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

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REDEEM THE TIME

ONE hour in meditation

On the Book of Books Divine,

One hour in contemplation

Of its messages sublime,

Helps the work of transformation,

Aids the Master in his plan

To effect the restoration

Of his chief creation—man.

One hour in earnest pleading

At the father's mercy-seat,

One hour in simply waiting

At the Saviour's blessed feet,

Or in seeking for the lost one

On the hard, bleak hills of sin,

That will help in re-creation

Of the Masters life within.

Do not while away the moments,

Unimproved let time pass by,

Acting as if hours and minutes

Later on would backward fly;

Time once passed there's no recalling,

And life's hours at best are few.

Help the Master then in bringing

His lost image back to you.

Chadron, Nebr.

—H. J. Bryce.

A TRIP TO ALABAMA, LOUISIANA, AND MISSISSIPPI

I LEFT Nashville for Birmingham, Alabama, where I remained over Sabbath and Sunday, speaking to the church, the young people, and also in the missionary meeting.

This was a most interesting visit to me, as I found people doing active missionary work, and part of the time during the missionary service the people had opportunity to tell what they had been doing the previous week in the way of missionary work. This brought out many interesting experiences which revealed a deep experience on the part of many. The elder took special pains to impress upon each member the importance of selling the *Watchman*, and also "Ministry of Healing." At present the church holds meetings in a hall, in a chapel not owned by themselves. They are looking forward to the future, hoping that they may be able to have a central location of their own, and a nice church building.

From this place I went to New Orleans, where I had the privilege of meeting with the Louisiana Conference Committee. I spoke once to the church, and found its members also doing active missionary work, and I was much encouraged with the results of their efforts. I only made a short call at Hammond, Louisiana, and Jackson, Mississippi. I had the opportunity of meeting only the office help and

workers in the latter city, and found them very much encouraged in their work and eager to advance the cause.

I spent two days in Memphis, and spoke three times while there. I found this church assisting in the selection of a site for the tent-meetings to be held there this summer. They are trying to get a central location in an unworked part of the city. This church is no exception to other Seventh-day Adventist churches. They are looking forward to the finishing of the work, and are expecting that the time will come when their city and the surrounding country will be thoroughly warned.

June 11 and 12 were spent with the Union Committee at the office in Nashville. A great deal of work had accumulated, making it necessary for a meeting at this time.

I feel confident that our work is on the upward road, and I am looking forward, with the other readers of this paper, to the time when the work will be finished in this field.

S. E. WIGHT.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending June 8. Total number of bound volumes, 1,506; *Watchman*, 7,668.

COLPORTEURS' LETTERS — ALABAMA

I AM truly glad to have a part in this closing message. I have had some rich experiences this past week. Two men told me that "Bible Footlights" was worth \$3. One was a preacher and the other a sinner. I meet with the devil in some places, but I keep praying. My delivery was grand, and I thank the Lord. I delivered \$41 worth of books and took \$22.70 worth of subscriptions in forty-five hours. Please pray for me that I may hold on. I think I could have done more if it had not been for the rain Thursday.

S. S. GUILFORD.

An interesting item from the North Missouri *Workers' Record*:—

"The following portion of a letter recently at hand, speaks of the value of our good books, and should be taken as a word of encouragement by every one of our canvassers who is engaged in the distribution of literature:—

"I HAVE lately begun keeping the Sabbath, and as far as I know I am the only Sabbath-keeper in this county. An agent sold me the book, "Daniel and the Revelation," and I have also read "Christ Our Advocate" and an exposition of Matthew 24. I am so anxious for some one to come and preach the truth to this people. My name is on the church book. I am sending for these tracts for distribution among my friends. I have much to learn, but I am confident in regard to the Sabbath truth, and I also believe in the soon coming of Christ. I am sure that there are honest souls here

who would accept the truth if they could only hear it. Please send some one to this town."

It surely pays in more ways than one to canvass for our books and periodicals. We are continually hearing of people who have accepted the truth through the reading of our books and magazines. Such a work should appeal to our people.

The canvassers are having experiences each week that are not only bringing people into the truth, but are bringing the canvassers themselves closer to God. The Macedonian cry is still in the air, "Come over and help us." There are souls waiting for the truth that can best be carried by the printed page. Who will volunteer this week? The gaps in the ranks are being filled up, but oh, so slowly. Does this appeal answer a longing in your heart? If so, why not say "Here am I, send me"?

OKLAHOMA colporteurs surely made a splendid showing for the week ending June 1, orders being taken to the value of \$2,142.25, a gain over the previous week of \$371.45.

The following conference presidents were office visitors this week: Eld. E. G. Hayes of Alabama, Eld. B. W. Brown of Kentucky, Eld. E. L. Maxwell of Louisiana, and Eld. W. S. Lowry of Mississippi. Eld. W. R. Burrow also made us a pleasant call. SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,

R. Hook, Jr., Gen'l Mgr.

THE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING

PROBABLY none of us appreciate as we should the importance of promptly and accurately reporting our work.

Yet it must be evident to all that we should at least do our best to follow the instructions outlined in our reporting system, especially in our colporteur work.

At the present time the reports received from the colporteurs by our tract societies form the basis for the manufacturing of books with which to fill their orders.

There always has been, and probably there will be more or less difficulty in getting colporteurs to see the importance of promptness and accuracy in sending in their reports according to instructions.

While field agents and tract societies frequently meet with difficulties in getting correct reports we are convinced that it is often due to the fact that the colporteur himself does not understand just how to make them out. Hence, it will be necessary for those in charge of the work to take extra pains and teach the individual colporteur how to do it. This will often be appreciated by the conscientious colporteur who really desires to be faithful in this matter.

The following extract taken from a letter recently received from a colporteur, with whom we deal direct from the office, in reply to our letter to him in which we enclosed copy of report with corrections and explanations, will serve to illustrate this point. He says:—

"Your very kind letter with words of courage is at hand.

"I read it over and over, then got down on my knees and gave God thanks.

"I had prayed hard to know how to make out all my reports correctly and decently, and when your letter came, I felt it was a direct answer to that prayer.

"I have no joy in doing anything wrong. I love to do just right, and only right.

"My education is very limited, and otherwise I feel insufficient. The Lord was good enough to me to allow me to be trusted in his great cause therefore I mean to do my best."

We earnestly request our colporteurs to do their very best, like this brother, and do conscientious work not only in

canvassing but in making out reports carefully and promptly—in his words, "do it right." So, dear worker, if you do not understand how, do not feel offended if the field agent or tract society secretary returns your report to you with corrections and instructions how to do it. If you do not know how, ask questions and keep trying. If you do know how, and do not do it, we earnestly pray the Lord will help you to see the importance of this duty and privilege.

W. W. EASTMAN.

Alabama Conference

A NEW CHURCH

THE interest in the district of Cool Springs, west of Ashford, continues to develop. On Sabbath, May 18, we organized a small church of ten members as a nucleus around which we hope to see others gathered as the work progresses. Six of the ten united with the church on profession of faith. Several others in the community have also begun keeping the Sabbath and are accepting the other points of the message, and we believe they will soon unite with this body.

On the Sunday following the organization we dedicated a very neat church building as a place of worship, and trust that it, with those who have accepted the truth, will prove a real monument to the message until the work is finished. The building is twenty-two by forty feet in size, with a porch and entry way in front. Although the people in the community are in moderate circumstances they have taken a deep interest in the erection of the building and seeing that it was properly furnished. The needed means was mostly supplied as material and labor became necessary, and the money that was lacking was raised in connection with the dedication service; so that the half acre, church building, seats, organ, lamps, etc., are all paid for, and the place, free from indebtedness, was deeded to the Conference Association.

Bro. and Sr. A. F. Prieger have labored earnestly and faithfully for these people, and we all rejoice to see these fruits of their past year's efforts in the message. Brother and Sister Bailes have now united with them in a tent effort in the town of Ashford, and we trust the Lord will abundantly bless the work there this season.

There are a number of interested ones in different parts of the conference where our workers are laboring, and some earnest calls are coming from other localities where we do not have workers and are unable to supply these calls.

Let each member prove loyal and true in living the whole message, so the Lord can use the influence of each one to advance the knowledge of the truth for the salvation of those about us. And may the Lord help us to realize the importance of faithfulness in the payment of the tithe into his treasury, that the laborers may be kept in the work, bringing souls into the truth.

E. G. HAYES.

Kentucky Conference

NEWS NOTES

BRN. W. H. White and O. A. Dow have pitched a tent in the vicinity of Hartford and begun meetings. There are some at this place who have begun keeping the Sabbath by reading and being visited by an Adventist brother.

Since these people began to keep the Sabbath the devil has been at work, and a minister has denounced our faith in a very harsh way.

We believe there are other honest souls in this place. Pray the Lord to bless these brethren in this meeting.

Brother Lindsay is now in Louisville and will begin tent-meetings this week. The tent will be located in the southwest part of the city. We are expecting to see all the Louisville church members assist Brother Lindsay in this effort, and if we all pray and have faith in God we will see results.

Brn. Wm. Horn and Lacey Hill have now taken up the canvassing work in Pendleton County. These young men expect to make their scholarship in the Washington Seminary, and while doing this will help to save souls. I wish there were others who would do likewise.

At the late council of the Southern Union Conference Committee it was voted that each church member should be asked to sell one "Ministry of Healing" and give the proceeds to the conference treasurer by Dec. 31, 1912. This money will apply on the Nashville Sanitarium debt. And now since all have been encouraged regarding this institution by the communication of Sister White, I trust that we will do our utmost to sell the number allotted to Kentucky. We can do it, and I hear you say we will do our best. What others can do, we in old Kentucky can also do. So let all get busy at once, take the book to a neighbor and show him some of the good things in it, and I am sure you can sell not only one, but several. Remember we are depending upon you. Some have said we can't give all our time to selling books, yet we want a part in the work. Here is your opportunity. If you need some instruction write us and we will send a canvass for you to use. You will be blessed of God in doing this work.

B. W. BROWN.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

OUR work in Kentucky is moving at an encouraging rate. The work in Louisville and other large cities in our conference is being cared for by several of our faithful canvassers, and the truth is being given to the large cities as well as to those who live in the remote districts.

We are pleased to have connected with our canvassing work in Kentucky, Brn. Wm. Horn and Lacey Hill, who come from the Foreign Mission Seminary, Washington. We feel sure that with the help of these two workers much good will be accomplished. These brethren are working Pendleton County, making their headquarters at Falmouth. We extend a hearty welcome to these brethren, and pray that they will have much success.

Bro. Milton Jones, one of our faithful magazine workers, is having good success in the city of Louisville, selling our magazines and small books. He has many experiences with those of other faiths, and I shall have him tell the WORKER family some of the good ones. He is a cripple, but despite this he has excellent success wherever he goes. He sells from one to two hundred magazines each week.

Two of our workers, Bro. S. N. Yates and Bro. D. C. Ray, have moved to Washington County, and will work around Springfield. They will sell "Bible Footlights," and "Past, Present, and Future."

The company of colporteurs working Daviess County, near Owensboro, make their delivery July 8th, and each week brings a good report from each of the workers there.

Mention might be made of the colored workers in the city here. Letitia Steele, and Anna Rhodes, are working with "Bible Footlights" and have many interesting experiences. Saturday nights they sell our denominational magazines. They report that they are of good courage, and ask the prayers of all that they may have success.

The workers at Lexington, Miss Mary Chapman and Lillian Farney, will make a delivery July 22, and we have just received a good report from them, showing \$41 for the week's work.

The harvest is great and the workers are few. Any one desiring to enter the work in our field will do well to communicate with the office, 1410 Beech Street, Louisville, Ky.

F. C. BRUCE.

Mississippi Conference

OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS

JUST a few words to our Sabbath-schools. June 29 is the time for the election of officers for the coming six months. Let there be much prayer and humbleness of heart that "For Christ's sake the teachers and leading workers in your school shall be men and women who love and fear God," who realize the responsibility of their position. "Entire consecration of soul must be maintained as much by the teachers and superintendents of our Sabbath-schools as by the ministers in our pulpits."

"The Sabbath-school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth," "and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ."

"The blanks and class supplies are now being sent to the schools, and I shall look for an early return of the blanks with donations and a good encouraging letter."

I trust all are supplied with *Lesson Quarterlies*, the youth with *The Youth's Instructor*, and the children with *Our Little Friend*. The Memory Verse Cards have been reduced in price—I set, (13 cards) 6 cents; 5 sets, 5 cents each. How many of our young people are planning to take the Volunteer Reading Course beginning in October? More will be said upon this subject later.

Remember June 29. Our Sabbath-schools will have opportunity to help start another mission in Mashonaland, Africa, among half a million natives. Elder Porter writes that it is a goodly land and well watered. Other denominations have their eye upon it should we fail; but with the Lord's help we will not fail. So dear Sabbath-schools do your best. We will not need this world's goods much longer. The blessedness of giving will soon be gone. We are almost home.

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

OFFICE NEWS

BRO. H. G. MILLER the past three weeks has been out among the canvassers delivering books for a canvasser who has gone to another field. He is expected home next week.

ELDER LOWRY has just returned from the Union Conference Committee meeting at Nashville and reports that many questions were considered which have for their object the advancement of the cause of the third angel's message throughout the Southern Union. One which especially interests us is the change of the date of our camp-meeting. For various reasons it was thought best to move the date up to July 25 to August 4.

This was rather unexpected to us, but let us all rise to the situation and begin laying plans right away to be here on time. As we near the close of the message it becomes more urgent every year that we should meet together at our annual camp-meeting for council, instruction, and spiritual blessings.

Let each one plan to do his part to make this camp-meeting the best we have ever had. God does not wish that any of his people should miss a blessing, therefore if you plan and pray to be ready to attend this meeting, the Lord will do his part to open the way.

One very important part is to be able, by the help of God, to put away all thoughts of secular business, all ill-feelings toward the brethren, and every thing else that will keep the Holy Spirit from hovering over the camp. We want to get

close to the Lord before we leave home and then take him with us.

Our workers are all of good courage, so far as we can learn. You will notice in this week's canvassing report that one brother took orders amounting to \$126.75. Two other colporteurs took over \$70 worth of orders each. Two delivered over \$75 worth each.

Sister Warren reports a lively interest in Natchez. The number of her Bible readers seems to be increasing steadily. She sent an order for ten *Lesson Quarterlies* this time. This at least shows some interest in the study of our good lessons.

Sr. Ethel Clark, of Meridian, writes: "We have now worked our Sabbath-school membership up to eighteen." The young people at Meridian are taking a great interest in the work. Sr. Mary Wolfe and her little sister Bertha are selling our magazines there. We are certainly glad to see such earnestness manifested.

Eld. J. A. Morrow began a series of meetings here in Jackson last night. He expects to continue the effort until camp-meeting. Pray for the work here in Jackson.

(Unsigned) ———.

Tennessee River Conference

CAMP-MEETING

At a meeting of the Southern Union Conference Committee held in Nashville, June 11 and 12, the matter of camp-meeting dates was reconsidered. A request was presented from some of the general men that the meetings be arranged to follow one another without loss of time, in order that the help sent from the General Conference might be enabled to pass from place to place without being compelled to wait between meetings.

To the end that this reasonable request might be granted, the dates of nearly all the meetings were changed, and the Tennessee River Conference was asked to hold our meeting Aug. 15 to 25 instead of Aug. 22 to Sept. 1, as previously agreed upon, and announced.

The date being changed there no longer remained any weighty reason for holding the meeting in the immediate vicinity of Nashville. The Union Committee therefore advised that the meeting be held at some more central point than that originally proposed, and so Camden was agreed upon subject to the approval of the members of the Tennessee River Conference Committee.

It was originally planned to combine the annual convention of self-supporting workers, held each year at the close of the Madison summer school, and the camp-meeting. But the change of the date of the meeting rendered this impossible, and made the selection of a more central location for the camp-meeting the logical and consistent thing.

Another consideration that argued strongly for a change of location was the fact that railroad rates could not be secured for a meeting in Nashville, unless there were at least two hundred persons coming to the meeting by rail, and paying a minimum fare of fifty cents. On the line of the N. C. & St. L. road, at points not reached by any other road, we have been able in the past to secure the usual rate for all those coming to the meeting by rail from points in Tennessee, and expect the same favor this year.

It is not certainly known that a suitable ground can be secured at Camden; it is believed however that there will be no great difficulty in doing this. But be this as it may, it is now reasonably certain that the camp-meeting will be held in that part of the State, and at the date given, namely, Aug. 15 to 25.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

A VISIT TO DICKSON

JUNE 7-9 it was my privilege to visit and meet with the believers in Dickson and vicinity. None of the brethren had been notified of my coming and so of course there was no one to meet me at the station. Some inquiry elicited the information that Bro. Thomas Johnston lived two and a half or three miles from town. I at first thought of getting a conveyance to take me out, but finally concluded to walk, as I had plenty of time to get there before the beginning of the Sabbath. I had a suit case to carry, but it was not heavy, and so, asking the direction and being told to "just keep the plain, straight road," I started.

I found the distance to be fully five miles, and the road by no means straight, though for the most part it was plain enough. But I enjoyed the walk and reached Brother Johnston's hospitable home in good season. Supper, family worship, and then retiring for the night followed in due time and in natural order.

Sabbath forenoon was spent in visiting the believers at their homes. We found them all of good courage. At two o'clock P. M., they came together for Sabbath-school, and at eight o'clock the neighbors assembled at Brother Johnston's for preaching. There were probably twenty-five persons present, and the young people of the neighborhood furnished some excellent singing.

At this meeting an appointment was given out for 11 o'clock the next day at Carter's Chapel, about a mile and a half from Brother Johnston's. There being other meetings within a few miles, and our appointment not being very widely circulated, the audience at the chapel was little if any larger than at Brother Johnston's home the previous night; but the people were very friendly and gave excellent attention to a discourse from Matt. 24: 14.

Sunday afternoon, Brother Johnston brought me to town in time for me to make one good visit before taking the train for Nashville.

We believe that proper work would produce good results in Dickson and vicinity. We now have several outposts in this county, namely, Dickson, Burns, and Bon Aqua. The leaven is working, and results are sure to follow faithful efforts to spread the truth.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

LET US CATCH UP!

THE Tennessee River Conference is behind eleven hundred dollars on our fifteen-cents-a-week fund, for the five months ending May 31. At the same rate we would be behind at the close of the year, over twenty-six hundred dollars. We do not believe that our churches will allow this rate of deficit to continue. Brethren, we must take hold of this matter energetically and address ourselves to the task, not only of keeping up but of catching up.

Elders of the churches, are you keeping this matter before your several congregations? Every church elder and every Sabbath-school superintendent ought to feel a personal responsibility in this matter. Every reasonable and proper effort should be made to work up the various offerings that go to make up the fifteen-cents-a-week fund. This should be spoken about frequently by both church and Sabbath-school officers.

The treasurer is preparing a tabulated statement of the membership of each church and of the amount of funds received from each, and also the amount that each is behind on the fifteen-cents-a-week fund. This will be prepared and printed in the WORKER as soon as possible. But brethren, do not wait for this to appear before taking steps to work up not only this fund but also the tithe.

The Lord will bless every effort put forth to stimulate our

people to do their duty in these matters. He wants earnest work. Brethren let us be up and doing.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY, 1912

TITHE

Nashville	\$503 00
Memphis	128 78
Hazel	30 14
Conference Church	30 00
Lane	24 99
Springville	19 35
Leach	7 82
Jackson	7 60
Paducah	6 50
Madison	6 00
Trezevant	5 60
Hustburg	2 40
Haran	2 00
Total	\$774 18

OFFERINGS

Sabbath-School Donations	\$164 32
First Day Offerings	30 20
\$300,000 Fund	13 00
13th Sabbath (Sabbath-School)	14 37
Religious Liberty	6 60
Ingathering	5 90
Second Sabbath Offering	2 84
Total	\$237 23

Conference Mission

TITHE

Memphis No. 2	\$ 25 45
Individual	25 00
Nashville No. 2	16 98
Edgefield	8 15
Total	\$ 75 58

OFFERINGS

Sabbath-School Donations	\$ 13 00
13th Sabbath (Sabbath-School)	3 86
Second Sabbath Offering	1 31
Aged and Orphans	56
Total	\$ 18 73

THOS. E. PAVEY, Secy. and Treas.

HAZEL ACADEMY

THE days since our last report have been especially busy ones on the school farm. The lateness of the season has made so much planting come about the same time.

Bro. Herschel Ethington is doing the farm work this summer, and from daylight until dark he is busy preparing the soil and planting the various crops.

About 4,000 sweet potato plants have already been set, and the rest will be planted during the week. The ground is prepared for the tomato patch and 600 plants have been set out. In a few more days our plants will be large enough to finish setting.

Bro. Jethro Kloss, of St. Peter, Minn., has kindly donated to the school one of his steam pressure canners. We feel very thankful for this valuable addition to our canning equipment. We hope to have some vegetables for market this year, and in a year or two more to furnish work in this way for several students.

A new disc cultivator has been added to our farming equipment. Brother Ethington expects to keep the crops well cultivated with it.

Some experimenting is being done this year for the benefit of next winter's class in agriculture, and to endeavor to increase the productiveness of the farm. Our strawberry patch yielded good returns, and through the sale of the extra fine fruit we have become favorably known to some of the prominent people of Murray, our county seat. Several have expressed their desire to visit the school, among them the county superintendent of education.

Our business methods should always mark us as different from the world.

Miss Lura Reed, of Louisiana, is at the school home earning her tuition for next year. We hope another year to give this opportunity to a larger number.

Bro. Stanley Clark, one of the graduating class, writes from Clarksville, where he and Berdon Hampton are canvassing: "I have taken orders for \$286.75 worth of books in the twenty-four days I have worked here. I feel that I have been especially blessed in my work." Brother Hampton is also having most excellent success. He expects to earn enough to enable him to pay his last year's tuition and return to school next fall. There are others who are selling our literature in order to go to school, and the Lord is blessing each one in his effort.

Our new calendars will soon be ready for mailing. We will gladly send one upon request.

Address A. N. ATTEBERRY, Principal,
Hazel, Kentucky.

A RECORD BREAKER

HAVE you noticed the May report for the Tennessee River Conference? It is way ahead of any other month this year, or the two preceding years, which is as far back as I have a monthly record.

Including the magazine work the grand total is \$2,507.65, besides \$789 worth of subscription books delivered. Add to this the helps, Bibles, and magazines sold, and we have a total of \$1,235.40 worth of literature placed in the homes of the people by our colporteurs in May.

Surely this is something to praise the Lord for. It beats any other month's report by two-thirds. By way of comparison, the May reports for the past three years are as follows:—

YEAR	TOTAL VALUE ORD'S	TOTAL VALUE DEL
1910	\$1040 65	\$347 95 (including helps)
1911	924 95	629 00 (including helps)
1912	2507 65	789 00 (subscription books only)

I am glad the work is advancing. Our faithful colporteurs deserve credit for their hard work and faithfulness in reporting. Let us now press the battle and make June the banner month. Let us do our best to keep the work growing.

C. F. DART.

A CLOSE RACE

BRETHREN Chenault and Clark ran a pretty close race in the work last week—only 50c difference in the value of orders taken, and 3 hours difference in the time. Bro. Stanley Clark worked 61 hours and took \$77 worth. Bro. C. H. Chenault worked 58 hours and took \$76.50 worth of orders. This is a good record—the best this year.

C. F. DART.

"THE Holy Spirit is to be had for the asking."

FROM MEMPHIS

THIS is the first time I have really had time to write; though I have often felt that perhaps it would interest some who know me to hear from me through the columns of the WORKER. The work here is onward. I have had thirty readers or more for several months, with whom I have read once or twice each week. Several have accepted and some have been baptized, several more will soon be baptized. Many are now in the valley of decision, and for them I earnestly ask your heartfelt prayers. Sr. Mamie Moore has given me the names of quite a number of those for whom I am laboring. When she finds among those to whom she has sold books any one who is willing to have readings, she gives me their address—often many more than I can possibly visit. I believe that there are many honest souls here who will accept this precious truth that we love so well if we labor faithfully and without letting anything discourage us, for as far as I can see, many are yearning for something better than they now know and are taught. I have often read with families for some time before they knew I was an Adventist, and they had realized that this was the truth before prejudice had hardened their hearts. Then it has been an easy matter to convince them that we have other interesting and thrilling truths to show them, I have never had any one ask me to excuse them from reading with me on that account. I trust to be able soon to write a few of some of the many precious experiences we are having here. We ask an interest in your prayers.

MRS. ALICE M. PATTON.

Do thy duty; that is best,
Leave unto thy Lord the rest.

—Longfellow.

Missionary Volunteers

WHAT DO YOU READ?

SOME one has aptly said, "A man is known by the books he reads." Putting the thought in another way we may say that the books one reads in a large measure determines what he is—"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

A person who continually feeds on condiments, and irritating foods will soon become a physical wreck. Just so surely will one whose mind feeds on the pernicious literature of to-day become a moral degenerate, with no ability to cope with the stern battles of life.

While, by the art of bookmaking, we have preserved to us priceless gems of thought from the minds of great men of the past, like other blessings, Satan has sought to counteract the good, by causing the whole world to be flooded with books and magazines of a questionable or decidedly pernicious character.

It has been said that in books "the better is often the worst enemy of the best." We have seen people enthusiastic over some book, otherwise worthless, because they found in it one or two good thoughts. Those who do thus are as foolish as the man who, because he had filtered a few drops of pure water from a filthy pool, exclaimed, "How wonderful!" when a little way off he might have obtained pure sparkling cold water in great abundance without the trouble of filtering it.

The devil is satisfied to circulate truth if it is so mixed with evil that it is hardly recognized, while it imparts to the evil itself a pleasant flavor and makes it more captivating. His is a work of deception. Many popular novels that are classed as "religious novels," are like some theatrical plays "staged" under a religious name, but of no less evil tendency because of this.

But of the value of reading good books enough can hardly be said.

Many of the great pioneer missionaries whose biographies we like to read, owe their inspiration to devote themselves to soul saving in foreign lands to the reading of some book.

In the writings of noble men and women we have preserved for us their best thoughts, put in the most attractive way. Those who learn to love such books need never be without a companion. It is our privilege in this way to be companions of the great men of the past.

But some one says, "I don't like 'solid' reading." Perhaps not. Our appetite for reading needs cultivation just as our appetite for food requires cultivation. Many wholesome articles of diet we once did not like have now become very palatable because we have cultivated a taste for them. Just so with good books. Read them because you can get good from them, and soon they will be the most enjoyable.

But some one else says, "I am not familiar enough with books to know how to select wisely."

The Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses are arranged to help just such young people, and to foster in all a habit of systematic reading.

In the senior course for next fall are the following books:—

1. The "Uplift of China," by a missionary who has spent thirty-five years in that field.
2. "Patriarchs and Prophets." This book ought to be read and reread by all our young people.
3. "The American Government." All should be familiar with the fundamentals of our government.

This course is planned to begin October first. Write your state Missionary Volunteer secretary asking for more particulars and a leaflet describing the books, giving prices, etc.

While waiting to begin this course a valuable book for all young people to read is, "Advance Guard of Missions" by Professor Howell. This gives an intensely interesting account of the lives and work of more than a score of leading pioneer missionaries.

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A. N. ATTEBERRY.

Secy. Y. P. M. V. Dept.,
Southern Union Conference.

BOOK AND PERIODICAL WORK IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

"FORWARD march," is the watchword all along the line. The captains of the companies in our five battle-fields are faithfully giving the order and the armies at the front are pouring in the shot and shell with telling effect.

The work is making steady progress in all the conferences. We have cause for gratitude and praise to our heavenly Father as we see his promises verified to the faithful workers. The increase, both in orders and deliveries, for May over April, is indeed encouraging. The increase in orders is \$1,222.50, and in books delivered \$1,406.75, while our increase in magazine sales is \$461.80. This is a healthy growth, and there has been a steady increase from the first of the year. But we are not satisfied with past achievements. Watch for our June report, and pray that God will give the workers in all our conferences greatly increased success.

Tennessee River has the largest constituency and feels that her place is at the top of the list and in the lead, and now that she has earned the honor she says that is where we may look for her hereafter. This is a suggestion to her neighbor conferences to take notice. I am of the opinion that her younger sister to the north of her will give her considerable anxiety and perhaps ask her to take a lower seat before the snow begins to fly. Alabama and Kentucky

are almost a tie. Alabama being \$17.25 best in orders, and Kentucky \$80.75 best in deliveries.

Mississippi and Louisiana have been quite badly handicapped on account of the disastrous floods, but reports from the courageous and faithful leaders in these conferences indicate their characteristic life and enthusiasm in the book work. Mississippi gave Tennessee River a close call last month, and we will look with interest for the outcome for June.

Including helps, Bibles, and magazines, there was placed in the homes of the people of the Southern Union Conference in May \$4,337.50 worth of our literature.

We now have eighty-two colporteurs in the field. Are there not many others who feel the call, "Go work to-day in my vineyard"? Soon the reaping will be over. Shall we then hear the welcome words, "Well done good and faithful servant"? or shall it be "Depart from me"?

C. D. WOLFF, Gen'l Agt.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending June 8, 1912

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W F NanceCK	43	30	\$45 00	\$ 6 50	\$51 50	\$	
S S GuilfordBF	45	9	11 50	2 00	13 50	34 00	
A J RiceBF	52			2 50	2 50	17 50	
Charlie Battle ..BF	37	23	32 00		32 00		
E F JeysCK	30	17	27 00	50	27 50		
M L IvoryBF	44	9	13 50	2 75	16 25	11 50	
W R ElliottCK	10	9	10 50		10 50		
Geo W Brown ..BF	10	6	6 00	50	6 50		
Miss Helen Scott BF	16	5	5 50		5 50		
Mrs S D Millar ..BF	4	5	5 50		5 50		
Miss Bulah Cothren BF						1 00	

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Lewis Davis BF&D&R	24	14	16 00	25	16 25	44 00	
Warren Judson D&R	40	42	66 00	75	66 75		
C R MillarGC	6	2	10 00		10 00		
Reuben Staton PP&F	34	4	6 50	1 75	8 25		
S N YatesPP&F	19	24	16 00	1 75	17 75		
Mary Chapman ..BF	33	24	33 00	50	33 50	50	
Anna Rhodes ...BF	9	24	24 50		24 50	2 00	
Edna ScottBF	15	7	8 50	25	8 75	9 50	
Curtis Pound ...BF	36	18	23 50	75	24 25	3 00	
Verna Pound ...BF	17	4	5 50	1 00	6 50	10 00	
Lillian Farney ..BF	12	6	8 00		8 00		
Letitia Steele ...BF	20	3	3 00	75	3 75		
Milton Jones ...JUV	5	3		1 00	1 00		

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

G Jorgenson ...PP&F	50	3	5 00	7 00	12 00	16 50	
M B WilsonBF	24			4 00		37 00	
T S SlighBF	30	18	20 50	7 00	27 50	1 00	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

V B SmithBR	48	50	121 00	5 75	126 75	5 75	
CG ParkinsBF	51	65	77 75	1 75	79 50	1 75	
C H McColley..BF	55	5	5 00	2 50	7 50	87 00	
A L SaxonBR	41	17	61 00	9 00	70 00	9 00	
C R CanadaBF	42			1 00	77 50		
H C Balsbaugh GC	41	11	33 00	1 20	34 20	27 20	
W H Haddon ..BF	7	1	1 00	50	1 50	2 50	
E P Campbell ...PG	25	5	17 50	14 00	31 50	12 50	
Emily Billups ...BF	35	29	43 50	1 75	45 25	1 25	
Anna WattsBF	35	25	37 50	75	38 25		
Lettie Linyear ..BF	21					4 50	

Loletta Parks ...BF	24					7 50	
Luella HillBF	45	15	22 50	1 25	23 75	22 25	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Stanley L. Clark BF	61	50	74 50	2 50	77 00		
C H Chenault ..DR	58	32	76 50		76 50	4 00	
Vera Dortch ...PP&F	39	18	27 50	2 00	30 50	21 00	
Maud Gauntlett .BF	26	26	29 00		29 00		
Mamie Moore ...D&R	31	15	28 00	35	28 35	14 35	
Berdon Hampton BF	44	20	26 50	2 00	28 00		
R H Hazelton ...BF	40	23	23 00	5 00	28 00	1 00	
U BracyBF	39	20	25 00	2 25	27 25		
Emelia Roberson.DA	23	11	25 50	2 00	27 50		
Anna PruittBF	23	23	26 50		26 50		
Jesse R Allen ...BF	48	23	25 00	50	25 50		
Joseph S Moore BF	44	13	15 50	3 25	18 75		
Mrs Mary Allen BF	42	17	17 00		17 00	26 75	
W L Cutchfield .BF	32	11	13 50	75	14 25		
Mrs Mollie Hurdle BF	11	2	2 00	50	2 50	3 00	
E S CliftCK	27	3	4 00	25	4 25		
Eugene Sykes PP&F	43	2	3 00	50	3 50	6 00	
Clara Brigham ...BF	37	2	2 50	75	3 25	24 00	
Mattie Blunt ...BF	6	2	3 00		3 00	5 50	
Sina E Clark ...BF	19	1	1 50	75	2 25		

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	287	112	156 50	14 75	171 25	64 00	
Kentucky Conf	270	175	220 50	8 75	229 75	69 00	
Louisiana Conf ...	104	21	25 50	18 00	39 50	44 50	
Mississippi Conf ..	470	223	419 75	39 45	458 20	258 70	
Tenn River Conf ..	693	316	449 50	23 35	462 85	105 60	

Totals1824 847\$1271 75 \$104 30\$1360 55 \$541 80

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending June 8, 1912

Agent	No.	Value
ALABAMA		
S S Guilford	2	\$ 20
Mrs S D Millar	43	4 30
KENTUCKY		
Milton Jones	68	6 80
TENNESSEE RIVER		
Wm J Keele	129	12 90
Maud Gauntlett	31	3 10
Anna Pruitt	36	3 60
Totals	309	\$30 90

BOOK SALES FOR MAY, 1912

Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value	Delivered
Alabama	14	1852	677 \$ 971 10	\$ 592 85
Kentucky	17	1263	571 953 85	673 60
Louisiana	11	672	361 493 55	206 70
Mississippi	18	2313	1473 2097 90	446 90
Tenn River ...	22	3077	1436 2200 00	789 00
Totals	82	9177	4518 \$6716 40	\$2709 05

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MAGAZINE SALES FOR MAY, 1912

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	No.	Value
Alabama	4		1683	\$168 30
Tenn River	4	357	2822	282 20
Kentucky	3	191	3351	335 10
Totals	11	548	7856	\$785 60

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SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE CAMP-MEETING APPOINTMENTS

WHITE

Alabama	August 1-11
Kentucky	August 8-18
Louisiana, Baton Rouge	July 18-28
Mississippi, Jackson	July 25-August 4
Tennessee River, Camden	August 15-25

COLORED

Kentucky	July 5-14
Alabama	September 27-October 5
Mississippi	September 13-23

Other information concerning each meeting will be published later.
S. E. WIGHT, Pres.

REMEMBER JUNE 29

JUNE 29 is the date of the next thirteenth Sabbath offering to be taken in our Sabbath-schools.

The brethren in South Africa, continually urged on to new conquests by the terrible need of lost millions, have been endeavoring to open a new mission station in the "dark continent." Some time ago they made a request from the government for a grant of land in the Selukwe Reserve in Mashonaland. The government has recently acceded to their request and given us this desirable tract, which is reported to be well watered, fertile, and well adapted as a mission station where the banner of the truth can be unfurled.

Pastor R. C. Porter, president of the South African Union, wrote a very touching appeal some months ago, asking for an appropriation that would enable them to undertake the work of erecting buildings, and otherwise equipping the station with the things that are necessary to properly carry forward the work. But for lack of funds the General Conference Committee were forced to deny the request, and let millions still sit and wait in darkness.

But we are glad they need wait no longer. The General Conference Committee has invited our Sabbath-schools in the United States and Canada to give the thirteenth Sabbath donation to the opening of this station in the Selukwe Reserve. The thirteenth Sabbath comes June 29. Thus our Sabbath-schools, that have furnished means to pioneer the way of the message into so many lands, have an opportunity to fully establish another mission station in the midst of heathen darkness. Should more be donated than is actually needed to open this station, the surplus will be used in the dark land of Africa.

We anticipate a liberal response in all our Sabbath-schools

to this call on June 29. Some will perhaps want to give quite liberal donations. Many will give dollars. Whole conferences have already adopted the idea of having a "dollar day" each quarter in the Sabbath-schools. The idea is a good one. The thirteenth Sabbath is a good time for churches that are behind on the fifteen-cents-a-week per member plan to make up their deficit.

THE NASHVILLE SANITARIUM COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THE Commencement exercises of the Nashville Sanitarium Training Class of 1912, as mentioned in the WORKER of May 30, were held Monday evening, June 10.

The front veranda, from which the program was rendered, was inexpensively, but tastefully decorated, and the fine weather contributed its share toward making the occasion a pleasant one.

The program consisted of singing, prayer, an appropriate address by the president of the board, a valedictory by a member of the class, presentation of diplomas by the medical superintendent, and benediction by the manager. Instrumental and vocal music interspersed throughout added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

From seventy-five to one hundred persons, were present, and the Nashville Concert Band enlivened the occasion with several well rendered selections.

The exercises being over, refreshments were served to all present and the company dispersed.

The president's address was intended to impress his hearers with the importance of personal efficiency, and the sacred character of the work committed to us. We trust that the graduates will live so close to God that he will work mightily through them for both the physical and the spiritual good of humanity. The motto of the class is, "To preach the gospel and heal the sick."

JUDAISM TO CHRISTIANITY

BROTHER, Sister, have you procured a copy of this wonderful book yet? If not, you are losing a great blessing. To read this book is to love the Lord better, and to have more faith in the third angel's message and its ability to reach every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ELD A. J. Haysmer and family have removed from Nashville, Tenn., to Huntsville, Ala., the headquarters of the work for the colored people, of which Brother Haysmer is the general secretary.

E. Dolphus Haysmer, M. D., son of Elder Haysmer, has been appointed medical superintendent of the Huntsville Sanitarium. Their friends and correspondents will note the change and address them accordingly.