will try to make provision for those who attend, either in tents on the ground, or in residences as near the tent ground as possible. Our tent is near the corner of Knox and Nance, in a part of the town of Talladega known as Knoxville. I shall write the elder or leader of each mission church, and will inform them of cost of board, lodging, or tent rent, etc., as we draw near the time. T. B. BUCKNER.
July 9, 1917.

Encouraging

FROM the *Central Union Outlook* we clip the following encouraging item, surely the Lord is blessing his people.

Writing under date of June 21 concerning the Colorado camp meeting, Elder Underwood says: "We are having a wonderful meeting. Have prepared a telegram to send to Elder Evans which reads as follows:

"Holy Spirit working with power at camp meeting. Repentance and consecration to service key-note of meetings. Today over \$38,000 given in cash and pledges to foreign missions. Expect to raise this to \$50,000 before the meeting closes. See Acts 1:8.

(Signed)

"UNDERWOOD, QUINN AND SHAW."

Later: Eighty were baptized and more than \$51,000 was raised for foreign missions and home work.

The Work in Ft. Worth

A FEW Sunday nights ago we held meetings with our new Sabbath-keepers out in the country from Ft. Worth. The attendance exceeded our expectation at both services, day and night. At the close of the last service, we called for the hands of those who were ready to begin keeping all of God's Commandments. Six responded readily, of which three were deacons of the churches there. This gives us four of the deacons, and nine other members, thirteen in all. These people all own their little farms, and are living free from big debts. The church Board has decided to allow the pastor only one Sunday during the month now. The majority of the members are planning to set the Pastor aside if they can get us to fill his place. We will not answer this call until we have won the last one who is ready to follow us in keeping the whole Truth. The work in the city is still on the move forward. We have several who have promised to attend our Sunday evening Bible class, conducted in our home, at 1129 S. Main St. We are sure we will have to change our Bible study night soon, as we must spend more Sunday nights in the country, as the new Sabbath keepers are very anxious to have us with them until their pastor stops fighting them and the Message which he knows nothing about. He brought a white Minister out one Sunday to preach against the Sabbath, and the Adventists. He failed in his effort to stop the Message in that part. We hope soon to have these new ones bringing in their tithe to help carry the Message to some in other parts of the country.

E. M. GATES.

Ten Good Reasons

You should take one or both of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses:

1. Because the books in the courses have been carefully selected and are supremely good ones.
2. Because there is room for you in the Reading Circle, and we want you to be sure to share the pleasure and benefit of these excellent books together with the host of young people that have already en-

rolled and obtained their books.

3. Because the books contain valuable help for daily living.

4. Because the books will stimulate your interest in missions.

5. Because they will increase your love for good reading, and good reading is a remarkable life improver.

6. Because all the books can be read in your spare minutes.

7. Because pressing the reading of these books into your spare moments will teach a valuable lesson in economizing time.

8. Because the course books will be an excellent addition to your personal library. And every young person who wants to succeed should gather about him good books.

9. Because there are questions sent out with these books which will help you to review and fix in your memory the most interesting and important points.

10. Because you should learn to love good books while young, because it is the books read before the middle of life that most influences one's career.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT.

The Jacksonville Effort

THIS is the eleventh week of our effort here, and the sixth week since the presentation of the Sabbath. We are thankful to report that up to the time of this writing 45 adults have taken a determined stand for the Sabbath and kindred truths. Including the children and young people that keep the Sabbath with their parents, the total number of new Sabbath keepers in our Sabbath-school is about 70. Quite a number of our members in this city have moved to various cities of the North, leaving the present adult membership of old Sabbath-keepers as low as 18. The interest here is still encouraging. Last Sunday night, July 15th., our large tent, 60x80 ft., was packed. God has made it possible for us to reach the thinking people of this city. The colored banker, a prominent physician and his wife, and several other leading colored business men were present recently, and expressed themselves very favorably to the message

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very important work will be both pleasant and profitable. We solicit for Professor Beardsley in his many and varied duties and responsibilities, the continuance of the same hearty support and cooperation of our constituency that the writer has enjoyed in the past. We believe there are bigger and better days in the future for Oakwood. Good will and cooperation will bring heaven's smiles upon the work.

Only two days were spent at Oakwood and then a stop at Mobile. At Plateau, about four miles from Mobile is a very unique and interesting colony of Negroes and while I shall tell their story some other time, I will say briefly that a cargo of slaves numbering 102 persons were torn from their African homes and smuggled to Alabama's shores in the year 1859. After untold hardships their freedom came in '65. Seven of these persons are still living. Aunt "Juma," the oldest one, is 124. A few years ago one of their number died at the age of 144. The colony has its own church. The old people still make use of the African language and sometimes sing its songs. I enjoyed to the fullest extent my visit with these tall, lean, weather beaten old people—Slavery's last recruits.

After spending a few hours in New Orleans I was soon speeding up the east bank of the Mississippi on the "Sunset Limited," a Southern Pacific train. This train crossed the river several miles above New Orleans on a great barge which is long enough for four Pullman cars end to end. There are three tracks side by side and plenty of room all around. Our train of eight coaches and two locomotives was put aboard, and two tugs, one tied to the side of the barge near its front end, and the other tied on the same side near the rear end furnished the power.

After crossing we were carried rapidly by the great rice and sugar-cane plantations of lower Louisiana. I was surprised to see the remarkable wealth of this section of our country. The prosperous homes and bountiful gardens gave evidence of a land of plenty. We crossed the Atchapa-

laya river, along whose banks, Basil the Blacksmith, one of the heroes of "Evangeline's" story, used to herd his cattle. The sun was just setting as we crossed the Sabine over into the great state of Texas. Next morning found us at San Antonio, where the Camp-meeting of the South Texas Conference was in session. A report of this and other meetings will be found in another article. Continuing our narration of travel relating points of interest for the instruction of our young people, I will say that most of us remember the story of the "Alamo." Here Davy Crockett and 176 other Americans met their death. The Alamo was a Catholic mission built in 1718 for the conversion of the Indians. It was later used as a Mexican magazine. The Texans in their war for independence from Mexico, took it Dec. 8, 1835. The following spring the Mexicans returned, about 4,000 in number and surrounded it Feb. 22, 1836. The siege continued until the morning of March 6, when the last defender was slain.

The ruined building was later put in repair and the Alamo square is now the center of attraction in the large and beautiful city of San Antonio. San Antonio is one of America's cities that is now alive with the grim preparations for war. Thousands of soldiers are in training at its army post and some four thousand skilled men are in training at the aviation camp seven miles below the city; and apart from the army post. Several hundred aeroplanes are in use there now and several thousand will be soon. Stupendous preparations are going on. I met one of my former school boys at the aviation camp. May the Lord hasten the day of peace that our young men may yet be spared the awful realities of war.

May their lives be precious in God's sight.

C. J. BOYD.

Settlement of Disputes

MAN has invented his own original scheme for the settlement of his individual, national and international disputes. God has offered a remedy, but man has passed it by; he would rather prolong his contentions, arbitrate them, or fight them out. But such methods

are wholly subversive to the kingdom of Christ.

This age in which we live is virtually an age of strife. Strained and perplexed relations are continually arising all over the world. It matters not what has been the past good feeling, it seems now almost impossible to escape international, national, sectional, party, family, or individual disputes. In one form or the other, the air about us seems charged with hate and ill-will. In every case questions of right and wrong are involved. One person is certainly right and the other surely wrong. But it does not seem to make much difference who is right or wrong, each party to a controversy is ready and quick to air his differences, or to arbitrate them, and very often, to fight them out; and it is difficult to get either party to a dispute to see his folly.

Professedly religious men are not free from the shame of these things. They too, share in the wickedness. Sir Isaac Newton says: "History will witness to the fact that the bitterest contentions have appeared in the realm of religion." Sad is the record against the twelve disciples; they disputed over the position of preeminence among themselves. And if the same spirit is found among the ministers and other church folk, it is a sin none the less vile and besetting.

Arbitration is purely a human invention, employing superior authority and influence to decide a controversy. But how often this method reveals traces of chance work, gambling, corruption and undue influence on the part of both parties. Another wicked human method of dealing with a dispute is to resort to guns or other ways of forcing submission to our wills. The third method has as many supporters as the others; for there are armies of us who would rather air our grievances and prolong our controversies indefinitely. Disputes give to some men a sort of mental calisthenics. They seem to find no exercise more agreeable.

But, O, who can measure the wounds, the breaches, the walls of separation, the irretrievable losses, that are sustained by disputes! Whatever its character or nature, let us, if possible, seek to avoid a

dispute. Nothing was ever gained by a dispute, but it is exceedingly injurious to every good cause in the earth.

God's cause and his truth are always paramount and should ever claim our devotion. But no interests essentially our own can warrant a dispute. This is true whether we view it from the standpoint of an individual, a family, a group in society, a race, or a nation. I offer as proof of this Matt. 17:24-27. Read "Desire of Ages" pages 432-434. While Christians are not to sacrifice one principle of truth, nevertheless, if more energy were spent in avoiding controversies, if less study was given to finding grounds for objections, if we could more readily discover how we may do that which we might not be justly required to do, greater good would result.

Where there is nothing more involved than our opinion, or a question of our personal right, our liberty, our honor, our name, our property; where in our clamor to guard or maintain our privilege, a wrong construction is placed upon our action, then let us have a vision broad enough to see the glory of resigning our right for the good of others.

Human right is sacred and inviolate, but there is a higher and loftier principle to guide our conduct than contention for it. It is our privilege to surrender to others where they may be profited and blessed thereby. Let us exercise that privilege more often than we do. If our opinion is about to be lost, learn to take the reverse position. If an injury is given by us, apologize; if received, forgive. If our right is trampled, learn to bear abuse; God's great providence rules, no feeling nor action on our part can alter. Here is the essence of the gospel, and true Christianity. Here is where Divine Grace wins its victories and we become the channels through which it operates.

When we fear to suffer outrageous fortune, when we submit to arbitrators we magnify the influence of men at the expense of Divine love. We exalt the arm of flesh instead of the Grace of Heaven. We gamble with the authority of those about us. Several attempts were made to gamble with the authority

of Christ. John 2:1-12; 4:4-42; 12:13-14; but he allowed no one to direct in the exercise of his authority, not even his mother.

To rightly settle a dispute, the Christian needs the arm of no man. God helps him to surrender his right for the good of all; and thereby he saves the honor, the property, and sometimes the life of his fellows. By prolonging the controversy nothing is gained. By fighting it out, both may be lost. But if out of a heart filled with love for Christ we surrender, then Grace triumphs.

The Bible counsels against theological disputes. 1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 2:16. There are two questions that a Christian does not necessarily urge. First, a question of privilege; second, a question of opinion. Where these principles are adhered to, there are no disputes nor wars. Christ has set the example for settling disputes, questions of right, honor, privilege, or property. Let us heed his instruction. M. C. STRACHAN.

The Big Week

THIS feature of our canvassing work is becoming quite popular. It shows what can be done when full time and earnest effort meet in the consecrated canvasser's life. Concerning this work we quote from Elder Eastman, Secretary of the North American Division Conference Publishing Department.

"Arkansas sends in the what is evidently a genuine bona-fide report. Brother E. E. Hansan, for their 'Big Week,' ending June 23, reports eighty hours for 'Daniel and Revelation' for the week. This resulted in 153 orders, valued at \$810 and \$29.50 in helps, giving a total of \$839.50, with \$10.25 worth delivered."

"Such work shows the possibilities before us when men apply themselves to the work as the time demands. For this same week, Arkansas reports three men as having passed the four hundred-dollar mark; five, the hundred-dollar mark."

"The twenty-three canvassers for the week average \$4.50 an hour. This is the second 'Big Week' for the Southwestern Union. The first averaged \$158.10 sales for each colporteur, while the second

averaged \$191.50. These 'Big Weeks' are serving one good purpose, it seems to me, and that is to give us a clearer vision of the possibilities before us. The total sales for this 'Big Week' in Arkansas was \$4,415.90 in orders and in helps, and \$250.40 delivered."

Brother Cole, Union Agent of the Atlantic Union writes Concerning this Feature

"MANY of our colporteurs throughout the North American Division are testing the Lord on this point in rather a new way. They are setting for themselves a high goal on certain weeks, both in hours worked and in value of sales, in what we term 'The Big Week.' This is now being carried out in many local conferences, and marvelous results are being seen. In this 'Big Week' every colporteur set for himself a task and puts himself to the stretch to reach the mark."

Meetings in the Southwestern Union Conference

OUR white brethren of the South Texas Conference gathered at San Antonio, Texas for camp meeting July 9-16, 1917. The spirit of the Lord was present. More than a score of converts to present truth were buried in baptism. When the call was made in behalf of foreign missions the sum of \$1844 was received in cash and \$2500 in pledges. Considering the fact that the drowth of this region had already ruined the corn, and that cotton and other crops were almost beyond help, this free response was remarkable, coming as it did from such a small company. The retail value of books sold on the ground to our brethren amounted to over \$4,000. This means that these brethren and sisters took with them to their homes a large supply of books to dispose of among their neighbors.

The writer had the privilege of talking twice, soliciting the interest of our white brethren in the colored work. The judgment and encouragement of our white brethren in helping to select worthy colored students for our Junior College is being emphasized. We believe

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Canvassing Reports June 23

THE following table represents one week's work from our student canvassers. We all are glad to hear these good reports

	Book	Hours	Orders	Value
W E Adams	B R	59	69	\$282 00
J E Jarvis	U P	64	44	108 50
R S Little	U P	75	27	72 45
L J Pryor	B R	55	53	212 60
J S Spraggs	B R	43	24	106 50
C H Gordon	B R	48	62	252 00
W Nathan	B R	64	40	256 75
Lena Strother	B R	15		10 80
A Clark	U P	58	39	101 20
W H Baker	B R	50	60	285 00
C Jackson	B R	57	35	155 90
H T Palmer	U P	78	42	126 00

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they heard. We have spared no pains to make both the tent and the Message attractive. Most of the new ones are from the largest and finest churches of the city. Others found the Lord for the first time in their experience in our special revival services. Up to this date July 16th our public collections amount to \$172.18; we might also add to this \$32.00 given by several members of the church to assist in advertising: making a total of \$204.18 received as donations thus far. We hold our Sabbath services in the tent. Our church building is nearly three miles from the effort, and is also too small to accommodate the Sabbath attendance. We advertise largely, both by circulars and through the leading newspapers of the city. The meeting is not all carried on in a corner. All over the city the tent meeting is spoken of and the subjects are discussed largely. Our success thus far is due to much prayer, and harmony among the workers.

G. E. PETERS.

The "Watchman" Helps

EIGHTY-THREE thousand copies of the June number of *The Watchman Magazine* have been printed. The prospects are bright for a hundred thousand circulation of the July issue of this good magazine. Two hundred students have left the different schools to take up work this summer with this magazine. Most of them will work for a scholarship, many of

them on the new subscription basis. Let us remember these workers as they go from place to place with these truth-filled pages. Let us pray that many souls may be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth by their work.

Northern Union Reaper.

Jacksonville, Fla.

TEN weeks ago we began our efforts in this place under the name of "Present Truth." The effort is in charge of Elder G. E. Peters assisted by Elder J. Green. From the first the opposition has been strong, and at times the way looked dark, as we were very much delayed in getting the work started. All these adversities have served to drive us to the Lord in prayer, which we now feel was providential.

The Lord has wrought for us in his own way and time, and has given us some success for which we feel very grateful. More than forty have already taken their stand and we are now looking forward to the time for baptism. Our goal for the season is set for one hundred souls.

The Sabbath-school numbers at the present time more than ninety. The donations for the four Sabbaths we have held school have amounted to more than thirty-five dollars.

In addition to the workers named above, we have the following persons aiding in the effort. Bible workers: J. A. White, Sister E. M. Peters, Sister M. E. Pegues,

and N. B. Irving, musical director. The writer is acting as tent master. We also appreciate the help and cooperation of the local church.

J. P. PEGUES.

OBITUARIES

HUDSON: Sr. Anna Hudson was born in Pickinsville, Ala., in the year 1880. She was a devoted wife and mother for nearly a quarter of a century. She was a loyal and faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for four and one half years. The last few weeks before her late illness were marked by an increased consecration to the Master. She fell asleep in Jesus June 5, 1917, to await the coming of the Resurrection.

NETTIE MCKINNEY.

Clerk No. 2, Memphis Church.

SHERLEY: Sister Ella Sherley was born in Newton County, Miss., in the year 1875. She joined the Seventh-day Adventist church No. 2 at Jackson, Miss., in 1906; and was a faithful member until death, which occurred February 25, 1917. Those left to mourn are her husband, a son, her father and many friends. The funeral was conducted at the home on west Lynch St., Jackson, Miss., by Brother William Cobb and the writer. Sister Sherley was laid to rest in the Mt. Olive Cemetery awaiting the call of the Life giver at the first resurrection. We look hopefully forward to the time when the grand reunion will come in the kingdom of God.

R. H. WATKINS.

The following item of Missionary work is taken from *The Workers Bulletin*, June, and shows what can be done by earnest workers.

"In a recent letter from Sister Sype she stated that in a month's time she and her company sold 600 copies of "Armageddon," 1000 copies of "World War," 500 magazines, secured nearly 500 yearly subscriptions for the *Signs of the Times*, distributed over 500 copies of free literature, took several subscriptions for the *Review* and the *BULLETIN*, besides making many visits and preaching sermons.

Southeastern Union Conference Mission

For Second Quarter 1917

	Cumber- land	Georgia	Florida	So. Car.	N. Car.	Totals	Gain
Letters written	214	379	581	334	399	1907	642
Letters received	146	247	441	251	322	1407	380
Missionary visits	797	2337	1492	1660	1613	7899	3388
Bible Readings	253	701	584	693	656	2887	1244
Subscriptions taken	11	14	38	68	29	160	
Papers and magazines sold	871	2369	1088	729	1445	6502	3781
Papers and magazines given	695	1383	2307	709	576	5670	2194
Books sold	145	683	128	213	119	1288	879
Books lent or given	139	187	172	226	172	896	461
Tracts sold	68	205	20	87	41	421	40
Tracts lent or given	619	2247	1762	1395	307	6330	2304
Hours of Christian help work	997	1097 3/4	830	1117	758	4799 3/4	1011 1/2
Articles of clothing given	160	272	308	369	265	1374	161
Value of meals provided	\$21 60	\$55 48	\$41 40	\$104 90	\$83 60	\$309 98	\$60 48
Treatments given	107	92	147	205	59	610	
Signers to temperance pledge	15	22	4	28	13	82	16
Conversions		3		15		18	18
Bouquets	6	14	17		22	59	59
Offerings to Home Missions	\$7 31	\$107 02	\$46 07	\$53 72	\$30 78	\$154 90	

Southeastern Union Mission

HOME Missionary Department Report for Quarter ending June 30th., 1917. We praise God for this splendid report! In many ways this is by far the best report we have had since we launched this department.

It is a real pleasure to me to note the increase in all the conferences, but there are three items in which we show a loss. I am sorry for this; still as a whole the report is an excellent one. If the faithful

workers continue at this rate, I am sure the third quarter will exceed this, and by the end of the year we shall be able to sing the victory song.

Let us press onward and do even more than we think we can. Remember the only thing that lies between us and Heaven is the unfinished work. How can one remain idle, knowing this?

Come on, dear brethren and sisters, let us finish the work, and then we'll be gathered Home!

Everything in the world shows that the day of probation is fast closing, and we must hasten before it is too late to save the waiting ones who have not yet been sufficiently warned and instructed in the things of God that are now transpiring all about us! Surely the end is near, and there is only a little time in which to work. Let us spend no idle days.

We desire the prayers of all for this good work. ANNA KNIGHT.

Union Mission Secretary.

Important

A COMMUNICATION just in hand from Elder A. G. Daniells says: "Important council at Loma Linda regarding war problems just closed. Have written Brother Evans to call a meeting of the North American Division Conference Committee July 24 to consider and have passed resolutions advising the formation of a hospital base unit and also the organization of a food conservation department."

Dr. Green, of the Boulder-Colo-rado Sanitarium, gave stirring, and thrilling account at the Wyoming camp meeting of the demand being made upon our medical men in the Central West and of the necessity of immediate action to organize for effective and helpful Samaritan

work in this great hour of the nation's and world's crisis. If there ever was a time when our claim to medical missionary endeavor ought to be more than empty words, it is the present hour. We are thankful that Elder Daniells sounds the bugle call for prompt action of the North American Division Conference. Our brethren should earnestly pray that God may give great wisdom in meeting the needs of the present demands upon our physicians and medical workers.

From The Field

SURELY the Lord has set his hand to speedily finish the work in the earth.

I have been canvassing only

seven weeks and have sold \$2497.85 worth of literature. The people are thirsty for our literature. Some can not wait until fall delivery. Some pay cash for best bindings without murmurings. Some are having their books delivered most every week.

The above being true, and with the assurance of financial sustenance, why do not more of those who know Jesus is coming in this generation leave the common occupations and engage in this noble work? There is no such thing as a soldier of Christ standing still, indifferent and inactive.

"If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small."

Prov. 24: 10. W. H. BAKER.

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that many of these brethren and sisters returned to their homes from the San Antonio meetings with firm resolutions to give more thoughtful attention to America's needy millions.

Stopping at Houston, Texas I spent two days studying conditions among the colored people, and on the last evening spoke to our little company of believers at the home of Elder Miller. Elder Miller has associated with him in the work there Brother H. D. Greene who graduated from the ministerial course of study at Oakwood with the class of 1917.

These two brethren were just preparing to pitch their tent for an evangelistic campaign. I was glad to find that Brother Greene was conducting several regular Bible studies weekly with some of the best and most intelligent colored families of Houston.

At Jefferson, Texas I found about 150 of our people (white) encamped and enjoying rich blessings. Elders Christian, Robinson, Benson and Adams, Professor Nelson of Keene and Brother Harrison, all workers that I had met at San Antonio were here putting forth their very best efforts for the success of the gathering. A goodly number showed their interest in the colored work by subscribing for GOSPEL HERALD at the close of the talk which the writer gave. Jefferson is a city of over 3,000 inhabitants and about three fourths of this number are colored. We have no colored church here but have several isolated members who accepted the truth a few years ago as the result of the labors of Elder Nunes.

We ought to have several stu-

dents next year from this place.

Leaving Jefferson I came to Shreveport, La. The evening of our arrival I spoke to a small but attentive congregation of believers (white).

Shreveport is a beautiful city, and Elder McLennon and his congregation have recently built one of the neatest little chapels that I have seen. This little house of worship fitly represents the work in that important center.

Brother Branch, the church Elder, had called the company together. Two or three students are at Oakwood now from this church, and several others have attended in the past. Elder J. S. Green, an Oakwood graduate in the class of 1910, and now connected with our Florida Conference Mission is from Shreveport. I was glad to see his sister Miss LaCotte Green who graduated with our nurses class of 1909. Sister Green afterward took Post Graduate work at Loma Linda, and is now following up her profession in her home city. Shreveport is also the home of the Longwares, a name familiar to the Oakwood people.

Elder R. Roberts, a member of the Oakwood class of 1912, has been in charge of the work here, but was recently called to New Orleans to take part in a tent effort now being conducted there.

Several students are planning definitely to attend the Oakwood Junior College from this place next year.

C. J. BOYD.

Written from Shreveport July 25, 1917.

JOTTINGS

Professor Boyd and family while arranging for the summer were shocked by the sad news of the sudden death of his mother. The teachers did all they could to comfort and aid them in their sorrow. They left immediately for Muncie, Indiana, the old home of Professor Boyd. Sister Boyd and Harold are spending the summer with the bereaved family, while Prof. Boyd enters on his work of soliciting. He called by on his way to the Southwestern Union Conference, where he goes to attend camp meet-

ings and solicit aid and students for Oakwood Junior College. This is really the first step in opening up the campaign for enlarging and further equipping the school. While we miss these earnest workers at Oakwood, we wish them much success in their efforts to serve God and humanity, and further endeavor to build up this institution.

Elder Stephenson spent three days in counseling with the new Management, with the Auditor, and the heads of departments. Some very helpful plans were laid which it is hoped will greatly increase the efficiency of the school.

Brother Curtis, the Union Auditor, with his wife, spent a few days here, auditing the books of the institution.

Sister Rochelle Philmon made the school a visit, bringing copy for the Graysville Academy Calendar. All enjoyed her brief stay.

Our new President and his family arrived on Sunday, July 8 having driven the entire distance from Nebraska in their auto. The family consists of Professor and Mrs. Beardsley and three children,—the eldest a boy, Eldred, is seven years of age,—the other two are girls Alberta aged six and Dorothy aged two. They were soon housed comfortably in "Oaklawn" and seem very much at home at Oakwood. Professor Beardsley has entered heartily into his work and expresses himself as well pleased with the surroundings here. The teachers gave them a hearty welcome in the form of a surprise call, bringing in refreshments. We wish them a happy career here.

Sister Reeder, the head of the Medical Department, is spending the summer at the Washington Sanitarium.

Our Summer family has been increased by the arrival of several new students. From Kingston, Jamaica, Eric Francis and Richard Thomson. Joseph Abraham comes from Augusta, Georgia Pauline Emmanuel is a graduate from the church school of Atlanta, Ga. We are glad to welcome these students.

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