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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

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GOD IS CALLING

God is calling you, O Christians,
Will you heed the call to-day?
See! the fields are white and ready;
Why do you so long delay?

Be ye ready for the Master
When he calls you to the field;
Do not keep the harvest waiting,
Gather in the golden yield.

God is calling you to duty,
Heed, O heed that loving call,
He is waiting on the threshold;
Hasten to the harvest, all.

—Barbara Williamson.

OUR MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

For Two Years Ending Dec. 31, 1911

It seems fitting that we pause for a moment to thank the Lord for what he has wrought for and through our youth. The backward look brings good cheer, and God's blessing has made every year's record "advancement."

We have but little time left in which to finish the work of giving the third angel's message to all the world, and every talent is needed, and should be enlisted. Besides, we have been told that only those will be saved who have taken part in the effort. To labor for God is the only way to keep alive our interest in eternal things, and to maintain our own faith and spirituality.

There is a part for each to act. Talent has been given to every one to trade upon and improve, and increase; but the Lord has told us that we will never reach a higher standard than we ourselves set. This being true, we can see the importance of setting our mark high. Some of our young people have been trying to do this. In their work for both home and foreign fields, some have set their mark at what they ought to do, and then striven to reach it.

One society set its aim to earn \$10 in three months for missions. Eight of their number were under thirteen years of age. This meant hard work for all; but they set their mark and reached it. For some time these same young workers have kept this up, and every time have earned a little more, never coming short of their original aim. Others have done equally well, and we can see that when a standard has been set that has been approved by all, it has been reached and in many cases, even overstepped. This gives courage to press on, and we would recommend to others the plan of setting themselves a definite task and working with determination to accomplish it. The Master-worker has told us to set our mark high, and he will help us to reach it.

In the definite call that comes to our young people at this time, the question is asked, "Who of our youth will give themselves to God for the purpose of laboring for the salvation of their fellow-youth?"

Again the call comes, "Will the young men and the young women who really love Jesus organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath-keepers, but for those who are not of our faith?"

"We have a definite work to do for our youth. Our time is short. We believe that as we sense the importance of the work in which we are engaged, and the short time remaining in which to do this work, we will want to show our increased interest by doing more for its advancement.

But what has been done is not in proportion to what might have been done. Some of the churches in the Southern Union are doing little, and in some instances I fear that their inactivity is due to a lack of personal consecration, spirituality, and love for souls. In others it is doubtless due to timidity, and lack of efficient leadership. With many more who are doing little, the reason is a lack of proper education, training, organization, and instruction in ways, means and methods. This need of education must in some way be provided for before we can expect of our young people and churches either the quality, or the quantity of work which they might otherwise do. The burden of giving instruction must rest upon the laborers of the local conferences, as the general secretary has not had the privilege of visiting the churches for this purpose, nor the camp-meetings or other general gatherings, and her other duties would not have permitted it even if the conference could have afforded it.

Another reason for so small a showing is the fact that many can not be induced to report even the work they do. To overcome this difficulty is a task that I have not been able to accomplish. But I am sure that if all the work actually done had been reported, the figures I will now present would be at least twice as large.

REPORT OF THE Y. P. M. V. SOCIETY FOR TWO YEARS ENDING DEC. 31, 1911.

Number of Societies Reporting	18
Present Membership	202
Members of Conference Society	15
Junior Membership	45
Number Taking Reading Course	56
Members of Attainment	25
Number of Seniors taking Reading Course	25
General subjects are studied in the meetings, the books used for the Reading Course are "Home and Foreign Missions," "Bible Biography," "Bible Study," and "General Work."	
Letters written	1,088
Letters received	509
Missionary visits	1,852
Bible readings held	1,151

Subscriptions taken for periodicals	83
Papers sold	3,310
Papers loaned and given away.....	16,839
Books sold	1,116
Books loaned and given away.....	513
Pages of tracts sold.....	2,523
Pages of tracts given away	67,765
Hours of Christian help work.....	1,311
Articles of clothing given away	312
Meals provided	215
Signatures secured to the Temperance Pledge.....	125
Number of conversions of young people	25
Offerings for Foreign Missions	\$102.92
Offerings for Home Missions.....	118.25
Offerings for local societies' work.....	185.95

While these statistics are not as large as we could wish, they show a considerable amount of work done, enough for which to be thankful, and enough to warrant more earnest effort being made to encourage our church members, both young and old, and teach them how to do more. My report of personal work for two years ending Dec. 31, 1911, in addition to editing the *WORKER*, is as follows:—

Letters written	2,563
Letters received	1,221
Missionary visits	231
Bible readings held.....	24

PERIODICALS DISTRIBUTED

<i>Review</i>	168
<i>Education</i>	77
Harvest Ingathering <i>Signs</i>	100
<i>Watchman</i>	600
<i>Liberty</i>	190
<i>Life and Health</i>	127
<i>Protestant Magazine</i>	110
Family Bible Teacher.....	1,107
<i>Gospel Sentinel</i>	2,869
<i>Youth's Instructor</i> (special).....	380
Value of tracts distributed.....	\$19.20

SUBSCRIPTIONS OBTAINED FOR THE FOLLOWING PERIODICALS

<i>Protestant Magazine</i>	206
<i>Liberty</i>	195
<i>Youth's Instructor</i>	19
<i>Review and Herald</i>	24
<i>Watchman</i>	18
<i>SOUTHERN UNION WORKER</i>	55
<i>Christian Education</i>	17

May the Lord grant that through more enthusiasm, more spirituality, deeper feeling of individual responsibility, with intelligent organized leadership greater results may be seen during the present year. This must be, for we are one year nearer home.

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS.

Miss. Sec., So. U. Conf.

WHAT THERE'S TIME FOR

Lots of time for lots of things,
Though it's said that time has wings;
There is always time to find
Ways of being sweet and kind;
There is always time to share
Smiles and goodness everywhere.

— Selected.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending March 1, 1912. Total number of bound volumes, 1,126; *Watchman*, 4,929.

CANVASSERS' LETTERS — KENTUCKY

I HAVE been enlisted in the canvassing work only a short time,—since the first of January. I took up this work because I felt that I should be engaged in striving to win souls for the Master, and that in doing this, I might myself be drawn nearer to, and have a closer connection with God. I know that the Lord is sending his blessings upon me in full measure in return for the feeble efforts I am making to get this message before the people. It surely does us good to be engaged in the very thing that Jesus bids us to do. I had heard the call for quite a while, and had tried to banish it from my mind; but at last decided to give up my worldly ambitions and work for the Saviour. If my efforts in behalf of others were fruitless there would still be the satisfaction of knowing that I had performed my duty, but it gives me great pleasure to see that I am not laboring in vain.

I have many good experiences in my canvassing work. I was delivering books last week in Lebanon Junction. While passing along the street a lady called to me asking if I was that book agent. I told her the name of my book, and she asked me to bring her a copy in the best binding at my next delivery.

On the 14th of February I left a copy of "Bible Footlights" with a lady who was unable to pay for it at that time. Yesterday I received a letter from her containing the money, and stating that she was well pleased with the book. She also sent the name of a lady who wanted a copy of "Best Stories."

A few days ago I visited a friend and left a copy of "Bible Footlights" with him to read. He spent Sabbath evening with us, and told us how he had been convinced by reading the book that the seventh day was the Sabbath, and that he intended to keep it holy hence forward. I know that he is in earnest, and I feel sure that his family will follow his example.

I am rejoicing in this work and feel that God is leading. I want to be more consecrated to his service, and more energetic in bringing others into the light of the third angel's message.

CURTIS POUND.

I HAVE been canvassing in Lexington for "Bible Footlights" during the past two weeks. This is my first experience with the book work, but I am enjoying it, and feel that God has blessed my efforts. I have taken twenty orders, and the persons who ordered the books seemed to be very much interested in the different Bible subjects they contain. I believe they will read and study the book, and it makes the truth so plain that they must, after reading it, either accept or reject the truth.

I am of good courage in the work, and want to be a faithful worker for God.

VERNA POUND.

WE have reached our new home safely, and feel contented with our territory as well as our room and board. The country in this section is so much more level than any in which we have lived during the past ten months. We have about \$30 worth of books to deliver in this section of Kentucky, and our hope is that the Lord will bless us so that we may deliver every book. Pray for us that we may be faithful workers.

C. R. MILLAR.

I HAVE just entered Anderson County, and find things very favorable here in Lawrenceburg, the county seat, to do good work. The chances seem to be favorable to do double work in Kentucky this year. We have more workers than we had last year and a few more will soon start.

Just the day before I left Bullitt County, Brother and Sister Coudell and three children from Montana, arrived in Shepherdsville. He stated that he had been a railroad man, but that his intentions were to locate there, and go to farming so that he could keep the Sabbath. So I believe the Lord has some people there, and that he has sent some one to hold up the interest, and water the seed that has been sown. Surely we are in God's work and can expect great things.

D. C. RAY.

ECHOES FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION

"ONE canvasser while out delivering received word from a lady that she had no money. The messenger that brought the word told him she had a pocket full. So the Lord works and he delivered the book."

"A canvasser while out taking orders called on a rich planter and was told the following: 'The Lord has sent me a good rain and now he has sent me a man with a good book.' The canvasser replied, 'That's so, my brother.'"

"A Georgia canvasser stated that he could trade a 'Bible Footlights' for most anything in Georgia; that it was legal tender over his way."

"One worker secured a night's lodging at the home of a Methodist minister. After supper the minister discovered that his lodger was a Seventh-day Adventist. He stated that had he known this he would not have taken him into his home. The canvasser inquired for a reason, and finally the conversation developed a Bible study. Before going to bed, our brother had secured an order each for 'Past, Present, and Future' and 'Great Controversy.'"

This last experience brings to my mind the statement in Volume 7 of the Testimonies, "Difficulties will arise that will try your faith and patience. Face them bravely; look on the bright side. If the work is hindered, be sure that it is not your fault and then go forward rejoicing in the Lord."

Seventh-day Adventists must expect these difficulties and trials all along the way; but if we face them bravely and spend much time in prayer, we may rest assured that all things will indeed work together for good.

THE work is still onward here at the Home Office, and the foreman of the bindery has just handed me the report of work going through his department which shows that 46,843 books are in process of binding. We are getting ready for the busy season, and trust that a large number of workers will take up the canvassing work in the near future.

We hear good reports from Bro. A. F. Harrison, and in a recent letter he states that there will probably be twenty-five canvassers take up the work after the Arkansas institute. This surely sounds good, and we trust that our brethren in the Southern Union will awake to the importance of this line of work, and that our Union Conference may lead in sales during 1912.

Eld. W. W. Eastman, manager of our Book Department, will leave to-day for Ridgeland, Miss., to attend the canvassers' institute at that place. He will be absent from the office about ten days.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,
R. HOOK, JR., Gen'l Mgr.

I CAN do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
—Paul.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT

"Acts of the Apostles," by Mrs. E. G. White, just published, is a very instructive volume. It contains 630 pages, divided into 58 chapters with scriptural and general indexes. It is one of the greatest contributions to our literature from the pen of this well known author. The book portrays the labors of the apostles, and the triumphs of the cross through them. The chapters on the life and labors of the great apostle Paul are especially helpful. Three chapter headings selected at random are "Pentecost," "The Message Heeded," and "The Church Triumphant."

"By this Spirit-aided book a flood of light is thrown upon the apostolic church and its momentous meaning to us of this time."

Price, post-paid, cloth, \$1.50; leather, \$2.00.

"Sowing Beside All Waters," is the title of a most excellent pamphlet of 80 pages, compiled by Bro. Clarence Crisler, who is closely associated with Mrs. E. G. White in her literary work. The following endorsement appears over the signature of W. C. White:—

"This booklet is composed principally of selections from the writings of Mrs. Ellen G. White, and is sent forth upon its mission with the hope that it will prove a blessing to many souls. The quotations from other writings, and the historical and explanatory statements by the compiler, are printed in bold face type. The quotations from the Testimonies appear in plain type."

It is a strong appeal for setting in operation all the working agencies of the church. It is a very painstaking selection from the manuscripts and published writings of Sister White, with notes and statements by other writers regarding conditions in mission fields. Price, five cents.

"Easy Steps in Bible Story," by Mrs. Evans, is a delightful new book for children. This book makes the stories of the Bible plain to the minds of the little ones. Price, cloth, \$3.00; half morocco, \$4.00; full morocco, \$5.00.

Those in search of good books, not only denominational, but first class books written by responsible writers outside our own ranks, which have been carefully read and are heartily recommended, should send for our new catalog which is just coming from the press. This will be sent free upon request, and even if you have all of our standard books, you will want our new catalog because of the many new outside books which have been added. A post card will bring it to you post-haste.

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Kentucky Conference

NOW IS OUR OPPORTUNITY

WE are very glad indeed to hear of the advancement the message is making, and to know that the people desire to learn the truth.

Conditions that now exist in Kentucky prove that we are living in the last days of the message, and that the prophecy of Isa. 60:3, 4, "And the Gentiles shall come to thy light. . . . Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee," is being fulfilled in our conference at the present time. People who have never heard Adventists preach are asking us to send some one to preach the truth in their neighborhood. Among some of the urgent calls are the following places: Hartford, in Ohio Co.; Leitchfield, Grayson Co.; Ford, Clark Co.; Louisa, Lawrence Co.; London, Laurel Co.; and Antioch, Anderson Co. The places above mentioned are only the most

urgent ones. Now is an opportunity to get the truth before these people. What shall we do brethren? I hear you say, "Enter these places at once." But in order to do so we must have money and consecrated men, and I wish that every member of the church would get a burden to help warn these people who are calling for the truth. I wonder if all are paying a faithful tithe. Can we not come up to the standard that God has set for us? Our God never asks us to do what is impossible. Shall we employ more laborers to fill these urgent calls? Your answer, brethren, will decide the question. If your tithe is increased and we have the money required, we will get the needed help.

Some may not fully understand the tithing system and the obligation. For the help of such I quote a few statements from the Testimonies: "Just in proportion as God has given his property to man, so man is to return to God a faithful tithe of all his substance. This distinct arrangement was made by Jesus Christ himself."—*Vol. 6, p. 384.* "It is because church members neglect to pay their tithe and meet their pledges that our institutions are not free from embarrassment. If all, both rich and poor, would bring their tithes into the store-house, there would be a sufficient supply of means to release the cause from financial embarrassment, and to nobly carry forward the missionary work in its various departments."—*Vol. 4, pp. 475, 476.*

"Those who have charge of our church buildings are to be supplied with the means necessary to keep the building in good repair; but this money is not to come from the tithe. A very plain, definite, message has been given to me to give to our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the objects, to which the Lord has said the tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from God. God will judge for these things. One reasons that the tithe may be appropriated for school purposes, still another would reason that canvassers and colporteurs should be supplied from the tithe. But a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it should be used—the support of the ministry."—*Special Testimony.*

I trust that the above statements will be of help to every one of us, and that God's blessing will rest upon each individual.

B. W. BROWN.

A CALL TO SERVICE

WANTED: Men to canvass. Good, strong men to go out into the hills of Kentucky and carry the gospel literature which God has inspired men to write. The gospel is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, and here is Kentucky with almost 3,000,000 inhabitants, and most of them ignorant of the third angel's message. Christ says, "Go work to-day in my vineyard," and he promises to pay us what is right. He also says that he will be with us to the end.

All who feel that God is calling them to the work should enlist at once. A survey of the broad harvest field, and a sense of the shortness of the time in which we must do the work that has been appointed us as a people to do, should quickly decide every honest heart. God has made it possible for every Seventh-day Adventist to be a worker for him. Let us therefore continually pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the harvest. Now, brethren, if we have a definite message to give to the world in this generation it is high time we were at work; for the time will soon come when no man can work. In order to sell our books to the people it is essential that we should be instructed how to do it. We will hold a colporteurs' in-

stitute, for this purpose, March 15-25 at the Grove Church, Casey County. Those who attend this institute should plan to be at King's Mountain, Lincoln County, Friday, March 15, at noon, ready to go to the place selected. Any one desiring further information should address me at 1410 Beech St., Louisville, Ky. H. E. BECK, *Field Missionary Agent.*

Louisiana Conference

THE ORGANIZATION OF HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN OUR CHURCHES

THE Lord has told us through the Testimonies that "the strength of an army is measured largely by the *efficiency* of the men in the ranks."—*Vol. 9, p. 116.*

That "a wise general instructs his officers to train every soldier for active service. He seeks to develop the highest efficiency on the part of *all*."

That "if he were to *depend on his officers alone* he could never expect to conduct a successful campaign. He counts on loyal and untiring service from *every man in his army*." "The responsibility rests largely upon the men in the ranks."

That "In the closing controversy now waging between the forces for good and the hosts of evil, he expects *all*, laymen as well as ministers, to take part."

That "all who have enlisted as his soldiers are to render faithful service as minute men, with a keen sense of the responsibility resting upon them."

That "those who have spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work."

That "too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and fully carried out, whereby the talents of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this."

That "the work of God in this earth *can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers*."

That the servant of God sensed the keenest agony of soul over the time left by saying, "Oh that I could speak words to men and women that would arouse them to diligent action! The moments now granted to us are few. We are standing on the very borders of the eternal world. We have no time to lose. Every moment is golden, and altogether too precious to be devoted merely to self-serving." "Who will seek God earnestly, and from him draw strength and grace to be his faithful workers in the missionary field?"

That "to develop the talents in the church, by well organized plans to give practical experience in the work of saving souls, will do more to make men feel deeply the value of souls and their needs by doing labor for their salvation, than by any amount of preaching."

That "men in the humble walks of life are to be encouraged to take up the work of God."

That "young men and women should be educated to become workers in their own neighborhoods and in other places," to "set their hearts and minds to become intelligent in regard to the work for this time, qualifying themselves to do that for which they are best adapted," and that "there should be no delay in this well-planned effort to educate the church-members."

That "men are needed who will push the triumphs of the cross, who will persevere under discouragements and privations, who will have the zeal and resolution and faith that are indispensable to the missionary field."

That "those who do not engage personally in the work," should "not hinder those who are willing to work, but give them encouragement and support."

That "in these days of travel, the opportunities for coming in contact with men and women of all classes, and of many nationalities, are much greater than in the days of Israel," and

That "believers in these cities can work for God in the neighborhood" and "from house to house, . . . circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls."

That "literature be distributed judiciously on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails."

That "the Lord demands that in his servants shall be found a spirit that is quick to feel the value of souls, quick to discern the duties to be done, quick to respond to the obligations the Lord lays upon them."

That "ministers, preach the truths that will lead to personal labor for those who are out of Christ."

That the "minister's work does not consist merely in preaching," but "he is to visit families in their homes to pray with them, and to open to them the Scriptures."

That the minister who is faithful to do this can "accomplish *ten-fold more* than he who confines his labors to the desk."

That ministers are to "make Jesus their pattern, . . . carry their load of responsibilities with fear and trembling, looking to the Lord for wisdom, and asking constantly for his grace."

That "the missionary idea is the product of the mind of God,—conceived before the foundation of the world,—imparted to man in Eden,—unfolded in eternal patience as the slow rolling centuries have passed away, and carried forward in prophetic surity, to its full fruitage, the gathering of the saved in the kingdom of God."

That "we must give the message of warning that he has intrusted to us. We must give this message quickly, line upon line, precept upon precept."

That "men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side."—*Id.*, p. 127.

That "the Lord calls upon his people to labor—labor earnestly and wisely,—while probation lingers."

That "when the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will graciously be manifested." "Divine power will be revealed." "The light of truth will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth."

That "angels are waiting to co-operate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given,—they are waiting for you."

That we are to "work, O work, keeping eternity in view! Bear in mind that every power must be sanctified," and that "prayer go forth from unfeigned lips." "God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; . . . that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations." Ps. 67: 2.

That "We are to go to our rest at night with every sin confessed," as they did when in 1844 they expected the Lord would come any moment.

The above instructions are certainly very timely. The New Orleans church is determined to put itself in harmony with them. It is very evident to them that the many nationalities from all parts of the world, seven of which are represented in its membership, places it in a practically foreign

field. The many public places, offering great opportunities to give the truth by reading matter and personal work, and the number of ships going to all parts of the world, place great responsibilities upon this church.

Committees have been appointed to oversee the missionary work done for the English, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Swede, Spanish, Dane, Greek, Jew, and Chinese.

The Press Committee prepares reports and articles for publication in every available newspaper and in our own papers. The Ship Committee labors in the interests of sea-going people. The Medical Missionary Committee, composed of nine members who are qualified for this work, labors for the benefit of the sick, and also renders the church good service by educating them in healthful living.

The Visiting Committee makes special efforts to visit all families or individuals brought to their attention, with the purpose of extending to them all the comforts, spiritual blessings, and social advantages of the church. Any one knowing of any who have not the privilege of attending religious services among our own people or any other, and who want to be visited by some of our earnest workers, should report them to the chairman of this committee.

The Corresponding Committee sends literature in any language to those whose addresses are given to them. The members of this committee also constitute the consultation board of the society, to consider the best way to answer different letters, or objections of inquirers. Many who can not go out to do missionary work as the others, can, by being on this committee, employ spare moments in writing letters and mailing literature.

The Auxiliary Committee is composed of all the members of the society who are not on other committees, and they stand ready to assist in the work of the society whenever they are needed.

Sr. Bessie Johnstone, 1614 Erato St., New Orleans, La., is the secretary of the Home Missionary Society. Through her, any one can be put in communication with any of the branches of the work of the church.

The New Orleans church occupies a field that is affording many advantages to do missionary work for foreigners without going to those fields. Because of this fact the church has organized a systematic effort to do faithful work.

Every plan and manner of the work is derived from Volume 9 of the Testimonies. A chapter is studied each week and reviewed at the meetings of the society. A special effort is made to have all become subscribers to our good church paper, the *Review and Herald*.

The possibilities before this church are almost unlimited. The Lord has brought into the truth men and women of several nationalities, who are zealous to give the truth to their people. The difficulty is to have sufficient papers for the work. Frequently more than two hundred hands are pleadingly held out to us for papers when we have not more than seventy-five to give them.

Pray for the work and workers.

PRESS COMMITTEE, S. D. A. CHURCH.

510 Jackson Ave., New Orleans.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1912

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Mansfield	\$ 29.50
Welsh	226.80
Shreveport	122.00
Hammond	12.00
Jennings	14.50
Hope Villa	16.10
Lake Charles	19.29

Individual	6.46
Ringgold	5.00
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• Total	\$451.65
OFFERINGS	
Religious Liberty	\$ 5.31
Harvest Ingathering	11.60
\$300,000 Fund	28.20
Annual Offering	2.25
Weekly and Missions	4.33
Sabbath-school Donations	3.00
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund35
Emergency Fund	1.43
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Total	\$56.47

L. B. SPEAR, *Treas.*

Mississippi Conference

How FAST we are passing down the stream of time. The first quarter of 1912 will soon be in the past. I am sending out class supplies and blanks, and I feel confident that the secretaries will be prompt in sending in their reports and donations early in April. Please send your order to the state secretary *now*, for your Sabbath-school quarterlies, enclosing money for same. Some were late last quarter in ordering their supplies.

I have received a little leaflet from the Sabbath-school department at Washington, from which I quote a few lines:—

“Our Sabbath-school offerings have increased so splendidly that it is thought we may now have a special object for which we may set apart the gifts of one Sabbath in each quarter.”

“The General Conference Committee has voted to allow us to select the last Sabbath in each quarter as a day when we may donate to a special object.”

“The first special enterprise selected to be the recipient of our Sabbath-school offerings given on the thirteenth Sabbath of the first quarter of 1912 (March 30), is the cities of India.” “On that day all who can do so are invited to give one dollar as a Sabbath-school gift to missions. Those who can not give so much may increase their regular offerings as much as they can.”

“Remember the date—the thirteenth Sabbath in the present quarter, March 30, 1912.

“Remember to add this gift to the total Sabbath-school contributions to missions for the quarter, and also to state the amount given on the thirteenth Sabbath, that it may be set apart for the cities of India.

“Remember to pray for India as you give to India.”

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

INSTITUTE FOR COLORED COLPORTEURS

OUR annual institute for colored colporteurs will be held at Vicksburg, opening at 9 A. M., March 25, and continuing until April 4.

We expect this will be the largest and best institute that we have ever held. Prepare now to come, and for the definite purpose of preparing for more and better work.

Watch the WORKER for more information concerning this institute.

H. G. MILLER.

932 Union St., Jackson, Miss.

“How blessings brighten as they take their flight!”

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1912

TITHE	
Vicksburg	\$ 10.00
Meridian	110.00
Pine Grove	28.86
Hatley	40.82
Individual	7.00
Jackson	76.60
Quitman	1.90
Conference Church	150.12
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Total	\$425.30

OFFERINGS	
Sabbath-school Offerings	\$ 83.42
Ingathering	33.33
First-day Offerings	8.80
Second-Sabbath Offerings	3.10
\$300,000 Fund	13.00
Religious Liberty	32.46
Sanitarium Relief, Nashville	100.00
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Total	\$274.11

BEULAH M. CALLICOTT, *Treas.*

Tennessee River Conference

THE REASON STATED

It has been asked, “Why has the Executive Committee thought it wise to divorce the business of the conference session from the camp-meetings?”

The answer is not far to seek: It is plainly stated in Volume 6 of the Testimonies, pp. 44-46, that “business matters should be attended to by those specially appointed for this work. And as far as possible they should be brought before the people at some other time than the camp-meeting.”

“As far as possible, our camp-meetings should be wholly devoted to spiritual interests. They should not be made occasions for the transaction of business.”

“The presidents of conferences and the ministers should give themselves to the spiritual interests of the people. . . .

“The ministers should teach the people how to come to the Lord, and how to lead others to him. Methods must be adopted, plans must be carried out, whereby the standard shall be uplifted, and the people shall be taught how they may be purified from iniquity and elevated by adherence to pure and holy principles.

“There must be time for heart-searching, for soul culture. When the mind is occupied with matters of business, there must necessarily be dearth of spiritual power. Personal piety, true faith, and heart-holiness must be kept before the mind until the people realize their importance.”

“Those who gather at the camp-meetings must be impressed with the fact that the object of the meetings is to attain to a higher Christian experience, to advance in the knowledge of God, to become strengthened with spiritual vigor; and unless we realize this, the meetings will to us be fruitless.”

These statements constitute the *great* reason for the action of the conference committee. Another consideration having some weight was the fact that it seemed imperative to hold two camp-meetings, neither one of which could be sufficiently central to be called a general camp-meeting. It will give all parts of the conference a better opportunity to be represented in the conference session, to hold the business meeting

at some central point, and not in connection with a camp-meeting, which, because of its location, can be only local.

This matter was carefully and prayerfully considered, and we believe the future will show the wisdom of the decision reached. So far there has been no criticism, that we have heard, and but little question. On the contrary the action of the committee has been highly commended by a number of those who were already familiar with the above statements from the Testimonies, and with many other statements to the same end that might be quoted, did space permit.

The writer must confess to having felt some misgivings as to how the people would receive the new plan, but none whatever as to the principle involved. The Testimonies settle the principle beyond cavil; but it is sometimes hard to break away from the habits of years. We believe, however, that practically all our people in the Tennessee River Conference will say "Amen" to the testimony of the Spirit of God.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

THE WORK AT JOHNSONVILLE

ON the evening of February 16 the writer, with Bro. A. H. Jones, began a series of meetings in the schoolhouse at this place; but on the 22nd Brother Jones was called to service in the Nashville Food Factory, leaving me to continue the meetings here alone.

The first few meetings were fairly well attended, but the majority of the people here as elsewhere will not endure sound doctrine. 2 Tim. 4:3. I felt sure, however, that the Lord had a work for me to do in Johnsonville, so I have worked away holding meetings each night and giving Bible readings during the day, depending wholly upon the Lord's commission and promise in Matt. 28:18-20. I have not yet studied the Sabbath in open meeting, but have given several Bible readings on the subject, and as a result three souls are keeping the true Sabbath. I also found a lady here who has been keeping the Sabbath several months as the result of reading "Bible Footlights." Thank God for the truth. My courage and faith in the message which we know is so soon to triumph gloriously, increases with each passing day.

I ask our people to pray especially for the souls here who are taking their stand for God and his commandments. Satan is already stirring up the people against them; and especially against me. The hotel proprietor has refused to let me have a room longer at any price, and being unable to get one anywhere in Johnsonville I was forced to secure lodging across the Tennessee River. I am experiencing to some extent the literal fulfilment of Rev. 12:17. However, it is all working out to the glory of God, as I am now giving the message on both sides of the river, and I am thankful to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for the opportunity.

J. M. Boyce.

THINGS TO PRAY FOR

THERE are some things of special interest that I believe every one in this conference should pray for.

1. The colporteurs' institute now in session at Springville, Tenn.
2. The colporteurs' institute for the colored people at Memphis, Tenn., April 4-14.
3. The campaign for the special health number of the *Watchman*. This will be the May number, and will be ready April 15.
4. The new colporteurs as they take up their work.
5. And for me, your humble servant, as I take up this great work in this conference.

C. F. DART.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Feb. 23, 1912

ALABAMA CONFERENCE									
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered		
W F Nance	2 w CK	78	51	\$76 50	\$16 75	\$93 25	\$		
I W Peevy	.... BF	20	9	13 50	4 50	18 00			
S S Guilford	2 w BF	29	3	4 50	5 10	9 60	26 50		
M L Ivory	2 wkBF	88	33	49 50	13 55	63 10	3 00		
J T Burk	..... PPF	12	4	6 50		6 50	6 50		
R C Pauschow	. BF	6	7	9 25		9 25			
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE									
Curtis Pound	. BF	24	13	15 00		15 00	36 25		
Verna Pound	. BF		6	7 50	50	8 00			
C R Millar	.....BF	2	2	2 00		2 00	2 00		
D C Ray	.....BF	4					6 25		
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE									
G Jorgenson	...PPF	60	3	5 25		5 25	12 05		
T S Sligh	.....BF	10					11 00		
C W Brown	...BF	36					15 00		
M B Wilson	...PPF	26	4	5 50		5 50	28 75		
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE									
J S Fry	.....BF	20	10	10 00		10 00			
H C Balsbaugh	stoc	44	36	23 60		23 60	7 50		
W H Haddon	...BF	21	5	5 00		5 00	3 50		
Louise Jackson	.BF	7	2	2 00	2 25	4 25	50		
John Hampton	..BF	24	5	6 00	1 00	7 00	13 00		
M A Murphy	...BF	25	16	20 00	1 50	21 50	1 50		
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE									
L F Lambert	.. BF	30	45	45 00	50	45 50	50		
C F Lowry	.... BF	38	20	24 00		24 00			
J B Allen	.... PPF	29	14	22 50	1 25	23 75			
Mamie Moore	.D&R	30	14	21 00	1 85	22 85	48 70		
R H Hazelton	...BF	40	19	19 00	25	19 25	25		
A C Williman	. GC	25	4	14 00	1 50	15 50			
Curt Payne	....D&R	16	5	15 00		15 00			
Melissa E Tillman	BF	8	12	13 50	50	14 00	12		
J S Moore	sofp sofd	33	6	9 00	4 50	13 50	8 25		
C E Morphew	BF	20	9	11 50	50	12 00	2 00		
Edna B Maddix	BF	15	7	7 50	1 50	9 00	3 50		
Eugene Sykes	.. BR		2	4 00		4 00			
Mrs S Frisby	.. BF	8	2	2 00		2 00	2 00		
SUMMARY									
Alabama Conf	....	233	107	159 75	39 00	199 70	36 00		
Kentucky Conf	...	30	21	24 50	50	25 00	44 50		
Louisiana Conf	...	132	7	10 75		10 75	66 80		
Mississippi Conf	..	141	74	66 60	4 75	71 35	26 00		
Tenn River Conf.	..	229	159	208 00	12 35	220 35	65 32		
Totals	.....	765	368	\$469 60	\$53 50	\$527 15	\$238 62		

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT For Week Ending Feb. 23, 1912

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
Agent	No.	Value		
Milton Jones	69	\$6.00		
Verna Pound	5	.50		
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
W. J. Keele	195	19.50		
Mrs. Mae Keele	116	11.60		
SUMMARY				
Kentucky Conference	74	\$7.40		
Tennessee River Conference	311	31.10		

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EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

LAST August Eld. W. E. Videto, former instructor in Bible in the Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, moved his family to Leatherman, North Carolina. Elder Videto and his wife are associated with Prof. H. B. Allen in the development of the industrial school known as the Cowee Mountain School of Industries and Agriculture.

The means with which this school is being developed is obtained largely by Brother Allen through the sale of the educational periodical which he handles in his travels. The school is called "A Self-supporting School for Mountain White Children in the 'Land of the Sky'" Concerning the work Elder Videto writes as follows:—

"The same wonderful success continues to attend Brother Allen's work, which we attribute to the fact that the Lord is helping at every step. Our paper has a paid subscription list of more than twelve thousand. With the extra copies sold, twenty-four thousand of the present number will be disposed of. Brother Allen has been able to furnish the school with more than \$200 a month profits from the sale of the magazine. We believe that the time has come when the Lord will do wonders all over the field."

Elder Videto then tells of his experience in teaching five months in the public school in order to meet the people before his own schoolhouse was in readiness to receive the children. He says: "The school was noted as being one of the most backward in the county. Our work seems to have become widely known and has greatly increased our prospects for students when our school opens, which will be about March 15. We have a fine school building all enclosed. The recitation room we shall use for meetings.

"Opportunities for missionary work here are opening up rapidly. One of the ministers is reported to have said that he would run us out; but he was not reelected, and the new pastor is most favorable to our work. I was asked by the Sunday-school Superintendent, an influential man, to speak in the schoolhouse where I taught. I had a crowded house. I have sixty-four students enrolled, and Mrs. Videto has been helping me with the teaching."

TUESDAY morning, January 23, the Madison School family was favored with a short visit from Eld. C. B. Haynes of the Press Bureau of Washington, D. C., and Bro. O. R. Staines and Dr. A. J. Harris of Nashville. Elder Haynes had been attending the sessions of the Southern Union Conference, and before leaving the South desired to see some of the nearby stations. He addressed the student body at its hour of morning worship, telling them of the opportunities afforded by the press for carrying the message to the world. He

gave some interesting illustrations of the aid it has given to canvassers and other workers. From the Madison School Brother Haynes was taken to the Food Factory near Amqui, and later in the day he visited one of the highland schools near Fountain Head, Tennessee.

Bro. L. C. Scott, who with his wife is conducting a self-supporting industrial school on Sand Mountain near Long Island, Alabama, writes that they have had an enrollment of thirty in their school this past winter. The children have been doing well, but the teachers have constantly to contend with the tobacco and cigarette habits. Brother Scott has just completed a new barn. The boys in the school have been working with him during the winter, clearing land, etc. and they are now beginning preparations for spring gardening.

M. BESSIE DEGRAW.

SPECIAL NOTICE

SATISFACTORY arrangements have been made for the Sabbath-school Memory Verse Cards, heretofore furnished by Mrs. Edith Cummings, College View, Neb., to be supplied by the *Sabbath-school Worker* at the same price; namely, 7 cents per set of thirteen cards.

These cards will give neat reproductions of the memory verses printed in the *Worker*. Having these memory texts attractively illustrated and printed on cards and placed in the hands of the children each week, assists not only in interesting the children, but in fixing the Scriptures definitely and permanently in their minds. The cards have been used sufficiently to thoroughly demonstrate their utility and desirability. All schools where there are children should have the Memory Verse Cards for them.

In ordering remember:—

(a) To order one set for each child.

(b) That the price is 7 cents per set (thirteen cards).

(c) To order of the *Sabbath-school Worker*, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

SANITARIUM COOK WANTED IMMEDIATELY

THE Nashville Sanitarium is in immediate need of a first-class sanitarium cook. The future prospects of the institution are bright, and we feel that this is a splendid opening for either a consecrated man or woman who is proficient in the culinary art. In replying to this advertisement, please state in your first letter your age, previous experience in healthful cooking, what your Christian experience has been, salary wanted to begin with, and any other information that will help us in the consideration of your application. Address

THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM.

Station 5, Nashville, Tenn.

AN OPPORTUNITY

WE would be glad to hear from a young lady, and also from a boy thirteen to eighteen years of age, who desire to attend school next winter and would like work on the school farm during the summer to apply on their expenses.

Give age, height, experience, and grade you would want to enter. Also references. Address, *Hazel Industrial Academy, Hazel, Kentucky*.

PAPERS WANTED

CLEAN copies of the *Watchman*, *Signs of the Times*, *Instructor*, and *Life and Health*, can be used for missionary work in new fields. Send them post-paid to Miss Birdie B. Bowling, McWorter, Ky., or to O. A. Dow, Ledbetter, Ky.

B. W. BROWN.