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

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THE FATE OF INFANTS

THE fate of persons dying in infancy has always been a disputed question among Protestants, and for some time has been the cause of trouble in the Presbyterian Church—its clergy being divided on the subject. The Southern section of that denomination, however, settled (?) the matter a few weeks ago by a vote of 110 to 74 against the following proposed amendment to its articles of faith:—

"All infants dying in infancy, are included in the election of grace and are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit."

Thus the question was settled. How much more kind it would have been to the poor infants if the majority had voted the other way.

The Bible does not speak very plainly about the future of children who die before reaching the age of understanding, but there are a few texts which lead us to believe that young children of believing parents, will be saved.

In Matt. 19:13, 14 is recorded the Saviour's attitude toward little children: "Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

That the little children here mentioned were children of believing parents, seems evident from the fact that they were brought to Jesus to be blessed of him, a thing for which an unbeliever would have no desire. And the kindly way in which the Lord received them, as well as the language he used in speaking of them, strongly implies that he acknowledged them to be his own. But we are not left to speculate or draw inferences concerning the question. The spirit of prophecy, speaking of the resurrection of the righteous, says: "Angels gather together the elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Little children are borne by holy angels to their mothers' arms."—*Great Controversy*, p. 645.

Another statement certifying that there will be children in the future life is found in "Early Writings," p. 19. It reads as follows:—

"And I saw the little ones climb, or, if they chose, use their little wings and fly to the top of the mountains, and pluck the never-fading flowers." The connection clearly shows this scene to have been a vision of things yet to come. The eleventh chapter of Isaiah is thought by many to be a literal prophecy, in which case it also bears testimony that little children will have a place among the redeemed.

But these affirmations, at least as far as the spirit of prophecy is concerned, refer only to children one of whose parents, at least, is a believer; for the statement that "Little children are borne by holy angels to their mothers' arms,"

will be fulfilled at the first resurrection in which only believing mothers will have part.

Concerning the fate of children of unbelieving and un-sanctified parents, we are unacquainted with any definite instruction. But the fact that the children of righteous parents are singled out as subjects of salvation, while the other class is not mentioned, would seem to indicate that the latter will perish.

This inference may also be drawn from 1 Cor. 7:12-14; for the fourteenth verse clearly puts a difference between the children of believers and unbelievers, and teaches that if even one of the parents is a child of God the offspring, perhaps by imputation for the parents sake, is accounted "holy" with the Lord, while if both parents were unbelieving their offspring would be "unclean." The text reads as follows:—

"For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy."

This imputed holiness, of course, only avails the child should it die before it reaches the age of understanding. After that it is responsible to God in its own person, and must render to him an account of its own deeds, whether they be good or evil.

But the scripture cited contains no warrant for believers to marry unbelievers. The context indicates clearly that the passage is speaking about cases in which, after marriage, one of the two contracting parties becomes a Christian while the other does not, but remains in unbelief.

EARLY IMPRESSING

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.

I came again when days were past;
The bit of clay was hard at last,
The form I gave it still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay,
And gently formed it day by day,
And molded it with power and art—
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone;
He was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress wore,
And I could change him nevermore.

—Selected.

"HOLINESS is not to be measured by perfect joy but by perfect resignation."

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending July 6, 1912. Total number of bound volumes 7,004, *Watchman*, 7,766.

COLPORTEURS' LETTERS — ALABAMA

It has been raining steadily for over a month and the people use this for an excuse, still the Lord has enabled me to deliver thirty-three "Bible Footlights" and a number of "Best Stories." The crops down here are short on account of so much rain; but the Lord is with this work and it must go, and I am glad to be able to be numbered with those who scatter these truths. I will start my scholarship fund on the set of books I have just ordered and, by the help of God, shall send in all the money for the books sold, only keeping the profit from the helps.

R. ROBERTS.

KENTUCKY

I CAN praise the Lord for his continued kindness to me. It has been raining a great deal in the last two weeks, but every hour I have worked I have been blessed with success. Every week I have precious experiences that are good for the soul. I take quite a number of orders from people that know they are Adventist books and seem anxious to learn more of the truth. Pray that the seed sown here will bring forth much fruit in the harvest.

CURTIS POUND.

TENNESSEE RIVER

GLEANINGS FROM COLPORTEURS' LETTERS, BY BRO. C. F. DART

It is really marvelous what is being done when we stop and think, and yet how much more could be done if all were where God would have us. I feel that what we do must be done quickly.

WM. J. KEELE.

THIS has been a good week—the best I have had. One day I sold about \$20 worth of books within the radius of a mile.

BERDON HAMPTON.

I FEEL greatly encouraged over my work. I came across a young man who had read "Bible Footlights" but didn't know where it came from. He was delighted to meet me and bought one.

MOLLIE HURDLE.

I AM glad to say I am doing well in the work. You must have been praying for me. I feel encouraged and have no trouble delivering my books, as very few refuse to take them.

PEARL WHALEY.

As I was going along a few days ago delivering I heard some one calling me, so I looked around and saw a man to whom I had delivered a book about three weeks before. He said he wanted another one just like it for his father, and said the book ("Past, Present, and Future") was the best he had ever read. I delivered it Wednesday. His wife also said it was a grand book.

VERA DORTCH.

I WORKED ten hours and secured thirteen orders. I wish I could get out more, and I am glad the Lord permits me to be a colporteur. I went into one house and the lady told me that she could not get a book for she had been ill for some time, as had also the lady next door. However, I asked to show my book as it would cost nothing to look at it. They consented and, greatly to my surprise, when I had completed my canvass, they paid me fifty cents each so I would not fail to deliver their books. I know the Lord is leading the work and I feel it a great honor to be one of the workers, even though I can do but little.

HATTIE HYDE.

I AM thankful to the Lord that I can send you a very good report this time—\$90, mostly for "Daniel and the Reve-

lation," besides two orders for Bibles, and a few "Best Stories."

I spent Sabbath with a blind boy who gave me an order. He was receiving the *Christian Record*. He thinks a great deal of the paper and it made me rejoice to have a part in sending the *Christian Record* to the blind.

C. H. CHENAULT.

I KNOW that the Lord has been here and has wonderfully blessed me. I canvassed a lady and when I left she had tears in her eyes and said, "I am much obliged to you for the truth you have given me." At another house, while I was canvassing, a man came up who had ordered a \$1.50 book. He told the woman I was canvassing that he could not keep from taking one, so she ordered the best binding. They both thanked me for coming with such a good book.

ERNEST CLIFT.

I AM still of good courage, am enjoying the work very much, and am having real good success. I have had some good experiences this week. I came to a house and the woman liked the book and asked me to what church I belonged. I told her the Seventh-day Adventist, and she said she had read of them a great deal and liked their books, but did not order. I learned that the reason was that her husband had threatened to burn all such books.

I have had more good experiences but can not tell them all.

JESSE ALLEN.

ELD. F. C. Gilbert, of South Lancaster, Mass., gave us a pleasant call Thursday.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

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

THE SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

IN harmony with the spirit of generosity actuating the management of the Southern Publishing Association, a picnic was booked for its employees for the "Glorious Fourth." From the start the event gave promise of great success. On entering the names of the employees and their families it was found that at least 200 would participate. In order to facilitate and arrange for the doings of the day there were appointed four representative committees—Transportation, Program, Games, and Dinner Arrangements,—and the profitable employment of the day was in a great measure due to their energetic work.

As it is usually the case that all the public parks and thoroughfares are crowded on the 4th, it was deemed best to select some location both quiet and pleasant without an unwarranted expense for transportation; just such a place was found at the Hillcrest School Farm, located about 5 miles north of Nashville. A hearty invitation had previously been extended by its management, and it was eagerly accepted. Not only was this school glad to have us come, but they furnished teams and wagons free of charge for transportation. That the picnic was not held at their place was surely not due to their indifference in the matter.

Every one concerned looked forward with eager anticipation for the appointed time, hoping, even praying, that the downpour of rain would cease sufficiently long for this outing. On the 3rd the rains had ceased, and all preparations were made for an early start the day following. Automobiles were put in the best of order, wagons with bedded hay-racks and other vehicles were all in readiness. The morning finally dawned, rather dismal and foggy to be sure, but sufficiently clear for everybody to gather at the pleasant grounds of the Association to await the word "go," when lo, far in the west, there appeared heavy clouds which grew blacker every moment, the lightning played and the sound

of thundering reverberated through the air. The inviting hay-racks were quickly occupied by the animated assembly of men, women, boys, and girls, but before a good start was made the rain fell heavily. The unwelcome, "unexpected" showers did their work quickly, and the unhappy victims hurriedly sought their homes for shelter and withal change of raiment; but nothing daunted made a second attempt, only to find the situation changed to utter defeat so far as a picnic at Hillcrest was concerned.

Under these circumstances it is difficult to see that "all things work together for good," in fact no one could see it, but faith and hope came to the rescue and the defeat was turned to victory when it was announced that the program part would be carried out in our commodious new chapel, the dinner served in the recently vacated office building, and the games played on the velvety lawns, should the weather permit. By the clapping of hands on every side it was evident that all had come to enjoy the day, the rains notwithstanding. All joined heartily in singing, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing," etc., after which we joined with O. R. Staines in asking God's blessing. In the many impromptu three-minute speeches that followed it was plainly evident that this disappointing experience was looked upon from the right standpoint, as one of the "all things" by which we are tested and which would tend ultimately to insure our enjoyment of the day. Enthusiastic toasts to our great and free country were liberally indulged in, and how grateful we should be for the liberties which this country still vouchsafes to its inhabitants. We look forward to the not distant future and see that lamb-like disposition of the two-horned beast gradually change to the tyrannical and crushing character of the dragon, when, according to God's word, all who will not bow to the mandates of a cruel religious despotism will be subject to boycott and finally to the death penalty itself.

Space forbids mentioning the names of the speakers called on, and the remarks made by each which were replete with interest and humor sufficient to hold the attention of all. By one was repeated a story of two individuals of different nationality exulting over the greatness of their respective countries, when one of them made the well-known boast that he was a citizen of a nation on which the sun never sets, when the other ventured to give the reason for this fact by saying that they could not be trusted in the dark. W. W. Eastman delivered the address of the day in which he mentioned among other things that 136 years ago the Declaration of Independence was signed by the staunch forefathers of our great country, which later worked out a Constitution calculated to guarantee liberty of conscience to all its adherents. The freedom of speech and of the press, which are always recognized in a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, are some of the most important attributes of a democratic government, but which, when perverted, becomes also the most dangerous to its existence. Thus in 1863 there came into existence an organization which by pen and voice has sought, and is still seeking, a change in the organic foundation principles of our government to the end that the name of God should appear in the Constitution. This apparently just and simple request involves in its adoption a denial of the religious freedom which we now enjoy, inasmuch as with it is carried also the intention to enforce upon the nation the religious observance of Sunday, with which all Biblical Christians would naturally conflict while observing the commandments of God, the fourth of which enjoins the keeping of the seventh day. In the very year of the above organization another one came into being using the same means of speech and press to counteract the evils

of the first, which latter, according to statistics given, shows a most remarkable growth and efficiency in its circulation of literature on the issue in question and other kindred live subjects. To the work of this latter object the plant of the Southern Publishing Association, together with others in various parts of the world, is enthusiastically devoted.

At the close of Brother Eastman's speech the audience was delighted by the strains of the Slave Song "Steal away to Jesus," which swelled out into a volume of song by a male quartet led by Bro. G. H. Curtis and stationed in the rear of the chapel. The little children also acted a commendable part in these interesting exercises.

The program concluded, dinner was announced ready, and waiting. And the sight which greeted our eyes attested the fact that we were in a land of plenty and prosperity. According to previous arrangement the different families brought all the substantial foods as well as the delicacies that go to make up a first-class dinner. As each individual lined up in regular file he was furnished with a plate, spoon, and fork, and passing on down the lengthy tables was served with any good thing his heart desired. Each departed, with plate well loaded, to some quiet place to enjoy the delightful refreshments, in company with family or friends. Iced lemonade was served as drink. Judging from the abundance of food left over after all were served a much larger company was anticipated.

Meanwhile the weather had cleared, and the grounds were found in excellent condition for the various races and games arranged for, and the people were seated flanking the reserved space. A megaphone was brought into play announcing the various changes and everybody responded readily to the call. Our genial manager, Richard Hook, Jr., who had up to this time acted as master of ceremonies, now turned his office over to Bro. B. N. Brown, late of the U. S. Army, entering the races a vigorous contestant. The program was so arranged that practically all the races and games designed for men and boys were in succession carried on by ladies and girls, and all contestants were selected on the grounds by the respective leaders taking turns. For a solid two hours the office force, usually accustomed to quiet and sedentary tasks in the various departments of book-making, unlimbered, and we venture to say that many, including our good-natured superintendent, W. A. Harvey, will suffer from overstrain of vocal cords and muscles that will remind them of the "picnic" for some time.

The rains again set in, and the call to the ice-cream rang out simultaneously. This treat was provided by the management, and plenty of cake had been reserved for this feature. All were liberally supplied and one freezer of five gallons was untouched. Surely good measure, pressed down, was meted out to all present. Inadvertently the mind turns to Isa. 32:8, "The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand" (be established, margin). May this atmosphere of liberality ever be cherished by all, for it is a godly trait and brings blessings to all who possess it. These tokens of kindness and liberality towards its employees will no doubt tend to more faithful and perfect service on the part of the workers towards the Association, assuring greater co-operation in this great work on the part of all, and to this end all our recreations and pleasures should be sought and planned. After listening to some well-rendered recitations by local talent, among which L. A. Smith, the editor of the *Watchman*, figured conspicuously, the happy party repaired to the ball-grounds, where the married played against the unmarried, the former going down in defeat. And thus the day passed, full of interest, pleasure, and no doubt with profit to all.

F. E. PFEIFFER.

Alabama Conference

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Quarter Ending June 30, 1912

TITHE

Birmingham	\$ 156 31
Individuals	125 97
Conference Church	124 65
Mobile	114 75
Wayside	105 72
Marlow	78 99
Old Paths	70 90
Montgomery	55 00
Sheffield	42 95
Cool Springs	27 67
Oak Level	25 00
Elkwood	15 76
Attalla	12 00
Citronelle	2 80
Total	\$958 47

THE FIFTEEN-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

Name	Membership	Due Sept. 30	Am't Paid	Am't unpaid
Attalla	12	\$ 70 20	\$ 7 33	\$ 62 87
Birmingham	44	257 40	125 15	132 25
Marlow	34	198 90	65 40	133 50
Elkwood	9	52 65	3 77	48 88
Citronelle	15	87 75	40 06	47 69
Montgomery	3	17 55	20 89	
Old Paths	20	117 00	11 63	105 37
Conference Church	14	81 90	64 90	17 00
Sheffield	14	81 90	32 14	49 76
Oak Level	13	76 05	25 99	50 06
Mobile	14	81 90	40 60	41 30
Individuals	37	216 45	45 87	170 58
Wayside	6	11 70	3 56	8 14
Cool Springs	10	19 50	8 51	10 99
Totals	245	\$1370 85	\$ 496 80	\$ 878 39

WAYSIDE and Cool Springs are new churches, so their liability is for the present quarter only. This report shows what will be due from each church Sept. 30. The "Amount Paid" is what has been received up to June 30, so we have three months in which to make up what is due. We hope each church member and others interested in the progress of the message will study this report closely and do his duty toward meeting the requirements. This is our share in the work in foreign fields and just as far as we fall short some part of the work will be hindered. We can do this if we have the will, for we have done it before.

HELEN M. KEATE, *Treasurer.*

Kentucky Conference

THE CAMP-MEETING

THE time is drawing near when the annual feast of this conference will be held and none can afford to miss it.

Remember that this meeting will be held at Elizabethtown, Hardin County, and that the date is August 8-18. The first conference meeting will be held Friday morning, August 9, at 9 A. M.

Let all delegates plan to be present at the first meeting. You will miss some good things if you are not. We have the promise that good help will be with us. Eld. S. E. Wight, president of the Southern Union Conference, and Eld. N. Z. Town, of Washington, D. C., will be present. Eld. O. Montgomery, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Brother Wolff will also be in attendance, and there may be others. Now brethren, you should make an earnest effort to be present at this camp-meeting, and we will be glad to hear at once from those who are planning to attend so we will know what provision to make. Any question you have to ask will be gladly answered.

B. W. BROWN.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Quarter Ending June 30, 1912

TITHE

Bowling Green	\$ 134 79
Conference Church	131 45
Grove	38 33
Ford	11 10
Louisville	355 02
Lexington	80 19
Isolated Members	58 46
Sand Hill	4 62
Total	\$ 849 96

OFFERINGS

Foreign Missions	\$ 11 73
Ministry of Healing	22 75
13th Sabbath Collection	17 74
Sabbath-School Offerings	109 05
Harvest Ingathering	8 20
Religious Liberty	13 17
Total	\$ 182 64

KENTUCKY MISSION

TITHE

Louisville No. 2	\$ 194 57
Lexington No. 2	66 69
Total	\$ 261 26

OFFERINGS

Foreign Missions	\$ 8 43
Sabbath-School Offerings	15 31
Harvest Ingathering	3 15
Total	\$ 26 89

F. C. BRUCE, *Treas.*

IN THE FIELD

SINCE my last report I have spent several days at Louisville assisting Brother Lindsay in the tent effort, and holding quarterly meeting.

I am glad to report that the Lord came very near to us at the quarterly service, and some were ready to unite with the church. Brother Lindsay has been working hard at the tent meeting and by the power of the Lord and assistance of Sister Hornung and the united effort of the church, we have a good number who are now keeping the Sabbath.

I next went to Horton, where Brother White and Brother and Sister Dow are holding a tent effort. I was pleased to see the interest that was manifested by the people there. The brethren have had lots of opposition, but I am glad the Lord has given them souls for their hire. Several are now

keeping the Sabbath and we hope to see others decide for the truth. We feel sure that the time is not far distant when a church can be organized at this place. I much enjoyed my labors with these earnest workers.

Owensboro was the next place I visited. Here I met with a band of colporteurs who have been doing faithful work, and I am glad to report that through their efforts two ladies are convinced of the truth and we hope they will now obey the new light that has come to them. This band of workers is anxious for camp-meeting to come, as they expect to be there.

B. W. BROWN.

OUR COLPORTEURS

THE colporteurs in Kentucky are all of good courage and pressing on to the front of the battle. July will be our delivery month again, and from now until camp-meeting we will be very busy. We hope to meet all the colporteurs there and we hope they will come full of good rich experiences to tell; for we are planning to devote an hour each day to the colporteur work. We will have some general instruction, and opportunity to relate experiences that will do the people good. Let us each pray that we may receive the blessing we need. We want to see all the colporteurs at this meeting.

I have been delivering some this week. Monday I went out on the bicycle and reaching some sandy roads had to walk; so I delivered quite a number in this way. I had one name the owner of which I could not find. So I walked about 3 miles and sold the book to another man. After showing him the book, he said, "I will take it myself." After leaving him I canvassed another man, who said he wished I had one with me for he would take it. I left the address of the tract society with him with his assurance that he would send for one. I came in and Tuesday evening sold the priest here a "Ministry of Healing." He said that the book was a good one, but that he could not recommend it to his people because of the subject of confession.

I praise the Lord for these blessed experiences. Let all remember the motto, "This gospel of the kingdom to all the world in this generation."

H. E. BECK.

EXPERIENCES

THE Lord is surely blessing me in the work. I don't expect anything else. He has promised me, and shall I doubt him? Never. I took five orders Monday, Tuesday not any; but I did not feel discouraged. I reached a place where I was invited to stay overnight, accepted the invitation, and found the lady was the daughter of a Seventh-day Adventist. I had a good talk with them, and hope that I sowed some good seed. There is a deplorable situation in this county. The people who have money have no children, and the people who have children have no money. Therefore small books sell slow. Do not forget to pray for me. Mr. Hardtimes has been here ahead of me, and the wicked one is flooding the country with books.

C. D. SLOANE.

Mississippi Conference

THE CAMP-MEETING

THE camp-meeting will be on the same grounds that it was held on last year.

HOW TO REACH THE PLACE

Get off the train at Union Station, take S. Gallatin car west and get off at camp ground, corner of Gallatin and Winter Sts.

There will be tents to rent at reasonable prices for all who want them, and we have made arrangements with the furniture company to furnish us all the beds, mattresses, springs, and chairs that we will need at a very reasonable rent.

There will be a dining tent operated on the European plan where you can get your meals at a reasonable price.

We have a beautiful shady grove in which to hold the meeting. Come one, come all, and enjoy this great meeting with us.

W. S. LOWRY.

AN ENCOURAGING VISIT TO NATCHEZ

It has been my privilege recently to visit our dear brethren and sisters in Natchez. I was there but a little more than a day, but found plenty to do and enjoyed my visit.

Besides attending two missionary meetings I instructed a brother and sister in the canvassing work, and have hopes that they will make good workers. I wish there were many more who wished to be instructed for missionary work.

Bro. Clarence Stewart is giving away tracts and talking the Bible to the people as opportunities present themselves.

Sister Warner sells some books, gives Bible readings, and sells journals each month. She is doing a good work. She has a regular route for her journal work, and when the merchants see her coming they immediately hand her a dime and take their journal. I was much interested in what she had to tell me about her work.

I was glad to be with them at their missionary meeting. I believe there were nine present, five adults and four children. It was an excellent meeting and over \$1 was collected with which to buy tracts. I wish all of our churches were following the example of this one.

I found Sister King rather feeble. She was of good courage in the Lord, and her husband was very kind to me. Although he is past eighty years of age, he helped me carry my things several blocks to the depot.

Some of these are planning to attend camp-meeting.

H. G. MILLER.

Tennessee River Conference

TENTS, ETC., FOR THE CAMDEN MEETING

ORDERS for tents for the camp-meeting at Camden, August 15 to 25, should be sent to T. E. Pavey, 509 Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn. Prices will be the same as last year. There will be some shade upon the ground, but not all the tents can have shade. We expect to obtain the same railroad rates as in the past. All our people should begin now to plan to attend this important meeting. Order your tents early. Meals will be furnished the same as last year. Those who want to care for themselves can obtain cooked food in bulk, that is, soups, cereal coffee, etc., by the pint or quart. The water at Camden is good and no one need remain away from the meeting for fear of encountering unsanitary conditions in the camp.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

VARIOUS MATTERS OF INTEREST

HAZEL

AFTER leaving Memphis, as reported last week, the writer visited Hazel and was in counsel with Professor Atteberry a considerable part of the day, July 3, touching the work of the Hazel Industrial Academy. Notwithstanding unfavorable weather the farm is in fairly good shape, and the crops, while a little backward, look well. The outlook for the coming school year is excellent. I did not have opportunity to meet the church at this place.

SPRINGVILLE

On the evening of the 3rd I went to Springville expecting to meet the church there Wednesday evening. But a heavy storm prevented a meeting and so I met only the few whose homes I visited. Sister Mary Allen and her son Jesse were among those whom I saw. Jesse had fallen sick while canvassing and his mother brought him home. He was threatened with a run of fever, but was much better the morning I saw him, namely, July 4. In making this visit I was compelled to become a boy again for a short time and wade through mud and water barefooted, but I enjoyed the visit so much the better, and it was not the less appreciated by Sister Allen and her sick son. We hope that they will both be back in the canvassing field ere long.

CAMDEN

The evening of the 4th, found me at Camden, which place I reached in time to assist Brethren Elliott and French to set up and put into successful operation the acetylene gas plant. These brethren had never had any experience with acetylene lights in tent work and were glad of a little help. The meetings began the night of the fifth. I did not remain to see the opening service but went on to

DENVER.

I expected to be met at this place by one of the brethren from the tent company at Plant, but inasmuch as there was no mail delivery on the 4th the card announcing my contemplated visit did not reach them, and not feeling equal to a walk of seven miles through rain, mud, and sun, I stepped back upon the train and came on to Nashville. As I passed Burns I saw Elder Martin who was on his way to Plant. Being thus assured that the brethren there would have help over Sabbath and Sunday I did not so much regret my failure to connect with them. I knew that Elder Martin was going to visit them soon, but did not know that he was due that day, else I might have waited at Denver and gone out with the conveyance that doubtless met him there.

NORTH NASHVILLE

Shortly after reaching conference headquarters at Nashville Friday afternoon, I received a telephone message from the elder of the North Nashville church inviting me to meet with them the next day. This I was glad to do. We had a good meeting, the burden of it being the power of a godly life. The camp-meeting and fifteen-cents-a-week fund were also talked up. The service closed with a good social meeting led by the elder of the church, Bro. A. L. Manous.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

TEN YEARS TOO LATE

ONE of our colporteurs found a woman who was very much pleased with the book.

There was a time in her life when she would have been glad to have bought that book, but it was now too late. She was almost blind. She said, "If you had come around ten years ago, I would not have regretted \$25 for the book, but now I can not see."

The thought comes forcibly home to us, How many others are there that we are ten years too late to reach? They may not express it in words, but it is a fact just the same. And to how many more will it soon be, eternally too late?

C. F. DART.

A GOOD REPORT

I HAVE just made out the June report for this conference and I am proud of it. While it is not quite as large as the May report, it is better in proportion to time as the May report was for five weeks.

The value of literature sold is as follows:—

Subscription Books Delivered	\$ 811 30
Bibles	7 00
Magazines Sold	148 20
Helps	153 50
Total	\$1120 00

The orders taken average nearly 68¾ cents per hour. Sr. Emelia Roberson made the best average for orders—\$1.65 per hour.

Bro. Stanley Clark made the best record on time, averaging 59¼ hours per week, and Bro. C. H. Chenault is close behind him averaging 58½ hours per week. This is one reason why their reports are so large.

Our youngest colporteur, Jesse Allen, is ill. His mother, Sr. Mary Allen, took him home to Springville the 2nd inst. Let us remember them in our prayers. This takes two faithful workers from the field.

C. F. DART.

EXPERIENCES

WHILE waiting for a car I thought of a house I had missed and went to it, securing an order for "Past, Present, and Future" from the mistress who said, "This is the very book I have been wanting because it shows up the deception of Spiritualism, Christian Science, and Hypnotism." She also bought a copy of "Best Stories."

At another house while showing the lady my book, I heard talking in another room; so I told her I would like to show the work to all. She called them in, and as soon as I had finished, one of them, a young man, gave me his order but did not care to wait until my delivery, so asked me to bring it the following Wednesday.

It was in the afternoon when I took it and he said: "I have been waiting for you all day, and I am glad to see my book."

VERA DORTCH.

AGAIN I wish to tell my fellow workers how the Lord is blessing me. I have just finished delivering almost \$200 worth of "Bible Footlights" besides a great many "Best Stories. If these books were visible lights how they would light the country. I believe the Spirit will open the eyes of many to see the spiritual light they contain.

As I was coming in one Friday recently, I delivered a "Bible Footlights" to a lady. She had only fifty cents and said she would give me a dollar more the next Monday if the book suited, but that she did not want a doctrinal book even of her own church. I said as little as I could for I felt sure a neighbor had told her it was an Adventist book. Monday I went to her door prepared to receive the book back with as much grace as possible, but instead she came to the door with a smiling face, paid me, and expressed her appreciation of the good book I had brought her. Truly the Lord works on the hearts of the people. I understand this lady is a church worker.

In another section where I had expected opposition I delivered every book. In one home the lady was very much relieved to find I was not a Mormon.

Satan endeavors to confuse people who know nothing of us so they will think of us as fanatics and dreamers; but as they read our literature containing this message they are impressed with its importance and truthfulness.

I loaned a copy of the current number of *Christian Education* to a certain man. He read it through and then said, "You people have a wonderful system of education. It is far ahead of anything else in this country. We will hear from you in a few years. Such schools make men and women."

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending July 6, 1912

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
W F Nance	CK	30	19	\$ 31 50	\$ 5 25	\$ 36 75	\$ 9 00
E F Jeys	CK	44	25	37 50	2 25	39 75	
R F Jacks	BF	15					56 00
*J M Montgomery	BF	98	78	91 50	4 50	96 00	
Virginia McPhall	BF	20	30	32 50	4 00	36 50	
S S Guilford	BF	43	28	40 50	1 00	41 50	
W L Battle	BF	58	51	76 00	1 00	77 00	
Charlie Battle	BF	31	14	21 00		21 00	6 00
R Roberts	BF	47	22	22 00	11 00	33 00	33 00
Geo W Brown	BF	54	16	16 50		16 50	
A J Rice & wife	BF	34	18	19 50	25	19 75	18 00
M L Ivory	BF	46	3	4 50		4 50	19 50
I W Peevy	BF	40	2	3 00	7 50	10 50	6 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

W P Ethington	BF	23	13	14 50	1 25	15 75	
Edna Scott	BF	11	7	7 00		7 00	
Verna Pound	BF	13	6	6 50	50	7 00	1 50
J V Lucas	BF	42	24	35 50		35 50	
Curtis Pound	BF	31	21	25 50	50	26 00	1 50
W Judson	BF & D&R	22	9	13 00	14 25	27 25	8 50
Wm Horn	GC	39	14	43 00	23 40	66 40	
Lacey Hill	GC	41	7	21 00	8 40	29 40	
C D Sloane	PP&F	32	10	16 50		16 50	
D C Ray	PP&F	42	14	22 00	2 50	24 50	
S N Yates	PP&F	30	19	30 50	4 25	34 75	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

P C Sibley	BF	53	29	31 00	1 75	32 75	
M B Wilson	BF	24	1	1 00	7 25	35 50	
G Jorgenson	PP&F	42	9	14 00	3 75	17 75	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon	MofH	20	1	3 00	1 25	4 25	2 50
H C Balsbaugh	GC	32	5	13 00	1 80	14 80	9 80
Virgil Smith	BR	37	39	109 00	4 00	113 00	4 00
C H McColey	BR	59	31	80 00	4 25	84 25	4 25
C R Canada	BF	35	31	32 50	3 50	36 00	5 50
H G Miller	MofH	10	8	12 00		12 00	
C G Parkins	BF	40	40	43 50	1 50	45 00	1 50
Ella Johnson	BF	15	23	23 00	1 25	24 25	
Louise Jackson	CK	39	5	7 00	2 00	9 50	6 25
E P Campbell	PG	20	16	33 25	5 00	38 25	75
John Hampton	BF	34	32	33 50	75	34 25	75
Emily Billups	BF	20	7	10 50		10 50	
Annie Watts	BF	20	4	6 00		6 00	
Luella Hill	BF	35	28	42 00		42 00	
E H Davis	BF	12	15	17 00	1 50	18 50	1 50
Ethel Warren	BF	20	16	17 50		17 50	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mrs Frances Hart	BF	20	29	32 00		32 00	1 00
Eugene Sykes	PP&F	34	21	33 00	25	33 25	3 50
C H Chenault	D&R	50	17	32 00		32 00	
R H Hazelton	BF	35	16	21 00	10 10	31 10	
L S Cliff	CK	29	21	30 00	50	30 50	
Anna Pruitt	BF	29	16	19 50		19 50	2 00
Emelia Roberson	DoFA	15	9	16 50	1 25	17 75	21 00
M Gauntlett	BF	32	16	18 50		18 50	3 00
S L Clark	BF	31	8	12 00	3 50	15 50	32 00
J S Moore	BF	48	6	7 00	7 35	14 35	20 50
Sina Clark	BF	14	8	10 50	25	10 75	
Clara Brigham	BF	18	8	9 50	25	9 75	
Vera Dortch	PP&F	26	5	7 50	2 00	9 50	6 00

U Bracy	BF	37		9 40	9 40	22 00	
Rebecca Moore	BF	23		3 75	3 75	9 25	
Pearl Whaley	BF	4	3	3 00	50	3 50	
Berdon Hampton	BF	43		2 50	2 50	60 00	
Mamie Moore	D&R	20				35 50	

* 2 weeks.

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	560	306	396 00	36 75	432 75	147 50
Kentucky Conf	326	144	235 00	55 05	290 05	11 50
Louisiana Conf	119	39	46 00	12 75	40 50	35 00
Mississippi Conf	448	301	483 25	26 80	510 05	36 80
Tenn River Conf	508	183	252 00	41 60	293 60	215 75
Totals	1961	973	\$1412 25	\$172 95	\$1566 95	\$446 55

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending July 6, 1912

Agent	No.	Value
ALABAMA CONFERENCE		
S S Guilford	5	\$ 50
A J Rice and wife	7	70

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Edna Scott	15	1 50
Verna Pound	15	1 50
Milton Jones	66	6 60
*Effie Nelson	1232	123 20

*More than one week.

***MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**

Grace Holt	95	9 50
Mrs H C Balsbaugh	186	18 60
Ruby Holt	12	1 20
H G Miller	20	2 00
Jackson Church	475	47 50
Ethel Warren	136	13 60
Ruth Johnson	25	2 50

*For two weeks.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Wm J Keele	141	14 10
J A Fry	18	1 80
Elsie L Hightower	13	1 30
Mrs Frances Hart	11	1 10
Ruth A Keele	7	70

Totals 2479 \$ 247 90

BOOK SALES FOR JUNE, 1912

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value	Delivered
Louisiana	4	552	260	\$ 439 10	\$ 126 85
Mississippi	20	2026	900	1918 90	1131 80
Alabama	15	1702	1082	1560 65	193 75
Tenn River	26	2826	1260	1954 00	811 30
Kentucky	16	1576	699	1338 65	234 98
Totals	81	8682	4201	\$7211 30	\$2498 65

MAGAZINE SALES FOR JUNE, 1912

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	No.	Value
Alabama	2	98	1510	\$ 151 00
Kentucky	2	44	302	30 20
Louisiana	4	122	1581	158 10
Tenn River	2	231	1482	148 20
Total	10	445	4875	\$ 487 50

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SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE CAMP-MEETING APPOINTMENTS

WHITE

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

COLORED

Alabama	September 27-October 5
Mississippi, Brookhaven	August 30-September 8

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

SPECIAL NOTICE

AGAIN we notify our correspondents to attach their signature to all communications intended for publication in the WORKER, and to indicate also to which conference the writer belongs. Hereafter unsigned contributions will not be published. This is the rule among all publishers. ED.

TAXED FOR ROOM

THE Nashville Sanitarium is increasing wonderfully in favor with both God and man. That this is true is evidenced by its constantly increasing patronage, the successful work being done, the good-will and contentment of its patients, and the returning confidence of the business men and other residents of the city.

Last week we reported with much satisfaction twenty-one house patients. But since then the number has increased to *twenty-seven* and the institution is taxed for room. The question now confronting the management is that of providing accommodation for the next who come, and it seems as if tents would have to be used in order to make room. An addition to the building containing another twenty-five or thirty rooms is needed, and if the condition of the treasury would permit its erection the writer has not a doubt but that they would be all occupied within a year, and perhaps before the present summer is over.

Compare the present with the condition of the Sanitarium last January when the Union Conference was on the point of closing it up in discouragement, and no doubt would have done so except for that timely instruction from the Lord that the Nashville Sanitarium *must not be closed*.

The Lord is with this institution and is sending to it men and women of intelligence and business and social influence, and it is again lifting up its head without shame. It now numbers among its patients a well-known former newspaper edi-

tor, a retired wholesale grocer, the wife of a Presbyterian minister, and a physician, while a few days ago a former principal and proprietor of one of Nashville's leading business colleges returned to his home well satisfied with his stay. These people of course, are no better because of their wealth and other worldly attainments and distinction, but they are the class of persons whose friendship the Sanitarium needs just now because of their wide acquaintance and influence. Let the confidence of our own people in this institution be revived and strengthened, for it is not going to die, but live and fulfil the purpose of God in planting it.

TO THE READERS OF THE WORKER

JUST a few words in connection with the June report of the colporteur work in the Southern Union Conference.

We are truly glad to be able to report progress as usual in our book work. The field men and their co-workers are courageous and determined to push the work on to victory. With only four weeks in June our total value of book orders with magazine sales was \$7,698.80, and books delivered \$2,498.65, making a total value of business \$10,197.45, while with five weeks in May our orders and magazine sales were \$7,567.40, and value of books delivered \$2,829.40, or a total value of business for May of \$10,396.80. Average per week for May, \$2,079.36, for June \$2,541.86, or an average gain per week for June over May of \$462.50.

We praise the Lord of the harvest for the growth in the work which is being made from month to month. Go forward is the order of the day and advance is the watchword. Our workers are having rich experiences as they carry the truth-filled books to the people.

Indications are multiplying which speak unmistakably that we are rapidly nearing the close of human probation. Can we afford to excuse ourselves from this the greatest of all service? The last call to the great supper is being made, but only those who accept the invitation will partake of it. Shall you? shall I? C. D. WOLFF.

THE OLDEST AND GREATEST BIBLE SOCIETY

ACCORDING to the last report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, it issued a total of 5,857,645 copies of the Scriptures last year, bringing the grand total since the foundation of the society up to 192,537,746, of which over 77,000,000 have been in English. To carry the Bible to the people of every race and color, offering them from door to door and in the highways, 930 colporteurs were employed, while about seven hundred native Christian Bible women were maintained in Eastern lands under the control of about forty missionary societies. About 350,000 copies of the Russian and Japanese Scriptures have been distributed among soldiers on their way to the field of war, to the sick and wounded in hospitals, and to prisoners.

The society now circulates the Bible in one hundred languages, and the New Testament in ninety-four more, while in 196 additional tongues at least one book of Scripture is available, making 390 versions in all. The additions made during the last twelve months represent peoples dwelling in South Morocco, Matabeleland, Eastern Equatorial Africa, the Upper Nile Valley, New Guinea, the New Hebrides, Kashmir, Baluchistan, and the eastern coast of Nicaragua. Among special classes provided for, the Psalms in Lithuanian have been transliterated from Gothic into Roman characters for emigrants to the United States and Canada; while for dwellers east of the River Paraguay in South America the Gospel of Luke has been provided as a diatlet in Guarani and Spanish.—*The Missionary Review of the World*.