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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 — ALABAMA

I AM now out for fall deliveries. This week the Lord has blessed me. I am grateful to him for his mercies. I will change my delivery to October now, and may do more in the gilt binding line.

R. ROBERTS.

I HAVE had a splendid week. Have had very fine weather and the roads are good. My work was from ten to twelve miles from headquarters, so I went on my bicycle. I ran into Bro. R. Robert's work of three years ago, and the people spoke highly of him and the books he sold, making it easy for me to get orders. He left a good impression on the people, and they were glad to hear about him again. He made them know the difference between a common book agent and a Christian colporteur. I feel so glad to be in this work. I am not weary in well doing, neither troubled about the day of small things. My company is my Saviour, therefore my burden is light. I greatly enjoy reading your good letters and the *WORKER*. Glad to know of the success of the Sanitarium.

I had a good letter from Alabama's State Agent, Bro. Mark Wilson. I hope old Alabama will step up and again do a mighty work for her millions of people.

I know the Lord is with me and that the little trials I pass through are fitting me for a greater work.

He gave his life a ransom just because he loved me so. May his love and divine protection ever be with you, my brethren.

M. L. IVORY.

I LOVE to work for the Lord. I was reading the many good reports from the different fields of labor and it made my heart long to do a better and greater work.

Brother Bracy, I see, is a record breaker. God speed him on. I received a very encouraging letter from the Nashville Sanitarium.

S. S. GUNFORD.

I AM of good courage in the Lord and hope you will all pray for me. My report for last week is not very good because it is near time to deliver, but it does not discourage me. I know it is the Lord's work, and I will prosper if I am faithful. I earnestly desire an interest in your prayers that I may be faithful.

ERNEST F. WATERS.

I ENCLOSE the smallest report so far this year. I am going to canvass next week and then stop to prepare for school. I am of good courage and want this week to be the best.

E. F. JEYS.

My courage is still good in the Lord and in the work. I can say that the Lord has blessed me in this my first effort. I am only a lad fifteen years old.

CHARLIE A. BATTLE.

I AM glad to have the privilege of sending you another report. It seems the nearer the time for the delivery, the harder it is to take orders. However, I thank the Lord for his blessings and for the success he has given me.

W. L. BATTLE.

DURING the seven months ending July 31, 1912, the superintendent has issued 292 job orders to the composing-room, of which about 280 embraced presswork and 175 bindery work. Aside from these orders there were issued about 100 orders to the bindery, covering the binding of thousands of volumes of truth-filled books.

While reports from the various publishing houses of this city unmistakably indicate slack business and dull times, we have not been thus affected; on the contrary we have enjoyed an even, steady volume of business which is shown by the number of orders issued, which range from thirty to sixty each month.

As the reports of colporteurs and other field laborers come in and are published from week to week, we find that the same steady progress characterizes the Gospel message everywhere. "The love of Christ constraineth us," is the thought evidently uppermost in the heart and mind of workers everywhere. Difficulties mountain high have confronted some of these faithful workers in their endeavors for God. Floods, strikes, crop failures, epidemics, and many other depressing influences have barred the way and impeded the progress of the work. But the power of the early church has been manifested, and with Paul these workers have asked and victoriously answered the question, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded [notice the expression, 'persuaded,' he was convinced], that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature [or circumstance], shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

One with God is a majority in every case, and God's vineyard experiences no drouths to destroy its fruitage neither shall these outward, and apparently forbidding circumstances, deter the laborers from gathering in the fruit for God's kingdom. We are now in times of trouble and it requires much nerve and courage, much faith and patience, much prayer and trust in God to succeed in this great work. "The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it can not save; neither his ear heavy, that it can not hear." "Let the weak say, I am strong," is the word regarding the forces gathering for the

last great conflict. How much more should it be true of those who are now engaged in searching for the true and worthy among men, sowing seeds of courage and love, preparing a people for God, and working and praying that all may flee from the wrath to come.

F. E. PFEIFFER.

Our illustration this week shows a group of North Texas colporteurs in attendance at the camp-meeting held at Cleburne, the early part of August. These faithful canvassers are the ones who have made such splendid records in North Texas this year. The four men seated on the second row from left to right are, R. L. Pierce, Mgr. Fort Worth Branch, A. F. Harrison, General Agent, J. W. Davis, Field Agent, and W. R. Goss, Tract Society Secretary. Brother Harrison will need no introduction to his many friends in this Union Conference. The Lord is surely blessing his work in the Southwest, and while 1911 showed most splendid results, in all probability 1912 will go far ahead. Our report is one of courage. The work is onward all along the line. All that we need is more faith and prayer, and more volunteers who will help swell the ranks of these workers.

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. But the Lord is most wonderfully blessing those faithful few. In a letter just received from Brother Town, Secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, we learn that the July summary for sales in the United States and Canada is \$112,802.06, for other countries \$43,364.84, making a grand total of \$156,166.90. Total sales of books and magazines show for North America, \$13,995.76; foreign, \$56,139.57, making a grand total of literature sales for the month of July \$188,135.33.

Now brethren, just think what these large sales mean in the spread of the third angel's message. Surely the book

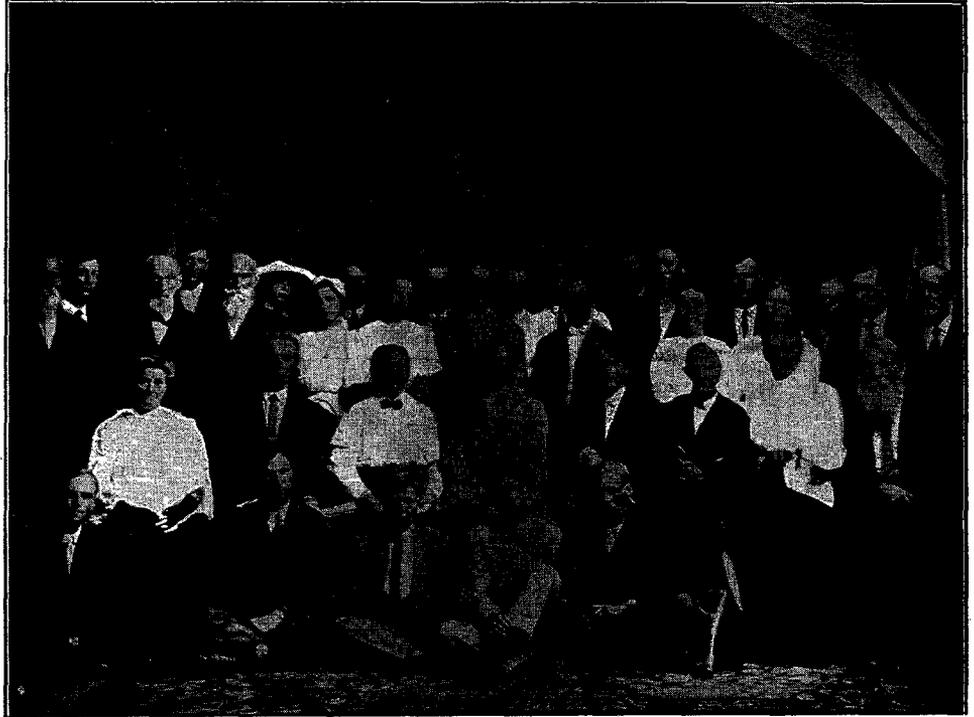
work is of God, and these reports should serve as an inspiration to many of our people who are now inactive, to enter the ranks as a canvasser. Application can be made to the writer, or to the field agent of your local conference.

This last week we made a shipment to Colon, Panama, weighing 1,150 lbs.

ELD. C. A. HANSEN was an office visitor last week.

ELD. W. W. EASTMAN returned to the office Tuesday morning from an extended tour attending camp-meetings in the Kentucky, North Carolina, and Cumberland Conferences.

Let us remember that "I wish," "I can," "I will," are the



three trumpet notes of victory. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Our canvassers are doing this, and that they are reaping their reward is shown by Brother Town's splendid report.

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

## Alabama Conference

### SOME EXPERIENCES

As it has been some time since I related any of my experiences to the WORKER family, I will mention a few now.

I am still thankful to the Lord for his goodness to me, and feel that he is continually blessing my efforts to sound the warning which it is so necessary that the people shall hear.

A short time since I entered a home in Huntsville and, after explaining the work I was engaged in, the man of the house said that his wife had bought "Bible Footlights" from me when they were living in the country, but, as he was a Primitive Baptist, he objected to her taking an Adventist book and would not give her money to pay for it. But nevertheless he read it and had received more Scriptural light than from all the reading he had ever done before.

I asked him what he thought about the Sabbath question as presented in the book, and he replied that he was convinced that the seventh day is the Sabbath and hoped he would soon be keeping the fourth commandment as well as the other nine.

Another time when I was trying to sell a Bible to a man whose wife had bought "Bible Footlights" from me, he said that if it was an Adventist Bible he did not want it. I told him that it was like all other Bibles, and that they were all Adventist Bibles and that everything taught in the book was also in the Bible. He still objected that the book his wife bought taught that they were keeping the wrong day, and that his "old woman" believed it, but he was too old to change. I left him with an invitation to return.

R. T. JACKS.

"To know Christ it is not enough to know about him; the devils know about him, and tremble. The knowledge of Christ that saves from sin is not thought out but lived out."

## Kentucky Conference

### NOTES

ELDER LINDSAY went to visit the Ford church after camp-meeting, and reports good meetings at that place and the baptism of two young people.

Brethren Judson and Ray made pleasant calls at the office after camp-meeting. They spent Sabbath with the Louisville church, and Sunday went to Johnson County in eastern Kentucky.

Brother Beck spent the Sabbath at Boston. He reports a good meeting and a desire for a series of meetings to be held there.

Brethren White and Dow remained at Elizabethtown to follow up the interest. They report several deeply interested and some keeping the Sabbath. Brother Curtis Pound stopped at the office on his way to Owensboro, Ky., to make his delivery.

The writer has been spending a few days in Louisville getting things in order after the camp-meeting and looking after the church school for the coming term. B. W. BROWN.

### THE GREAT CAMPAIGN FOR MISSIONS

OUR camp-meeting is now in the past and I am sure that all the people are anxious to do something to help spread the message. Many of our people have said they were sorry their income was so small, because they were anxious to help the missionaries. Now we have a chance to secure money for missions without giving of our own. How can we do it? The Ingathering *Signs of the Times* is now ready to be sent out, and you should order a supply and get busy going to your neighbors and friends asking them to help by giving of their means for the paper you carry to them. This is an excellent opportunity to raise money. Those who have solicited funds before know what can be done. Those who have never had experience I hope will order a good supply of the paper and help us make the offering for Kentucky the largest ever taken.

B. W. BROWN.

### GIDEON'S BAND OF KENTUCKY

THE canvassers chose this name last winter at the close of the institute, and with the help of God, at camp-meeting time only one had dropped out of the company. Soon some will be going to school, and others will enter the work. We regret very much to lose these members, but we have others who are now ready to take their places in the ranks.

Let all pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth more laborers into the field that we may hasten the coming of the King of kings.

The last day of the camp-meeting we had a meeting with the canvassers under the shade of some large trees. In the company was Elder Montgomery of Indiana. After territory was allotted to each of the canvassers by vote of the company of workers, Elder Montgomery gave us an interesting talk on the faithfulness of Gideon's band, and the words that pleased all the workers were "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Kentucky canvasser." He said that he had never before seen canvassers scattered to the four winds as they are here, themselves constituting a committee on distribution of labor and deciding by vote to what part of the field each worker should go. Elder Montgomery expressed his thanks to the Kentucky brethren for the kindness shown him, and Elder Brown, in turn, assured Elder Montgomery that his visit was heartily appreciated. In this he voiced the sentiment of all present.

H. E. BECK.

## Louisiana Conference

### ITEMS

The conference office recently received a pleasant visit from Eld. U. Bender. He is on his way from the States to his field of labor—the West Indian Union Conference. He brought us a very encouraging report of the work being done in that part of the harvest field.

The New Orleans church enjoyed an address by Brother Bender on prayer meeting evening in the new church building.

Miss Effie Nelson left New Orleans last week. She has been working with the *Signs* and we regret her departure.

We pray that the Lord may continue to bless her, and that success may be hers in her new field.

Miss Bessie Johnson has just placed with us a good sized standing order for our papers which shows that she intends to keep up the magazine work in New Orleans. Although this city has a great many Catholic inhabitants, we find that it is possible to sell magazines here with good success.

Elder Frank's meetings at DeRidder began with a tent full of interested listeners. The first collection taken amounted to \$5.75. Brethren Hirst and Wilson are canvassing in connection with the tent effort, and the latter writes of his work:—

"Enclosed is my report for the week. Although it is not large I am of good courage. I am working in the interest of the tent meeting and am staying with Brethren Frank and Hirst. The people are much interested in the meetings. I have been in the work about twelve months and intend to continue in some part of it until the Lord comes."

Brother Jorgenson has been obliged to give up the canvassing work for a while on account of failing health.

O. R. GODSMARK.

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT OUR RECENT CONFERENCE

THE following digest of the resolutions passed at our conference will be of interest:—

"Resolved, That we put forth every consistent effort to build up the canvassing work in our conference.

"That we subscribe for the *Review*, and encourage others to do the same, and that our ministers, workers, and church officers make a canvass for the *Review* an important part of their work.

"That we do all in our power to place the *Youth's Instructor* in the hands of all our young people.

"That we strive to enlighten the public concerning the dangers that beset our nation, by the circulation of the magazines *Protestant and Liberty*.

"That we vigorously encourage the sale of the message-filled magazine, *The Watchman*, both in the business and residential sections of our cities, under the direction of the field agent.

"That we put forth strong, united efforts to circulate the remaining portions of the Sanitarium number of the *Watchman* allotted to us.

"That we approve of the action of the Board of Trustees of the conference association in purchasing the church building in New Orleans, formerly belonging to the Christian Science people, and authorize them to secure a loan of \$2,500 to finish paying for the same. [Right here we wish to request any who can loan us any portion of this sum, to notify our conference office at 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans. A reasonable interest will be paid.]

"That we devote the last three months of this year to a

special campaign for the sale of "Ministry of Healing."

"That our conference committee arrange as soon as consistent for a Bible Workers' Training School in New Orleans.

"That a supreme effort be made to encourage all promising young people who know and obey the truth, to qualify themselves to labor for their own nationality by attending one of our training schools or some other place for the training of workers.

"That our Sabbath-schools set a goal to be reached by Sabbath-school offerings. That special attention be given to the thirteenth Sabbath offerings.

"That all Sabbath-school workers take the Workers' Training Course.

"That local Sabbath-school secretaries turn over to the church treasurer each Sabbath the donations for the day.

"That wherever possible Sabbath-school officers be elected at the church business meeting upon recommendation of the church nominating committee (or church committee), the same as church officers, and that the regular Sabbath school-teachers be appointed by the church committee, which committee should include the Sabbath-school superintendent.

"That the conference committee take under consideration the advisability of shortening the length of camp-meeting to one week.

"That we express to Elder Maxwell our appreciation of his faithful efforts in our conference, and pledge to him and his companion our continued prayers for their prosperity.

"That we invite Eld. W. S. Lowry, of Mississippi to labor in the Louisiana Conference, locating in the northern part of the State.

"That our laborers and church officers urge all our young people to pursue the Standard of Attainment reading courses.

"That we endeavor to establish church schools wherever there are enough children to warrant them.

"That a collection be taken in all our churches on the third Sabbath of each month to replenish the Home Conference Emergency Fund.

"That beginning Oct. 1, 1912, the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER be sent only to those whose subscriptions are paid up in full."

We would call particular attention to the last two recommendations. Our Emergency Fund had run greatly behind, and about \$500 had to be carried into our Loss and Gain account in consequence. On account of failure to secure from subscriptions a sufficient amount to meet the expense of the paper, our conference has had to pay over \$200 for its support. Please help us avoid this situation in the future by sending in the subscription price, getting others to subscribe, and furnishing to the office good, crisp, news items for the paper; thus making it indispensable to every home. Send all items of interest to

O. R. Godsmark, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans.

## Mississippi Conference

### OUR NEW PRESIDENT

NO DOUBT the brethren are anxiously waiting to see or hear from the new president of the conference.

The man you elected at the camp-meeting, Elder Clark, has declined to accept the position on account of the condition of his wife's health.

The General Conference brethren have found a man in

Philadelphia who has accepted the position but has not yet arrived. I suppose he will be here some time in the near future, and that you will then hear from him. His name is Wiest.

W. S. LOWRY.

### THE BOOK AND MAGAZINE WORK

NO DOUBT many of you have noticed that our canvassers' reports have not been as good as usual for the last month or two. This has been due in part to the time spent at camp-meeting. Sr. Anna Watts was called home by her brother, but will soon be in the work again. We hope to get some recruits from the Brookhaven camp-meeting.

We have good prospects of steady work this fall. All our canvassers are well and of good courage.

At our recent camp-meeting a resolution in regard to selling the *Watchman* in our cities was voted upon favorably, but I wish to see this resolution put into effect.

Voting for the resolution and putting it in the WORKER will not do the work. I would like to see every Seventh-day Adventist in Mississippi selling at least a few of the *Watchman* each month. I firmly believe that half of our people could sell at least ten copies of this magazine each month. You can sell them from house to house, among the merchants, or to the farmers at their homes or when they come into town. Brethren and sisters, if we make the effort, by the Lord's help we can do the work.

Cash must be sent with the order unless you order through the local tract society. This is in harmony with resolution eleven passed at our conference, and which has been published in the WORKER.

If you wish a city to work with the *Watchman*, let me hear from you and I will give you a contract for one.

Please report your work to me at the close of each week.

Let us awake to our privilege and responsibility. Let us say, "Here am I, send me."

H. G. MILLER.

### ITEMS

ONCE more encouraging letters are coming in from our faithful colporteurs. All those who were at camp-meeting are now back at their post of duty and are enjoying a reasonable degree of success in their work.

Bro. Vernon Stewart, of Natchez, called at the office Wednesday, August 28. He expects to enter the canvassing work when he returns to his home.

A card came to us to-day from Eld. W. S. Lowry, Ruston, Louisiana. He expects to make Louisiana his future field of labor, and is there now looking out a good location. We have enjoyed our association with Brother Lowry, and regret his leaving our conference, but wish him God's blessing in his new field.

Many will be interested to know that our new conference president, Eld. Charles S. Wiest, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will be with us soon. He comes to us with good recommendations, and we are glad to welcome him.

Tent meetings will soon again be opened in Jackson. There have been several new Sabbath keepers brought into the truth through former tent efforts in this city, and as the work is begun in another part of the city, we ask your prayers in behalf of the work here.

It is almost time for the Harvest Ingathering campaign to begin, and there are several who have not ordered their supply of magazines.

This is certainly one of the most attractive issues of the Harvest Ingathering paper we have ever had. The cover design is a very striking one, the subject being, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The

artist has portrayed in beautiful colors, "The Seventy Sent Forth."

We want to make this our banner year with this campaign, and I trust that every one in this conference will take right hold of this important work, and by the help of God make a real success of it.

PARIZETTA SMITH, *Secretary.*

## Tennessee River Conference

### THE CAMDEN CAMP - MEETING

THE Camden camp-meeting was the largest ever held in Tennessee. From the first until the last the meeting was well attended. The tents of the conference were not sufficient, and many people roomed in the houses near the camp. Several rooms at the hotel were also occupied. Elder Maxwell was elected president of the conference, and Mr. F. R. Eastman, secretary and treasurer. The reason for these changes was the earnest request of the Publishing House for Elder Bollman to take up editorial work, and the request of the Alabama Conference for Brother Pavey to work there. These two brethren enjoyed their work in this field, but were willing to sacrifice their feelings and preferences for the good of the work, which brought into the election a very kindly spirit.

About \$1,400 in all, was raised for the various interests of the cause—the tent fund, mission fund, the Sanitarium, and Hazel School.

The interest manifested by the people from the village and the country around was very marked. Some came a distance of twelve miles to listen to the preaching of the message. The tent was not large enough to hold the evening congregations. It was variously estimated that from ten to fifteen hundred people were in attendance at many of the evening services.

The tent effort is to be continued by Eld. W. R. Elliott and Bro. C. F. Lowry. These brethren would appreciate the prayers of the people in Tennessee that they may raise up a good strong church in Camden. S. E. WIGHT.

### THE HARVEST INGATHERING

TO THE brethren and sisters of the Tennessee River Conference:—

Having been asked to assume the duties in connection with this conference, which have been so well attended to during the past year by Elder Bollman, I take this opportunity to become acquainted with all who were not present at the camp-meeting at Camden. I hope to be able to see nearly all the members in the State in the next four months; but the matter that is pressing just now is the preparation for the Harvest Ingathering for Missions. The time for this effort is right upon us, and we must take advantage of it at once in order to make it a success. All funds gathered by means of this campaign will apply to our credit on the fifteen-cents-a-week fund.

The report of the Pacific Press shows that there have been no papers ordered by our conference up to August 17, so that we will have to hasten if we have our part in this work at the same time the other conferences are engaged in it. Each church elder should take the matter up with the members of his church at the earliest possible moment, so as to have it well under way by September 15. Find out how many copies of the *Mission Signs* each member will use in soliciting funds, and place your order with the conference secretary at once.

Before the Israelites left the land of Egypt they "asked"

of the Egyptians gold, and silver, and precious things, and the Lord gave them favor with the Egyptians. He will do the same for us to-day. Then let us use this mighty lever to place the knowledge of the progress of the message in the hands of the people, and also provide means for our brethren out on the firing line. E. L. MAXWELL.

### THE OCTOBER COLLECTION IN THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

ALL the church elders of this conference should take notice of the fact that the October collection for the colored work will be taken on October 5, in all our churches. The funds raised by this collection apply on our fifteen-cents-a-week fund, and inasmuch as the colored work in our State, as well as in the whole South, will profit by the raising of this offering, we trust that there will be a liberal response. Isolated members may send their offering direct to the conference office at 509 Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn. Let us make an earnest effort, brethren, and give liberally to this fund this year. Let us do better if possible than we did last year. The work will soon close in the South, especially for our colored people, and they above all others need our assistance at this time. E. L. MAXWELL.

### HAZEL ACADEMY ITEMS

THE last few weeks have been busy ones for those connected with the school.

The writer has visited several churches in this conference, spent one day at the Kentucky camp-meeting at Elizabethtown, and attended the Tennessee River camp-meeting at Camden.

We are greatly encouraged to find everywhere an increasing desire on the part of the young people to prepare themselves for the various branches of the Lord's work and enter into active service.

Prospects now indicate a full attendance at the school, and nearly every one plans to be here at its opening, September 17.

The farm crops, though late, are looking quite well, and we expect to be better supplied with feed than last year. Bro. Herschel Ethington has done faithful work on the farm, as can be seen by the absence of weeds in the crops.

Bro. Walter Jones is busy building the vegetable and storehouse voted by the conference committee some time ago, and for which some money was pledged at camp-meeting. We trust those who made pledges will pay them at once as the money is needed to pay for the material already bought. There will be opportunity for others to help also. This is the only call from the Hazel School for help for some time past, and we are glad to note the willingness of all to help provide this much needed building. This will be a building sixteen by forty feet, part of which will be made frost proof for vegetables and fruit, and the remainder will be used for storage purposes, or as a shop. We have been at a great disadvantage heretofore for want of such conveniences.

A neat shed has just been completed for the canner. Some of the boys have done most of the work on this and have also helped on the larger building.

The wall papering is now finished, and the girls' home fumigated and cleaned ready for school again.

There are now eight in the family at the school and all are kept busy from early morning until bedtime, caring for the farm, doing the building work, and getting things in readiness for school.

We are glad to announce that Miss Xana Hibben, from the Illinois Conference, will be one of our teachers the coming winter. Sister Hibben is an experienced teacher and

has had normal training at Emmanuel Missionary College. Miss Lola May Brown, daughter of Eld. B. W. Brown of Kentucky, will teach piano for this year.

Every day brings mail from those who are thinking of coming to school.

We shall be glad to give information or send calendars to those who are interested in the work of the school.

A. N. ATTEBERRY.

### CAMDEN

AFTER camp-meeting at Camden Mr. Keele and I remained a few days working with books, and found a good spirit among the people. Here are some of their own words:—

"We have enjoyed all the meetings."

"We were informed that Adventists were nothing, but we find them an intelligent people clinging close to the Bible."

"I will think a long time before I go back to my church again."

One woman said: "I am an invalid, and could not attend your meetings, but my friends did, and when they told me what was said I went to my Bible to see if it was right, and found that it was." She also said the preaching had led people here to study their Bibles, and that great good had been done.

The camp-meeting certainly left a good impression on the people, and they are also well pleased with Elder Elliott's preaching.

Pray for the work here.

MAY KEELE.

### SOME COMPARISONS

At the camp-meeting held at Camden, Aug. 15-25, 1912, some interesting comparisons were read showing that the colporteur work has had a good healthy growth.

During 1910, our colporteurs sold \$5,447.04 worth of literature, and in 1911 \$6,127.80 worth, making a gain for 1912 of \$680.76 worth. Up to Aug. 10, 1912 the sales were \$5,542.95 worth, or \$104.90 more than for the entire year of 1910.

The first seven months of 1911 the sales were \$3,186.40. The first seven months of 1912 the sales were \$4,820.10, or a gain of \$1,633.70 in seven months.

C. F. DART.



### General



#### THE RELATION THE PARENTS SHOULD SUSTAIN TO THE CHURCH SCHOOL AND TEACHERS

To each one who may read this article I want to put some questions with the hope that they may set you to thinking seriously about this subject.

First, Have you ever thought of this question seriously? Have you ever spent as much as thirty minutes of your life in studying and planning how or what you could do to make the school better?

Do you ever visit the school to see for yourself how it is being conducted, or how that boy or girl of your's is getting along?

Do you try to get so intimately acquainted with the teachers that you can have such heart to heart talks with them about your children or your work as will make both your hearts tender and warm toward each other?

Have you ever thought that you knew better how the school should be conducted than the teacher did?

It may be possible that you do, but how do you use that knowledge? Do you go to the teacher at a time when you can be alone, and in a friendly, Christian way, discuss the

matter with him and ask God to bless the effort to the good of all? Or do you visit your neighbor instead and criticise the teacher's methods, or perhaps in your own home let drop words of censure before your children, all of which starts the leaven working to ruin not only the school, but your children and yourself as well?

The place to make such criticisms is not before your children or neighbors. But if you feel that you must criticise, then follow the method laid down in the Bible. Go to the individuals alone and tell them of their faults in a kind Christ-like spirit, and in most cases you will find that the beam was in your own eye.

Again, Do you believe everything your child tells you when he comes home from school? If so don't do it any more. It is a mistake. It is not necessary to tell him so, but investigate for yourself. No child has ever been absolutely truthful except the child Jesus, and none ever will be as long as we have the father of lies to contend with. Our children are not perfect any more than we ourselves are perfect.

I have seen children stand before their parents and tell them one untruth after another and the parents believe them all and tell me that their children never told them a story in their lives.

Why is it that we are so blind to these things? Oh that we had the power to see our children a part of the time as our neighbors see them.

Have you ever heard anything like the following dialogue? "Mama that old teacher punished me to-day." "Punished you! What for? What were you doing?" "I wasn't doing a single thing, and he just came along and jumped on me." "Well that is a great way to do, I'll see about that," which she proceeds to do, usually by going back to school with the child and very likely before the whole school or at least before her own child, she gives the teacher a piece of her mind.

The teacher may try to explain the matter and tell her that Johnnie had been sticking pins and pencils into Willie's back till it was necessary to do something to put a stop to it. But she knows better for Johnnie said he didn't do anything, and he had never told her a lie.

Let me ask you what was the matter with that mother? I will also leave you to answer the question for yourselves.

I have been over this road so many times in my fourteen years of school work that it has become a living reality, and I might almost say that it became a nightmare to me and haunted me like a shadow in the day time.

How can a teacher keep the respect of the pupils and teach a good school with such experiences as these coming in every few days? *Parents* we are not going to do that way any more, are we? Let us adopt a better way. Let us determine that with the help of God we are going to do all we can to co-operate with God and the teachers, with one another and the children, and make the school this year what it ought to be. Don't find fault with the school before the children. If you must discuss the question with your neighbors, do it in order to form some plans to improve matters.

Don't forget to visit the school often. If the fathers are busy, let the mothers go. If the mothers are busy let the fathers go. But the best plan is for both to go. As the physician feels the pulse to ascertain the strength of the heart, so the number of your visits to the school will show the strength of your interest in it. These visits will encourage the teachers in their work; they will greatly stimulate your own children to work harder and behave better (at least while you are there), and give you knowledge of the work being done which you can get in no other way.

In closing, I ask you once more to think of these matters

seriously, and may we each remember that to make a success of the work this year it will take a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether. M. A. FARNSWORTH.

**THE OCTOBER COLLECTION**

OUR readers will remember that the annual offering to support the work among the colored people in this country, is taken the first Sabbath in October. This year it comes on the fifth.

The General Conference has made a liberal appropriation for this work, but it depends upon the liberality of our people, whether they are able to send on the funds to pay the workers.

The Lord is greatly blessing the efforts of our faithful workers. Hundreds are accepting the truth. Those who are reading the interesting reports in *The Gospel Herald* will not need more to convince them that the Lord is preparing the hearts of the colored people for the reception of the message.

In "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, pp. 225, 226, we read: "Let us thank God, dear brethren and sisters, and take courage! God is laying bare his arm to do a mighty work in this mission field within the borders of our own land. He is now giving his people unusual opportunities to extend the message rapidly in the South. Especially should we reveal the spirit of beneficence at the time the yearly offering for the support of the colored work is taken up. God has reposed confidence in us by making us stewards of means and of his rich grace; and he now points us to the poor and suffering and oppressed, to souls bound in chains of superstition and error, and assures us that if we do good to these, he will accept the deed as though done to himself. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren,' he declares, 'ye have done it unto me.' Matt. 25:40.

"Thousands of colored people in the South may now be uplifted, and become human agents to help their own race, if they can receive the help God is calling upon us to give them. . . .

"My dear brethren and sisters, Christ is now saying to you: 'Lift up your eyes and look on this Southern field; for it needs workers—sowers of the seed, and reapers. It needs your means for the maintenance of these workers.' The grace of Christ is unlimited, it is God's free gift. Then why should not this neglected people have some hope and courage and faith brought into their lives? There is sunshine in the heart for all who will accept Christ."

We have had to drop some of our workers this year on account of a lack of means. This has been very hard for us to do when the Lord was blessing their efforts and so many calls were coming in for help. What we shall be able to do in the immediate future depends upon what our people do October 5.

May the Lord impress you all with the needs of this work at this time, and help you to make a liberal donation.

A. J. HAYSMEY, Sec. N. A. Negro Department.

"ONE watch set right will do to set many by; on the other hand, one that goes wrong may be the means of misleading a whole neighborhood, and the same may be said of the example we each set to those around us."

NOTHING but a living, sensible communion with God can displace heaviness from the heart and shed happiness over the life.—T. Pearson.

**COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE**

For Week Ending August 24, 1912

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Curtis Pound	BF	28		\$	\$	\$	\$ 53 00
Milton Jones	JUV	12	5	1 25		1 25	
Wm Horn	GC	46	1	5 00		5 00	165 70
Lacey Hill	GC	31	6	13 00	7 55	20 55	20 55

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
S F Reeder	BF	18	7	10 00	5 00	15 00	3 75
P C Sibley	BF	27	7	8 00	1 00	9 00	
MB Wilson	BF&H&H	23	17	20 50	2 75	23 25	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
H C Balsbaugh	GC	24	2	5 00	2 70	7 70	17 70
Virgil Smith	BR	40	33	85 00	6 75	91 75	6 75
A L Saxon	BR	47	22	70 00	4 00	74 00	4 00
C R Canada	BF	40	46	48 50	4 50	53 00	4 50
C G Parkins	BF	31	21	21 50	1 50	23 00	1 50
Ethel Warren	BF		4				4 00
Emily Billups	BF		40				42 50
E P Campbell	PG		50				35 00
M A Murphy	BF	31	8	9 00	50	9 50	17 00
Luella Hill	BF	35	4	6 00		6 00	7 50
John Hampton	BF	37	24	24 00	4 00	28 00	2 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
U Bracy	BF	45	41	60 00	1 00	61 00	1 50
W L Cutchville	BF	38	11	16 50	25	16 75	25
R H Hazelton	BF	30	8	11 00	5 45	16 45	2 00
M E Tillman	BF	9	10	11 00	50	11 50	7 00
Mollie Hurdle	BF	9	8	9 00		9 00	4 00
Enma R Jones	BF	7	6	6 00	50	6 50	9 00
Beecher Jackson	BF	6	4	5 00		5 00	2 50

SUMMARY							
Alabama Conf	No Report.						
Kentucky Conf	117	12	19	25	7 55	26 80	239 25
Louisiana Conf	68	31	38	50	8 75	47 25	3 75
Mississippi Conf	379	160	269	00	23 95	292 95	142 45
Tenn River Conf	144	88	118	50	7 70	126 20	26 25
Totals	708	291	445	25	\$47 95	\$493 20	\$411 70

**MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT**

For Week Ending August 24, 1912

Agent	No.	Value
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE		
Milton Jones	40	\$ 4 00
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE		
Grace Holt	68	6 80
Ethel Warren	25	2 50
H G Miller	22	2 20
Totals	115	\$ 11 50

LAST year the summary of book sales for June, covering a period of five weeks, amounted to \$135,800; this year the June summary, which covers only four weeks, amounted to \$137,800. The July summary, which we have just made up, amounts to \$156,166.90. These figures are for book sales alone. The total amount of literature sales, including books and magazines, during July, is \$188,135.33.

We thank God for the degree of success that our colporteurs are having. \* N. Z. TOWN.

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### THE READING COURSES

You are cordially invited to join the Reading Course circle. The courses for 1912-13 begin in the *Instructor* of October 1. We heartily recommend these courses to you. The books, selected by a large committee of workers, are among the very best published. The workers chose those books which they believed to contain valuable information for you, and to be particularly useful in helping you to equip for more efficient service in the great army of Prince Immanuel. The books to be read in the courses are as follows:—

#### SENIOR COURSE NO. 6

1. "The Uplift of China," by Arthur H. Smith, thirty-five years a missionary in that field, is dedicated to "Christian Young People of America." Every page contributes something of special interest. The author's intimate acquaintance with the field and his rare gift as a writer, enable him to present in an exceptionally interesting manner the most important facts concerning the social and religious systems, and other matters pertaining to this new republic. Price 50 cents.

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3. "The American Government," by Frederic J. Haskin. Where is the American young man or woman who does not wish to know something of the land of "the stars and stripes"? Surely every intelligent young person should be acquainted with the fundamentals of our national government. As you

read the book, I think you will feel that you are being taken through the various departments of governmental affairs by a guide who is an expert at the business and who points out the most important things in a way that helps you to see, to understand, and to remember. Regular price, \$1.50; special Reading Course price, 75 cents.

#### JUNIOR COURSE NO. 5

1. "Winning the Oregon Country," by John T. Faris, will hold the reader's interest to the very last page. The author weaves into a thrilling story the hardships, the loneliness, and the privations suffered by those brave men and women who gave their all to tell the Indians of the Northwest about the Saviour from sin. The chapter telling how a few Indians tramped two thousand miles through the wild unknown to secure a copy of the Bible must constrain the reader to appreciate the Bible more, and it seems that the book as a whole must lead to deeper consecration to the great work of saving souls. Price 50 cents.

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3. "Daybreak in Korea," by Annie L. A. Baird. Surely those who read this book and see something of the wrongs of Korean womanhood, see how Korea is steeped in superstition, and realize to some extent the sorrow and suffering resulting from these conditions, will become more eager to give prayer, means, and service for the salvation of souls in the Hermit Kingdom. Price 60 cents.

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THIS has been the banner year in Missionary Volunteer Reading Course work. More reading course certificates have been sent out than were issued during the first three years the reading course was conducted. During one week a hundred certificates were sent out. Prospects for next year are better still, if the large sale of books indicate anything. Have you received your reading course books? If not, order at once. The new courses begin October 1.

The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course assignments begin in the *Instructor* of October 1. Get your books now—at least the first one in the course you choose to take. Then please send your name and address to your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. Notice the reading course announcements in the *Youth's Instructor*. Do not forget the courses begin October 1.

The reading courses offer to you an opportunity for intellectual and spiritual advancement. Seize it. Most persons owe their lack of progress to their own indifference. You can not afford to belong to that class. To fail to make the most of the life God has given is an injustice to yourself and to others. Youth is the time to prepare. "Youth comes twice to none."

"ANY dullard can be waited on and served; but to serve requires judgment, skill, tact, patience, and industry."