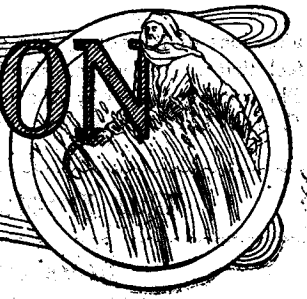


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CHOOSING A WIFE OR HUSBAND

THE Canaanites were idolators, and the Lord had commanded that his people should not intermarry with them, lest they should be led into idolatry. Abraham was old, and he expected soon to die. Isaac was yet unmarried. Abraham was afraid of the corrupting influence surrounding Isaac, and was anxious to have a wife selected for him who would not lead him from God. He committed this matter to his faithful, experienced servant who ruled over all that he had. Abraham required his servant to make a solemn oath to him before the Lord that he would not take a wife for Isaac from the Canaanites, but that he would go unto Abraham's kindred, who believed in the true God, and select a wife for Isaac. He charged him to beware and not take Isaac to the country from whence he came, for they were nearly all affected with idolatry. If he could not find a wife for Isaac who would leave her kindred, and come where he was, then he should be clear of the oath which he had made.

This important matter was not left with Isaac, for him to select for himself, independent of his father. Abraham tells his servant that God will send his angel before him to direct him in his choice. The servant, to whom this mission was entrusted, started on his long journey. As he entered the city, where Abraham's kindred dwelt, he prayed earnestly to God to direct him in his choice of a wife for Isaac. He asked that certain evidence might be given him, that he should not err in the matter. He rested by a well which was a place of the greatest gathering. Here he particularly noticed the engaging manners, and courteous conduct of Rebekah, and all the evidence he had asked of God he receives that Rebekah is the one whom God has been pleased to select to become Isaac's wife. She invites the servant to her father's house. He then relates to Rebekah's father, and her brother, the evidence he has received from the Lord, that Rebekah should become the wife of his master's son, Isaac. Abraham's servant then said to them, "And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left." The father and son answered, "The thing proceedeth from the Lord: we can not speak unto thee bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the Lord hath spoken. And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshiped the Lord, bowing himself to the earth."

After all had been arranged, the consent of the father and brother had been obtained, then Rebekah was consulted whether she would go with the servant of Abraham a great distance from her father's family, to become the wife of Isaac. She believed from the circumstances that had taken place, that God's hand had selected her to be Isaac's wife, "and she said, I will go."

Marriage contracts were then usually made by the parents,

yet no compulsion was used to make them marry those they could not love. But the children had confidence in the judgment of their parents, and followed their counsel, and bestowed their affections upon those whom their God-fearing experienced parents chose for them. It was considered a crime to follow a course contrary to this.

What a contrast to the course now pursued by many children! Instead of showing reverence, and due honor for their parents, by consulting them, and having the advantages of their experienced judgment in choosing for them, they move hastily in the matter, and are controlled by impulse rather than by the judgment of their parents, and the fear of God. It is often the case that they contract marriages without even the knowledge of their parents. And in many instances their lives are embittered by hasty marriages, because the son-in-law, or the daughter-in-law, feels under no obligation to make their parents happy.

Young men and women sometimes manifest great independence upon the subject of marriage, as though the Lord had nothing to do with them, or they with the Lord, in the matter, and that it was purely a matter of their own, which neither God nor their parents should in anywise control. They seem to think that the bestowal of their affections is a matter in which self alone should be consulted. Such make a serious mistake, and a few years of marriage experience generally teaches them that it is a miserable mistake. This is the great reason of so many unhappy marriages, in which there is so little true, generous love toward each other, and so little exercise of noble forbearance toward each other. These often behave in their own homes more like pettish children, than the dignified, affectionate husband and wife.

Isaac had been trained in the fear of God to a life of obedience, and when he was forty years old, he submitted to have his God-fearing, experienced father's servant choose for him. He believed that God would direct in regard to his obtaining a wife.

Children now from fifteen to twenty, generally consider themselves competent to make their own choice, without the consent of their parents. And they would look with astonishment, if it should be proposed to them to move in the fear of God and make the matter a subject of prayer! Isaac's case is left on record, as an example for children to imitate in after generations, especially those who profess to fear God. The course which Abraham pursued in the education of Isaac, which caused him to love a life of noble obedience, is recorded for the benefit of parents, and should lead them to command their households after them. They should instruct their children to yield to and respect their authority. And they should feel that a responsibility rests upon them to guide the affections of their children, that they may be placed upon persons whom their judgment would teach them would be suitable companions for their sons and their daughters. It is a sad fact that Satan controls the

affections of the young to a great extent. And some parents feel that the affections should not be guided or restrained. The course pursued by Abraham is a rebuke to all such.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

CANVASSERS' LETTERS — KENTUCKY

AFTER attending the institute at Grove, I felt much better prepared than ever before to carry this message to others, and by the grace of God I have had good success in this new field.

Since coming to Owensboro I have had many good experiences. The first day I canvassed here I went into a grocery and canvassed a lady. She was interested in the book, but would not order one without her husband's consent. So I promised to come back in the afternoon and show him the book. That evening I called, and he said that if I had anything that called for money I need not show it. I showed him the work anyway, but when I came to the subject of "Christ's Second Coming" he asked, "Do you think that is near?" I answered, "Yes sir, I do." "That is enough," he replied, "What is the price of your book?" I told him and delivered it that evening.

A few days ago, while out canvassing, I met a young lady who became very much interested in the book, but did not know what to do about ordering it, as her husband was a Catholic, and, of course, would have to furnish the money. She told me that her mother died last June, and that her last promise to her mother was that she would be a Christian. She said that she was trying to do right, but did not feel satisfied and wanted to know more about Jesus. She had married just a week before and is living with her husband's people, all of whom are Catholics. She said she knew it would be very hard for her to act contrary to their belief. After talking with her a while longer she said, "Yes, I must have that book because I know it will help me."

I am enjoying the work more than ever before, and ask to be remembered in your prayers. VERNA POUND.

AFTER attending the institute at Grove, I could hardly wait to begin the work of bringing the third angel's message to a sin-sick world. We came to Owensboro on the first of April, and on the third I did my first canvassing. Since then I have had many blessed experiences. Just one week after I had been in the work it seemed as though Satan followed me around all day long. I could hardly get into the homes at all, even though I plead with God that the people's hearts would be softened that I might get a chance to tell them a few words of the message. I did not get discouraged, but the next day I prayed more fervently and worked even harder than I did the day before. God heard and answered my prayer that very afternoon. I came across a lady who told me there was no need of showing my book, but I persisted. When I came to "Christ's Second Coming," she became very interested and asked me what church I belonged to. I answered that I was an Adventist. Then she said "I have been reading their literature for years and have tested it with the Bible, and I find they are teaching more truth than any other denomination. I am not a member of any church now, because I see the way the members are living and I believe I can be a better Christian out of the church than I can in it." Miss Pound and I called upon her this afternoon and took her some literature, which she seemed to appreciate very much. Her daughter was there from the

country, and she also seemed very much interested. They believe all the truth they have read, and we have invited them to Sabbath-school. I do hope to see them keeping all of God's commandments soon. We find many interested in Christ's second coming. I want all of the canvassers' prayers that I may have a greater burden for souls. I am of good courage and love the work. There is no other way like this of bringing such a message to the hearts of the people.

EDNA R. SCOTT.

BRO. H. E. Beck, field agent for Kentucky, writes the following experience: "I had taken an order from a man for "Daniel and the Revelation" and called to deliver his book. He told me that he had no use for it; that it was nothing but a Mormon book, and that I had told him nothing but lies when canvassing him. I told him it was far from being a Mormon book, and much further from Mormon teaching than he was. Then he began to tell other things that he had heard about me. One was that I did not pay my way. I gladly told him that the family he spoke of had invited me to stop with them and that I accepted their invitation, and of the good time we had together. Then he spoke of a widow to whom I had given a discount on the book, and said that I told him I did not give any discounts on the book. I told him that I did not to a man that was able to pay for it. Many other things were said and after all he did not take the book; but I found he had bought one of a cheap binding from his neighbor for a dollar. I met him about two weeks after and shook hands with him, although he hesitated. I met him many times through the summer, and when I was passing there in the fall he stopped me and asked me to stay overnight, saying that it would not cost me anything, but I had to pass on. I met a brother in the truth this winter, that had passed that way and met the man. He said he was inquiring about the Sabbath and the message, and said that the book he thought was Mormon had something in it that had caused him to think and study. So the message goes.

"There are many other souls longing to find the Saviour. Let us hunt them out. Are there not others who would like to go out and hunt for the lost sheep? Those who are out are having rich experiences. Wouldn't you like to share in these? They will fit you for the time of trouble. Write me at 1410 Beech St., Louisville, Ky."

TENNESSEE RIVER

As 3,000 of the "Special Health Number" of the *Watchman* had been sent to us, we felt that the responsibility rested upon us as individuals to get them before the people. Sabbath, April 20, an effort was made to place the matter before us so that we might see both our privilege and our duty. Elders Washburn and Burrow put their shoulders to the wheel to help the church dispose of the magazines in lots of 50 and 100 among the individual members. About 900 were subscribed for by individuals, but the good work did not stop at that meeting. There has been an increasing interest, so that up to date 2182 have been taken by the members of the white church. The colored brethren are also doing their part nobly, having taken 325 for a beginning. We expect to place every one in the homes of the people before the end of May.

There is a distressing condition existing here in many homes and other places, but God wants us to learn to walk over difficulties.

WM. J. KEELE

There seems to be a sound of going in the Southeastern Union as is evidenced by an order which just came in from Brother Randall. The order being as follows:—

- 2 cases "Bible Footlights, gilt.
- 2 cases "Bible Footlights," plain.
- 2 cases "Coming King," marble.
- 1 case "Coming King," gilt.
- 1 case "Daniel and the Revelation," cloth marble.
- 1 case "Best Stories," cloth.
- 1 case "Best Stories," board.

Surely the Lord is blessing all along the line.

Eld. W. W. Eastman returned from Graysville this week, where he attended the institute.

Bro. Freeman Bruce left Nashville Wednesday morning for Louisville, to take up his new duties as secretary and treasurer of the Kentucky Tract Society. The prayers and best wishes of his former associates in the office accompany him to his new post of duty.

We have had exceptionally fine weather for the past few days, and are glad to report that the roof is on our new office building, and we are now beginning to plan on a date for moving in.

The workers in the field continue to report success. All appear of good courage. The Home Office is a busy place, and we are laying up a large amount of ammunition to meet the needs of the field when deliveries begin.

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

A WEEK AT THE PUBLISHING HOUSE

(Concluded)

One can not help but be impressed with the immensity of this work, for in passing through the factory it is evident at a glance that large numbers of books are being made. Upon inquiry I find that 41,000 volumes are now in process of making. I step up to one of the large Miehle self-feeding printing-presses, printing 32 pages at a stroke. I take out my watch and count for one minute, and find that twenty-six impressions, equaling 832 pages, or as many as is contained in one of our large books, is printed in one minute.

I step up to the huge folding machine where one of the men is piling up large stacks of paper, and while the sheets are whirling through I take out my watch again and count, and find that these sheets of 32 pages are being folded at the rate of 52 a minute. The foreman of the bindery is busy every minute with his large force of helpers putting these pages into book form, binding them up, and passing them on to the packing room where they are packed and sent out to fill orders, or else are stored in bins or packed in boxes for future shipment. Every day the wagon makes two trips to the city laden with this literature. Thus the stream continues to pour out upon the world, ordinarily at the rate of about one ton a day, but in much larger quantities during the busy season. The full results will not be seen until Jesus comes and the jewels are gathered into his kingdom.

One thing which deeply impresses the mind of the writer is the way in which God takes men from the various walks of life and qualifies them to stand at the head of his work and to bear responsibilities for which their former experiences have fitted them. For instance, the present manager, Bro. R. Hook Jr., had eight years military service, and when he accepted the truth was in the pay department of the U. S. Army. The thorough organization and discipline of the army has doubtless been a help to him in systematizing and organizing the work of the institution.

Another military man is connected with the *Watchman* in the circulating department. Bro. B. N. Brown accepted the truth while serving as first Sergt. Hospital Corps, U. S. A.,

in the Philippines, and by a series of divine providences became connected with this office, and is proving himself to be an efficient man in his place. His great burden for the soldiers has prompted him to start a plan by which the good old book "Daniel and the Revelation" is being sent by hundreds to the various U. S. Army posts, and many are the encouraging and appreciative letters received from officers and men.

Godsmark, strange name, isn't it? Do you know how it came? Brother Godsmark, who is connected with the book department, comes from a long line of Quaker stock. His ancestors stood conscientiously for principle in the Church of England, they did not feel disposed to bow to all the creeds. Their name was Mark, and because of their curious conscientious scruples they had the name "God" placed before their name, and finally bore the name Godsmark. Brother Godsmark's parents and grandparents have been staunch and loyal workers in this closing message for many years.

And so I might mention many others, all working together, with sleeves rolled up and doing their best; for after our morning prayer service the word is "Hustle."

In the correspondence which comes to the office, part of which receives the attention of the writer's department, there are sometimes extraordinary things. Some of these letters are very amusing indeed. One coming from a certain state, tells us that the writer has one of our books and wants us to make her another like it. The writer says that if we will make two we can keep one to use as a copy to make others by when she sends in orders, and she will use the other one to take orders with. She says that the price of the one she has is \$1.00, and that it "ways" one pound, and further that she will give us a dollar for one, and wants us to promise to do the work before she sends the book because she is afraid she may lose the one she has and she does not want to run any risks.

A letter comes from another state, from a man who prefaces his name with "Rev." He says his eyes are opened to this "Advance Truth," and that he expects to live and die in it. He sends an order for some different kinds of literature and also asks for a ministerial credential, for which he encloses 25 cents. When we filled the order, we did not, of course, enclose the credential, and we soon received another communication from him telling us that everything he had ordered came all O. K. except the ministerial credential which he asked us to send as quickly as possible. He said "Please send it as I need it. If 25 cents is not enough I will send more." We had to reply that we did not furnish ministerial credentials, and referred him to some one else. It struck us as amusing—a ministerial credential for 25 cents.

Another call comes from another woman wanting us to print a book for her so she could buy herself some "close," and assuring us that she is a good girl. The spelling is most amusing in some of these letters, and in spite of one's best effort at self-control they often touch the tickle spot.

We receive many good, encouraging, letters from intelligent people. One gentleman, from whom we are receiving orders regularly for tracts and small books, is a merchant in Mobile, Ala. He writes that up to a few months ago he did not know any such literature was being published. He not only is supplying himself with our literature for his own study, but is using it for missionary purposes among his friends.

But already this "Week at the Publishing House" is too long. I fear you will weary reading it, so will close. Of course I have not told the half. There are many more interesting things that might be mentioned, but we must refrain from any further description for lack of time and space.

Suffice it to say that the one impression above all others is that here the same songs are sung, the same prayers are offered, the same burden for a deeper Christian experience is felt, and the same desire prevails to see the work close up as in the field. We are forcibly impressed with the fact that the work is one, that every department is bound together with inseparable ties, and that when the work does close the workers from every department will rejoice, not only because they are saved, but because their efforts in the cause of Christ have saved others, and thus all will rejoice together.

W. W. EASTMAN.

Alabama Conference

FLORENCE AND SHEFFIELD

PERHAPS the WORKER family would like to hear a few words from Florence and Sheffield.

During the winter months we have been busy visiting, giving Bible readings, and holding meetings with the church and other interested persons. We have had some good meetings, and our Sabbath-school has been well attended all the winter. Many are interested but it seems to take them a long time to obey.

Our Sunday night meetings are usually well attended. Last night we had a large crowd, and while I was speaking on the Signs of the Lord's Coming an awful storm came up which made the sermon very impressive.

It will soon be time to begin our tent effort here in Florence. We hope to have a good meeting and to see a number accept the truth. Already the people are inquiring when we are going to begin. At present I am holding four meetings a week at the cotton mill chapel here in Florence, and the other three nights am preaching in Sheffield.

We have had some serious illness in our family the last few weeks, and when human wisdom could do no more, the Lord heard and answered our prayer, and spared our baby. We have many things to praise God for, and we feel like consecrating our lives anew to him. There is great work to do, and we need much of the help of God in doing it.

Our church is desirous of doing all it can with the Temperance *Watchman*.

One more thing I want to say before I close, and I hope that when you read this you will be impressed by the Spirit of God to give. We are greatly in need of help on our church. We must have \$230 by the 24th of May to meet the second payment on our church. Our numbers are small and not able of themselves to raise this sum. Therefore we appeal to each member in the Alabama Conference, and to our stronger churches elsewhere to help us. If we fail to raise this money we may lose our church and all that has been paid on it. Surely you will help us in this time of need, and not allow the church we have worked so hard to establish here come to naught. Send your donations to the writer by May 22, and thus do as you would have others do to you under the same circumstances.

Box 224 Florence, Alabama.

JAMES BELLINGER.

"A PURPOSE once fixed, and then death or victory, will do anything that can be done in this world; and no circumstances, no opportunities will make a two-legged creature a man without it."

THEY who know not how to act agreeably, though they have learned many things, are still ignorant.—*Cural*.

Kentucky Conference

NOTICE

SOME weeks ago Sr. Lula Schafer resigned her office as secretary and treasurer of the Kentucky Conference and Tract Society. We regret that sickness in Sister Schafer's home made it necessary for her to give up the work in the office. She has been faithful in all her duties and has labored hard to advance the message. In behalf of the conference I wish to express my appreciation of Sister Schafer's work and faithfulness.

Bro. F. C. Bruce, of Nashville, Tenn., has been chosen to fill the vacant office. He comes to us from the Publishing House, where he has worked for several years.

We welcome Brother Bruce to our conference, and trust that under God he will be a great blessing to all of the members of our conference family. Address all mail intended for the office, and make checks payable to the Kentucky Conference. Those writing for supplies should address, Kentucky Tract Society, S. D. A., 1410 Beech St., Louisville, Ky.

B. W. BROWN.

NOTES

ELD. E. H. Rees, the Union Conference treasurer and auditor, spent a few days with us last week auditing the conference books.

Brother Wolff and Brother Beck are now holding an institute for colored people in Louisville. They also have a class of three white persons who are receiving training at a private house.

Brother Lindsay is holding meetings in the country near Ford. He reports that some have accepted the faith there, for which we are indeed thankful.

Brother Bruce arrived in Louisville May 1, and has entered upon his duties in the tract society office.

The writer, accompanied by Brother Beck, visited the following named places: Millerstown, Hodgenville, and Elizabethtown. We had some good meetings with the isolated believers, and their hearts were greatly encouraged as they listened to the truths of the message.

I then went to Bowling Green, where I held some meetings with the church, and I was glad to see the interest manifested by the little body of believers at that place.

All along the line the work is moving forward, and there are encouraging signs of progress wherever we turn our eyes. Let us all make 1912 the banner year for the work in the Kentucky Conference.

B. W. BROWN.

DEAR Brethren and Sisters in Kentucky:—

It gives me pain to tell you that on account of my mother's health I have been obliged to resign my position as secretary and treasurer of the Kentucky Conference. I greatly appreciate the support that has been given me while I have been in the office, and I pray that God's blessings will continue to rest upon this conference. Bro. Freeman Bruce, of Nashville, Tenn., has taken my place, and I ask that all the church members throughout the conference will give Brother Bruce the same hearty support that has been given me. Please remember that all mail intended for the office, as well as all checks should be addressed and made payable to S. D. A. Kentucky Conference, and that those wanting supplies of papers and books should address their orders and make their checks payable to Kentucky Tract Society S. D. A.

LULA E. SCHAFER.

Louisiana Conference

NOTES

ELDER Frank and the writer will begin a series of meetings at Natalbany at once. The minister in charge of one of the churches tried hard to keep us out of the place, but we found a good location and will hold the meeting anyway. Sister Goodwyn will assist in the Bible work.

The Sabbath-school work over the state is moving along nicely, and Sister Brown is getting hold of it in a good way. Let us all be faithful in attendance, and prompt in reporting.

A company of about twenty are keeping the Sabbath at Lena Station where Elder Frank has been holding some meetings the last few weeks.

The New Orleans Church has begun to raise the necessary money to purchase a church that is offered us by the Christian Science people. The price asked is \$4,000, which is considered very reasonable in view of the favorable location of the building. It will seat about three hundred. All who may desire to assist the work in this great and needy city are invited to do so by contributing to the purchase price not later than September 20.

Have you rendered the Lord's portion to him? He wants you to enjoy the blessing of service, and to this end he desires that you become his partner in this work of giving the message of his coming to the world. You can do this in part by pouring tithes and offerings into the treasury, that those who are laboring in all parts of the world may be untrammelled in their efforts to reach the people.

In your family worship morning and night, always remember the workers who are placing the truth in the homes of the people, that they may have the measure of success that will make their labors effective. Pray also for the Bible workers and ministers as they labor in word and doctrine. The prayers of those who are far away from the place of active labor, is the cause of practically all the unseen, but none the less real, assistance that comes to the workers in the times of greatest need.

E. L. MAXWELL.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL, 1912

TITHE

Conference Church	\$ 8 31
Cypress Grove Church	44 80
Hope Villa Church	27 75
Hammond Church	19 25
Individual Tithe	26 62
Jennings Church	17 40
Lake Arthur	42 72
Lake Charles	16 09
Mansfield	2 50
New Orleans	13 10
Ringgold	2 75
Shreveport	207 55
Welsh	63 10
Total	\$491 94

OFFERINGS

Colored Work	70
Emergency Fund	2 21
Harvest Ingathering	7 75
\$300,000 Fund	14 00
India	25 43
Missions	12 20

Religious Liberty	60
Sabbath-School Donations	87 40
Total	\$150 20

L. B. SPEAR, Treas.

Mississippi Conference

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Number of Schools	9
Present Membership	214
Average Attendance	163
Number in Senior Division	112
Number in Junior Division	36
Number in Intermediate Division	19
Number in Primary Division	31
Kindergarten	16
Number in Home Department of Local Schools	2
Number in State Home Department	43
Number Converted	3
Number Baptized	3
Contributions	\$101 50
Donations to Missions	101 50
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to India	25 00

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

Tennessee River Conference

CLOSE OF THE SPRING TERM AT HAZEL

THE spring term of the Hazel Industrial Academy closed April 30, with the following appropriate program:—

Voluntary	Mrs. Nellie Lewry
Chorus	Even Unto the End
	School
Invocation	C. F. Dart
Violin Solo	Cavatina
	Shirley Lambert
Mixed Quartette	From Greenland's Icy Mountain
	Class
Essay	Frank Knox
Duet	Sun of My Soul
	Miss Rainwater and Professor Atteberry
Essay	Jessie Burrow
Recitation	China's Pleading
	Mamie Hightower
Essay	Stanley Clark
Song	Look for the Waymarks
	Solo and School
Essay	Mary Anderson
Mixed Quartette	No Tears in Yonder Home
	Miss Rainwater and Messers Miller, Knox, and Carr
Presentation of Diplomas	Elder Bollman
Mixed Quartette	Lead Me Gently Home
	Misses Burrow and Rainwater and Messers Knox and Carr
Closing Prayer	Elder Bollman

The graduates were, Mary Ione Anderson, Jessie Burrow, Stanley Clark, Frank D. Knox,

Shirley Lambert, Mary Gaines, Inez Frisby, Mamie Hightower, and Calvin Bollman received certificates that they had finished the eighth grade. Some of these had however done much more than this, having not only taken the work necessary to complete the eighth, but finishing also the ninth

grade, so that next year if all goes well, some of these names will appear in the list of tenth grade graduates.

While the writer's past connection with the Hazel school has not been close enough to qualify him to compare former school years with the one just closed, it is the opinion of some who have known the school intimately during the years it has been in existence, that in some respects at least the year just closed has been the most successful in its history. The number of boarding students was larger than ever before, and so far as we have been able to learn the school has given entire satisfaction to its patrons. The spiritual atmosphere of the school has been good throughout the year, pupils and teachers have co-operated to the same end, and the results have been highly gratifying.

With the single exception of Professor Treible, who of his own choice goes to the Foreign Mission Seminary for a year's work, the same faculty will be in charge of the Academy next year.

The school farm is in good condition and we hope notwithstanding the late spring that it can be made to produce even more bountifully than in the past those things that will be needed during the next school year.

Prospective students are invited to correspond with the Principal, Prof. A. N. Atteberry, Hazel, Ky., who will cheerfully furnish all desired information. We are sure that parents having children to send to a boarding school, desiring them to take work up to the tenth grade, could not do better than to send them to Hazel.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM THE FIELD

I HAVE just been looking over the reports received from the colporteurs this week, and I am certainly well pleased with the time put in. The average is thirty-five hours. Half of them have put in forty hours or more. Such diligence is commendable.

Another thing I praise the Lord for is a good large report.—the largest so far this year—over \$400 worth of orders. This is good, considering the difficulties we have had to contend with. The excessive rainfall and the floods have cast a gloomy aspect over the country. But these things furnish the colporteurs with good arguments in securing hearings and in urging the people to buy books.

We have a mighty truth and a mighty God back of it, and we know that it will triumph. The weather is now more favorable, and I am sure we will soon have much larger reports than we have been having.

Brother Sykes writes that he finds no prejudice where he is working, but that the floods, and the scarcity of money among the people, is somewhat of a hindrance. Nevertheless he makes the people want the book so much that they will buy. He took two orders one day from a county official who had never bought a book of an agent before.

Brother Chenault writes that the people are very hospitable and kind and that his expenses are light. He spent one night with a deputy sheriff who ordered "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Best Stories." He said that he had had a copy of "Bible Readings" and would sit up late at night reading it. Another man who had "Daniel and the Revelation" ordered "Bible Footlights," and said he was fond of Adventist literature.

Brother Morphew has nearly finished Maury County and will soon be ready for new territory.

Sr. Mary Allen has now entered the field at Dyersburg. We wish her much success.

Her son Jesse, who is working for a scholarship, has been ill, but is now better. He is doing well and has good prospects of earning a scholarship this summer.

Sr. Mamie Moore has had two good deliveries since the Springville institute. She delivered \$165 worth.

Brother Hazelton writes, "The country is becoming beautiful. Everything speaks of a Creator."

I like this spirit of beholding the handiwork of God as we go about our work.

I am now at Hazel, Ky. Three new colporteurs will go out from this school to canvass for "Bible Footlights." Brn. Stanley Clark and Burdon Hampton will go to Montgomery County, Tenn., and Sr. Sina Clark to Jackson, Tenn.

C. F. DART.

DOES IT PAY?

WHEN the General Conference Committee outlines a certain policy and asks us to "fall in line," shall we do it? Is it worth while? Spiritually, does it pay? Theoretically all of us say, *Yes*. Practically we many times act, *No*.

Early in January we told in the WORKER of God's blessing upon us while canvassing for "Ministry of Healing." Two of our ten subscribers are already Bible readers, and a third seems anxious to begin as soon as we can get to her.

One of the two readers is already keeping the Sabbath and telling the good news abroad. The first Sabbath in April, when she went with her two sweet little children was her first attendance at Sabbath-school.

In February she bought "Bible Footlights" from Brother Haddon and was so pleased that she read it within a week and then sent it to her mother in Meridian. She then asked for another copy of the same book, and has since ordered "Great Controversy" from my husband. She read with much interest Butler's "Change of the Sabbath."

We are hopeful that this good Methodist sister will soon be numbered with the remnant church.

As we see this dear soul rejoicing in new-found treasures from God's Word, I am indeed thankful for that day's canvassing which took us to her home, and I believe that *it is worth while*, and that *it does pay* to "fall in line."

WORK AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS

Another item of interest is that our next-door neighbor, a lady of Catholic rearing, has begun an earnest study of God's Word and is now keeping his Sabbath.

When, while visiting this same woman in the early fall we spoke of spiritual things, she remarked that perhaps one could scarcely call her an infidel, but certainly she was skeptical.

How marvelously God has wrought in these few months! To-day she attends the Sabbath services when possible, and the prayer meetings regularly. She has learned to pray for herself, taking part in the prayer service, and bears a good testimony. She is teaching others as rapidly as she can. Her oldest child listens very earnestly to Bible stories, and often asks for a "reading." He is about four years old.

Observing her earnestness and character, and remembering that she is only twenty-six years old, we rejoice greatly before God; for her life promises to be one of usefulness.

Such is the power of God's Word quickened by his Holy Spirit! "Praise the Lord, O my Soul!" A WORKER.

WONDERFUL ANSWERS TO PRAYER

It is an honor and a blessed privilege to tell some of the cheering experiences I have had in the canvassing field, and how the blessed Saviour hears and answers prayer according to his promises. See Ps. 102: 17; 118: 23 (margin); John 14: 13, 14; 15: 7; 16: 23, 24.

I left my home in Loma Linda, Calif., the last week in November 1911, for a long canvassing in Arizona. I have now just about finished a delivery of nearly \$1,100 worth of

books, besides helps, etc., and have orders yet to fill that will raise the total of my delivery above the amount mentioned. This is a conservative estimate, and does not include a large number of such books as "Ministry of Healing," "Coming King," "New Testament Primer," and "Steps to Christ," which I also sold.

Besides the work mentioned I have, by the Lord's special help and matchless grace, just recently finished another canvass which yielded more than \$860 worth of orders for books, helps, etc., that are to be delivered as soon as I have finished with the other. In my last canvass I also took orders for many copies of "Ministry of Healing," "New Testament Primer," etc., that are not included in the figures given.

Among the large books sold are a number of that timely and thrilling work by Eld. Uriah Smith—"Daniel and the Revelation." In years past I was greatly blessed while selling that invaluable truth filled book in a number of states, and while so doing I had some of the best experiences of my life. I believe the large quantity of truth filled literature which the Lord has enabled me to sell during the past thirty-one years will yield a rich harvest in the time of reaping. All honor, glory, and praise be to the Lord who has given me success. Ps. 145:7.

I seek the Lord much in prayer, and he regards my petitions. Yesterday, Sabbath, I observed as a special day of fasting and prayer for my delivery which begins so soon, and for victories over sin and self, and that souls may be won to God by the truth filled pages. By the latter part of May I hope to finish my work here, and then join my aged and feeble father at the Loma Linda Sanitarium for a much needed rest.

WALTER HARPER.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending April 27, 1912

ALABAMA CONFERENCE *

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W F Nance	CK	25	46	\$ 69 00	\$ 2 75	\$ 71 75	\$ 1 50
R T Jacks	BF	47	29	29 00	7 00	36 00	
S S Guilford	BF	42	35	48 50	1 75	50 25	2 00
I W Peevy	BF	60	4	6 00	2 25	8 25	
A J Rice	BF	43	41	49 00		49 00	
Mrs A J Rice	BF	22	21	21 50		21 50	

* Week ending April 20.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Curtis Pound	BF	44	19	24 00	75	24 75	
Mrs Alice Reynolds	BF	3	1	1 50	4 00	5 50	5 00
Verna Pound	BF	27	7	10 50		10 50	
Edna R Scott	BF	25	11	16 50	1 25	17 75	5 00
J V Lucas	BF	41	19	27 00	1 00	28 00	
D C Ray	PP&F	29	11	21 50	1 50	23 00	
C R Millar	PP&F	41	27	46 50	1 60	48 10	
W P Ethington	BF	54	53	57 50	2 00	59 50	
Lewis Davis	D&R	26	6	20 00	3 00	23 00	
Lillian Farney	BF	2	3	3 50		3 50	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

G Jorgenson	PP&F	170	38	64 50	25 25	89 75	48 60
G S Rogers	PP&F	65	60	94 00	7 10	101 10	150 00
M B Wilson	BF	30				46 00	
Celia Burchard	BF	80	14	15 00	7 00	22 00	17 00
Neva Reeder	BF	65	8	8 50	3 25	11 75	5 00
Laura Sibley	BF	28	17	18 00	2 25	20 25	1 00
Johnnie Gifford	BF	28	18	20 50	5 00	25 50	75
T S Sligh	BF	174	98	107 00	68 00	176 00	19 50
C W Brown	BF	10				12 00	
Tassie Coston	BF	12	20	20 00	2 00	22 00	
Theo Roach	BF	8	10	11 00	75	11 75	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

A L Saxon	BR	33	2	6 00	6 50	12 50	116 60
Virgil Smith	BR&BF	42	31	59 00	5 75	64 75	5 75
C H McColrey	BF	45	50	50 00	5 75	55 75	5 75
C R Canada	BF	39	35	36 50		36 50	
H C Balsbaugh	GC	38	6	13 00	60	13 60	2 60
W H Haddon	BF	10	7	8 00	2 75	10 75	
Mrs W A Timmons	BF	24	21	21 50	1 50	23 00	1 50
Loletta Parks	BF	37	44	48 50	50	49 00	50
Emily Billups	BF	45	25	37 50	50	38 00	50
Anna Watts	BF	46	22	33 00	2 25	35 25	2 25
Lettie Linyear	BF	41	26	27 50	1 50	29 00	1 50
Louise Jackson	CK	4	2	3 00		3 00	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

J B Allen	BF	124	95	125 00	3 00	128 00	4 00
Mamie Moore	D&R	79	59	80 00	6 25	83 25	79 00
C H Chenault	D&R	106	57	101 00	1 50	102 50	4 00
J R Allen	BF	88	57	64 00	25	64 25	1 50
Eugene Sykes	PP&F	81	34	53 00		53 00	
R H Hazelton	BF	74	39	39 00	3 25	42 25	2 50
A C Williman	GC	42	9	29 00		29 00	
C E Morphey	BF	62	33	36 50	1 50	38 00	6 00
Clara Brigham	BF	46	34	36 50	1 75	38 25	
Carrie L Sims	BF	20	19	22 00	1 00	23 00	2 00
Vera Dortch	PP&F	47	27	41 50	1 00	42 50	
J S Moore	BF	99	30	33 50	6 00	39 50	
Mrs Mary Allen	BF	30	13	13 50		13 50	
Annie Christman	BF	22	10	11 50		11 50	
Mollie Hurdle	BF	11	4	6 00		6 00	
Rebecca Moore	BF	64	9	15 50	1 00	16 50	8 50
Mattie Blunt	BF	21	5	5 00		5 00	
Mrs C E Morphey	PP&F	11	3	4 50		4 50	
Melissa Tillman	PP&F	3			1 00	1 00	

* For Two Weeks.

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	139	196	223 00	13 75	236 75	11 00
Kentucky Conf	292	157	228 50	15 10	243 60	10 00
Louisiana Conf	670	283	358 50	120 60	480 10	299 85
Mississippi Conf	403	271	343 50	27 60	371 10	136 95
Tenn River Conf	960	535	727 00	27 50	741 50	108 50
Totals	2564	1442	\$1880 50	\$204 55	\$2073 05	\$556 30

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT
For Week Ending April 27, 1912

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Agent	Hours	No.	Value
Mrs G E Peters		52	\$ 5 20
Mrs S P Miller		100	10 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Milton Jones	54	176	17 60
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TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Lynne Rainwater	4	120	\$12 00
W J Keele	64	124	12 40
May Keele	42	114	11 40
J F Fry	40		4 00
Mrs Hightower	20		2 00
C L Sims	5	10	1 00
Mollie Hurdle	47		4 70
Mattie Blunt	2		20
Mary Anderson	5	36	3 60
Jessie Burrow	2	12	1 20
Ruth Keele	7	10	1 00
Walter Brown	3	7	70
J Burrow	2	4	40

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SABBATH, May 25, has been appointed as Young People's Day. At that time make a careful study of the work which is helping to save and train young people everywhere.

A FEW days ago we received a copy of the "Washington Foreign Mission Seminary Record," No. 3, which contains the president's annual report to its constituency and is replete with information concerning every department of the school.

The prime object of the Foreign Mission Seminary is the training of consecrated young men and young women to do missionary work in the foreign field, and to do its work efficiently it has added several unique features to its regular college courses. Those who are interested in the foreign work and contemplate preparing themselves for a part therein, can not do better than to investigate the advantages offered by this institution. A copy of "Record," No. 3 may be obtained free of cost by addressing the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

THE captain of a ship at sea considers it an important item to take his reckoning frequently. This is usually done at sunrise, noon, and sunset, if the sun is visible. He looks at the sun in the sky to take his reckoning.

It is also important for the Christian to frequently take his reckoning in order to ascertain where he is in his Christian experience and his relation to the work of God, and this he must do by looking at the Sun of Righteousness.

It is also a wise and good thing to frequently take reckonings of the progress of the work of God. The rapid extension of this message in all parts of the world led our brethren at the fall counsel in 1911, to advise that, beginning with Jan. 1, 1912, we raise fifteen cents per week per member for missionary work.

One quarter of 1912 is past. Is this not a good time to take our reckonings? Why not make a little calculation and ascertain whether we are advancing towards that goal? This is a work for church officers, Sabbath-school officers, and individual members to do.

Surely, when we look to Jesus, and view the great sacrifice he has made for us, we ought to put forth a determined effort to reach the goal of fifteen cents per week for each member to advance this rapidly closing message. 2 Cor. 8:9.

This message is making rapid strides in every quarter of the earth. My heart was especially cheered while reading a late report from China. Amid floods, famine, and wars, the number of believers in that country has doubled in twelve months. The circulation of their paper has increased

from 45,000 copies in 1909, to 135,000 in 1910, and 300,000 in 1911. Ten years ago we had one lone representative in all China. Now we have a number of our English speaking brethren who have acquired the language and can speak to the people in their own tongue, and many hundreds of natives rejoicing in the light of the truth.

The privilege of giving to advance this message, and of thus laying up for ourselves treasure in the bank of heaven, will soon be forever in the past. JAMES A. MORROW.

OUR LITERATURE

ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL AGENCIES WHEREBY THE MESSAGE IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE WORLD

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"Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people. . . . Shall we not arouse to our duties?" Page 63.

"When we follow plans of the Lord's devising, we are 'laborers together with God.' . . . And one of the principal agencies he has ordained for our use is the printed page. . . . We must learn to make a wise use of this precious agency." Pages 86, 87.

"Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls. Let literature be distributed judiciously, on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails." Page 123.

"The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others, but that we shall watch and be sober. The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God will triumph with it." Page 135.

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THROUGH the doors that open stand,

Who will go?

Calls invite on every hand:

Who will go?

You whom Christ from sin hath freed,

Hear the Lord of glory plead

For the lands that lie in need:

Who will go?

Soul, does Jesus speak to you?

Who will go?

Has he work for you to do?

Who will go?

He has borne the cross before;

He will keep the crown in store;

Enter, then, the open door.

Who will go?

—Selected.