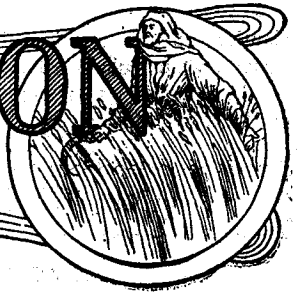


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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

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FATHER KNOWETH

YEA, He knoweth, Father knoweth,
Knoweth all the pain,
All the weary hours of labor
That seems spent in vain;
And he knoweth all the heartaches,—
Longings unexpressed,
All the unattained desires
And the need of rest.

Father knoweth, Father knoweth,
Tender words and sweet,
Loving answer from high Heaven,
From the mercy-seat;
Every temporal need he knoweth,
Disappointments keen,
All the wearing, vexing trials
Father dear hath seen.

Yea, He knoweth, Father knoweth,
Lift thy hand to him;
He will clasp it, gently hold it
Through earth's twilight dim;
Father knoweth and He feeleth
All his children's woe,
And His heart is filled with pity
For His loved below.

365 Allen Ave., Portland.

ELIZA H. MORTON.

DECISION AND PROMPTNESS IN THE WORK OF GOD

INDEPENDENT men of earnest endeavor are needed, not men as impressible as putty. Those who want their work made ready to their hand, who desire a fixed amount to do and a fixed salary, and who wish to prove an exact fit without the trouble of adaptation or training, are not the men whom God calls to work in his cause. A man who can not adapt his abilities to almost any place if necessity requires, is not the man for this time. Men whom God will connect with his work are not limp and fiberless, without muscle or moral force of character. It is only by continued and persevering labor that men can be disciplined to bear a part in the work of God. These men should not become discouraged if circumstances and surroundings are the most unfavorable. They should not give up their purpose as a complete failure until they are convinced beyond a doubt that they can not do much for the honor of God and the good of souls.

There are men who flatter themselves that they might do something great and good if they were only circumstanced differently, while they make no use of the faculties they already have by working in the positions where providence has placed them. Man can make his circumstances, but

circumstances should never make the man. Man should seize circumstances as his instruments with which to work. He should master circumstances, but should never allow circumstances to master him. Individual independence and individual power, are the qualities now needed. Individual character need not be sacrificed, but it should be modulated, refined, elevated.

The cause of God demands men who can see quickly and act instantaneously at the right time and with power. If you wait to measure every difficulty and balance every perplexity you meet, you will do but little. You will have obstacles and difficulties to meet at every turn, and you must with firm purpose decide to conquer them, or they will conquer you.

Sometimes various ways and purposes, different modes of operation in connection with the work of God, are about evenly balanced in the mind; but it is at this very point that the nicest discrimination is necessary. And if anything is accomplished to the purpose, it must be done at the golden moment. The slightest inclination of the weight in the balance should be seen, and should determine the matter at once. Long delays tire the angels. It is even more excusable to make a wrong decision sometimes than to be continually in a wavering position; to be hesitating, sometimes inclined in one direction, then in another. More perplexity and wretchedness results from thus hesitating and doubting than from sometimes moving too hastily.

I have been shown that the most signal victories and the most fearful defeats have been on the turn of minutes. God requires promptness of action. Delays, doubtings, hesitation, and indecision frequently give the enemy every advantage.

The timing of things may tell much in favor of the truth. Victories are frequently lost through delays. There will be crises in this cause. Prompt and decisive action at the right time will gain glorious triumphs, while delay and neglect will result in great failures and positive dishonor to God. Rapid movements at the critical moment often disarm the enemy, and he is disappointed and vanquished, for he had expected time to lay plans and work by artifice.

God wants men connected with his work . . . whose judgment is at hand, whose minds, when it is necessary, will act like the lightning. The greatest promptness is positively necessary in the hour of peril and danger. Every plan may be well laid to accomplish certain results, and yet a delay of a very short time may leave things to assume an entirely different shape, and the great objects which might have been gained are lost through lack of quick foresight and prompt dispatch. Much may be done in training the mind to overcome indolence. There are times when caution and great deliberation are necessary; rashness would be folly. But even here, much has been lost by too great hesitancy.

Caution, up to a certain point, is required; but hesitancy and policy on particular occasions have been more disastrous than would have been a failure through rashness.—*"Gospel Workers,"* pp. 96-98.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending May, 11, 1912. Total number of bound volumes, 1,242; *Watchman*, 4,736.

COLPORTEURS' LETTERS — KENTUCKY

OUR first efforts in the work were put forth in Owensboro about a month ago, and we certainly have enjoyed it. We believe we are real missionaries, and we know we can get nearer to God in this work than in almost any other way. For the past week or two we have been canvassing where half or more of the people are Catholics, and some of the others are as indifferent as they can be. But we often have a talk with them when they will not allow us to show them the books. One woman said that we were taking a large responsibility on our shoulders in trying to bring the world to Christ. Although we meet many who are very indifferent, we have met some who are honest and want to understand God's Word. Three women told us during the past week that they were looking for the soon coming of Christ, as all of the prophecies have been fulfilled. Our reports have looked very small for the past week or two, and especially the last one, as we only worked three days. But I do not think we should measure our success by the number of orders we take, but by the number of persons we bring into a closer fellowship with Christ; and only eternity will reveal that. We ask your prayers that we may be faithful in the work until the Lord comes.

EDNA SCOTT,
VERNA POUND.

MISSISSIPPI

I BEGAN work the last week of March. It has rained frequently, but without hindering my work in the least. Through slush, mud, and water, I have pushed straight ahead. The roads have been very muddy in places, but I have not turned back yet. I have had some good experiences. On one occasion it rained nearly all day, but I worked right along, found the people at home, and sold to almost every one. Once I came to a creek which had become a half mile wide, and just as I reached it a man drove up in a wagon and carried me across. Walking on through slush, mud, and rain, I came to a man and began showing him my book. He seemed to be much interested and asked the prices two or three times. Each time after telling him, I showed him other parts of the book. Suddenly he said "You may take the path. I don't want your book, and haven't time to look at it further. I've got to work." So I left, not discouraged, but praying for him, and I took twenty-five or thirty orders for "Bible Readings" in the better bindings from the best people in his neighborhood, besides orders for the cheaper bindings, and for "Bible Footlights." I also sold some helps.

One man with whom I stayed overnight asked me to conduct family worship, which I did. While canvassing I have found several of our books that were sold in other parts of the United States. One family had "Daniel and the Revelation," and was troubled about the Sabbath. I talked with them about the importance of obedience and took an order for "Bible Readings."

A Mr. Perkins, to whom Brother Pierce sold "Christ's

Object Lessons" and "Gospel Primer" several years ago, was delighted with the books. I sold him "Matthew Twenty-four," and took his own and his daughter's order for "Bible Readings."

Every day I have experiences similar to these. This is a sacred work in which we are engaged, and I need your prayers. Soon the harvest will be reaped, and I want a place with the faithful.

VIRGIL SMITH.

TENNESSEE RIVER

MAY 5, in company with Bro. Berdon Hampton, I left the Hazel School for Clarksville, Tenn., to engage in the canvassing work. The Lord has made me feel that he is with me in this work. I have had many interesting experiences. Friday, as I was leaving my work, I saw a young man plowing. As I was in a hurry I intended passing him; but the thought came to me, Perhaps he is just longing for this book. I felt impressed to canvass him, and I am glad I did. After I had finished, I spoke to him of my feelings when I first saw him, and he said, "Yes, I was just longing for a book like that. I will take the dollar and a half binding."

Truly the Lord Jesus, standing by the side of the canvasser, and walking with him, is the chief Worker.

S. L. CLARK.

I HAVE been canvassing around Clarksville, Tenn., for "Bible Footlights" for the past week. This was my first experience in canvassing, and I found it quite an interesting one. While there are some who oppose the truth, there are others who are waiting to hear the message. Most of the people are hospitable, especially those I stayed with overnight. I expect to continue canvassing through the summer. Pray for me.

BERDON HAMPTON.

In a recent letter from Brother Harrison, we note the following: "I am working very hard, but feel quite good over here in the Texas breeze. Our orders amounted in all to \$12,077 for the month of April, or \$1,300 more than for April last year, and we hope to make the record better than that for May."

This sounds like Brother Harrison. He is always talking courage. If one month shows an exceptionally good record, he has faith to believe that the following month will show even a better one. And this, brethren, is the way we should all look at the work of God. It is not our work, but his, and he is ready to do a quick work in the earth and to cut it short in righteousness, if we will only go out in faith and do our part to help circulate the printed page. There are some among us who should be in the canvassing work. Why stand ye idle in the market place when there is so great a work to do? The Lord is calling for workers. Who will answer, "Here am I; send me"?

A FEW days ago we received a most stirring communication from Bro. N. Z. Town, secretary of the Publishing Department. It is so full of good cheer that I take pleasure in quoting a portion of it for the benefit of our Southern readers.

"The circulation of the printed page is coming to be more and more one of the strongest factors in opening up the work in mission fields and establishing it on a sure foundation. In several foreign fields there is already a constituency from which workers may be drawn, but they need leaders, and it has been demonstrated that our North American young men are the ones who are needed to lead and organize the work in those fields.

"During the past three years such leaders have been sent to South Africa, Argentina, Chile, Peru, India, Mexico, Spain and Cuba. Some of these men, especially those who went to the Spanish speaking countries, have been leading the

world in the matter of selling our literature. In Mexico, Bro. John L. Brown, in twenty-nine hours, took 113 orders amounting in value to \$264. A little later a young man in Argentina, in twenty-eight hours, took 122 orders amounting in value to \$322. And now comes a report from Cuba, where the work is just being started, that Bro. George Sandborn in one week took orders amounting to \$289. During two years since Bro. G. H. Clark went to South Africa, he and his colporteurs have sold \$50,000 worth of books in that field.

"These experiences show that we have already passed the experimental stage in starting the colporteur work in the mission fields. Here is an experience which Bro. Harold Robinson has just sent us from Cuba. He says:—

"I must tell you of my experience in a bank here. I asked for the manager as I entered, and soon had his order for a half-morocco book. I thanked him and suggested that some of his men would like to see the book too. He replied that they would not because they were too poor. But I urged him to let me see at least one of them, so he called the accountant. He was soon intensely interested and ordered a morocco binding. He then took me to three others telling them what a good book it was, and the 'poor' men also ordered morocco bindings. Next he took me to the cashier who did likewise without even hearing the canvass. So I secured six orders worth \$29 in the bank.

"Yesterday I secured the mayor's name for a morocco binding. He wanted to know if I would be here at the time of the elections, and act as orator of the day. Monday closed with twenty-four orders on my book—value \$91. Brother Sandborn took \$77 worth the same day."

If these brethren can have such wonderful success in the islands of the sea, surely we in the home land should not be daunted, but take hold of the work with new zeal.

Eld. W. A. Spicer, in the *Review and Herald* of April 4, writes under the title of "The Book Work," as follows:—

"In the sessions of the South American Union Conference I hear constant emphasis given to the importance of the book work as the pioneering agency.

"All about are unentered portions of the field, perhaps fanatically anti-Protestant, where something must be done to plant the standard of the truth. Every time it is the worker with the literature who is looked to to break through the barriers.

"The efforts made to train colporteurs and to organize this department in Spanish South America, are bearing splendid fruit. In 1910 the sales amounted to \$19,260, an achievement that gladdened all hearts; but during 1911 the sales reached \$31,630.

"Chile has the city furthest south in all the world—Punta Arenas. As our brethren here see that the message is bringing forth fruit in Alaska and in Iceland, they feel that, as keepers of the southernmost outpost, they must make definite efforts to establish permanent work in the far South, and it is to the bookmen they look to lead the way."

Eld. C. N. Martin, of Bon Aqua, Tenn., Eld. J. S. Washburn of Memphis, Tenn., and Bro. C. F. Dart, of Jackson, Tenn., were office visitors this week.

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

GRASPING OPPORTUNITIES

IN this day of opportunities when God's providences are opening avenues on every side for the presentation of the message, God's people should be wide awake to grasp and make use of these opportunities as they present themselves.

The following extracts from a letter recently received from

the secretary of the North Texas Tract Society well illustrates this:—

"I have just returned from the State Sunday-school Convention at Dallas, Texas, where I had a supply of our books on exhibition. The Standard Publishing Company also had a display of literature, and the man in charge became much interested in our books and bought a sample of several which he thought he could use in similar conventions which he will attend in different parts of the United States.

"This man, who has been handling subscription books for a number of years, said he could use several of our publications and when, after the convention was over, we began to pack up he came over and took all I had of the books he had selected, and asked me to place an express order for more with the Nashville House, to be billed to the Standard Publishing Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, and forwarded to the next convention he will attend. I am herewith enclosing the order.

"I think this is a good opportunity to advertise and sell our books at the Sunday-school conventions all over the United States.

"We had a very profitable time at the Convention. In the three days we were there we sold between \$45 and \$50 worth of books and papers.

"One night the General Sunday-school secretary of the world, Mr. Marion Lawrence, after a lecture on Temperance, announced our *Temperance Instructor*, and I never heard a better word spoken for it. At the close of the meeting I sold them just as fast as I could hand them out as long as the people remained. We also used the Special Health Number of the *Watchman* in the convention.

"I am glad to report that our boys went over the two-thousand-a-week mark last week. Reports are coming in well for this week also. Will let you know later what we do."

The printed page is the Lord's own means of carrying the truth quickly, as it reaches people of all classes and languages, and in all countries and climates.

Under the special direction of the Lord, we as a people have been given a very high standard of literature in the form of books, magazines, and tracts. These publications not only appeal to the people because of their attractive form, but also because the truths they contain find a response in the hearts of God's children where ever they may be, and there are many as shown by the instance cited above, who will help us circulate this literature, if we only believe God and by living faith take advantage of opportunities as good business enterprise would suggest. May the Lord awaken us to present opportunities.

W. W. EASTMAN.

ANCHORED

ON Thy compassion I repose
In weakness and distress;
I will not ask for greater ease
Lest I should love Thee less.
Oh, 'tis a blessed thing for me
To need Thy tenderness.
Deep unto deep may call, but I
With peaceful heart will say,
Thy loving kindness has a charge
No waves can take away.
So let the storm that speeds me home
Deal with me as it may.

—A. L. Waring.

Kentucky Conference

A VICTORY FOR THE TRUTH AT FORD

IN the country near the little village of Ford, this state, an interest had been awakened by some of our good brethren and six dear souls began to keep the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. They also discarded the use of those things which defile the body, it being their desire to serve God acceptably in all things.

They had never heard a Seventh-day Adventist minister, so made plans to have a series of meetings in their neighborhood, and secured the promise of the Disciple Church in which to conduct the services. But a bitter prejudice arose against us as the result of some false statements made by the Disciple minister while slanderously attacking our faith, which caused the members to close their church doors against us. The misrepresentations of what Seventh-day Adventists believe and teach, coming from one who in the past had been their leader and teacher, dampened the interest and ardor of those who had already made a start, and, although honest in heart, they were not clear regarding the course they should pursue. As soon as I learned about the situation, I arranged to hold a series of meetings in the homes of these dear souls, who threw open their doors for the purpose.

The first sermon was delivered Friday night, April 19, and I remained more than two weeks, during which I preached twenty-two sermons, held two consecration meetings, and three Sabbath-school services, besides holding many private studies while visiting the people.

This effort was one of the best I have ever held. The people were anxious to hear the message and conform their lives to the teaching of God's holy Word. They were so anxious to study these wonderful themes of present truth and inquire into it, that we seldom retired before eleven or twelve o'clock at night.

While the local minister endeavored to refute our teaching by speaking evil of it, he was unable to stay the hand of God; for the meetings were held notwithstanding his opposition, and the Lord wonderfully blessed the effort put forth.

While the meeting was in progress the members of the Presbyterian Church kindly offered their house of worship in which to preach the message, and I am planning to begin a series of meetings in it the evening after Sabbath, May 18. In this place the scripture has been fulfilled which says, "We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." 2 Cor. 13:8.

All the brethren will be glad to know that by the blessing of God I was able to organize a Sabbath-school of seventeen members, and that this little band of Sabbath-keepers will soon be ready for church organization. We expect to hold a baptismal service soon.

In Rom. 8:28 we have this comforting assurance: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Having this assurance, and realizing that the salvation of souls depends upon their acceptance of the message which the Lord has given to warn them against the worship of the beast and the reception of his mark, we may go bravely forward regardless of opposition, and surmounting all difficulties.

R. S. LINDSAY.

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand."

Louisiana Conference

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOLS

For Quarter Ending March 30, 1912

Name of School	Membership	Avg. Att.	Contribs.	13th Sab.	For. Mission
New Orleans	75	63	\$ 98 98	\$ 15 55	\$ 98 98
Welsh	28	19	11 33	2 18	11 33
Jena	25	19	4 60	2 15	4 60
Hammond	20	17	9 46	75	9 46
Lake Charles	16	13	9 64	3 89	9 64
DeRidder	18	12	16 59	4 12	16 59
Lake Arthur	15	10	8 42	3 82	8 42
Jennings	8	6	14 75	2 92	14 75
Hobart	8	8	5 00	2 16	5 00
Newelton	8	7	2 60	40	2 60
Shreveport	22	17	9 41	1 35	9 41
Ringgold	17	10	3 96	1 71	3 96
Home Dept.	140	140	19 75	7 09	19 75
Mansfield					

Totals 400 341 \$215 81 \$ 48 07 \$215 81

I AM glad to furnish the readers of the WORKER the above Sabbath-school report for the first quarter, 1912. You will read with interest the amount of offerings each school gave on the thirteenth Sabbath. This amount is included in the total contributions to missions.

The mark set for the schools of this state to reach each quarter in 1912 is \$200. Dear brethren and sisters we have passed this mark the first quarter. Let us watch, pray, work, and give this quarter so that we will not fall behind. We want to see the next report equally as good if not better than this one.

The schools, including the Home-Department, gave an average of \$13.97 for each of the twelve Sabbaths in the quarter, and on the thirteenth Sabbath they gave \$48.07.

I was glad to receive so many good letters from the Home Department members, and hope to yet hear from those who did not write.

MRS. LAURA BROWN, S. S. Secy.

2515 Milan St., New Orleans, La.

LAKE ARTHUR

I WISH to thank all those who so kindly responded to my request made through the *Review* and the *Signs* for literature. The Pacific Press sent me 300 back numbers of the weekly *Signs* and 200 copies of the monthly magazine.

One hotel and a restaurant have given me permission to supply their tables and counters with literature, and some of their patrons have become so much interested that they read while at their meals and then carry the papers away in their pockets.

Our little tract society is very busy sending out literature through the mails, and every week some have come into the truth and others have become interested through correspondence. I would be glad to receive the *Bible Training School, Life and Health*, or any other literature that teaches the truth. I am glad to have a little part in the work. To the Lord be all the praise.

MRS. A. F. HAMBLIN.

RINGGOLD

WE are glad to say to the readers of the WORKER that we have united our efforts with the help of the Lord to have a church school here. We elected trustees Sunday, the 12th, and made provision for \$18.33 per month for a six months

school to begin August 1. We are also expecting some others to join in and help us soon. This means a lively church and school for Ringgold. There are others studying the message, and I think that if one of our ministers would hold a meeting here this summer it would be a great help to the church.

We will gladly welcome any one here to take part in the school. We have a good town, and land within reach of the school can be bought at a reasonable price. By the help of the Lord we can have a good school. We ask all the brethren to join us in prayer for the upbuilding of the truth here.

M. B. WILSON.

Mississippi Conference

NOTICE

Miss Beulah Callicott, our conference and tract society secretary and treasurer, has received a call to connect with the office work of the Nashville Sanitarium, and after consultation has decided to accept.

Miss Parizetta Smith, who has been working in the conference office as assistant secretary, has kindly consented to accept the position of secretary and treasurer of the conference and tract society. Hereafter make all checks and post-office orders payable to the Mississippi Conference S. D. A., and mail them to 932 Union St. Jackson, Miss. Send all orders for books and supplies, and make all checks and post-office orders for the same payable to Mississippi Tract Society, 932 Union St., Jackson, Miss., and Sister Smith will receipt for them.

We are very sorry to lose Sister Callicott. She has been faithful and proficient in the discharge of her duties while with us, but our loss, I trust, will be the Sanitarium's gain. May the Lord's blessing go with her as she goes to take up the work with her sister, Miss Clyde Callicott, in the Sanitarium.

W. S. LOWRY.

Tennessee River Conference

DOINGS OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MAY 14 and 15 the Conference Committee was in session at the Conference office in Nashville. Some very important matters were considered, and some important decisions made.

Professor Atteberry, Principal of the Hazel School, rendered his financial report for the school year recently closed, showing a gain of \$374.87. This is a very creditable showing indeed, especially in view of the fact that a reduction of ten per cent in the inventory was made for depreciation from wear and tear of buildings, school fixtures, furniture, etc.

The Principal and the chairman of the Board were authorized to secure a suitable preceptor for the boys' dormitory, and an assistant teacher to take the place of Professor Treible, who declined the position for the coming year for the reason that he wished to take a year's work at the Foreign Mission Seminary, Washington, D. C.

The people of the conference will be glad to know that Elder Washburn has consented to remain with us at least for this summer. He will conduct a tent meeting in Memphis. The interest was never better in that city, and prospects never so bright for a successful series of meetings, as Elder Washburn and others upon the ground see it.

Bro. Charles F. Lowry and some one to be selected by the chairman of the Conference Committee, will probably hold a tent meeting at Plant, where there is quite an interest.

If proper help can be secured a third tent company will be organized for work in one of our smaller cities, probably Jackson, making three tent companies that we hope will be in the field at least during a portion of the summer.

The outlook is encouraging. With the exception of a small territory in West Tennessee the people in this conference have suffered but little from the excessive rains of the past two months. The season has been somewhat backward it is true, but a few weeks of good weather, which must in the natural order of things soon come to us, will go a long way toward mending matters that now seem a little discouraging. What is wanted now on the part of all, canvassers, Bible workers, and ministers, is patience and renewed diligence. The issue of this work is not doubtful; God's cause will triumph gloriously, and those who are faithful will triumph with it.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

TREZEVANT AND LEACH

May 10th it was my privilege to visit Trezevant, where I remained only until the morning of the 11th, when I went to Leach with one of the brethren who had come to take me over to that church.

Elder Washburn arrived at Trezevant at 9:35 P. M., on the 10th, coming from Memphis by way of Jackson, where he had been called to attend a funeral. Early Sabbath morning he came out to the home of Bro. A. H. Jones, where we had prayer together for Sister Jones, who is sick.

Friday afternoon and the early hours of Sabbath morning were spent in calling upon and visiting with the believers at Trezevant. Sabbath, at 8:30 A. M., I left with Bro. Arthur Poteete for Leach, about twelve miles distant in the "hill country," not of Judea, but of West Tennessee.

The roads were bad and we were a little late in reaching the church at Leach. But the brethren and sisters insisted upon continuing the meeting, which we did, speaking from Hosea 14:2. The theme was the putting away of iniquity and God's willingness to receive us as we come to him that he may take away our sin.

Night after the Sabbath I gave a talk to the young people especially, from 2 Cor. 3:18, dwelling particularly upon the importance of choosing good associates, reading good literature, and of being familiar with the Word of God.

Sunday at 10:30 A. M., I spoke to a congregation composed of about equal numbers of our own people and those not of our faith. The text was 2 Cor. 4:3—"If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." The central thought was the message as the setting in which the gospel is presented to this generation.

Another meeting was held at 7:30. The congregation was made up largely of those not of our faith, and the discourse was upon 2 Peter 1:19, the purpose being to show the importance of giving heed to the prophetic word.

The interval between the forenoon and night meetings was quite fully occupied in visiting those who, from infirmity and distance from the place of meeting, could not attend the services.

For the first time it was the privilege of the writer to stand upon the ground where the first tent was pitched at Leach. This tent was burned by enemies of the truth; but the truth was not burned, nor was the message hindered; for in this instance, as in many others in all ages, the truth of the text was shown, that "we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth."

Elder Washburn remained at Trezevant and spoke to the church at the regular hour of meeting. Circumstances were such as to require his prompt return to Memphis, which was

the reason he did not go to Leach, and the writer remain at Trezevant. Brother Washburn has never been at Leach, and the people there would have enjoyed a visit from him very much.

Monday morning early I was again upon the road enroute to Huntingdon where I took train for Nashville, arriving at 1:32 P. M. I would have been glad to have spent a little more time upon this trip, but was compelled to return to Nashville for an important meeting of the Conference Committee called for the afternoon of the 14th. Some account of the actions of the Committee will be found in this department of the WORKER, under the heading, "Doings of the Conference Committee." C. P. BOLLMAN.

OBITUARY

HIGHTOWER.—Thelma Hightower was born in Abbeyville, Alabama, May 5, 1895, and died in Nashville, Tenn., May 9, 1912, aged 17 years and four days. His death was due to general peritonitis, resulting from appendicitis. He was operated on by an eminent surgeon of Nashville, and all that could be done in a surgical way was done for him.

He was an only son, and his sudden death was a sad blow to his parents and sisters. He was conscious to the last, was certain that his sins were forgiven, and asked those dear to him to meet him in heaven. A large number of sympathizing friends were present at the funeral services at his father's house in Jackson, Tenn., where we laid him away until the resurrection morn. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John 14: 1-3.

J. S. WASHBURN.

General

OUR REFUGE AND HELP

The night was dark, my heart was sad,
I could not dare to sleep.
The maddened, angered, billows
Tossed me on the rolling deep.
The rolling waves my soul engulfed,
I was sinking in despair
Until I raised my languid eyes,
And saw a lighthouse shining fair.

This lighthouse was a shameful cross
The One thereon in agony.
His blood came forth and bridged the gulf
Between that distant shore and me.
His blood, his life, went out for me,
For that was all that could atone.
The richest gift that heaven possessed
Dying for sins that I had done.

My heart was touched as still I gazed
Upon his tender bleeding form,
To think of his amazing love and
Then, the sins that I had done.
"Oh Lord," I cried most earnestly,
"Chief of sinners I have been!
Can thy blood still suffice for me?"
He said, "I died for sinful men."

Then reaching out his loving hand,
He drew me to his gentle breast,
And pitying, as a father would,
Said, "Come to me, I'll give you rest.

Now take my yoke upon you,
And you may learn of me,
For I am meek and lowly;
And you must likewise be."

The storm had hushed and all was still
As the Saviour spoke to me:
"Your cross you daily must take up
If my follower you would be.
You must tread the narrow pathway,
Walking from the world aside:
Fear not; I will be thy strength,
I will ever be thy Guide.

"Though I lead through utter darkness
Lean the harder on my breast;
Thus you'll learn to trust my power;
And to your weary soul bring rest.
Keep your face turned toward the Sun
Which is this dark world's Light.
Soon its rays will pierce the gloom
And make your pathway bright."

Thus I'm standing on his promise,
Leaning on his gentle breast.
Though dearest earthly friends may leave me,
With my Saviour I shall rest.
Let me hear thy voice, dear Master,
Let me feel thee press my hand.
Lead me on despite the darkness
Lead me to a sinless land.

Enid, Miss.

MRS. CORA SMITH.

THE SOUTHERN UNION COLPORTEUR WORK

I AM sure the WORKER family will rejoice to know that the book and magazine work is springing forth like the grass and flowers after the May showers.

This is as it should be. For nearly four long months there has been one institute after another where the presidents, field agents, and others in the conferences composing the Southern Union, in company with the writer, have been asking God to send the gentle showers of his grace and blessing upon those who have presented themselves as his helpers, to go out and bear the light contained in our books and magazines to the thousands who need the message from Heaven that they may escape from the darkness of the earth and be saved. Much earnest work has been done, and God has heard the petitions of the workers and is sending showers of blessing upon them, and we rejoice to see the reports growing from week to week. Our faithful field captains with their loyal soldiers are on the firing lines. It seems as if the enemy has especially exerted himself the past few months to block the work; but the many precious lessons learned by the loyal army in the recent counsels of war have served to defeat his purposes.

The report for April shows a gain of \$3,446.20 over the month of March. With the floods and storms and backward season against the workers I consider this a commendable increase. We also made a slight gain in deliveries. My dear co-workers, be assured of one thing, there is no limit to our Captain's resources. When you come to the limit of your own powers, just stand still and see the Lord work. Nothing can stop the onward march of God's great message in the earth, and if we stick loyally to the message success and victory are sure.

Mississippi led in taking orders. Tennessee River stands

second and holds the honor in deliveries. Kentucky is giving Tennessee River a close race, and Alabama and Louisiana are preparing to come in on the next round. We are looking for greater blessings in the colporteur work. Will the WORKER family pray with us earnestly that faith and effort may be richly rewarded?

C. D. WOLFF, Gen'l Agt.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending May 11, 1912

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W F Nance....CK	26	40		\$ 60 00	\$ 6 25	\$ 66 25	\$
M L Ivory.....BF	44	11		16 50	2 25	18 75	
Geo W Brown..BF	27	1		1 00	3 00	4 00	9 00
A J Rice.....BF	20				50	50	13 50
S S Guilford...BF	44	15		19 50	5 50	25 00	
I W Peevy.....BF	50	10		15 00		15 00	

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Lewis Davis...D&R	13	3		8 00	5 00	13 00	
C R Millar....PP&F	29	16		25 00	50	25 50	
D C Ray.....PP&F	35	10		15 50		15 50	
Annie Rhoades..BF	29	16		28 00		28 00	13 00
Curtis Pound...BF	42	23		30 50	1 75	31 25	
Verna Pound...BF	32	6		8 50		8 50	
Mrs A Reynolds BF	9	1		1 00		1 00	
Edna Scott.....BF	32	6		9 00		9 00	
W P Ethington..BF	38	57		70 00	75	70 75	
L Stule.....BF	6	6		6 00		6 00	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

L Sibley.....BF	20	23		25 50	3 25	28 75	6 25
J Gifford.....BF	20	25		27 50	3 75	31 25	8 50
T S Sligh.....BF	15			50		50	9 50
G Jorgenson...PP&F	46	4		6 00	1 75	7 75	13 50
M B Wilson...BF	27	32		33 00	6 50	39 50	2 75

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Virgil Smith...BR	45	45		93 00	6 25	99 25	6 25
C H McColrey..BF	40	51		51 00		51 00	
C R Canada....BF	39	26		27 00	4 00	31 00	4 00
H C Balsbaugh..GC	39	9		20 00	1 80	21 80	12 80
W H Haddon...BF	17	2		2 00		2 00	7 35
C G Parkins...BF	26	28		31 00	1 50	32 50	1 50
Mrs L A Fry...CK	32	2		3 00	75	3 75	75
Emily Billups..BF	22	12		18 00	50	18 50	50
Annie Watts...BF	22	11		16 50	50	17 00	50
Lettie Linyear..BF	11	2		2 50		2 50	
Loletta Parks..BF	11	6		6 50		6 50	
M A Murphy...BF	28	15		17 50	25	17 75	25
Louise Jackson CK	1	1		1 50		1 50	
Luella Hill....BF	8	6		9 00	1 25	10 25	1 25
E P Campbell..PG	10	2		8 00	7 00	15 00	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

C H Chenault..D&R	56	30		53 00		53 00	15 00
Hattie Hyde...BF	23	25		36 50	1 80	38 30	3 00
Mary Williams..BF	50	26		26 00	11 25	37 25	24 00
Mamie Moore..D&R	35	17		24 00	5 00	29 00	45 00
Sina Clark.....BF	19	19		28 00	75	28 75	
Berdon Hampton BF	32	17		23 00	1 25	24 25	
Ulysses Bracy..BF	27	18		20 50	70	21 20	
J S Moore.....BF	51	16		19 00	1 25	20 25	
S L Clark.....BF	33	13		17 50	2 50	20 00	
Mollie Hurdle..BF	14	13		18 00	1 00	19 00	
Mrs Mary Allen BF	37	12		12 00	1 50	13 50	

Clara Brigham..BF	27	9	10 00	2 75	12 75	23 50	
R H Hazelton..BF	31	9	9 00	2 00	11 00	2 00	
Rebecca Moore..BF	41	5	5 50	5 15	10 65	15 00	
Vera Dortch..PP&F	29	4	6 00	4 00	10 00	27 00	
J R Allen.....BF	30	7	7 50	1 10	8 60	32 50	
Mattie Blunt...BF	4	5	5 00	60	5 60		
C E Morphey..BF	19			1 75	1 75	12 50	
Eugene Sykes PP&F	36			50	50	51 50	
Mrs C E Morphey PP&F				50	50	4 50	
J B Allen....PP&F	12					9 00	

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf.....	211	77	112 00	17 50	129 50	22 50	
Kentucky Conf....	265	144	196 50	8 00	208 50	13 00	
Louisiana Conf...	128	84	92 50	15 25	107 75	40 50	
Mississippi Conf..	351	218	306 50	23 80	330 30	35 15	
Tenn River Conf.	596	245	320 50	44 65	365 85	264 50	
Totals	1551	768	\$1028 00	\$109 20	\$1141 90	\$375 65	

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending May 11, 1912

Agent	Hours	No.	Value
ALABAMA			
Mrs Nunes.....		51	\$ 5 10
Mrs Fowler.....		12	1 20
KENTUCKY			
Mrs Alice Reynolds.....		27	2 70
L Stule.....		12	1 20
Miss M C Minnick.....		5	50
Mrs J H Lawrence.....		18	1 80
Milton Jones.....		94	9 40
TENNESSEE RIVER			
Memphis Church.....		282	28 20
W J Keele.....	38	104	10 40
Lee McAlexander.....	17	100	10 00
J A Fry.....	22	187	18 70
Mary Williams.....	46	200	20 00
Mattie Blunt.....	8	6	60
U Bracy.....		7	70
Totals	131	1105	\$110 50

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY AGENT

Agents	Hours	Orders	Value	Delivered
Alabama Conf. .	10	698	\$ 605 55	\$ 159 85
Kentucky Conf. 12	933	564	894 90	37 00
Louisiana Conf. 19	1263	542	903 65	426 50
Mississippi Conf. 19	1689	1160	1763 90	311 65
Tenn River Conf 17	1913	899	1325 90	367 30
Totals	77	6496	\$5493 90	\$1302 30

MAGAZINE SALES

Conference	Hours	No.	Value
Alabama Conf.....		1657	\$165 70
Kentucky Conf.....	86	443	44 30
Tenn River Conf.....	229	1038	103 80
Totals	315	3138	\$313 80

C. D. WOLFF.

TRUE friends visit us in prosperity only when invited, but in adversity they come without invitation.—Theophrastus.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY

NEXT Sabbath, May 25, has been set apart by the General Conference Y. P. M. V. Department as Young People's Day throughout the United States. The time is almost upon us, and we hope that every church is planning to make the most of it in the interests of the large number of young people among us who ought to be in active training for the Lord's work. If the program given below is entered into heartily the occasion should prove a blessing to both young and old.

The program, which has been arranged by the General Conference and was published in the *Review* of May 9, is as follows:—

1. Reading: An article by Eld. A. G. Daniells.
2. Symposium: What the Young People's Society has done for me.
3. Reading: Letter from Conference Secretary.
4. Recitation: The Call of the Hour. C. M. Snow.
5. Reading: For such a Time as This. M. E. Kern.

MRS. V. W. BAXTER, Secy.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER'S READING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

THE books for next year have now been selected.

Senior Course 6 will read:—

"Uplift of China," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "The American Government."

Junior Course 5 will read:—

"Winning the Oregon Country," "Pilgrim's Progress," "Daybreak in Korea."

The manuscript for the Reading Course leaflet is already in the hands of the publishers. As soon as the leaflet is off the press, we shall send you a few. Please send your order in early.

MATILDA ERICKSON,

Corresponding Secy. Y. P. M. V.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EVERY reader of the May-June number of *Christian Education* will secure a fine picture of Eld. J. N. Andrews, one of our first missionaries, and the author of "The History of the Sabbath." This picture alone is worth the price of this number of *Christian Education*, if not the price of the magazine for the whole year.

Every parent should read Mrs. Moon's articles in *Christian Education* on the delicate question, "How Shall we Deal With Sentimentalism, and Foster Purity?" To all parents of small children and youth these articles are of great value.

There are some things in the May-June number of *Christian Education* every parent should read and apply in the training of his children. Money has no value that will compare with the worth of our children saved as competent workers for the cause of God. Parents who have children should regard them as of great value to our special work, and should make it their first business thoroughly to prepare them for good service in giving the message.

The May-June issue has some good suggestions for parents in this good work.

We call the attention of our parents and teachers to the following contents of the May-June number of *Christian Education*:—

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LOMA LINDA COLLEGE AND THE "MEDICAL EVANGELIST"

THERE has come to our desk an illustrated booklet of the Loma Linda (Calif.) College of Medical Evangelists. The booklet is well gotten up and is replete with information concerning the objects and purposes of the school, and the working of its several departments. It also gives particulars regarding terms of admission, expenses, etc., that will be of interest to all who contemplate a medical missionary education. The Spirit of the Lord has said that since the Loma Linda school has been established there is no longer any excuse for our young people to incur the dangers incident to taking a course in medicine at a worldly medical college, and we hope they will no longer do so. Send for this booklet.

With the June number the *Medical Evangelist* will publish a historical sketch of our medical missionary work from its inception. This series of articles will be furnished by Sr. E. G. White, Eld. W. C. White, and from the writings of Elds. J. N. Andrews, Joseph Bates, and others who were active in establishing the medical work among us.

The medical work is the right arm of the third angel's message, and the object of the *Evangelist* is to teach us how to make it so in fact, as well as in theory. Every family would do well to subscribe at once for this journal. Price 50 cts. Address *The Medical Evangelist*, Loma Linda, Calif.