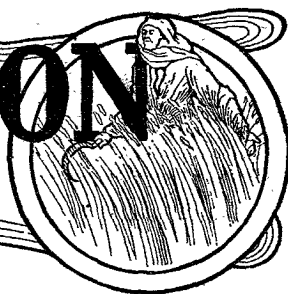


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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Testimony of Flower and Sun

BY C. P. BOLLMAN

LITTLE crocus, tell me why
Underneath the ground you lie
All the lovely autumn through,
Nothing willing then to do?
But when earth is wrapped in snow
You at once begin to grow,
Gathering from the soil below
Elements that chemists know;
Building from them bud of flower
To adorn our springtime bower.
Little crocus, tell me who
Taught you all these things to do?
Helps you look up toward the sky
From the dirt wherein you lie?

Know, kind sir, the crocus said,
It is God by whom I'm led,
His the life that gives me power,
And directs me hour by hour.

Then I looked up to the sky
Where are lights that never die;
Asked of rolling suns and spheres,
Who sustains you through the years?

Then there came the answer true,
God directs in all we do.
Formed us by his mighty power,
And upholds us hour by hour;
Gives us light by which to shine,
Guides us by his hand divine.

Then it was I prostrate fell,
Worshipped him who loves so well,
Him who notes the sparrow's fall,
Sees the hyssop on the wall;
But who though so great and high,
Gave his Son for us to die!
O adore him one and all!
Live responsive to his call!

Our Publishing House

Home Office News

SALES report for week ending February 22, 1913: Total number of bound volumes, 1,732; *Watchman*, 9,772.

Eld. W. W. Eastman returned last Friday from the Mississippi Institute. He occupied the chapel half hour Monday morning with a most encouraging talk.

Elder Eastman, Bro. W. A. Harvey, L. A. Smith, Editor of

the *Watchman* and R. Hook, Jr., Manager, will attend the General Conference in the interests of the Publishing work. L. D. Randall, Manager of the Atlanta Branch, and R. L. Pierce of the Fort Worth Branch, have also been invited to attend this important meeting. Eld. C. P. Bollman will attend on invitation of the General Conference as one of the editors of the *Bulletin*, a capacity in which he served four years ago.

Mr. Perley Wood, of Roscoe, Illinois, is a visitor at the office this week. He is spending some days here with relatives. Brother Wood was formerly employed at the St. Helena (Calif.), Sanitarium, where he took the nurses' course. He may conclude to remain in Nashville.

Watchman Report

AMONG the several interesting reports read at the recent annual meeting of this association, probably none will appeal more strongly to our people generally than the "Report of the *Watchman* for 1912," submitted by B. N. Brown, manager of periodical circulation. We have space only for the abridged report, as follows:—

"The crying need of the hour is messengers to carry the truth to the people of our large centers of population and influence. To assist in doing this the Lord has called into being the magazine work, and it has shown itself to be an excellent means of reaching the people. The *Watchman* is endeavoring to do its full share in accomplishing the purpose for which the magazine work was organized.

"The past year has been one of many good experiences, and we believe of distinct success. One of the most important features that has been introduced in the past twelve months is the application to the circulation of our magazines of the same principles that have made the subscription book work successful. The magazines and books are now on the same basis, presenting an impregnable front to the enemy, being under the field management of the state agent, who has the assignment of all the territory, thus better controlling the field work. The class, known as the grasshopper worker, has been very largely eliminated. In years gone by no one in particular, felt any responsibility for the sale of our magazines and the result was that the work was not carried on systematically.

"The *Watchman*, like our other good magazines, is an evangelistic agency published exclusively for the purpose of bringing souls into the truth, and like most missionary agencies when first started, it has not always paid its way. But while our ledgers show a financial loss, the real result has been a distinct gain in accomplishing the purpose for which the magazine is published. However, inasmuch as we are living in a practical world, great effort has been put forth to place the *Watchman* on a sound financial basis. To this end

the strictest economy has been exercised in expenditures, especially with reference to advertising, and left-overs. Every curtailment possible, has been made, resulting in a distinct gain when compared with the previous year. There is still some deficit on the *Watchman*; but, brethren, is this a real loss? If you could read the precious letters that come in nearly every mail telling of hearts that have been made tender by a knowledge of the truth, of minds that have been influenced by the message which the *Watchman* bears, we believe you would agree with us that this loss, which is considerably less than the cost of keeping two ordained ministers in the field for one year, has been more than justified by the great good our magazine has accomplished.

"During the past year we have scattered all over this United States and Canada and to some extent in foreign countries, 333,000 magazines, or nearly twenty millions of pages of evangelical literature (advertising matter not included). If the mind could comprehend the significance of this number of pages of present truth being scattered broadcast throughout the land, and the good it has accomplished, we believe the "loss" referred to would not be considered a large item. The loss should be considerably less this year due to the reduction in size of the magazine, from 64 to 48 pages which will result in a distinct saving in the cost of production.

"Right here we desire to introduce an extract from a letter written by a Methodist lady, who has since been brought into the truth by means of the *Watchman* sent to her by a friend:—

"The *Watchman* still comes to me, a welcome visitor. I think it is fine, and we all like it. Your publishing house is, indeed, sending out literature rapidly, and I pray it may send the blessed message to the uttermost parts of the earth, and accomplish wonderful results.

"Since beginning this letter I have received another copy of the *Watchman*. It is simply superb. I haven't finished reading it, but from what I have read, I really believe it is the best edition I have had. I certainly wish your publishing house unbounded success in the distribution of this literature. I notice from the date on the wrapper of my *Watchman* which I received yesterday, that this is my last copy, which I am very sorry to learn, as I have enjoyed it so much. So please write me in your next letter what I owe for my subscription and I will remit."

"This is one of many such letters that have come to us during the past year and will give some idea of the influence our magazine work is wielding.

"Here is one more short extract from the Nebraska Bible Supply House: 'We have two sisters awaiting baptism and one of them says she has read herself wholly into the truth through the *Watchman*.' Brethren, these two testimonials alone, fully recompense us for the expense sustained.

"The outlook for the coming year is bright having sold 15,000 more for the first two months of this year than the same months last year. We request the continued co-operation of the brethren here assembled and especially with reference to the encouragement of the home-worker, in taking up the magazine work upon a small scale. We must depend upon our good sisters, the home-workers, the housewives and middle-aged and elderly women to expand our magazine work to its maximum limit. To bring vividly to your minds the possibilities of this latter class I have only to state that in this country there are 67,000 Seventh-day Adventists. Among this number there must be at least 10,000 families. If only one-half of this number of families should furnish one home-

worker each, who through pure love for the message would sell at least fifty copies per month during her spare time—think of the grand result in the aggregate. A quarter of a million of *Watchman* sold every month."

Southern Union Conference

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A Visit to the Southern Training School

It was my privilege a few days ago to visit the Graysville school. This school is located in a beautiful valley between two hills. It has a well arranged school building of sufficient size to accommodate about 225 students; two good dormitories, and a beautiful campus. There is a farm of 190 acres connected with the school which furnishes employment to the young men, also a small but well equipped printing plant.

While this school is located in the Southeastern Union, yet it is the school of the Southern Union. It might be better to say that this school belongs to the Southeastern and Southern Union Conferences.

The management of the school are very much encouraged by the success of the present year, and are making preparations to make the school still better the coming season. They are laying plans for more students and better work.

It is to be hoped that the young people of the Southern Union will interest themselves in this school, and apply at an early date for entrance when the school begins in the fall of 1913.

We are glad to report eight students from the Southern Union at the school. It should be forty next year.

S. E. WIGHT.

Young People's Work in Memphis

It will be of interest and an encouragement to all our Missionary Volunteers, to learn of the good interest in the work in Memphis.

From a recent letter received from Miss Amanda Gahr, the leader, we quote the following: "We are having some very interesting young people's meetings now. On the first Sabbath in every month, we usually have a program on some topic that pertains to the message. Our last two programs were on Temperance. We selected this in order to increase the interest in the Temperance *Instructor*. We voted at our last meeting to order a supply of this paper.

"In our second Sabbath meetings one of the young people, who has been selected by the leader, conducts a Bible study which is usually followed by a testimony meeting. The young people usually select their own subject for the Bible study they conduct. We hope to be able to find some Bible workers among them.

"On the third Sabbath we have a study on some mission field, conducted by the leader. At present we are studying South America.

"On the fourth Sabbath Elder Washburn leads out in a song service and hears our verses. We have memorized nearly all of the first chapter of Genesis; have also learned

the first, twenty-third, and forty-sixth Psalms and are starting on the ninety-first.

"We have started a library. We now have seven volumes of the Testimonies, also some song books. We expect to add more as we are able."

While this letter was not meant for publication we are sure Sister Gahr is willing that other societies shall have the benefit of their plans of services.

The Lord expects every young man and young woman who knows this truth to use every means to fit themselves to carry responsibilities. The work of our young people's societies, when properly conducted is an excellent means to this end. If there are any young people who read this who are not members of any society, will you not write to your conference secretary at once stating your desire to enroll as a member of the State society, or ask for instructions for organizing a society if there are as many as three or four in your church. The addresses of the State secretaries will be found in this issue of the WORKER.

A. N. ATTEBERRY, *Sec. Y. P. M. V. Soc'y.*

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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News Notes

THE Colporteurs' Institute is now in session at Borden Springs. Truly the field is ripe for the harvest and we should all pray the Lord that he will send forth laborers. We hope to see several new ones take their places among our regular workers after this Institute.

Religious Liberty day was observed at the Birmingham church, Sabbath, February 22. Elder Miller conducted the meeting and all enjoyed the service very much. The collection was a very liberal one, and we are sure that those who gave felt that they were giving to a worthy cause. Truly it is time for Seventh-day Adventists to become concerned regarding this subject.

Elder Miller and Brother Wilson left Birmingham Sunday morning, February 23, for the Institute at Borden Springs. Brother Wolff will be at this Institute.

In a letter from Brother Ivie, he reports that the little company at Carbon Hill and Jasper are of good courage in the Lord. Brother Ivie says: "We hope to be able to report others interested in the truth real soon." This little company has a mind to work, and I am sure that when they have scattered the tracts that have been ordered, interested ones will be found.

Brother Ivory is still canvassing at Berlin, and although he is not taking a great many orders, he is putting in good time and he is not discouraged in the least; he writes: "I am very, very thankful that God counts me worthy to suffer a little for him." This brother is in the place the Lord wants him, and he is happy for he knows he is doing the Lord's will. In the letter Brother Ivory tells of a man of influence who asked him the question, "Who changed the Sabbath?" Brother

Ivory went into detail and explained to the man just how the change was brought about. The man was very much interested in the explanation. "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order." Who will take up this great work?

Brother Keate has been called by the conference to take up work in the southern part of the State, and he has accepted the call. We are very glad to have Brother Keate in the active work again, and we are sure the Lord will be with him and bless him in this work. We shall hope to receive reports from Brother Keate, from time to time, through the WORKER.

Sabbath-School Report, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1912

School	Membership	Total Con.	13th Sab. Off.
Birmingham	70	\$ 111 70	\$ 17 03
Mobile	18	72 94	11 56
Silverhill	15	36 44	3 20
Marlow	10	35 92	8 82
Citronelle	7	33 64	5 18
Fairhope	11	31 38	6 24
Cool Springs	29	29 59	3 20
Sheffield	21	27 28	3 55
Montgomery	7	24 98	6 31
Oak Level	37	22 41	2 93
Long Island	11	17 78	3 23
Elkwood	15	16 90	4 68
Wayside	11	13 57	7 16
Wooley Springs	21	9 01	2 75
Santa Rosa	20	8 77	2 91
Attalla	8	8 75	75
Drifton (1 quarter)	13	1 47	12

HOME SCHOOLS

Fort Payne	4	68 70	6 55
Carbon Hill	5	44 75	11 00
Selma	4	14 16	4 75
Fruithurst	3	10 10	3 00
Churchula	5	10 00	4 60
Panama City	3	6 78	20
Redemption	4	4 95	25
Barnwell	4	4 66	
Grove Hill	2	3 90	90
Red Level	6	3 75	1 00
Century	3	2 66	65
Brantley	3	1 70	80
Headland	4	1 45	55
Foley (1 quarter)	1	1 00	
Cottage Hill (1 quarter)	3	15	
Miscellaneous	7	8 20	
Camp-meeting		27 59	

Totals 385 \$ 717 01 \$ 128 01

This is a gain in contributions of \$238.35, and 101 in membership over the year 1911.

HELEN M. KEATE, *Secretary.*

THE Southern Publishing Association has now on hand a supply of "A More Excellent Ministry," by E. E. Andross. Price, in paper covers, 25 cents; in cloth, 50 cents. Order of the Southern Publishing Association, or of your tract society.

This book is a review of Eld. A. F. Ballenger's position, but is a discussion of the question and not of the man. Every Seventh-day Adventist should have and read this book.

Kentucky Conference

Conference Directory

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W. H. WHITE, Y. P. M. V. Secretary.
OFFICE ADDRESS, Nicholasville, Ky.

A Change in the Office

SOME weeks ago Brother Bruce resigned the position of secretary and treasurer of the conference and tract society; accordingly the committee went about to find a suitable person to fill the place made vacant. After careful consideration it was decided to ask Bro. S. F. Love to take the work. Brother Love has been holding the position of bookkeeper and stenographer in the Nashville Sanitarium. Brother Love came to Nicholasville February 17 and entered upon the work to which he was called. Brother Bruce returns to Nashville to assist his father in work there.

Remember in ordering books and papers to address and make all money-orders payable to the Kentucky Tract Society. In sending money for the conference address and make money-orders payable to the S. D. A. Kentucky Conference.

B. W. BROWN.

Notes

ELDER LINDSAY reports that several have taken their stand for the truth as a result of the series of meetings that have just closed in Louisville.

Bro. W. H. White reports some deeply interested in the message in the vicinity of Lockport, where he is holding meetings in a schoolhouse.

Elder Brown returned to the conference office the 17th. After attending the meeting at Keene, Texas, he stopped on his way back for a visit with his parents in Kansas.

Sister Shephardson, one of the charter members of the Louisville church, is leaving this week to make her home in Kirksville, Missouri. We are sorry to lose her from our conference.

Brother Howard and family of Louisville, have moved to Irving, Ky.

Elder Brown spent some time last week in Louisville assisting the colored brethren in closing up a contract for the purchase of a property to be used as a church.

Elder Wight, Union Conference President, spent last Sabbath with the Bowling Green church. Elder Brown was also present.

Expecting Better Times

"AND this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24: 14.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 19, 20.

Let us hold this promise dear to us, dear fellow workers; the work will soon be finished. Let our prayers ascend daily that we may hasten the time of Christ's appearing. The

workers have many precious experiences, and the Holy Spirit works on the hearts of men, as this example shows.

I visited a wealthy man's house Wednesday, introduced my work to his family, but failed to get the order. The next morning the man walked up the creek to where I stopped over night, and met me as I left the house. I showed him the book "Daniel and the Revelation," and took his order, and went on my way rejoicing.

We are looking for better times in old Kentucky this year in the book work. We are having fine weather now, and are looking forward to the Institute, March 7 to 16, to start in a corps of workers.

H. E. BECK.

Louisiana Conference

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LYDIA E. PARMELE, Medical.

Among the Churches

I CLOSED my last report as I was en route to Leesville. Elder Frank and Brother McLennan conducted a tent meeting at that place last fall. I found a little company of six there who are trying to hold up the standard of the truth.

Two nights were spent at Mansfield. While there some of the best people in the city came together in the home of Sister Williams, and listened with marked interest to the Bible readings given. Two Bible studies were held during my stay.

My next stopping place was Shreveport. Meetings were held on the Sabbath at the church four miles in the country, with a good attendance of our people. Two preaching services were held. On Saturday night I spoke on the Eastern Question in the auditorium of the City Hall. The congregation was not large, owing to the shortness of the notice, doubtless, but the leading daily published a synopsis of the discourse, which occupied one and one-half columns of space. Thus the message was given quite extensively. I very much enjoyed this, my first visit with the Shreveport church, but regretted that it had to be so brief.

The time from February 2 to 6 was spent in attending the meeting of the Publishing House constituency at Keene, and in going to and coming from it.

February 7, Brn. C. D. Wolff, and H. D. Leavelle and I arrived at Ringgold to attend the Colporteurs' Institute. We were somewhat disappointed to find so few present to receive its benefits; but those who had come were of mature years, and we believe that their work will not be spasmodic. While there I asked the Methodist pastor for permission to occupy his pulpit on Sunday night to present the Eastern Question. He expressed regrets, but said that he had no appointment for Ringgold on that particular Sunday, and that his congregation would attend the Baptist church as that was their Sunday for preaching, and advised that I see the Baptist minister. I did so, and was very cordially received, the minister making the announcement in the morning, and urging his people to attend. At night the Methodists, Baptists, and Seventh-day Adventists all assembled at the Baptist church, for a union

meeting to hear the solemn line of prophecy which marks the close of human probation. At the conclusion of the sermon the Baptist minister made a little talk in which he said that this was the plainest, most clear-cut and forceful prophetic discourse to which he had ever listened. He urged the necessity of preparation for that day, saying that this is the all important thing, and that he was glad that the speaker had made that point prominent. I believe that a good impression was made.

After a few days spent in the Institute I went to Lena, and met with the company at that place. The Lord came near to us there, and, it being evident the proper time had come, the company there was organized into a church, with sixteen charter members. Several of these were old Sabbath-keepers who have moved to this place from the North and West. The church is fully officered, and we believe has come to stay.

Parts of two days were spent at Alexandria, looking for a location for our next camp-meeting. We found three sites which will be suitable. The first choice of these is the city park, but as the election was at hand, we will have to wait until the new city officers are installed before permission can be obtained to use it.

I am at this writing, February 21, at home, having been absent since the 3rd of January. We are endeavoring to get everything in readiness for the opening of our Bible Workers' Training Course, which begins March 2.

R. W. PARMELE.

News Items

TEN persons have indicated their intention to attend the Bible Workers' Training Course to be held in New Orleans, March 2 to May 2. This number does not include those in New Orleans who expect to attend.

Bro. H. D. Leavelle, for five years actively engaged in the canvassing work in the West Texas Conference has been secured as state agent for Louisiana, and has already entered upon his duties. We are sure that all join in extending a most hearty welcome to Brother Leavelle and family. He is contemplating locating his family in Alexandria.

Bro. S. F. Reeder expects to engage in the work for the advancement of the message in Alexandria. He may attend the Training Course in New Orleans before entering actively upon the work at Alexandria. We hope that in the near future a church may be raised up in that important city.

Dr. Lydia Parmele is meeting with considerable success in her medical work in New Orleans. Her office and treatment rooms are well equipped, and her patients seem well pleased with the treatments.

Bro. Geo. S. Coble, of Grayson Springs, Ky., spent Sabbath, February 15, with us and we were glad to hear the progress which he told of in Kentucky. Brother Coble was on his way to visit some relatives in Norwood, La.

It surely must be that the Lord intends that the *Protestant* magazine shall be sold in Louisiana. We are receiving requests for sample copies and terms to agents from those not of our faith. One man, evidently a minister, writes for the agency and intends to dispose of many to those who are seeking for truth. Have you a single Catholic or wavering Protestant in your neighborhood? If so you should introduce to him this magazine.

We have received advance information that the price of the *Sabbath-School Worker* and *Youth's Instructor* will, on April 1st, be raised to 50 cents and \$1.25 each per year. The old rate will hold until that date, and all orders received before then will be accepted at that rate.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—If you receive the *WORKER* and have not ordered it please remember that you will not be called upon to pay for it. The regular rate is fifty cents per year and we will be glad to receive this amount from all who feel able to pay. We do ask, however, that you carefully read each issue, and we will be glad to have you send in any interesting items to the Louisiana Tract Society, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

All orders received by the Louisiana Tract Society receive prompt attention. We plan to attend to all business received within twenty-four hours of its arrival. Should you not hear from us within a reasonable time after ordering kindly notify us, as we desire to render the best of service.

O. R. GODSMARK.

News Notes

THE work in the city is very great and needs all the co-operation of every Seventh-day Adventist in this church.

The church has been favored by visits from several of our ministers and other laborers passing through the city recently.

The Lord has graciously answered the prayers of his people and raised two of our sisters from serious operations. Sister Mitchell is now up and gaining strength every day. Sister W. L. Brown also is able to be up. She was saved from death by a timely operation.

The time for the Bible Workers' Training Course to begin is nearly here. Let all those who can possibly do so, prepare to enter the school, as given in the announcement, to begin March 2, and last till May 2. This is a great opportunity. Let all our brethren and sisters plan on taking some part in the work and studies. It is a course given to develop the latent talent among us. The great events that are transpiring show us that the end is very near. To press on in the work now is our only safety. The idle indifferent ones will lose much by procrastinating. Time is swiftly passing. Souls are perishing unwarned. Those actively engaged in the work feel an overwhelming sense of the vast amount of work to be done.

The Y. P. M. V. Society of the New Orleans church have bought one hundred sets of the Family Bible Teacher leaflets to use in lending from house to house. Although the weather has been unfavorable a beginning has been made. Very interesting experiences have been related by those who went out with them. Let all pray for the blessings of God to accompany the silent teachers.

Now that the Missionary Society of the church is organized into bands, and meets at 7 o'clock each Tuesday night for the consideration of the various interests of the work, we urge every one to be present and on time, as soon the course of meetings will begin, and we want the people in the part of the city where the church is located to get much of the literature intended to prepare them to attend the meetings. The Eastern Question is now much spoken of in the homes, so this is the time to call their attention to the meaning of these events.

The report of the missionary work of the church for the month of January is not as large as we expected, many more papers and tracts were given than are reported. Two barrels of literature have been received. One is from Bro. Frank Dittmer who is now laboring at his trade in Washington, D. C. The other is from Keene (Texas) church. Brother Rubottom kindly gathered the papers from the members. Both these brethren and those who contributed the papers have our hearty thanks.

Report of the missionary work of the church of New Orleans for the month of January is as follows:—

MISSIONARY REPORT

Number of Visits	58
Hours of Christian Help-work	21
Sick Persons Assisted	4
Treatments Given	7
Meals Given	22
Articles of Clothing Given Away	14
Pages of Tracts Given	1,460
Papers Mailed and Handed Out	398
Books Loaned	8
Racks Filled	1
Times Filled	15
Letters Written	16
Letters Received	8
Periodicals Sold	192
Subscriptions Taken	4
Orders For Relief Books	8
Total of all Books Sold	31
Bible Readings Held	16
Cash on Hand for Literature	\$ 28 00
Sabbath-School Membership	83
Church Members	67
Members of Missionary Volunteer Society	21
Number of Periodical Workers	4

Though the bad weather has hindered several from attending the prayer and praise services Tuesday nights, we have had a very good attendance. Let all make a special effort to attend. They are precious seasons.

Tuesday, the 11th, Dr. Lydia Parmele left for Avinger, Texas, to visit her mother, Mrs. Kynet, who was taken sick while visiting relatives there. We hope and pray that the Doctor will find her much improved and soon perfectly well again.

E. P. AUGER.

The Lord is Calling

At the close of the recent Bookmen's Convention held in Keene, Texas, I accepted a call to labor as field agent in the Louisiana Conference, and now, dear brethren and sisters, as I take up this most important work among you, I want to ask that you support me with your prayers, and lend me your hearty co-operation remembering that where there is union there is strength. I am sure that all our dear people are more or less interested in the colporteur work, and, brethren, what we want to do is to put our boys and girls on the altar, so that whatever the call may be they will be ready to respond.

"The Lord is calling upon his people to take up different lines of work. Those in the highways and byways of life are to hear the gospel message."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 33. It seems to me that selling our message-filled books, is the most effective means that can be used to reach all classes of people. "The work of the canvasser-evangelist, whose heart is imbued with the Holy Spirit, is fraught with wonderful possibilities for good. The presentation of the truth in love and simplicity, from house to house, is in harmony with the instruction that Christ gave his disciples when he sent them out on their first missionary tour. By songs of praise, by humble, heart-felt prayers, many will be reached. The divine Worker will be present to send conviction to hearts. 'I am with you alway,' is his promise. With the assurance of the abiding presence of such a helper, we may labor with faith and hope and courage."—*Testimonies* Vol. 9, p. 34. Many are holding themselves out of this good work for fear that

they can not make a support for their families. Come, brethren, let us believe God: "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you." Matt. 20:4. God is earnestly calling for those who are willing to make the sacrifice, to go into this work and help warn the world. Millions are groping in darkness for the want of this precious truth that has been intrusted to us. Brethren let us arise as one man and give this message to the world and thereby hasten the coming of our dear Saviour. Who will answer the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Who will say "here am I; send me." Read Isa. 6:5-8. If you are considering the matter of going into the colporteur work I will be glad to take up correspondence with you, and I pledge myself to do all I can to help you make the work a success.

All colporteurs are requested to send their reports to the undersigned,

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Tennessee River Conference

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News Items

At nine o'clock Friday, February the 28th, our Colporteurs' Institute begins at Nashville, Tenn., in the Publishing House chapel. Let all try to be there promptly at the opening meeting, as we can better arrange our program and class work. Let all the brethren throughout the conference unite their prayers for the success of this Institute. It will close March 9.

Bro. J. S. Moore will work Ballard County, Kentucky, for "Seer of Patmos."

Bro. C. F. Dart has just returned from a visit to a number of places in the conference in the interest of missionary work.

We are glad to report that a number of the Hazel Academy students expect to canvass during vacation. An institute will be held there the latter part of March for their benefit.

Brother Elliott reports that the interest at Camden and vicinity still continues. Some seven or eight are keeping the Sabbath in that neighborhood. One woman promised to keep the Sabbath at the second reading held with her. She is in her seventy-second year and has been a Bible student ever since she was seventeen years of age. Seemingly all she needed was her attention called to the true Sabbath.

The report of the Sabbath-school secretary for the last quarter of last year shows a splendid increase over the corresponding quarter of the year before. Let us make it even better this quarter.

The conference office is supplied with a new style of tithe collector's envelope, that just fits the various offerings that are taken up in the churches. If the church treasurers will order a quantity of these it will be a great help in keeping the offerings and tithe up to the standard.

Brother Lowry reports one sister ready to unite with the church at Jackson as the firstfruits of the efforts there. May

we not accept this as an omen of the blessing of the Lord on the selection of this place as one that seems likely to be a fruitful field?

To all Church Elders and Officers in the Tennessee River Conference

DEAR BRETHREN: As you are no doubt aware, it has been made plain in advice from Sister White to us that we should have a medical college at Loma Linda. This college is for the benefit of the entire denomination, and we are glad to have some part in financing this institution.

Before the school can qualify as a properly equipped college it is necessary to employ hospital facilities. In order to provide such facilities, the General Conference has requested that in all our churches there be a special offering for the hospital fund, and this offering is to be taken on Sabbath, March 15. I trust that we all have such an interest in this work, which is not only to benefit the sick and suffering, but also to provide proper training along the health and temperance principles, for which our denomination has stood for years, so that our medical work can keep its proper place as the right hand of the message.

Will you not bring this to the attention of your church at least one week before the offering is to be taken, and then on the 15th all will be ready and we will be able to do our part.

E. L. MAXWELL.

Report of Sabbath-Schools for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1912

Name of School	Membership	Don. to Miss.
Memphis	134	\$ 64 85
Nashville (Memorial)	102	56 14
Hazel	59	34 44
Nashville (North)	60	34 38
Bon Aqua	23	19 11
Cedar Grove	39	14 79
Fountain Head	40	14 05
Home Department	60	12 50
Nashville (Sanitarium)	21	11 17
Madison	63	10 97
Lane	16	10 25
Jackson	13	8 47
Lawrenceburg	13	8 38
Springville	27	4 83
Chestnut Hill	9	4 00
Leach	52	3 70
Hustburg	12	2 75
Portland	11	2 72
Trezevant	16	1 59
Paris	3	75
Totals	773	\$ 319 84

Gain over the previous quarter \$24.17. Gain over corresponding quarter of the previous year \$137.59.

MRS. E. H. REES, *Secretary*.

If you are not following up the texts in the Morning Watch Calendar you are missing a great blessing every day. If you have not joined the ranks of those who are committing to memory these texts every day better do so at once. The Calendar costs only five cents and you will find it most helpful. Order of your tract society.

Hazel Academy Items

LAST week the arrival of Miss Gertrude Schwarz, of St. Louis, made it necessary to find a room for students outside the school home.

Twenty are taking the drill class in rudiments of music by Professor Atteberry. Miss Hibben is conducting a class in principles of drawing.

It is planned to put four or five acres of new land into cultivation the present year. Most of the timber has already been removed for fuel and fence posts.

Bro. C. F. Dart, our field missionary agent, spent two days at the school recently in the interest of the colporteur work.

There will evidently be a good interest in this branch of the work when the institute is held in a few weeks.

A full school, with increased work for the principal and teachers, makes it impossible to correspond with parents as often as we would like. We are always glad to hear from them however and will try to answer promptly.

The Young People's Society plans to give a temperance program for the public in a few weeks. One hundred fifty Temperance *Instructors* have been ordered.

Miscellaneous

Loma Linda Hospital Day

AN IMPORTANT CALL FOR MARCH 15

SABBATH, March 15, brings to us an opportunity of unusual privilege, that of uniting as a people in establishing our denominational medical college hospital. It is the first time this matter has been presented to us in this way, and the occasion deserves and demands our most hearty response. The object of this call for help is one that appeals to every individual among us, and should move us to a united action in performing the thing required.

The development of our medical missionary work since its origin with us fifty years ago, has ever called for advance moves. It has made progress according as we have kept pace with its demands. Its growth has been constant and certain, and untold good has been accomplished in field and institutional work. We came to the place where it seemed absolutely necessary that we have our own medical college, where an education could be given that would in the highest sense meet the needs of Seventh-day Adventist medical workers. After most careful investigation, and with evident leadings of God's providences, the College of Medical Evangelists was established at Loma Linda, California. After five years' experience in conducting this school, the wisdom of its establishment is being fully demonstrated.

There are at present sixty-three students in attendance. A number of these are now entering their fourth year. Their education thus far has been such as could be given with present facilities. They now come to the important part of their education and training, where they must have practical experience in the care and treatment of the sick. They need to make application of the knowledge they have gained in right methods of treatment, such as we teach, and which they wish to follow in their future work. They should have opportunity of seeing these methods employed and of studying their effects. They should, under the supervision of our own physicians, be permitted to diagnose and prescribe treatment. This need can not be met in outside medical schools or hospitals.

Aside from the evident value of facilities for giving the

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Principle, Not Policy

It is true enough that "honesty is the best policy," but it is equally true, and a truth of far greater importance, that honesty is an essential part of Christian morality.

Christian morality is the morality of God himself; it is his righteousness brought into the individual life by the power of his own Son; and it is the only morality that will stand the test of the judgment, and is therefore essential to salvation.

There is absolutely no sufficient basis of morals other than the divine law. In an accommodated sense "morals" means "manners," and it is this sort of morality that "is the best policy." One expression of this brand of utilitarianism is, "When in Rome do as the Romans do." There is absolutely no sound principle in it, and it is always safe to watch the man who is honest only because it is "the best policy."

The moral of these observations is, Never teach your child, whether boy or girl, to be honest or moral because it is the best policy; but in every instance make the divine law the basis of moral action, the underlying motive for every act and every decision. Do RIGHT BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT, not because it is the best policy. The doctrine of utilitarianism is the doctrine of devils. The service of God calls for sterner stuff than enters into the composition of the advocates of the morality of mere respectability, or in other words, of custom.

Loma Linda Hospital Day

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most efficient training, there are legal requirements, which demand certain standards of education before permitting students to pass examinations for actual practise. A people occupying the prominent position we do in conducting health institutions and in the promulgation of health principles should certainly not be satisfied with anything below the highest standard recognized by the world. We must not only be prepared to meet this, but go as far beyond it as the special needs of our work may demand. This we are aiming to do in the work of our medical college.

Above all, there is the important matter of holding our own medical students and future missionaries under the influence of our own instructors, where they may have the most favorable conditions for maintaining in the highest degree their love for and interest in the cause of truth in which they are called to serve. Any one can readily see that this is essential to the right training of our workers.

The establishment of a hospital will do more than simply supply a means of advanced education. It will open a way whereby many of our own people can receive the best of at-

tention and hospital care at most moderate cost. It will also bring to us a large number of people from without, who could not enter sanitariums where the rates are necessarily higher. The services rendered will be of the highest efficiency, and the most kindly consideration will be shown all.

This matter comes before us in the appointment of a special Hospital Day, at which time we will make an offering to this work. It is thought that, if we average fifty cents each in our gifts, it will meet the needs. While some may find it a little difficult to meet this amount, with the other calls that come, others can surely give much more, thus helping to make up the full sum. Let the occasion be one of liberal response, and let us in this one effort establish this most worthy and needed enterprise, a hospital for our medical college at Loma Linda.

A. G. DANIELLS.

Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference

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E F WatersBF	51			7 75	7 75	35 00
R T JacksBF	22	1	1 00	1 50	2 50	69 50
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Alabama Conf	224	49	74 50	13 50	88 00	118 25
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Louisiana Conf	...	70		34 00	13 50	47 50	17 75
Mississippi Conf	..	137	130	153 50	7 45	160 95	20 45
Tenn River Conf	..	156	77	103 50	8 30	111 80	7 50

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