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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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Courage

BECAUSE I hold it sinful to despond,
And will not let the bitterness of life
Blind me with burning tears, but look beyond
Its turmoil and its strife;

Because I lift my head above the mist,
Where the sun shines and the broad breezes blow,
By every ray and every rain-drop kind
That God's love doth bestow;

Think you I find no bitterness at all;
No burden to be borne, like Christian's pack?
Think you there are no ready tears to fall,
Because I keep them back?

Why should I hug life's ills with cold reserve,
To curse myself and all who love me? Nay!
A thousand times more good than I deserve,
God gives me every day.

And in each one of these rebellious tears
Kept bravely back, he makes a rainbow shine;
Grateful I take his slightest gift; no plans
Nor any doubts are mine.

Dark skies must clear, and when the clouds are past,
One golden day redeems a weary year;
Patient I listen, sure that sweet at last
Will sound his voice of cheer.

—Anon.

General

Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy

MRS. E. G. WHITE

(Continued)

It is a great work to educate, discipline, and train minds in the service of God here, and to dwell in the courts above forever. In the world to come your children will be just what you have made them in this world. "Remember" is placed at the very first of the fourth commandment. Parents, remember the Sabbath day yourselves and keep it holy; and if you do this, you are giving the proper instruction to your children. They will reverence God's holy day.

Let it be your study to select and make your homes as far from Sodom and Gomorrah as you can. Keep out of the large cities. If possible, make your home in the quiet retirement of the country, even if you can never become wealthy by doing so. Come where there is the best influence. Give your children employment. Let them learn some trade. Teach

them to be useful on some piece of ground. If you do not keep them busy, the devil will. Children have active minds, and they need to be employed in lifting the burdens of practical life. They should never be left to pick up their own employment. Parents should control this matter themselves.

Ministers' children are in many cases the most neglected children in the world, for the reason that their father can be with them but little, and they are left to choose their own amusement and employment. But the first work of the father should be to situate his children so that they will have work to do, and an education in physical work as well as in the study of books. It may be a gratification to have your children with you; but if you are so situated that you can not give them employment, place them where they can work and employ their God-given powers in useful labors. They will come to you in the end far stronger in moral powers and in a knowledge that will be of advantage to them and you.

Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the Lord requires of parents that they shall give special instruction to their children. Like Abraham, they are to command their children and their household after them. If they neglect this part of the work they are disqualifying themselves to care for the flock of God.

Parents, do not select a business that will constantly stand in the way to obstruct the exercise of your Christian duties, and where you must imperil your Christian principles. Be firm, be faithful, where you are. You are on a battle-field. Bring moral courage and firm principle to your aid. Wherever Providence has placed you, take up your God-appointed work. Serve him most faithfully, but enter into no business relations with men, do not become partners with those who do not revere the Sabbath, and who laugh at your attempt to keep it. They are constantly working out Satan's devices that you shall bring worldly business into the Sabbath. They make it their boast that they are just as good as you are. Keep holy the Sabbath day at whatever sacrifice to yourself. Never allow the holy day of the Lord to be disregarded by yourself or by your children.

And wherever you make your home, there erect your altar. Seek the blessing of God upon your home and your children, morning and evening. The Lord declares, "Them that honor me will I honor." The reason that there are so many unhappy, self-willed, ungrateful children, is that they are not educated to revere God, to love him, to pray to him, to keep his commandments holy. With the one hand of persevering faith lay hold of your children; with the other hand lifted to heaven, grasp the merciful hand of Jesus Christ. Christian education is needed in your home. All through the week keep the Lord's holy Sabbath in view, for that day is to be devoted to the service of God. It is a day when the hands are to rest from worldly employment, and when the soul needs to receive special attention.

From the very cradle the children are to be educated and right impressions to be given to the mind. They are to be instructed in regard to the knowledge of God and his holy commandments. Neither infants, nor children, nor youth, should hear an impatient word from father, mother, or any member of the household; for they receive impressions very early in life, and what parents make of them to-day they will be to-morrow, and the next day, and the next. The first lessons impressed upon the child are never forgotten.

Then search the Scriptures, parents. Be not only hearers, but doers of the Word. Meet God's standard in the education of your children. Let them see that you are preparing for the Sabbath on the working days of the week. All preparations should be made, every stitch taken, on the six working days; all cooking for the Sabbath should be done on the preparation day. It is possible to do this, and if you make it a rule, you can do it. The commandment is, "Bake that which ye will bake to-day, and seethe that ye will seethe," for "to-morrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath." That day is not to be given to the cooking of food, or pleasure seeking, or worldly employment. Explain your work and its purpose to your children, and let them help themselves and their parents in their preparation to keep the Sabbath according to the commandment. Lead your children to consider the Sabbath as a delight, the day of days, the holy of the Lord, honorable. Do not allow yourself to spend the precious hours of the Sabbath in your bed. The heads of the house should be astir early.

(To be concluded)

Our Publishing House

Home Office News

SALES report for week ending August 9, 1913: Total number bound volumes, 3,371; *Watchman*, 3,990.

We are still very busy at the Home Office. The boys in the Book Department did valiant service in loading the first car which left for Fort Worth on the 12th.

Miss Lee Huguley returned to the office Monday after an extended visit at her home in Keene, Texas.

Brother A. J. Staggs returned last week from Battle Creek, Mich., where he has been visiting friends and relatives.

OUR CHAPEL TALK

We were glad to have Elder W. W. Eastman present at the chapel service Monday morning. He gave a very interesting study based on Revelation 12:6-17, some of the thoughts brought out being as follows:—

"There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels and cast them out of heaven. Satan's efforts are now concentrated upon this earth. 'Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.' Satan and his angels have now focused their forces upon the woman, or church, 'which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.' He knows that he has but a short time to work and he is determined to destroy all he possibly can, so we should not be surprised when we as individuals are attacked by his forces. We are in a mighty conflict and the devil and his angels are arrayed against us, but the Lord is on our side and victory is ours.

"Do you suppose there was any organization when the conflict took place between Christ and his angels and the devil and his angels? There was the most perfect system of organization. Satan has always had his forces organized. He

is the head of the combined forces that we see in organized form in the Papacy. Would Christ meet this organized force with a disorganized church? Should we not expect that the nearer we come to the end the more perfect the church organization would become? It is in the providence of God that this great system of organization has been developed. It is a sign that our conflict is about over.

"One of the agencies that God has for meeting the power of the Papacy is the publishing work. The first thing God put into the hands of this church was the printing-press. As Luther said, 'It is one of the greatest gifts of God to man.' Satan expects to stop the great work of publishing books and distributing them to the world, but before the Lord permits this we want to be through with our publishing houses, tract societies, and colporteur work. May God help us to perfect this organization into such a working force that it may do perfectly the work he designs it should do."

The writer has just returned from a visit to the Georgia camp-meeting, at Fort Valley, Ga., which is a town about twenty-five miles southeast of Macon. The camp was most pleasantly located in a large grove which gave plenty of shade. The attendance was not large but there was a splendid interest throughout the meeting and the Spirit of God was manifestly present.

Elder N. V. Willess was elected president, W. A. Abernathy, secretary and treasurer, and Brother W. S. Fulbright, field missionary agent. Brother Willess has been in our territory a number of years, coming to Georgia direct from the North Texas Conference. He is an ardent bookman, and time was given each day for colporteurs' meetings, the writer being privileged to speak at two sessions. A good interest was manifested in the book-work and we trust that the sales for Georgia for 1913 will far exceed those of last year.

Among those present were the new union president, Elder O. Montgomery, Professor H. M. Hiatt, Elder C. B. Haynes, W. H. Branson, and V. O. Cole, also L. D. Randall manager of our Atlanta Branch.

Elder Montgomery, the new union president, is a very enthusiastic bookman, as are also our other union and local presidents. Brother Montgomery himself has spent considerable time in the colporteur work and knows its value. With practical bookmen in charge of our conferences it is to be expected that our book and periodical sales will take the lead in the United States and Canada. I was made to feel very much at home, and was indeed glad to meet personally so many of the brethren and sisters that previous to this meeting I had only known by correspondence.

The work in Georgia is onward. The people there are a consecrated band of workers, and prospects for the new year are most encouraging.

In a letter just received from Brother Collison, field agent of Oklahoma, he says two-thirds of the State is burning up from the crop standpoint, but they are thankful for the one-third which is still untouched, and are looking for a large delivery.

"Less, less of self each day, and more, my Lord, of thee;
O keep me in the path, however rough it be.
Leave naught within of all that is my own,
Strip me of self and so complete my training for the throne."

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,
R. HOOK JR., Gen. Manager.

"THE relations between God and each soul are as distinct and full as though there were not another soul for whom he gave his beloved Son."

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Alabama Conference — Twenty-Cents-a-Week Fund				
Membership	Am't for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Aug. 11	Amount paid to Aug. 11	Amount short
195	\$2028.00	\$1183.00	\$ 599.77	\$ 583.23
Alabama Mission — Twenty-Cents-a-Week Fund				
200	\$2080.00	\$1213.33	\$ 287.09	\$ 926.24

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Kentucky Conference — Twenty-Cents-a-Week Fund				
Membership	Am't for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Aug. 11	Amount paid to Aug. 11	Amount short
183	\$1903.20	\$1110.20	\$ 609.03	\$ 501.17
Kentucky Mission — Twenty-Cents-a-Week Fund				
75	\$ 780.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 184.61	\$ 270.39

News Notes

BROTHER JAMES HICKMAN has returned to Fayette County and is selling "Bible Footlights."

The tent meetings are progressing nicely in Nicholasville. The attendance averages over one hundred a night.

Sister Meyers, of Lexington, was in Nicholasville the past week. She came to attend the tent meeting.

Sister Amy Coble is selling "Bible Footlights" in Richmond. Those who have arrived in Nicholasville to assist in pitching the camp are as follows: W. P. Ethington, Robert Coker, Curtis Pound, and H. Ethington.

Brother Barnett Simpson, of Lockport, will enter the colporteur field in a few days.

Brother and Sister Sutton, of Litchfield, are faithful in remembering the Lord's work. Their check has just been received and with it they write that their courage is good in the Lord.

When you receive this WORKER the camp-meeting will be in progress, and if you are not present remember that God can bless you at home, so pray for his Holy Spirit.

Nicholasville

By the time this reaches the hands of the brethren our camp-meeting and conference will be in session; so let all pray that the Spirit of God may rule in all the proceedings of this important gathering.

The colporteurs in the field report courage. We need to pray for them as they go from home to home. Also let us pray for new recruits to join the force of workers now in the field; and as we pray let us think of ourselves, and say, "Lord here am I, send me." There are a number of colporteurs planning to attend the camp-meeting. There we can meet and tell of the blessed experiences the Lord has given us since we last met. May the hearts of God's people be stirred that all may join in the closing work of the last message. Work, work, WORK; pray, pray, PRAY.

H. E. BECK.

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Mississippi Conference — Twenty-Cents-a-Week Fund				
Membership	Am't for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Aug. 11	Amount paid to Aug. 11	Amount short
157	\$1632.80	\$ 952.47	\$ 728.67	\$ 223.80
Mississippi Mission — Twenty-Cents-a-Week Fund				
130	\$1352.00	\$ 788.66	\$ 121.12	\$ 667.54

President's Address

To THE delegates assembled at Hattiesburg, July 30 to August 7, in the thirteenth annual session of the Mississippi Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Greeting:—

The latter part of August, 1912, the request came from the General Conference that we make Mississippi our field of labor. Our little boy was just convalescing from a serious attack of sickness, and I was in the midst of an interesting tent effort in Philadelphia, Pa. After much deliberation and prayer, we decided to respond to the invitation. Accordingly, on November 7, 1912, my family and I set our feet upon the soil of Mississippi to join with you in building up the work in this great State.

Strange and peculiar have been our imaginations of the

Statement of Funds Received at Office of the Kentucky Conference, Second Quarter, 1913

Church	Membs.	Tithe	S. S. Off.	RI. Lib.	Wk. Off.	H. Ing.	L. L. Hos.	Total
Louisville	94	\$ 356 46	\$ 72 66	\$	\$ 12 43	\$ 2 20	\$	\$ 443 75
Conference Church	49	286 02	61 03		23 17		50	370 72
Grove	26	62 76	5 63				5 02	73 41
Halcom	6	50 00	1 00					51 00
Bowling Green	21	26 65	22 38		70			49 73
Lexington	12	31 97	8 52				1 40	41 89
Ford	23	29 60	10 24			1 30		41 14
Sand Hill	23	5 35	3 30	1 58	6 04			16 27
Hartford	16	7 96	2 30		56	70		11 52
Totals		\$ 856 77	\$ 187 06	\$ 1 58	\$ 42 90	\$ 4 20	\$ 6 92	\$1099 43

S. F. LOVE, Treasurer.

Southern field. Happy and content has been our realization. In this short period of nine months we have learned to love the people of Mississippi. Their burdens have become our burdens; their interests, our interests.

Taking up the work I busied myself getting in touch with every member, and visited the churches as often as time would permit. Doubtless it is known to all that since the last Southern Union Conference session, the mission work is largely under the jurisdiction of the local conferences. This has greatly increased the burdens of the local conference committee, and therefore my time has been divided between the interests of the Mississippi Conference and the Mississippi Mission.

The past year is full of evidences that we are living in the day when the final prophecy is being fulfilled. Signs in the earth, men's hearts failing them for fear, tidal waves, floods, cyclones, wars, destructive storms,—all fulfilling prophecies before our eyes. Doors of opportunity, the hinges of which have long rusted, are now wide open to receive the closing gospel message. Progress in promulgating the third angel's message is seen everywhere. The reports rendered at our last General Conference by our missionaries all over the world show that the Lord is rapidly shaping the finishing of his work in the earth. All this should spur us to great earnestness, and cause us to take a spiritual inventory of our religious experiences, and seek to know whether our sins reach heaven ere the judgment hour has passed.

LITERATURE

It is gratifying to note the splendid results of our colporteurs. During the year 1912, \$8,788 worth of literature was placed in the homes of Mississippi. While we are the smallest conference in the Southern Union, so far as membership is concerned, yet our efforts have not brought forth the smallest results. Comparing these figures with the rest of the conferences in the Union, it shows the Mississippi Conference about \$500 in the lead of the second highest conference in the Union, and \$5,800 in the lead of the lowest conference in the Union. Our field agent will show the continued progress during the year 1913.

To him who has never been in the field, these figures may not mean very much; but *there are those* who can appreciate the efforts required to distribute this amount of literature in a small conference. It requires courage, stick-to-it-iveness, stability, and above all a close walk with God, to be and to remain a successful colporteur.

To the colporteur I would say, You have my prayers; stay by the work, for such labor brings results and the laborer is worthy of his hire.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

From January 1, 1912 to December 31, 1912, the total tithe receipts amounted to \$2,577.49. The tithe of our Conference has been more or less fluctuating the last few years; but we have reason to believe that the year 1913 will at least hold its own with last year.

Last November our books showed a shortage on the Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund of about \$175. However, because of the liberality of our people in giving a most splendid annual offering, and on account of the successful results of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, there was raised \$411 instead of only \$175 due on this fund. This, therefore, placed us \$335.98 above the required amount on the Mission Fund. If you allow me to make another comparison with the other conferences in the Union, we find that it places us \$67.64 in the lead of the other two conferences who rejoiced with us in raising their full quota on this fund.

This home run, so to speak, in raising our shortage in this fund has led me to believe that there are possibilities within our reach greater than we have yet attained.

TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND

Therefore, we as a Conference need not be alarmed because of the resolution passed at the last General Conference that each local conference endeavor to raise the amount equal to twenty cents a week per member instead of fifteen cents. I am sure that none feel the poorer on account of the offerings made during the past year. We all rejoice and praise God for his bountiful blessings in our behalf, and that he has given us large hearts and willing minds to respond to the many calls beyond our border line. Though living in the times of severe floods, destructive storms; boll-weevil, etc., yet we have raised more on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund than is due up to date. We are listed at a membership of 157. The amount due June 30, 1913, is \$816.90. The amount received is \$890.58, making a total of \$73.68 more than the required amount.

Because our missionary endeavor shows that we have raised a little more than the stipulated amount should not be an incentive to relax in our systematic giving, but should stir us on to greater zeal. Why not make the year 1913 the banner year for missions?

A CALL FOR HELP

Appeals for help have come from all parts of the Conference. Many of these we were obliged to pass unanswered, but the calls to which we were able to respond have brought forth good results. New believers have been raised up at Speed; several have responded to the message through the tent effort at Moselle; and a goodly number have been added to the Jackson church since last conference, so that to-day our membership is listed at 157 instead of the 141 of a year ago.

We are in great need of ministerial help. At the General Conference we put forth every effort to secure a minister for Mississippi. We believe this effort has not altogether been fruitless, and hope, ere the year closes, the Mississippi Conference will have another ordained minister added to its force of workers. A farmer may have a thousand acres of land, but unless he has laborers to till the soil and sow the seed he can not expect a harvest. I believe our need requires that we invite the Southern Union Conference to assist us, and persistently press our request until one minister and two Bible workers are secured for Mississippi. We solicit the prayers of this delegation that we may be able to secure these much needed workers.

AN APPEAL FOR MORE EARNEST WORK

I am of the profound conviction that the day is not far distant when the followers of this movement must respond to the call of God in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, p. 70; namely, "Will not the churches arouse, and give the last warning message to the world?" This was published four years ago. What effect did it have upon us as members of churches? Thousands may never have seen this statement, and are folding their arms in contentment, thinking that somehow, through their profession and the mercies of God, they will be swept along with the current of enthusiasm created by the ministers and other active workers, and thus by absorption, hope to triumph with the message. But let me emphasize the thought that stagnation will bring death and decomposition. The time has come for our church-members to arouse to activity for the finishing of the work of God in the earth. Has not the cry been world-wide for men and women to carry the last warning message to all the world in this generation? And with this cry goes the assurance that

God will work mightily with the messenger. I appeal for a steady, never-ending missionary effort by every member. "Study to show thyself approved unto God," and so live that it may be said of you that your sincere earnestness, your tireless energy, your sterling manhood or womanhood, your unflinching courage, command the esteem and admiration of all just men; and that your presence may be an inspiration and your memory a benediction.

Let the everlasting gospel stir your energies and compel you to go out in the highways and hedges and constrain the lame, the halt, and the blind to come to the marriage supper of the Lamb. The time is at hand for the loud cry of the message and for the outpouring of Pentecostal showers. And as William Carey, the great missionary, once said, Let us "expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."

C. S. WIEST.

Louisiana Conference

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Louisiana Conference — Twenty-Cents-a-Week Fund

Membership	Am't for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Aug. 11	Amount paid to Aug. 11	Amount short
267	\$2776.80	\$1619.46	\$1117.28	\$ 502.18

Louisiana Mission — Twenty-Cents-a-Week Fund

76	\$ 790.40	\$ 461.07	\$ 64.38	\$ 396.69
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News Items

OWING to the fact that almost all our regular colporteurs attended the camp-meeting recently held in Alexandria, and that the tract society office was closed for over two weeks, quite a break has occurred in the reports from the field. Several of the workers left the field in advance of the opening day for the camp-meeting, and others remained some time on the grounds after the closing date, thus breaking into the field work for nearly three weeks. This, all taken into consideration, makes clear the lack of reports for the time mentioned.

Although the reports will show short time for the month of July, yet we are sure that, in reality, time has not been lost. This little season of "come ye apart and rest awhile" will prove of great benefit to all during the remainder of the year. We all enjoyed meeting and becoming better acquainted with each other. The encouragement received from the visiting bookmen, Elder W. W. Eastman and Brother J. W. Davis, was appreciated. Elder S. E. Wight expressed a deep interest in the colporteur work in Louisiana and was pleased with the advancement made the past year.

Judging from the rich experiences gained by many in the past, we are confident that all are already looking forward with pleasure to the Harvest Ingathering. Full particulars for this year's effort will appear in the very near future. Begin to talk about and plan now for the active part you are to take in this effort.

A splendid plan has been proposed whereby our "Home Missionary Workers," that includes all, can help the work in

foreign fields and at the same time advance the spread of the truth right at home. This is a good, workable plan to provide means for the providing of literature for the needy countries beyond, such as China, Japan, Korea, India, and many others, and at the same time place the truth in the homes right at your own doors.

It is as follows: Let every Sabbath keeper in the United States and Canada sell one ten-cent magazine during the month of September and give the five cents profit to a fund for providing our brethren in China, Japan, and India with literature for free distribution. We have 60,000 Sabbath keepers in the United States and Canada. Five cents from each would give \$3,400. This would buy a very large quantity of reading matter in countries where it can be produced so inexpensively.

Of course each will want to at least sell the single copy asked for, and many will want to sell several, and our magazine and book colporteurs will readily dispose of their share for this fund.

Some may say that if it is only five cents that is needed from each, they will gladly give it rather than take the trouble to sell the magazine, but we do not want that done. This is to be a fund produced by the sale of literature and for the free distribution of it in foreign fields. We wish to get this fund from the public. The Lord says that "The forces [or wealth, margin] of the Gentiles shall come unto thee" (Isa. 60:5); but we have to do our part to bring this wealth to us. Let us, every one who is interested in foreign missions, give this plan our hearty approval, and by a little effort do our part and have it all out of the way before the Harvest Ingathering. Remember that the proceeds of this "Foreign Free Literature Fund" will apply on your twenty cents a week.

The easiest way for you to take part in this effort will be to send to the tract society ten cents in stamps, stating that you want a part in this work, and mentioning which magazine you wish to sell. We will gladly supply you with the *Watchman*, *Signs*, *Protestant*, *Life and Health*, *Education*, *Liberty*, or any of the foreign magazines published by our people.

O. R. GODSMARK.

Alexandria

OUR brethren in Louisiana, and especially those who were present at the camp-meeting, will be interested to know how the work is progressing here in Alexandria. We began meetings here on the 29th day of June, being greatly hindered in starting on account of the delay in receiving our tent. The tent was ordered March 15, the makers promised to consign it May 15, but it did not reach us until July 7. Not wishing to be so long delayed, we began the meeting in our old camp-meeting tent. During the first twelve days after we were ready to begin, we were able to have only five meetings, and one of them was held in the City Hall. The rest of the time our tent was flat on the ground. The storm blew it down three times, and would doubtless have torn it to shreds the fourth time, but we got it down just in time. Each of the four times it was badly ripped, and required a great deal of labor to right it. The next day after we got the new tent up a storm blew out two plate glass windows in a store in the city, but the new tent weathered it all right. These things, with the fourth of July festivities which were indulged in for two days by the people of Alexandria, the State Soldiers' Encampment here, and the celebration of "Alexandria Day" did much to hinder our meeting.

About two weeks after we really got started the camp-meeting commenced. Preparations for the meeting, which required a great deal of labor on the part of our force, the du-

ties connected with the camp-meeting, the breaking of camp, and shipping the supplies, prevented our tent force very largely from doing the visiting so necessary to the success of a tent meeting. But notwithstanding these hindrances, the Lord has blessed us, and a good harvest of souls now seems very probable.

The uninterrupted meeting has now been in progress only four weeks and so far ten new ones have signed the covenant. With but one exception these were all heads of families. How many of these will remain faithful to this vow we can not tell, but some have come out very clearly and definitely. Two of the brethren have lost their positions, one on account of the Sabbath, and the other just as he was making his decision. This naturally gives them some perplexity, but they talk nothing but faith and courage.

A number of others, among them the ex-parish treasurer, publicly signified their intention to obey the truth. These are not included in the ten mentioned above, as the sincerity of their promise is not yet demonstrated, and they were not present when the covenant was presented.

We expect to close this particular effort on Sunday night, August 17, and move the tent to a location about eight blocks southwest, where Elder Frank and Brother McLennan will hold another series of meetings. From present indications it would seem there is work enough to keep a corps of workers busy here for a year. We fully expect to see a strong church raised up here. We hope the work at this place will have the united prayers of our brethren everywhere.

R. W. PARMELE.

Tennessee River Conference

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Tennessee River Conference — Twenty-Cents-a-Week Fund

Membership Am't for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Aug. 11	Amount paid to Aug. 11	Amount short
538 \$5595.20	\$3263.86	\$1285.55	\$1978.31

Tennessee River Mission — Twenty-Cents-a-Week Fund

109 \$1133.60	\$ 661.27	\$ 58.46	\$ 602.81
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News Items

ELDER G. B. THOMPSON will attend the first week of the Kentucky camp-meeting, then go to Ohio, returning to Tennessee to attend the first week of that meeting. If any can not attend more than one week, come the first week.

RATES TO CAMP-MEETING

We have been unable to secure the usual camp-meeting rates this year on the certificate plan. But parties of ten or more traveling on one ticket can secure the same rate as by the certificate plan. In order to get the reduction all the members of a party must go at the same time. Instead of a separate ticket for each person a single ticket is sold for ten or more persons at the rate of two cents a mile. Baggage will be checked on such tickets the same as on single tickets; namely, 150 pounds for each adult passenger and seventy-five pounds for each child between the ages of five and twelve years, paying half fare. The party rate does not call for a round trip, hence the members of the return party need

not be the same as the going party. Understand, the single-ticket, ten-or-more-party rate secures to each adult member of the party, passage at the rate of two cents a mile, and to each child between the ages of five and twelve years, passage at the rate of one cent a mile; but in making up a party there must be at least ten full tickets; that is, if there are only nine adults there must be two children paying fare.

Interest in the Country

LAST Sunday, in the absence of Dr. Harris, Brother Harvey took me in his auto to Denton, some ten miles out from Nashville, where we spoke to the people on the Sanctuary and 2300 Days. There was a full attendance and a good interest manifested.

We have been holding meetings at this place from time to time and it can plainly be seen that the truth is taking root in their hearts. One family there are Sabbath keepers, and drive ten miles to Sabbath-school and meeting. Another man asked me yesterday if I could prove that the Catholics had changed the Sabbath. I replied that that was an easy matter, and after a short explanation I handed him a tract on "Who Changed the Sabbath," for which he thanked me, saying, "I'll give that a careful study." That is what we want the people to do. May the Spirit of God quickly bring the honest in heart into his truth that we may be gathered into the kingdom.

C. A. HANSEN.

From the Field

WHILE giving a canvass to a woman, Brother Hazelton was asked by her if he was not a Seventh-day Adventist. He replied that he was, and she immediately ordered "Great Controversy," and "Steps to Christ."

The past few days Brother Wolff and I have been holding a colporteurs' institute at Memphis. Five or six have promised to take up the work. Three of these are sisters with household duties who can only work a part of the time. Pray for the success of these new ones as they start out.

Brother Chenault canvassed a colored preacher for "Daniel and the Revelation." He had this book and liked it so well that he recommended it to his members. He also ordered a copy of "Bible Footlights."

Brother Chenault has finished canvassing Hardin County for "Daniel and the Revelation," and is home for a few days. He has been working east of the Tennessee River the past four months, and has stuck right to his work in spite of discouragement because of drought and thinly settled territory. The Lord has greatly blessed his efforts, giving him \$1,069.50 worth of orders.

Brother Hinshaw has finished canvassing Hickman County for "Bible Footlights," taking nearly \$600 worth of orders. He has delivered nearly half of them, and has about \$300 worth more to deliver. He has been having some interesting experiences. In one section it was reported that the book contained Mormon doctrine. But by the help of the Lord he was enabled to deliver all but three copies.

One woman bought the book for cash. She said that she had bought a large book of Brother Balsbaugh but did not read it much as she thought it was a lot of lies. She was now investigating it. Her sister-in-law has "Bible Footlights," and reads it more than she does the Bible. So this woman made up her mind that she would get a copy the first opportunity.

One man said he would not take five dollars for his book. It was the best book he had ever seen. When asked what he thought of the Sabbath, he replied, "That's the truth, the

Bible truth, and I believe it." Another man said he would not take three dollars and fifty cents for his book.

Sisters Rebecca Moore and Lura Reed have finished Clinton, Ky., and are now at Union City, Tenn. Sister Reed writes, "Brother Dart, I can't tell you how much I appreciate your helping me into this work. I enjoy it and love it more than I can express. Of course we get hard knocks, but we get them no matter what kind of work we are in. People are just anxious to get this truth, and I am so glad that I am blessed in having the privilege of carrying it to a few. The more I am in the work, the more I want to give my whole life to it to be used as will best benefit it."

A woman who had been to the Madison Sanitarium was so well pleased with our people, she bought three copies of Bible Footlights," and by her influence helped Sister Reed to get another order in the house, making four in the same house.

C. F. DART.

Tennessee River Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

THE annual meeting of the constituents of the Tennessee River Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, will convene on the camp ground at Jackson, Tenn., Monday, September 1 at 10:30 A. M., for the election of the board of trustees for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the association.

E. L. MAXWELL, *President.*

F. C. VARNEY, *Secretary.*

Tennessee River Conference

THE twenty-sixth annual session of the Tennessee River Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene on the camp ground in Jackson, Tenn., Friday, August 29, 1913 at 9 A. M., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each ten members.

The executive committees, ordained ministers and representatives of the Southern Union Conference, the North American Division Conference, and the General Conference are delegates at large.

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Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference

Week Ending August 2, 1913

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Harrie E Barnes* BF	62	91		\$109 00	\$	\$109 00	\$
H L Waters BF	38	22		42 00		42 00	
Alex Wood BF	25	26		26 00	7 00		33 00
J H Reams BF	16	19		21 50	5 00	26 50	3 00
P Hampton* BF	70	9		24 35		24 35	
Ward B Studt ... BF	23	6		9 00	4 00	13 00	
E G Bennett ... NTP	31	51		12 75		12 75	23 25
Chas Griffiths ... CK	10						12 50
C D Sloane PP&F	29	6		9 50	50	10 00	
J M Gillim BF	14	3		4 00	50	4 50	14 50
R T Jacks BF	25						64 00

Totals 343 233 \$258 10 \$17 00 \$275 10 \$117 25

* Two Weeks.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Wm Horn D&R	33	12	\$36 00	\$15 75	\$51 75	\$
P. M. Winkler ... BF	38	34	47 00		47 00	
J E Miller D&R	42	7	26 00	14 25	40 25	
C G Parkins ... D&R	44	16	32 00	1 50	33 50	
H Ethington ... BF	50	31	31 00	2 25	33 25	
M Wheeler D&R	48	7	25 00	6 00	31 00	
H C Smith CK	42	20	30 00	50	30 50	
R N Coker CK	37	18	28 00	2 25	30 25	
F F Swan D&R	35	6	15 00	1 25	16 25	
Jas Hickman ... BF	30			5 75	5 75	82 25
W B Wilson BF	36	4	4 00	1 00	5 00	

Totals 435 155 \$274 00 \$50 50 \$324 50 \$82 25

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mamie Moore ... D&R	34	27	\$49 50	\$	50	\$50 00	\$ 4 50
F D Knox BF	27	26	25 50	1 50	27 00		
Lura Reed BF	20	23	24 50		24 50		
J S Moore SofP	47	15	21 75	1 00	22 75		
R H Hazelton ... GC	35	8	17 00	3 50	20 50	27 00	
C H Chenault BF&D&R	28	13	17 50	75	18 25	25 00	
J N Womack ... BF	30	12	12 50	5 00	17 50		
Berdon Hampton BF	27	10	14 00	50	14 50		
A C Williman ... BF	25	7	7 50		7 50		
D A Jones BF	16	4	6 00	50	6 50		
Rebecca Moore ... BF	10	1	1 00	25	1 25		

Totals 299 140 \$196 75 \$13 50 \$210 25 \$56 50

Grand Totals 1077 528 \$728.85 \$81.00 \$809.85 \$256.00

Magazine Agents' Report, Week Ending August 2, 1913

Agent	No.	Value
ALABAMA CONFERENCE		
Ruth Greentree	150	\$ 15 00
Matilda B Nelson	50	5 00
Evelyn M Nelson	41	4 10
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE		
Louisville Church	150	15 00
Ebb Wallace	50	5 00
Latitia Steele	50	5 00
M Jones	50	5 00
Totals	541	\$ 54 10

The World's Temperance Day

NOVEMBER 2 has been selected for "The World's Temperance Day" in Sunday-schools and church services all over the world. The opportunity for circulating temperance literature is, therefore, very favorable between the present time and that date. Your *Temperance Instructor* workers could quickly make good use of this coming event in a number of ways. Surely our people ought in some way to demonstrate on November 2 their interest in, and loyalty to, the temperance cause.

The *Temperance Instructor* has sold well this year, and is, we hear, still going, but as it has a wonderful influence favorable to temperance reform in winning to our general work the good-will and confidence of the people, its publishers have an interest greater than mere paper selling.

Our paper sellers ought to take advantage of the *World's Temperance Day* to circulate the *Instructor*.

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Camp Meetings

Alabama Mission (colored) September 4-11
Kentucky, Nicholasville August 14-24
Kentucky Mission (colored) August 28-September 7
Mississippi Mission (colored), Hazelhurst ... September 4-14
Tennessee River, Jackson August 28-September 7

Mississippi Camp-Meeting

THIS camp-meeting was intensely interesting. The people from the city filled the tent every night. The theme of conversation in business houses, and even in the court-house during the session of the court, was the truth being preached at the tent. In one case the witnesses, while waiting to testify for a case in court, spent their leisure time in discussing what they had heard at the camp ground during the evening meeting.

The camp was located in a grove very easy of access to the people of the city. There was a good attendance of our own people which added strength to the meeting. The Lord certainly blessed all in attendance. All branches of the work were given attention by the different speakers, and many testified to the benefits received from the instruction given.

There has been development in every branch of the work, showing a good, healthy growth. When the needs of the home field and the foreign missions were presented the people responded liberally. Besides the Sabbath-school collection, which amounted to over forty dollars, one thousand and fifty-two dollars was given to home and foreign missions, this amount to be divided equally between the two. Elder G. B. Thompson and Elder W. W. Eastman gave some timely instruction which was appreciated by all. S. E. WIGHT.

By a careful study of our cost records we find that the book, "Steps to Christ," illustrated edition, cloth cover, has been published at a loss when sold for sixty cents. The price has therefore been advanced to seventy-five cents in this binding with the usual discount to colporteurs. The new price goes into effect at once.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

The New Harvest Ingathering "Review"

ACROSS the lawn from our office we hear the steady rumble of printing-presses from morning until night, some of which are now at work printing the *Harvest Ingathering Review*. And it is a beautiful issue, too. We are wondering how many of these mission-filled papers will be needed this autumn in supplying the demands as our brethren and sisters, young and old, again go out among the people to work for missions, from Maine to California, and from Texas to the frozen regions of Canada on the north.

The North American Division Conference brethren think we ought to raise \$100,000 this year, and have really set this as the goal. Can we make it? We can do it, and that easily, if all will take hold of it with a will. The *Review* and *Herald* will be able to send out the new *Harvest Ingathering Reviews* by September 1. The cover is printed in two colors and is very attractive. During August, churches and individuals will do well to order what papers they will need of their tract society secretary.

Last year we received from the people \$50,164.45, for missions by handing out about 450,000 *Signs* magazines. If we really succeed in raising \$100,000 this year it will mean earnest, hard work on the part of all. But really, we have not yet done our best. We have done well, to be sure, but we can break our former records if we really try. And if we succeed in reaching an average of twenty cents a week per member for missions, it will mean loyal work on the part of all our church-members. Last year the Western Canadian Union Conference passed the twenty-cent-a-week average. One little conference in this union set their mark at \$1,000 for missions at Harvest Ingathering time. There were only a few churches in this conference. One of these, at the conference headquarters, took the responsibility of raising one-fourth of the conference goal and proposed that they gather \$250 for the Lord. Each member, including the children, was allotted a certain sum to work for, and with a will they went at it. They were still at it when the secretary wrote us last year, but they must have succeeded, for the union conference averaged, as above mentioned, over twenty cents a week per member for missions. It took them out with the people more than a day, to be sure, perhaps a full week altogether, here a fragment of time and there a little more; but this is how people succeed at anything, by keeping at it until some definite goal is achieved. This plan of a definite goal might not work everywhere, yet it is worth considering at least.

There are sixty-nine local conferences, with three mission fields, in the United States and Canada. If a little conference of six or eight churches up in Canada could gather in \$1,000, surely others could do equally as well. Think, too, of the many strong conferences with forty, sixty, or eighty churches. Surely the raising of \$100,000 ought not to be a difficult task after all. If all will co-operate with your conference officers, order your papers early from your church or tract society, and work, we can do it.

Almost three million copies of mission-filled papers have been placed in the hands of the people since 1908, when our Harvest Ingathering campaigns began, and \$178,533 has been brought into the mission treasury. Has it not been worth while, brethren?

May God help us each to make the most of our opportunity this year with the *Harvest Ingathering Review*. If each one does his best, doing honest service as unto the Lord and not unto men, we shall see a great work accomplished which will not only rejoice our hearts but bring joy to the angels about the throne. T. E. BOWEN, *Ass't Sec'y Gen'l Conference*.