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

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### HOME OFFICE NEWS

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#### COLPORTEURS' LETTERS — MISSISSIPPI

I HAVE so many experiences that I hardly know which to relate. I ought to tell you how the Lord led me to go visiting one night in my partner's territory. For about two and one-half hours I talked on Christ's second coming and I never have had the Spirit bring texts and words to my mind so well. That was Friday night, and Sabbath the lady where I had visited died about ten minutes after eating dinner. But I believe she died in the blessed hope, like the thief on the cross. I read to the husband and eight children and comforted them with the words of Paul in 1 Thess. 4: 13-18. How glad they were, and I too!

We received our books all right. The reason for my poor time is that I have been giving my time to my partner, helping him paint and repair his wagon. It is all in good shape now. We spent Sabbath before delivery with an isolated sister and family. She had to tell us her trouble and I believe the Lord led her to do so; for she doesn't usually tell those things. I interrupted several times with a nice selection of poetry (I have a stock of these things pasted in the holder of my guarantee slips). Well, when I got through reading the Bible to her, Brother Miller said I gave her just the advice he had intended giving.

On my way I stopped to see a neighbor and found an uneducated man who was seeking to know what the good Book said without what the people said mixed with it. He would have me stay to dinner, and I did so to get a chance to talk about an hour and a half, and I could hardly get away then. O, if more of our people would read what the Bible says we would be home now. He had not ordered "Bible Footlights" from my partner, but promised to get one when he came through delivering. Another neighbor was there at the time and he insisted that I go home with him. What a chance for a preacher! But you know me, I am only a bookman. I arrived at my first stopping place just as a heavy rain came up, so you see I did the right thing that time.

I have been delivering nearly every order although sometimes they have to borrow. It keeps me busy waiting and riding back and forth, sometimes making three and four trips, but so far I have been patient and haven't scolded, but just read the Bible to them.

I must tell you about another experience. I had canvassed this family with no visible effect, but when I came delivering I met the man and boys fixing fence. The man told me to wait as his little ten year old boy, who had given

him no rest until he agreed to let him have a book, had gone to the house for his quarter when he saw me coming. So while I waited the farmer told me about the boy. He said he was a great reader and remembered very well, was a good Sunday-school scholar and delighted in good books, and was also a very dutiful son. The boy came back with a dollar and a quarter (his own money) and said he wanted both books. He was so brave and manly, yet so meek that I was reminded of Jesus. I praised him some and encouraged him to write to me, telling them how the Lord had children to hold up the truth in the days of the Reformation and that children would do it again. I am sure I am planting good seed as I read God's Word to the people, and they all agree for I don't give them a chance to disagree. I trust some seed will fall on good ground. I am busy all the time, and find I will need more books if this keeps up. Remember Brother Canada and me in your prayers. I rejoice to say that he is doing even better than I. C. H. McCOLLEY.

THERE is surely a sound of a going around the office which tells us that the workers in the field are meeting with success. Nearly every order which comes in is labeled "RUSH." This means, of course, that the office force is kept more than busy for we always endeavor to give precedence to hurry orders.

In a letter received from Brother Randall, our Atlanta manager, yesterday, he enclosed an order for eleven cases of books, a number of them being for our larger books, such as "Great Controversy," etc.

ABOUT a week ago, at the regular chapel service, the office family engaged in a season of prayer for the work throughout our territory, the special burden being for the South-west where the prospects were that another drouth would be experienced. The crops were drying up in a large part of that territory. We believe that the Lord heard and answered these prayers almost immediately, for we learn that on the same or the following day, copious rains fell throughout Texas and Oklahoma. This will mean much to our work this year, and we are receiving most encouraging letters from our brethren in those States. Brother Adams, secretary of the Oklahoma Tract Society, has this to say:—

"We recently had some good rains and everything looks prosperous. Most of the people seem to be of good courage and crop prospects are fine."

This is the consensus of opinion throughout the field, so we in the Southern Union should take courage. The Lord has blessed us abundantly with plenty of rain, at least in a large section of our union, and the crop prospects in Tennessee are splendid. Above all we have the Lord on our side, so we can come to him with boldness asking for help and strength to carry on the good work.

In a letter just received from Brother Pierce, he incloses the following interesting news item clipped from a Fort Worth paper dated June 24:—

"THIRD BIG RAIN WITHIN A WEEK.

"ANOTHER big crop rain, the third of a week, was very general in Texas and adjacent States Sunday. The rain though scattered covered a wide territory. With a good corn crop almost made by the timely June rains, a second hay crop assured, and all the other feed, grain, fruit crops, and cotton benefitted, the farmers of the State are beginning the work of solving the feed question by putting in new forage and feed crops that will mature in the fall. The fact that last year the farmers of the State had to pay one hundred sixty million dollars to two other States for corn, beside many millions of dollars for hay and other feed, has taught them a lesson, and the favorable weather indicates that two hundred million dollars sent out of the State for feed, will this year be kept at home."

We know this will be cheering news to our field men in the Southwest, and that our people generally will praise God for this timely rainfall.

BRO. W. A. Wilcox has charge of the work of wrecking our old office building. This morning a large section of it was sold, and will be moved in a few days to a location about two blocks south of the office.

WE would urge our workers everywhere to send in short pithy reports of their experiences in the field. We welcome such reports and will give them space in our column in the WORKER.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

R. HOOK, Jr., *Gen'l Mgr.*

### LONGING HEARTS

THROUGH letters coming to us from our colporteurs we frequently gather glimpses of how our literature is appreciated by the poor and humble of earth who really hunger to know the truth. It is truly refreshing to meet with these experiences and it cheers all our hearts to read of them.

The following is an extract from one of these letters giving an account of an instance of this kind:—

The colporteur says: "I receive testimony after testimony from parties who have the books containing the message. I went to see a lady Friday who subscribed for "Bible Footlights" to be delivered the first of June. When the time came she had failed to get the money. She had walked in the rain trying to get it, but could not. She told me Friday that she now had the money and that she had intended to keep it till I came again if it had been until fall, rather than not get her book. She said it was the best book she ever saw." He then adds, "The Lord knows I was glad to deliver that book."

All over the world God has honest children hungering for the truth. It is such experiences as the one given above that urge us on with the truth-laden books knowing that there are still others of God's children who are hungering for the truth and willing, perhaps, to make a greater sacrifice to obtain it than some of us who already have it, are to keep it.

May the Lord roll upon the hearts of his people the burden to hasten on with these message-filled books to those longing for the light.

W. W. EASTMAN.

### HOW DISASTERS HELP

ONE of our good colporteurs in a letter recently received at the office tells the following experience which shows how many of the orders for our books are often secured, and illustrates how even the disasters, that from a human standpoint would be sure to hinder our work, may be made to help it along. He says: "One man told me that he did not know what to do on account of so many disasters. I told

him the Lord wanted him to buy the book and learn more about the prophecies: he then subscribed."

Thus it is that even the disasters help if we will but use the wisdom the Lord gives in turning them to our advantage.

W. W. EASTMAN.

## Alabama Conference

### CAMP-MEETING

OUR committee has given much time and study to the question of selecting the best place for the location of our annual conference and camp-meeting for this summer, which is to be held August 1-11. Two years ago it was held in the central part of the State and last year in the northern portion, so it has been decided to hold it this year at Fair Hope, Baldwin County.

Now that the location and time have been decided, let every member in our conference lay their plans to attend, as far as possible, the camp-meeting from its commencement to its close. We all need to attend these annual feasts that we may receive the blessings that the Lord has in store for us; there are also many important questions that will come up for consideration in the conference sessions which will be of interest to every member in the conference.

Any church that has not already elected its delegates to the conference should do so very soon and send the names to the conference secretary. Each church is entitled to one delegate at large, or for the organization, and an additional delegate for every ten members.

Nearly a year has passed since our last camp-meeting, and each of us has been blessed of the Lord who has added to the church many who will be saved in his kingdom.

While we are filled with gratitude for all these favors, we need to come together and seek God for added blessings and a closer walk with him. These yearly opportunities will soon be over and the Master will come and gather those who have proved faithful to his calling. Each one needs to improve these privileges that we may keep pace with the message of truth and be prepared to meet successfully every assault of the enemy of our souls.

We will write about other items of interest relating to the camp-meeting in later issues of the WORKER.

E. G. HAYES.

## Kentucky Conference

### NOTES

#### CAMP-MEETING

It has now been decided to hold our annual camp-meeting in Cave Spring Park, Elizabethtown. This will be a central location for all our people throughout the conference.

We have secured the use of Cave Spring Park where we will have plenty of shade and good water. There is a large spring of fine cold water on the ground which all will appreciate. The park is about five squares from the depots. I hope all will begin to lay their plans at once to be present. Send in your orders for tents and what furniture you will need, so we can have everything in readiness for you when you arrive. Now brethren, don't allow any little thing to keep you away and so deprive you of the blessings the camp-meeting will bring to those who are present.

SAND HILL

The writer met with the Sand Hill church and had a real

profitable three days' meeting. The services were well attended by the people of the place, and there is a real demand for a series of meetings to be held there. Several of the church members are planning to attend the camp-meeting.

#### TENT MEETINGS

THE tent meetings that are in progress at Louisville and in the vicinity of Hartford both report that a number seem deeply interested. Let us all pray for these workers that the Lord will give them souls for their hire. B. W. BROWN.

#### STILL MOVING

THE work is moving here in this field, and the workers, show their courage, by pressing forward to the front of the battle. Their reports every week are inspiring. We are trying to reach the \$2,000 mark for June and also for July. "Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies." Ps. 108: 13. And through Christ we "can do all things." The desire of every Seventh-day Adventist should be to advance the message that is to go to all the world in this generation. Let us pray for more workers. The Testimonies tell us that there should be one hundred in the field where there is one. Now brethren let all join the corps of laborers and work while the day lasts, for "the night cometh, when no man can work."

We are looking forward to the camp-meeting at Elizabethtown August 8-18. Come prepared to go out and help carry the message. As the Lord gave command to Jonah to warn the city of Ninevah, so he has given command to his people to-day to go out and proclaim the closing message to the world. Let us respond and when the reaping time is over we shall receive the reward. H. E. BECK.

#### INFORMATION WANTED

CAN any of the WORKER readers give us the addresses of W. F. Dishon and Wm. Martin? The latter is a colored worker. We desire to communicate with both of these parties, and will appreciate information as to where they are located. Address, Kentucky Tract Society, 1410 Beech St., Louisville, Ky.

#### NOTICE

THE Tract Society office has on hand a good supply of *Sabbath-School Quarterlies* for the new quarter and can fill promptly all orders received as long as the supply lasts. Order at once, to insure getting a copy before they are all gone. We also have in stock four copies of "Temperance Torchlights," and in order to make room for new stock will dispose of them at the low price of 40 cents per copy. Send cash with order and mention this ad in the WORKER. Address, Kentucky Tract Society, 1410 Beech St., Louisville, Kentucky. FREEMAN BRUCE, *Secretary*.

### Louisiana Conference

#### NOTES

CAMP-MEETING just a few weeks off! Are you ready? Baton Rouge is the place again. Do not allow anything to keep you away from the most important meeting of the year this time.

July 18-28. Just the right time to leave things for a ten day's rest and feast of good things. This time we have the promise of the best of help from the General Conference.

Thus far there have been five persons baptized as a result of the meetings at Natalbany. There will no doubt be others who will be united to the Hammond church later.

The last dollar of the debt on the Jackson Avenue property has been paid, and we are at last free from that onerous obligation. We will be able to sing a jubilee song of freedom from debt at this coming camp-meeting for which we should all be supremely happy, and which will be well worth the trip to the meeting.

Meals will be served this year on the same plan as last year at the camp-meeting. Bring all your children as this promises to be even better than any annual meeting that we have ever had.

The meetings at Hammond are enjoying a splendid attendance, and the interest is growing. Pray for the work here that it may be the means of largely increasing our forces in this part of the State.

We are all travelers bound for the better land, and we love to meet and recount the toils and blessings of the journey. Let us come to this meeting praying that the rich blessing of the Lord will be with us. The times are full of meaning to those who are preparing to meet the Lord. The fierce political strife now raging is but the result of the unseen efforts of the papacy to assume control of the powers of the government of this country.

Brother McLennan has been rendering some very acceptable assistance to the meetings at Hammond.

The New Orleans church is about ready to assume the duty of paying for the new church that they have been negotiating for for the last six months. We have arranged for the transfer of the title at the end of the week.

E. L. MAXWELL.

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE

DEAR Brethren:—

The onward march of our missions in foreign lands has added new meaning to the prophecy of our Saviour, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness." But a little more territory remains to be occupied and then will be fulfilled the remainder of the passage, "and then shall the end come." How it must thrill our hearts to know that to us it is given to behold the consummation of the ages.

"O, there the loved of earth shall meet,

Whom death has sundered here;

The prophets and the patriarchs there we'll greet,

And all shall worship at Jesus' feet,

No more separation to fear.

Though trials and griefs await us here,

The conflict will soon be o'er;

This glorious hope our hearts doth cheer,

For we know that the Saviour will soon appear,

And then, we shall grieve no more."

The time for our annual midsummer offering is rapidly approaching, and we should all be prepared for it. The rich blessing that has rested upon us since the last midsummer opportunity to give for the cause of missions, ought to enable us to donate liberally toward this offering.

Then, too, there is the Harvest Ingathering coming on one month earlier this year than last year. The monthly *Signs* will be the missionary paper this time. It will be a splendid paper to use in the work.

Now how many members of this conference will agree to distribute these papers during next October? and how many will you agree to use? This information ought to be in the hands of Mrs. Saxby, Woodlawn, La., as early as July 15 at least.

The plan this year will be the same as last year. It is as follows: Every one who will agree to assist in the distribution of these papers should have a *General Information and Instruction Leaflet*. He or she should also have a "Solicitor's Card." Then enough papers should be ordered to supply all those who will take part in the distribution. These will be furnished free, but should be placed judiciously, and a donation, large or small, secured for every paper distributed if possible. If all will faithfully perform their duty this year, we will see a great increase in the offerings for missions from this conference, and Louisiana will lead the Southern Union again in the matter of interest in this work.

Where there are members of a church who are not in touch with the church at all times, it would be well to write them to enlist their assistance in this very important work.

Church elders and clerks ought to see that this matter is properly presented to the churches at the proper time, and that the work is done as early as possible.

Yours for the finishing of the work,

E. L. MAXWELL.

### MORE ACCEPTING THE TRUTH

I AM glad to report that still others who heard us preach at Natalbany are accepting the truth. It seems the more they think about it the more they are convinced that we have preached to them the truth, and that the best thing they can do is to obey without asking to be excused. Two more went forward for baptism last Sabbath, and others contemplating doing so soon. The husbands of some of the women accepting the truth are looking around for other employment so that they too can keep the Sabbath. Five united with the Hammond church last Sabbath. We are very glad to report also that there is still a very good interest in the latter place. Some have already decided to obey, and others are very seriously thinking about it while many more come who are apparently less interested. Our hearts are made very glad by these visible results of our labors, and we are determined to press on, if possible with more courage and more faithfulness. Let us all be true to the Lord, honest with the means he has given us, and do our duty at the post where he has stationed us, and "in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Don't forget that the Lord has something good for you at camp-meeting. Begin to plan now to attend.

O. F. FRANK.

## Mississippi Conference

### NOTICE

THE annual conference and camp-meeting of the Mississippi Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held July 25 to August 4 at Jackson Mississippi. The first meeting of the conference will be held at 9 o'clock A. M., July 26. Each church is entitled to one delegate and one additional delegate for each ten members.

Let all of the churches elect their full delegation and send the names of the delegates to Miss Parizetta Smith, 932 Union Street, Jackson, Mississippi, at once.

W. S. LOWRY, President.

### NOTICE

THE regular annual meeting of the Mississippi Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the annual conference and camp-meeting of the Mississippi Conference at Jackson, Mississippi, July 25 to August 4, 1912. The first meeting of the association will be held

at 9 A. M., Tuesday July 30, for the transaction of such business as may come before the members. All of the elected delegates of the Mississippi Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (unincorporated) are voters in the above mentioned association.

W. S. LOWRY, President.

### CAMP-MEETING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN, Virgil Smith. Other members C. H. McCollrey, Lamar Cooper, G. T. Terry, Jasper Halleck.

We would like to see all the members of the committee on the grounds Monday, July 22. If there is any reason why you can not be there please write me at once. The conference will furnish you meals and a place to sleep during the meeting.

All who want tents to live in during the meeting write to Virgil Smith, Enid, Mississippi.

W. S. LOWRY.

### LAUREL

THE writer spent a few days out in the country near Laurel where Bro. G. B. Rogers lives, and preached four times in a schoolhouse. But it being such a busy time with the farmers they did not attend very well except on Sunday. That will be a good place for meetings a little later in the season.

I spent the day at Ellisville in counsel with Brother McEachern concerning conference work.

Remember the date of the camp-meeting, and be sure to plan to be there on time, July 25-August 4.

W. S. LOWRY.

### NEWS ITEMS

WE are glad for the reasonable degree of success which has attended the efforts of the workers in this field. When we work and pray the Lord always does his part. We are thankful for the success which Bro. J. A. Morrow is having in the tent effort here in Jackson. Last night the members of the conference home, in company with two visitors from South Jackson, attended the service. There was a good crowd out, and several expressed their appreciation of the sermon on the subject of, "The Response of History to the Voice of Prophecy."

Bro. E. L. Marley, who has had charge of the school at Ridgeland the past winter, has gone to Colorado to take up work in that field. We regret to lose Brother Marley, but hope that his work there may be a success, and we especially hope that his health may improve so that he may yet do much work for the Lord.

Since the colporteurs' institute was held at Ridgeland, in March, Bro. Virgil Smith has worked 531 hours, taken 512 orders, amounting to \$1,025, and sold helps to the amount of \$79.50, making a total of \$1,104.50. This is the report which he sent to the office this week. We are truly glad to see such reports.

Bro. A. L. Saxon had a very interesting experience last week. While canvassing Batesville, he closed a trade with the principal of the school at that place to use "Best Stories" as a text book in his school.

We feel sure that all will be glad to learn that Elder Wight, who has taken the place of Elder McVagh, is planning to be present at our camp-meeting which is soon to begin.

We hope to see a large number present at camp-meeting this year, especially the young people. We trust that every one is laying plans to attend. Plan to come, and then ask the Lord to open the way and we feel sure that he will do so.

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## Tennessee River Conference

### NOTICE

THE twenty-fifth annual session of the Tennessee River Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Camden, Tenn., August 15-25, 1912, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other business pertaining to the advancement of the work in the conference. The first business meeting of the session will be held at 9:30 A. M., Friday, August 16. It is desired that all the churches in the conference shall be fully represented, and that all delegates shall be present at the first meeting.

Each church is entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers, and to one additional delegate for each ten members. The churches should elect their delegates at once and send the names to the Secretary at 511 Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn.

C. P. BOLLMAN, *President*,  
THOS. E. PAVEY, *Secretary*.

### TREASURER'S REPORT BY CHURCHES OF THE FIFTEEN-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND TO MAY 31

Name	Membership	Due June 30	Am't Paid	Due for June
Cedar Grove .....	24	\$ 93 60	\$ 16 55	\$ 76 75
Conference Church	12	46 80	42 45	3 95
Fountain Head ....	26	101 40	38 46	62 94
Hazel .....	37	144 30	40 73	103 57
Hustburg .....	8	31 20	1 62	29 58
Jackson .....	9	35 10	43 51	
Lane .....	15	58 50	19 51	38 99
Leach .....	52	202 80	18 14	184 66
Madison .....	50	195 00	77 23	117 77
Memphis .....	90	351 00	181 79	169 21
Nashville .....	190	741 00	193 06	547 94
North Nashville ..	25	95 50	49 83	45 67
Springville .....	40	156 00	29 79	126 21
Trezevant .....	17	56 30	6 81	49 49
Not designated ....			24 32	
Totals .....	595	\$2308 50	\$784 00	\$1556 73

THE above report is the first one of the kind I have made out, but this gives our standing one month before the middle of the year is reached. There is only one church in the conference that has paid in the full amount of its quota on this fund to June 30. It is interesting to mention that this church has paid its quota largely by the use of the *Harvest Ingathering Signs*. If all the churches had done as much in proportion with the *Ingathering Signs* as this little church did, our obligation to this fund would now be paid up to date. The church elders should keep this fund constantly in mind, for we want to fall into line and do our part towards supporting our missionaries. Our offerings are always much larger for the last half of the year than for the first, and this must be the case this year or we will fall far short of the mark set for us. We must all pull together and do our part in this matter. Then I am sure the Lord will add his blessing to our efforts.

THOS. E. PAVEY, *Treas.*

### REASONS FOR REPORTING

REPORTING is advertising. Satan's agents are continually advertising his work in glowing terms, and why should not God's servants advertise the Lord's work, and in glowing terms too?

I read in "Manual for Canvassers," page 39 (old edition):

"These reports should find a place in our papers; for they are far-reaching in their influence. They will be as sweet fragrance in the church, a savor of life unto life. Thus it is seen that God works with those who co-operate with him. 'Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.'"

We all like to see good reports in our conference paper, and why not do our part in placing them there? This shows the progress that is being made, and encourages others to take up the work.

It is very important that a record be kept, showing what territory has been worked, with what book, when the work was done, and with what success. From these records are gathered important items that will greatly assist the president, field agent, and conference workers to plan their work most successfully.

The Publishing House needs these reports so that they can plan to keep in stock the books that will be needed. Then they can promptly ship the books when ordered.

Last, but not least, the field agent needs the reports in order to keep in touch with the colporteurs, that he may know how they are getting along, and render needed assistance.

Reporting is the nervous system of the colporteur work. Through this medium each part keeps constantly in touch with the head and every other part of the body.

C. F. DART.

### DO NOT BELIEVE IT

WHEN Sister Allen arrived in Obion and began canvassing for "Bible Footlights," an intelligent woman who is acquainted with the town, told her it would be impossible to sell half a dozen books in Obion. Sister Allen made up her mind to work the town thoroughly if she did not get a single order. She would have the satisfaction of knowing that she had done her duty, at least.

She asked God for help and went ahead, although she was feeling badly, and the Lord blessed her efforts with twenty-six orders. She delivered twenty-four besides selling a few "Best Stories."

When people tell you anything discouraging about your territory, do not believe it. It is a trick of Satan to discourage you and drive you from your field. They may have an interest in you, and with honest motive tell you things, as they believe, for your good. You should appreciate their personal interest, but remember that this is God's work and that it is sure to go. Ask him for courage and help to overcome difficulties and then go ahead in the name of him who never lost a battle.

C. F. DART.

### NASHVILLE JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY

IF any of our readers should call at the chapel at North Nashville, any Wednesday afternoon, they would find a busy and interesting little group of youth having their missionary meeting, after which the time is spent in folding, wrapping, and addressing papers.

The society at present is sending out the Special Health Number of the *Watchman* to the physicians in the city, of which there are about two hundred.

This little group is the Junior M. V. S., organized one month ago with a membership of eleven, of which six are taking the Reading Course and are making very encouraging progress, aiming to finish the Course during the summer months.

Each officer is filling his respective place in a creditable manner. Their aim is to fit themselves for efficient workers by doing first and faithfully the missionary work that lies within

their reach, and hoping that as the years go by they may be better prepared to help spread the third angel's message and hasten the Saviour's coming, because of the influence and the experience gained in their present little society.

Mrs. E. H. REES, *Leader*,  
Miss ESTELLE HOOK, *Secy.*

### IT PAYS TO BE FAITHFUL

I AM certainly having some rich experiences in my work. One night I stayed with a first-day Adventist. After an interesting talk he ordered "Bible Footlights" in the best binding. That morning I remembered a house beyond some territory I had already canvassed. I dreaded the long walk for just one house, but went anyway. The lady gave me an order for the best family Bible in the catalog and a "Bible Footlights." By following the same road along the county line I took ten more orders for "Bible Footlights" from people who might otherwise never have heard the truth.

It is a pleasure to talk the truth to the people. Many appear indifferent at first, but as they catch glimpses of the beauty of the message the Spirit of the Lord impresses them to investigate. I believe there are many in this county who will yet take a stand for the truth. STANLEY L. CLARK.

## Missionary Volunteers

### DANGERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE YOUTH

"I FEEL alarmed as I witness everywhere the frivolity of young men and women who profess to believe the truth. God does not seem to be in their thoughts. Their minds are filled with nonsense. Their conversation is only empty vain talk. . . .

"The youth must take a higher stand and make God the man of their counsel and their guide. Solemn responsibilities rest upon the youth which they lightly regard. . . . There is not one young man or young woman in twenty professing present truth who heeds the instruction of the Bible. The youth do not read the Word of God enough to know its claims upon them and yet these truths will judge them in the great day of God. John says: 'I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. . . .

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.'

"This exhortation to young men extends to young women also. Their youth does not excuse them from the responsibilities that rest upon them. God is dishonored by the frivolity and fashion and empty vain talking and laughing that characterize the youth generally.

"Many of the youth are reckless in their conversation. They choose to forget that by their words they are to be justified or condemned. . . . Words and acts testify plainly what is in the heart.

"The youth generally conduct themselves as though the precious hours of probation were one grand holiday and they were placed in the world merely for their own amusement, to be gratified with a continual round of excitement. Young people urge that they need something to divert and enliven the mind. There is pleasure in industry, a satisfaction in pursuing a life of usefulness."

"Great evil also results from light reading. Much time is

lost which should be spent in useful employment. Some would even deprive themselves of sleep to finish some ridiculous love story. The world is flooded with novels of every description. Some are of a more dangerous character than others. Some are immoral, low, and vulgar; others are clothed with more refinement, but all are pernicious in their influence. O, that the youth would reflect upon the influence which exciting stories have upon their mind! Can you, after such reading, open the Word of God and read the words of life with interest? You sin against your parents and against God in thus using your time."

These words from Sister White were addressed to our young people several years ago. If these warnings were needed then they are much more needed to-day.

The picture drawn is not pleasant to dwell upon, yet how sadly true. Not all however are given to worldly pleasures. Earnest young men and women are entering the ranks of those who are carrying the gospel to the world, devoting their lives to the Master's service.

The work is the Lord's. The message of the soon-coming Saviour will be carried quickly to every honest heart whether you and I have a part in it or not. But we can not afford to neglect the privilege of being "workers together with God." Our own salvation depends upon our being laborers.

Who is ready to give himself to God to receive a training for service wherever the Lord shall call? "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Who will respond, "Here am I, send me"? A. N. ATTEBERRY.

### SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Union Conference committee meeting of June 10-12, held at Nashville, there were several items of business transacted that might be of interest to our readers.

The first matter that we wish to speak of is the dates for camp-meetings. It was found that the dates that we originally considered would not be convenient for the workers furnished by the General Conference, so the dates given in the list of camp-meetings on the last page of the WORKER were definitely decided upon. If there is any change in these dates it will be made by the local conference.

In order to grant the request of the Southern Publishing Association that Eld. C. P. Bollman be released from the presidency of the Tennessee River Conference so that he might connect with the editorial staff of the Southern Publishing Association, the committee recommended that Elder Maxwell take the presidency of the Tennessee River Conference, and that Eld. R. W. Parmele be requested to accept the invitation of the Louisiana Conference committee to assume the presidency of the Louisiana Conference.

The matter of starting new institutions was considered at some length, and it was voted that "we as a committee discourage the establishment by local conferences of any institution of any kind until after a thorough investigation by, and council with, the Union Conference committee."

The matter of uniform record books and report blanks for the conference workers was discussed and a committee consisting of S. E. Wight, E. H. Rees and E. L. Maxwell was appointed to draft the forms for such report blanks and books. The committee also recommended that each conference treasurer report each month in the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER the amount of tithes and offerings received from each church, together with its membership.

Voted that all books of all conferences, tract societies, associations, and sanitariums be closed December 31st of each year; and that for the present the Nashville Sanitarium and the Southern Union Conference Association books be closed

semi-annually, June 30 and December 31. The Committee also voted that the Southern Publishing Association be asked to take the responsibility of editing the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER.

The interests of the Rock City Sanitarium were considered, and a local managing board of five members was elected as follows:—

Chairman, S. E. Wight. Other members appointed were E. H. Rees, C. P. Bollman, E. L. Maxwell, M. F. Knox, D. E. Blake.

Elder Truby, of Kansas City, was invited to take the oversight of the work in New Orleans.

The condition of the finances of the Nashville Sanitarium was duly considered, and it was unanimously voted that an active campaign be started to raise funds to liquidate the indebtedness of this institution. The Sanitarium is gaining a fine patronage at present. The patients who go out from the Sanitarium are leaving well satisfied, but the institution is too small to work up an income in many years sufficient to pay its indebtedness. Therefore it will be necessary to give it our hearty support. In view of these things the conference committee voted that we urge each conference to take prompt and energetic steps to sell between now and December 31st next, at least one copy per member of "Ministry of Healing" in addition to what has already been sold. This by way of a beginning to raise funds.

The general outlook for a good summer's work in our conference is promising. The different members of the committee have resumed work, or gone to their respective fields with a determination to do everything in their power to advance the message.

E. H. REES, *Secy.*

## COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending June 22, 1912

### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W L Battle . . . . .BF	59	57	\$ 83 50	\$	50	\$ 84 00	\$
W F Nance . . . . .CK	40	43	64 50		3 50	68 00	
Charlie Battle . . .BF	62	39	58 50		1 00	59 50	
S S Guilford . . . .BF	42	28	40 00			40 00	3 00
I W Peevy . . . . .BF	42	24	36 00		3 00	39 00	1 50
R T Jacks . . . . .BF	33	36	36 00		3 00	39 00	
R Roberts . . . . .BF	50	23	23 00		12 50	35 50	29 50
E F Jeys . . . . .CK	43	17	26 50		2 00	28 50	
Geo W Brown . . .BF	67	8	10 50		1 00	11 50	11 00
Mrs S D Miller . .BF	9	9	9 50			9 50	
A J Rice . . . . .BF	14	8	8 50			8 50	
Miss Beulah Cothren & R	9	1	2 00		1 25	3 25	10 00

### KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Mary Chapman . .BF	18	19	21 00		1 25	22 25	
Lillian Farney . .BF	4	7	9 00			9 00	
W P Ethington . .BF	24	25	25 00		1 00	26 00	
Edna R Scott . . .BF	21	22	23 00			23 00	6 00
Verna Pound . . .BF	21	14	15 00		2 75	17 75	6 00
Curtis Pound . . .BF	24	13	16 50		75	17 25	2 50
Warren Judson . .BF	27	27	27 00			27 00	
Latitia Steele . .BF	23	6	6 00		87	6 87	3 00
Lewis Davis . .BF & D&R	18	10	16 00			16 00	
M Wheeler . . . .D&R	43	11	33 00		4 90	37 90	3 65
Wm Horn . . . . .GC	51	10	30 00		25 20	55 20	1 50
Lacey Hill . . . .GC	51	6	18 00		16 60	34 60	
Reuben Staton . .PP&F	24	31	15 00		1 00	16 00	7 50
D C Ray . . . . .PP&F	40	25	40 50		1 50	42 00	
S N Yates . . . .PP&F	38	22	37 50		2 75	40 25	
C D Sloane . . . .PP&F	29	14	23 50		1 50	25 00	

### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

G Jorgenson . .PP&F	27	5	9 50		5 25	14 75	10 00
P C Sibley . . . . .BF	41	42	47 50		1 50	49 00	
M B Wilson . . . .BF	40	40	48 50		11 50	60 00	8 50
T S Sligh . .BF & D&R	27	5	7 50		1 00	8 50	6 25

### MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Virgil Smith . .D&R & B&R	23	5	13 00		3 50	16 50	40 00
A L Saxon . . . . .BR	52	1	3 00		15 75	18 75	95 00
H C Balsbaugh . .GC	47	8	20 00		1 20	21 20	40 20
W H Haddon . . .BF	31	10	10 00		11 85	21 85	4 35
C H McColreay . .BF	54	9	9 00		75	9 75	26 75
C G Parkins . . . .BF	45	45	51 50		2 50	54 00	2 50
C R Canada . . . .BF	20				3 25	3 25	24 25
E P Campbell . .PG	30	8	17 25		4 00	21 25	30 00
Ella Johnson . . . .BF	15	26	26 00			26 00	
Emily Billups . .BF	47	43	64 50				
Anna Watts . . . .BF	45	24	36 00				
Loletta Parks . .BF	30				50	50	9 00
Lettie Linyear . .BF	22				1 00	1 00	5 00
Luella Hill . . . .BF	39						9 00
Louise Jackson . .BF	15						3 75
H G Miller . . . .BF	12						22 00

### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

C H Chenault . .D&R	61	46	90 00			90 00	
Berdon Hampton .BF	45	41	59 00		2 75	61 75	
Stanley L Clark .BF	47	35	52 50		1 50	54 00	4 00
Emelia Roberson .DA	24	15	39 00		1 00	40 00	
J R Allen . . . . .BF	48	26	34 50		1 25	35 75	
Vera Dortch . .PP&F	29	19	29 50		2 00	31 50	6 00
Frances Hart . . .BF	22	24	25 00			25 00	
J S Moore . . . . .BF	27	15	20 50			20 50	
Eugene Sykes . .PP&F	22	10	16 00			16 00	1 50
Mamie Moore . .D&R	11	9	13 00		75	13 75	
Clara Brigham . .BF	27	9	11 50		1 25	12 75	7 00
Annie Christman .BF	16	10	11 00		1 50	12 50	8 50
Mollie Hurdle . .BF	13	6	6 00		1 50	7 50	2 50
Melissa Tillman .BF	9	7	8 50			8 50	5 50
Mrs Mary Allen .BF	34	6	6 00			6 00	24 00
M Gauntlett . . .BF	12	5	5 50			5 50	3 50
Mattie Blunt . . .BF	5	5	5 50			5 50	1 00
U Bracy . . . . .BF	45	4	4 50		50	5 00	3 50
Anna Pruitt . . .BF	18	3	4 50			4 50	7 00
Rebecca Moore . .BF	30	4	4 00			4 00	3 50
Pearl Whaley . . .BF	10	4	4 00		50	4 50	2 00
W L Cutchville . .BF	21	4			1 00	1 00	
R H Hazelton . .BF	35				12 00	12 00	23 00

### SUMMARY

Alabama Conf . . . .	470	293	398 50		27 75	426 25	55 00
Kentucky Conf . . . .	456	262	356 00		60 07	416 07	30 15
Louisiana Conf . . . .	135	92	113 00		19 25	132 25	24 75
Mississippi Conf . .	527	179	250 25		44 30	194 05	311 80
Tenn River Conf . .	611	307	450 00		27 50	477 50	102 50
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THE Publishing House decided to close on the fourth of July. This required us to make up the paper before our copy was all in type, and the Magazine Agents' Report and other matter were crowded out. They will appear next week.

EDITOR.

"THE man who finds his work uninteresting is the man who finds it hard."



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### WHITE

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

### COLORÉD

Kentucky .....  
Alabama ..... September 27-October 5  
Mississippi ..... September 13-23

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

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## OUR MIDSUMMER OFFERING

THE midsummer occasion for remembering our missionaries whom we have sent out, in a substantial manner with prayer and offerings, is just before us — Sabbath, July 27.

We have much to encourage us in our efforts to give to the dark lands the message with which God has entrusted us. Among the last of the denominations to enter foreign lands, steady and ever rapid progress has been made, until to-day we are operating in eighty-seven distinct mission fields, reckoned as nearly as possible as other mission boards count them. This is by far more than any other one denomination is doing. Since 1901, 810 missionaries have been sent out, not counting the children. While in the matter of giving to missions, by way of encouragement it might be mentioned that while the average per member contributed by all other religious bodies for 1910 in the United States was twenty-seven cents, Seventh-day Adventists gave \$6.75 per member on an average. But our work is different, and we ought to do much more than all the others put together.

And it must be remembered that our responsibilities increase each year. New developments are taking place constantly, calling for additional help. China is pleading for more workers. In the province of Szechuen, containing 70,000,000 people, not the first sound of the message has been heard. Manchuria, waiting several months already at a loss to the cause, must have messengers "with a message" sent on to them without delay. Japan is calling for more workers. Three couples are asked for this year, and three the next, to enter upon language study for evangelistic service. Only one couple is ready to go. Korea needs help. They must establish headquarters without delay. The great island field of the East Indies is waiting. A superintendent and helpers are imperatively needed there, if anything like justice is done this important field. Calls for help in the West Indies—a man to superintend the work in Haiti, another to take important work in the East Caribbean Mission—have been before the mission board several months already, with no one as yet to respond.

These are a few of the pressing calls now waiting. But before any of these can be answered, the regular funds must be sent on each month to the mission fields. And during the summer months the mission treasury runs low.

We believe Sabbath, July 27, will prove to be a good day for missions, in that a liberal offering shall be brought to God's treasury upon this our midsummer occasion. His blessing will rest upon every willing-hearted giver giving "according to his several ability."  
T. E. BOWEN.

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