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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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The Time Foretold

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From Heaven's all-gracious King;
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

O ye beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow!
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

— Selected.

General

The Bible versus Higher Criticism

SHISHAK'S EXPEDITION

IN the fourteenth chapter of I Kings is given a simple, unadorned account of an expedition of Shishak, king of Egypt, against Jerusalem in the fifth year of Rehoboam. "And he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made."

Shishak has inscribed upon the southern wall of the court of the magnificent temple of Amun at Karnak a sculpture representing this campaign. Shishak is here seen holding in his left hand the ends of ropes which bind long rows of captives together neck to neck. The hands of these captives are tied behind them, while in his right hand Shishak brandishes a weapon.

Above these sculptors is given in hieroglyphics a description of the campaign enumerating one hundred and fifty-six places which were captured. The Bible student will readily

recognize in this list the familiar names of Gaza, Taanach, Adullam, Beth-anah, Beth-horon, Ajalon, Gibeon, Shunem, and Judah-malech, which undoubtedly refers to Jerusalem—*Malech* being the Hebrew word for royalty.

BIBLE GEOGRAPHY

The mention of these names reminds us that the list of unpronounceable names, which generation after generation of Bible students could see no use for, now prove the trustworthiness of the sacred records and their divine far-sightedness. Like the water-marks in paper, which bear indelible evidence of the time and place of manufacture, the recent discovery of the ruins of many places, and the mention by the inscriptions of many others named in the Bible, is furnishing unmistakable evidence that, at the very time indicated by the inspired writers, places and customs were in existence that furnish the background of the Bible narrative.

In addition to the list given by Shishak, mention should be made of the tablets found at Tel-el-Amarna in Egypt. Many of these are letters written by Egyptian lieutenants in Palestine shortly before Joshua entered Canaan. Among the places mentioned in them are Gebal, Tyre, Accho, Hazor, Joppa, Ashkelon, Makkedah, Lachish, Gezer, Jerusalem, Rabbah, Sa-repta, Ashtaroth, Gaza, and Gath. Thothmes III, narrating on the Egyptian monuments his conquest of Palestine one hundred and fifty years before Joshua crossed the Jordan, lists more than fifty towns mentioned by the book of Joshua. From these numerous lists that are coming to light, together with the location of the ruins of many of the places, the archeologist can make a good map for the student of the book of Joshua.

Of the forty-two camping places of the children of Israel mentioned in Numbers 33, enough have been identified and located to demonstrate the accuracy of the list and the adaptability of the places to the great events recorded.

The late Sir Walter Besant, secretary of the Palestine Exploration Fund, questioned as to whether the explorations made sustained the historical character of the Old Testament, replied: "To my mind, absolute truth in local details, a thing which can not possibly be invented, when it is spread over a history covering many centuries, is proof almost absolute as to the truth of the things related."

THE MOABITE STONE

The Moabite Stone was found by Mr. Klein, a missionary at Dibon (Isa. 15: 2). Mr. Klein had arranged for the purchase of the stone for the museum at Berlin, when others attempted to outbid him. The Arabs were thus led to suspect that it contained fabulous powers and proceeded to heat it, and then to pour cold water upon it. The fragments into which it was broken by this process were then distributed among the superstitious natives as charms. Fortunately M. Clermont Ganneau was able to recover most of the pieces, and, by means of squeezes or impressions taken before it was

broken up, he succeeded in putting the stone together, and sent it to the Louvre in Paris.

The stone was set up by Mesha, King of Moab, about 850 B. C., in commemoration of his deliverance from the yoke of Israel. It is of value for two reasons. It corroborates and supplements the Bible account of the subjugation of Moab by Omri, king of Israel, the rebellion of Mesha in the days of Jehoram, and the return of Israel to their own land after Mesha had sacrificed his eldest son. 2 Kings 3. It also witnesses to the close similarity of the language of the Moabites to that of the Hebrews, the precise mode of writing being employed on this stone which was employed by the earlier prophets of Israel. This similarity is of value in securing a plainer translation of some hitherto obscure passages in the Old Testament, and substantiates the close relationship of the two nations as given by Moses, Moab being a son of Abraham's nephew, Lot. Gen. 19: 37.

DANIEL

Referring to that book of the Old Testament written especially for the time of the end, the book of Daniel, Mr. Urquhart, in his prize essay on "Archeology's Solution of Old Testament Puzzles," remarks, "There has been no book in the Old Testament Canon which has been more unsparingly condemned by criticism than this." The reason is admirably stated by Sir Robert Anderson, in his preface to "Daniel in the Critics' Den": "It was the miraculous element in the book that set the whole pack of foreign skeptics in full cry. In this age of a silent heaven such men will not tolerate the idea that God ever intervened directly in the affairs of men."

When Daniel was cast into the lion's den he came forth unscathed, the lions then proceeding to break all of his critics' bones. Archeology has brought Daniel forth unscathed from the critics' den, and has shattered all their bones of contention.

To prove that the book of Daniel could not have been written in Daniel's time, it was claimed that the names of the six musical instruments mentioned in the third chapter are Greek words, hence the book could not have been written until after Alexander's conquest over two centuries later at least. The critics now admit that four of these words are not Greek, but even this forced admission is unnecessary, as Professor Sayce has found evidence that "there were Greek colonies on the coast of Palestine in the time of Hezekiah"—a century before Daniel was born; and "that there was intercourse and contact between the Canaanites or Hebrews in Palestine and the Greeks of the Ægean as far back as the age of Moses."

For a long time the critics denied the existence of Belshazzar, on the ground that all secular historians writing of those times recorded Nabonadius as the last king of Babylon and made no mention whatever of Belshazzar. This is why the vision of the eighth chapter of Daniel is assigned the marginal date of 553 B. C., instead of the correct date, 538 B. C.

To-day it is universally acknowledged that the omission by Berosus and the Greek historians was due to their ignorance, a tablet having been found at Mugheir in which Nabonadius speaks as follows: "As for Belshazzar, the eldest son, the offspring of my heart." Abundant reference to Belshazzar as the son of Nabonadius is being found in Babylonian inscriptions and in those of Cyrus, the conqueror of Babylon. These indicate that Belshazzar reigned for three years conjointly with his father, thus explaining why Belshazzar made Daniel the third ruler in the kingdom. See "Popular and Critical Bible Cyclopaedia," Art. Belshazzar.

Daniel's reference to Belshazzar as the son of Nebuchad-

nezzar is accounted for by the fact that his mother was evidently the daughter of Nebuchadnezzar, and the ancient Oriental custom sanctioned the application of the term to royal successors even where there was no kinship. It will be recalled that, on the black obelisk of Shalmaneser, Jehu, the *exterminator* of the house of Omri, is called the "son of Omri."

With the strongest objections of higher criticism against the authenticity of Daniel thus disposed of, it would appear unnecessary to reproduce here the additional evidence that fills whole volumes, in behalf of the book, which was placed in the Sacred Canon by the ancient Jews (scholars who were better qualified to pass judgment upon it than is a set of modern skeptics who have been convinced of scores of most serious blunders),—a book whose authenticity is specially attested by our Lord himself in Matt. 24:15, and whose prophecies not only furnish the key to an understanding of the book of Revelation, but are the very foundations of the last warning message that is now going to the world.

We will not burden our readers with a further enumeration of the many particulars in which the sacred historians have been sustained. Those we have given relate to widely separated times and places, and explain difficulties which had been thought insuperable. In the words of Prof. G. F. Wright, "That this history should be confirmed in so many cases and in such a remarkable manner by monuments uncovered 3,000 years after their erection, can be nothing less than providential. Surely God has seen to it that the failing faith of these latter days should not be left to grope in darkness. When the faith of many was waning and many heralds of truth were tempted to speak with uncertain sound, the very stones have cried out with a voice that only the deaf could fail to hear. Both in the writing and in the preservation of the Bible we behold the handiwork of God.—*Columbia Union Visitor*."

Our Constitution

THE Constitution of the United States, with which so many of our national reformers are endeavoring to tinker, and which so many of them condemn as utterly out of date, is not so considered by some of the great men of earth. For instance, the Hon. James Bryce British ambassador to the United States for so long, author of "The American Commonwealth," "The Holy Roman Empire," and other noted works, said on December 14 in New York:—

"The Constitution was the work of an extraordinary group of men, such as has seldom been seen living at the same time in any country, and such as had never been brought together in any other country, to undertake the immensely difficult task of framing a fundamental instrument of government for a nation. The nation was then a small one; and it is one of the most striking tributes to the genius and foresight of the men who designed that form of government for 3,000,000 people, that it should have proved fitting to serve the needs of 93,000,000." "The whole of your history since 1789 is a record of the services which the Constitution has rendered to you."

"It [the Constitution] taught you to recognize that a free government must be founded upon a sense of right, upon the respect of every man and community for the rights of every other man and community, to the exclusion of all violence."

But our religious reformers would change all this, discriminate between classes, and would make the fundamental law of the land an agent in oppression. Instead of the Constitution being "a vitalizing force in the world," as Mr. Bryce phrases it, it would be a veritable instrument of tyranny. God overruled in those days which tried men's souls. That ought to be seen now.—*Signs of the Times*.

Our Publishing House

Home Office News

SALES report for week ending September 6, 1913: Total number bound volumes, 3,843; *Watchman*, 1,725.

The following is taken from a letter just received from Brother Virgil Smith, field agent of Mississippi:—

"Monday I came here to visit Brother A. L. Saxon. He was telling me that last week he canvassed three whole days, and sold only one 'Best Stories' for fifty cents, the whole week's work amounting to only \$24.25. Sabbath was spent pleading with the Lord for better success. I came in Monday. He had just returned from his day's labor, his face all aglow with enthusiasm. He told me his experiences of the day. He had secured an order from one man for five of our large books in the half-morocco binding, the day's orders amounting to \$38.50.

"I worked with Brother Saxon until Thursday night, and we visited other logging camps and our orders together will amount to something like \$200. I certainly did enjoy being with him."

Brother C. L. Collison, field agent of Oklahoma, sends the following:—

"'WILL THERE BE ANY STARS IN MY CROWN?'"

"Who has not been impressed with the desire to be a soul-winner, and do more work for the Master when singing or hearing others sing this grand old hymn? It has often been an inspiration to me to do better, and more work for fallen humanity. Of course, we may be the means of winning some soul to Christ by living a Godly life, but who is there that does not long to know that he has been the means of saving some soul from eternal death?"

"I can well remember the joy I felt when I heard a man and his wife say, 'That is the man who first brought the truth to us! It was in a book tent on the camp grounds in Louisiana.' 'Coming King' was the book I had sold them, and that was before the new edition had been gotten out. My wife and I had had many a hard trial and done without many things that we would have liked to have had, but that was pay enough for all the past trials, and we never felt from that time on that anything was a trial, for we knew that our work had already borne fruit. Very little, if any prejudice is caused by 'Coming King,' and now that the new edition which has been gotten out contains so much more on the Sabbath question than it did, I like it even better than before.

"Many parts of the country and most of the towns and cities, have never been canvassed for 'Coming King' and I wonder if there are not many who would like to make a start in soul-winning by taking it to the homes of the people. It sells for \$1.50 and \$1 a copy.

"Sit down right away, and write to your tract society for a printed canvass, and to the field agent for territory. The printed canvass is free, and a prospectus is only fifty cents. I am sure that many of those who read these words could have stars in their crown by selling this message-filled book, 'Coming King,' to the people, and many who would not get up courage to sell a larger book could sell this one, for people who would think several times before spending five dollars would not mind spending \$1.50 or \$1 for such a fine book. If you don't need the money yourself this would be a good way to raise money for a church, for an individual communion set, for church pews, a baptistry, for foreign or home missions, or even to pay a church school teacher. Remember the name of the book, 'Coming King,' and write your tract society at once."

Brother Pierce writes this encouraging letter from Fort Worth:—

BUSY DAYS AND ENCOURAGING OMENS

"These are indeed busy days for the colporteurs, and those working in our publishing houses and tract societies, in order to deliver the books for which orders have been taken during the summer months.

"Within the past two weeks the Fort Worth Branch has received two car-loads of books from its Home Office at Nashville, besides several tons of Bibles and books from other houses. To provide such a large number of books required hard work, and long, faithful hours on the part of the employees of the Nashville Office during extremely warm weather; but they proved equal to the task, and the books reached us according to schedule.

"One day last week the shipments to the colporteurs amounted to three and one-half tons. These books were shipped into North and South Texas, as the deliveries begin first in these conferences, and gradually move north as cotton opens. On Thursday morning, Brother Mattison, secretary of the South Texas Tract Society, called us up by phone, and gave several rush orders for additional books. He reported that some were delivering one hundred per cent. This is indeed remarkable, and a cause for praise and thanksgiving to God. We trust that it is an indication of what the deliveries will be this year throughout the field.

"Another encouraging omen is that every month this year the shipments from the Fort Worth office show an increase over the corresponding month of 1912. The increase in the August sales amounted to \$4,004.75 as compared with August of last year. As we understand a large number are planning to make a good big December delivery this year, we believe the prospects are excellent for reaching the \$100,000 mark in the Southwestern Union in 1913.

"In one way it seems a little unfortunate that in order to record the progress that is being made in the circulation of the printed page, it is necessary to deal with pounds, tons, car-loads, dollars and cents, rather than with the real good that is being accomplished through the efforts of our colporteurs. Many volumes could be written on the *results* of this work, and how it is advancing the message in all the world, and yet these would fail to show the progress and advancement that is being made year by year. However, when considering figures, let us not forget to pause and think of the far-reaching and eternal results which they represent.

"During these deliveries, we believe it should be a time of special prayer on the part of all our people throughout the Southwest, that the Lord will send his angels before these faithful workers as they take the books to their subscribers, in order that they may be prepared and willing to receive them. In some conferences outside this union we have heard of a day being set apart for fasting and prayer, for the success of their colporteurs during their deliveries; but whether this is done or not, we do believe our people will esteem it a privilege to remember these faithful workers *daily* at the throne of power, for surely they need divine wisdom and strength at this time.

"In many places worldly business is at a standstill, and thousands are out of employment, and yet the work of God is moving steadily onward. Surely we have much for which to thank our Leader. The outlook is most encouraging."

CHAPEL TALK MONDAY, SEPT. 8, 1913

Brother W. A. Harvey, our Superintendent, occupied the usual chapel hour Monday morning. He read a portion of the first and second chapters of Proverbs, making exhortation

that every one take advantage of the opportunities offered to increase our efficiency in the Lord's work by improving our education, both through the study of text-books, and through careful study as to how we can best improve our methods of work, and learn more of the duties which we perform each day.

He read an interesting story of two young men, close companions, the one doing no more than was necessary in order to fill his position, the other spending his evenings and spare time developing his knowledge of his work. At the end of four years the first young man had only advanced a few dollars in salary, and continued to occupy a subordinate position, while his companion had advanced to a position of responsibility and larger remuneration.

The remarks made were very much enjoyed and all were glad to have Brother Harvey give such an interesting talk.

Brother Hook spent a few days last week at the Tennessee River camp-meeting at Jackson, Tenn.; this week he is attending the Cumberland meeting at Athens, Tenn. He will be at his desk again before this item of news reaches the eye of the reader. Brother Hook's visits to the various camp-meetings this year have necessarily been brief; however, not only he himself but all who are in a position to know, feel that it has been time well spent.

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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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News Notes

OCTOBER 6-10 is the time set for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. We hope every church, and every member in the church, will take an active part in this work.

We were glad to receive a call from Brother C. R. Waldron last week. Brother Waldron was on his way to the convention at Madison, Tenn., and called at the office as he was passing through the city.

Elder Miller has been visiting the churches and isolated members in the northeast part of the State. He reports that all are of good courage, and will endeavor to do their part in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

Have you ordered your Harvest Ingathering *Reviews* yet? If not send in your order at once.

Brother Mark Wilson is looking after the colporteur work in the southern part of the State. Some new recruits are entering the field.

The colored camp-meeting began at Anniston on September 4. Quite a number are attending from the Birmingham church. Brother Dasent has conducted quite a successful tent effort at Anniston, and a number are keeping the Sabbath. Brother Gaskins assisted Brother Dasent in the effort.

Orders for the Harvest Ingathering *Review* are coming in. How many are your church taking? And what are *YOU*

going to do? If every Seventh-day Adventist in the United States and Canada harvests \$1.54, we will have \$100,000 for missions. Who is there that can not gather in that amount?

The Birmingham church is planning to have a church school again this year. Every church where there are sufficient children should have a church school. Our children need the training that only a church school can give.

Several of the young people of the Birmingham church will attend the Southern Training School this winter. We are always glad to see our young people preparing for some part in the closing work. Alabama will be quite well represented at Graysville this year, and we want to see every one who attends from Alabama, come back here when their work in school is finished. Alabama needs all her young people.

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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
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News Items

BROTHER BECK has been in Richmond the past week assisting Sister Coble in her delivery.

Elder Lawrence reports nineteen new Sabbath-keepers in Louisville as a result of the colored tent meetings.

Brother Robert Coker was an office visitor the past week. He was on his way to Evansville, Ind., to visit his mother.

Brother Hickman has begun canvassing for "Daniel and the Revelation." We are sure he will succeed with this book for in thirty-five hours he took orders to the amount of \$77.

Hardy Shoemaker has entered the canvassing field since camp-meeting. He will sell "Bible Footlights."

Brother Love has been very busy since camp-meeting getting the books posted, and arranging the office.

The colored tent meeting at Bowling Green is still in progress.

Brother Jesse Miller has been kept out of the canvassing field because of a severe cold.

Sister Dow visited with the new Sabbath-keepers at Pinckard the past week. She reports all of good courage.

We have received a call the past week from Powell County, where there is a brother who has begun to keep the Sabbath, and desires to be baptized.

The interest at the tent in Nicholasville still continues; the congregations are not so large, but those attending are there every night. Up to the present writing seven adults have begun to keep the Sabbath, with a number more in the valley of decision.

Brother and Sister Carnes have now located in Covington where they will sell the printed page. We are glad to have workers in this city.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is almost upon us. Have you ordered your supply of papers yet? If not do so now; don't delay. We must make this year the best in our experience in gathering funds for missions. Let us all get busy at once, and lay our plans for active work.

Brother Curtis Pound left us the past week for the Tennessee River Conference, where he was elected field agent. We are sorry to lose Brother Pound from our list of workers, yet we are glad to be able to furnish men to lead out in this great message, and we are sure the prayers of our Kentucky people will follow him.

We call attention to the fact that the conference funds are low at the present time, and we would appreciate it very much if all would be prompt in sending in their tithe as well as offerings.

September 5, 1913.

Reward of Faithfulness

"WILL a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." This is the charge made by One who looks down into the hearts of men. I wonder if we in the Kentucky Conference have been guilty along this line of holding back the tithe which belongs to God. If there are members of the church who have been doing that wicked thing—taking God's money and using it for their own gratification—it is to be hoped that God will roll upon their hearts a burden to repay his own with usury. We should remember that the silver and the gold belong to God, as well as the cattle upon a thousand hills.

We are stewards of God's goods, and all that God asks of us for all that he gives us, is that we pay him the tithe; then make offerings to help forward his work in the earth.

I am convinced that the time has come when Seventh-day Adventists need to be more careful that they give to the Lord what is due him. We read from, "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, p. 391, "The man who will rob God is cultivating traits of character that will cut him off from admittance into the family of God above." I feel sure no Seventh-day Adventist can afford to let one thing keep him from entering the new earth; so, brother and sister, let us heed the word of God in Mal. 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." By so doing, we will receive the full blessings of God in these last days. We must be faithful in all that God has given us to do, or we can never enjoy the home which Christ has gone to prepare.

All should keep in mind that the tithe is holy unto the Lord, as well as the Sabbath; so we need to be careful about paying our tithe as well as keeping the Sabbath holy. I appeal to you, brethren of the Kentucky Conference, to be loyal to God in all things. If all will pay the tithe we will have enough money to support our workers; if not, then we must call a halt and ask some of our laborers to engage in other lines of work. Do you wish this to be done? I hear you say, No; then let us be faithful tithe-payers.

B. W. BROWN.

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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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Terrville

OUR tent meeting in this place is still in progress with very good interest. This is the place where we baptized several souls just before our camp-meeting. Others say they have decided to keep the Sabbath.

We are now laying the foundation of our church and school building, and by the time you read this, the building will be well under way.

We are planning to have a church school here beginning about the first of November if we can get ready by that time.

This is a good farming district seven miles north of Arcadia, and seven miles west of Simsboro. This will be a good place for some of our isolated families to locate to have the blessings of a church and school. Land can be bought or rented at very reasonable prices. If there are any of our isolated people who do not have church and church-school privileges, and want to come to this place the brethren here will be glad to help such all they can to find a location and home. For any further information write me at Arcadia, La., R. F. D. 2, % Frank Field. There is no post-office at Terrville.

W. S. LOWRY.

News Items

ELDER S. B. HORTON left New Orleans last week for his new field of labor. He has been asked to act as Religious Liberty Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference. His sermons while in New Orleans were much appreciated.

Brother and Sister Bodle passed through New Orleans a few days ago, enroute to Guatemala.

Elder E. L. Maxwell and wife passed through New Orleans last week enroute to their new field in Peru, South America. They spent several days at Hammond and New Orleans. We were glad to meet these faithful laborers once more, and are sure that the prayers of our Louisiana brethren and sisters will attend them as they take up work in the new and difficult field to which they go. We had the pleasure of hearing Elder Maxwell preach once while here.

On Tuesday night, September 2, Miss Francis Dittmer of New Orleans, was united in marriage to Dr. J. Vinton Scott, of Portland, Oregon, Elder R. W. Parmele officiating. The wedding was held in the church, and a large congregation of friends gathered for the occasion. The service was made very impressive. The happy couple left the next day for their Oregon home, where the doctor is engaged in the practise of dentistry. They hope some day to be of service to the cause of God in the regions beyond. The best wishes of their Louisiana friends will follow them wherever they may go.

Of our recent camp-meeting, a sister writes, "It was a real feast to my soul to be with so many of our dear brethren and sisters in this message. I did not ever expect to meet with so many of them before the Lord comes, but he made it possible for me to go to camp-meeting, for which I praise his name. O, how I enjoyed hearing the truth preached there!" We believe this is the sentiment of all who attended.

Elder R. W. Parmele baptized one sister at Hammond on Sabbath, August 30. He expects to have another baptismal service in New Orleans next Sabbath. He will leave next Sunday for Nashville, to attend a meeting of the Southern Union Conference Committee.

The tent in Alexandria has been moved to a new location, and meetings begun. The brethren write that the attendance so far has been small, but they are hopeful. Several of the new Sabbath-keepers have moved away from Alexandria, much to the regret of the little company there. Let us pray that the Lord will keep them all faithful wherever they may be.

Owing to an oversight the colporteur report for week ending August 16 was omitted last week, but it appears in the proper place this week.

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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
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Notes

ELDER C. S. WIEST spent Sabbath, August 30, with the few believers at Brookville. He speaks of a very pleasant visit at this place. From here he went to Corinth where an isolated believer lives. This sister manifested great appreciation that a minister of her own faith should visit her.

It is soon time for the Ingathering Campaign to begin. Let all plan to do effective work by this worthy method to raise money for the advancement of His cause.

Elder E. H. Rees from Nashville, Tenn., is with us this week. He is helping the secretary to get started in his many duties.

Friday, September 5, Elder Wiest left for Hazlehurst where the colored camp-meeting is in progress. Sabbath, September 6, he planned to be in Natchez, and visit both the white and colored churches.

Brother J. S. Fry has now secured for himself a wagon and two horses to use in the colporteur work. We anticipate greater success henceforth for him. Brother Fry made the office a pleasant visit September 4.

Elder J. A. Morrow has an appointment with the Jackson church Sabbath, September 6. The previous week he visited Jackson for the purpose of packing his household goods to move to Hattiesburg. We are glad the interest at Hattiesburg demands the attention of a minister. Let us hope and pray for great results in that city.

Sister H. C. Balsbaugh is still at Hattiesburg assisting in the follow-up work after camp-meeting.

Brother Virgil Smith has been out with the colporteurs ever since the camp-meeting and reports splendid results among these workers.

September 5, 1913.

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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Church Missionary Bands

To do the most effective work, a church needs to be organized. Otherwise some members will be overlooked, and some will work to little advantage.

A good way to organize is to divide the church-members into bands of six or twelve, with a leader over each band, whose duty it shall be to get each member to engage in some line of missionary work.

The bands should be grouped with some regard as to where the individuals live. The leaders should be selected first from the church officers; then from the most consecrated and active of the members. Once a month the elder or chairman of the church missionary committee should meet with the band leaders for counsel over their work.

The duties of leaders of the church missionary bands are as follows:—

1. To become thoroughly acquainted with the best methods of work, both by study and practise.
2. To plan for the work of the band so that each member will be encouraged to engage in some definite and systematic line of work for the Master.
3. To prepare to do personal work from house to house with any member of the band who may need special help and encouragement.
4. To meet with the members of the band each Sabbath for a short time, for prayer and counsel concerning the work.
5. To see that each member of the band reports all work done to the church missionary secretary at the close of each week.
6. To give careful study to the circumstances and adaptability of each member of the band in order to be prepared to suggest such lines of work as will prove most suitable and congenial to them.

A leader of a band has heavy responsibilities to carry and an arduous work to do, but the Lord has spoken many words of encouragement to those who are willing to carry burdens for him.

"All are to be employed in Christ's service. In becoming his disciples, we surrender ourselves to him with all that we are and have. These gifts he returns to us purified and ennobled, to be used for his glory in blessing our fellow men."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 328.

"The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man

and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talents, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on."—*“Convassers’ Manual,”* p. 72.

“But in order to accomplish this work, we must follow his example of faithful, conscientious attention to the little things. This is the secret of success in every line of Christian effort and influence.”—*“Christ’s Object Lessons,”* p. 358.

“As the will of man cooperates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at his command, may be accomplished in his strength. All his biddings are enablings.”—*“Christ’s Object Lessons,”* p. 333.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,
E. M. GRAHAM, *Secretary.*

“We should keep in our thoughts every blessing we receive from God, and when we realize his great love we should be willing to trust everything to the hand that was nailed to the cross for us.”

“It is not required of every man and woman to be or to do something great. Most of us must content ourselves with taking small parts in the chorus, as far as possible without discord.”

Colporteurs’ Report for the Southern Union Conference

Week Ending August 30, 1913

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Chas Griffiths*	CK	79	40	\$80 00	\$12 00	\$92 00	\$
J S Spraggs*	BF	78	50	75 00	8 00	83 00	
J H Reams	BF	25	28	32 50	75	33 25	
Ralph Elstrom	BF	32	20	48 00		48 00	
Alex Wood	BF	49	16	27 50	3 00	30 50	
M L Ivory*	BF	72	11	16 50	2 75	19 25	32 75
I W Peevy	D&R	22	4	12 00	75	12 75	7 75
J M Gillim	BF	28	6	6 00	75	6 75	2 00
C D Sloane	PP&F	22	3	4 50		4 50	

Totals 407 178 \$302 00 \$28 00 \$330 00 \$42 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

James Hickman	D&R	35	24	\$77 00	\$	\$77 00	\$
C G Parkins	D&R&BF	25	14	22 00	1 00	23 00	
H Ethington	BF	20		17 00	50	17 50	
M Wheeler	D&R	15	5	14 00	1 00	15 00	
H C Smith	BF	44					96 00

Totals 139 43 \$130 00 \$ 2 50 \$132 50 \$96 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

C W R Brown	BR	51	19	\$58 00	\$ 2 25	\$60 25	\$
C P Bodwell	GC	48	12	42 00		42 00	14 00
T S Sligh	BF	10		15 00	3 75	18 75	
J Harzman	PP&F	24	9	13 50	1 00	14 50	
F Peabody	PP&F	2			1 50	1 50	1 50
Mrs F Peabody	PP&F	2			25	25	1 50

Totals 127 50 \$128 50 \$ 8 75 \$137 25 \$17 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Lettie Linyear	PP&F	22	34	\$66 00	\$ 75	\$66 75	\$ 75
J P Campbell	BF	47	39	56 50	1 75	58 25	1 75
C R Canada	BF	40	34	36 50	2 50	39 00	2 50

* Two Weeks.

H C Balsbaugh	GC	47	17	39 00		39 00	2 00
R D Peterson	BF	33	17	24 00	4 50	28 50	4 50
Claud Terry	BF	33	18	25 50	1 00	26 50	1 00
H G Miller	D&R	42	12	24 00	2 00	26 00	4 00
A L Saxon	BR	34	6	20 00	4 25	24 25	4 25
T R Battles	BF	40	15	22 00	50	22 50	5 00
C H McColrey	BR	26	8	20 00	2 25	22 25	5 25
Lamar Cooper	BF	29	15	15 00	1 25	16 25	1 25
W L Battle*	BF	40	8	12 00	1 00	13 00	8 00
Miss M P Sparks	BF	12	4	4 00	75	4 75	75
E P Campbell	PG	30			2 00	2 00	8 00

Totals 475 227 \$364 50 \$24 50 \$389 00 \$49 00

Grand Totals 1148 498 \$925 00 \$63 75 \$988 75 \$204 50

* Two Weeks.

Magazine Agents’ Report, Week Ending August 30, 1913

Agent	No.	Value
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE		
Louisville Church	150	\$ 15 00
Wm Winston	50	5 00
Mattie Gordon	25	2 50
Nina Basden	24	2 40
Lucy Bell	12	1 20

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Henry Weber	37	3 70
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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

H G Miller	22	2 20
Mrs H C Balsbaugh	4	40

Totals 324 \$ 32 40

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE—WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16

Laura E Young	142	\$ 14 20
Francis Martin	20	2 00

Totals 162 \$ 16 20

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE—WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16

Berdon Hampton	BF	21	13	\$18 00	\$ 1 00	\$19 00	\$
Lura Reed	BF	39	17	17 00		17 00	
Mamie Moore	BF	39	16	16 00		16 00	48 00
C E Morphew	D&R	39	2	6 00	5 25	11 25	21 00
J B Krauss	BF	49			3 00	3 00	90 00
J N Womack	BF	60			3 00	3 00	77 13
Lura Reed	BF	33			1 50	1 50	27 50
Rebecca Moore	BF	30	1	1 00	25	1 25	1 25
C A Critchlow	CK				25	25	21 42

Totals 310 49 \$58 00 \$14 25 \$72 25 \$286 30

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE—WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16

W J Hirst	PP&F	53	79	\$160 00	\$ 3 25	\$163 25	\$ 2 00
C W R Brown	BR	48	15	43 00	24 25	67 25	6 50
J Harzman	PP&F	41	27	40 50	1 25	41 75	
M A Gastauer	PP&F	21	27	33 00		33 00	
Dora M Borgess	PP&F	21	21	31 50	25	31 75	
T S Sligh	BF&D&R				9 40	9 40	16 75
Mrs F Peabody	PP&F	5			2 50	2 50	
Frank Peabody	PP&F	7			1 50	1 50	6 00

Totals 196 169 \$308 00 \$42 40 \$350 40 \$31 25

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Tennessee River Camp-Meeting

THE conference and camp-meeting closed last Sunday night with a most excellent interest from the people in Jackson, and expressions of gratitude to God for blessings received were heard from the lips of the campers.

Elder J. W. Norwood was elected president of the conference the first day of the camp-meeting. This gave him an excellent opportunity to come in touch with all the work in the field. His committee was elected the following Tuesday with a few changes.

Brother A. H. Jones went to Jackson about a week before the camp-meeting opened, and took charge of pitching the camp, and preparing for the entertainment of the people. It was a well-planned camp, in a beautiful grove west of the main part of the city. The people in that vicinity were very much surprised that we were able to get this location; as others had tried in vain to secure it for various purposes.

The meeting was well attended. The book-work received a large share of attention. We were pleased to have with us Brother Hook, Manager of the Publishing House, and Brother Smith, Editor of the *Watchman*. Their services were very much appreciated. Elder G. B. Thompson gave some timely instruction along practical lines which was appreciated by all in attendance. He was with us at the first, and remained one week.

Because of the interest of a tent effort in Memphis Elder Elliott was only able to be with us over Sabbath. His cheerful words, and good report brought light and cheerfulness into the camp.

Plans were laid for the development of the work in this field, and it remains to be seen what the coming year has in store for the cause. The workers left the ground with good courage believing God would give them a bountiful harvest of souls.

S. E. WIGHT.

The October "Watchman"

FOR the benefit of our agents, as well as for those who appreciate the beautiful in art, the publishers of *The Watchman* have prepared an unusually fine cover design illustrating nature in her quiet sublimity. A leading article, "Preparations for Armageddon," vividly pictures the recent terrific struggle

in the Near East as one of the events leading up to the final great battle of Armageddon spoken of by John the Revelator.

The following are a few of the more important features:—

Human *versus* Divine Authority.

The Character of God.

Creation and Its Memorial.

Preparations for Armageddon.

Korea and the Koreans, (illustrated).

The French Revolution. (An exposition of Revelation 11. The first of a series.)

It will be of especial interest to our readers to know that the new series on the "Sanctuary Question," from the pen of Elder R. W. Parmele, of Louisiana, begins in this number of *The Watchman*. There has been some question in many honest minds as to the time when Christ entered the most holy place. Elder Parmele will present some very convincing Scriptural evidence indicating that the denominational view that Christ went into the most holy place in 1844 is correct. This point is vital, as it affects one of the fundamental positions taken in the earlier history of the great second advent movement.

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JOIN the Missionary Volunteer Reading Circle. Send your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary your name and address and tell her which course you wish to take. The *Instructor* for September 30 contains the first weekly assignment and helps.