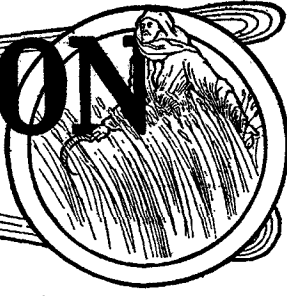


SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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All Like Him

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Give me to hunger, Lord, for thee,
To thirst for living streams;
So shall my soul be satisfied
To dwell on holy themes.

Give me to feed upon thy Word,
To make thy light my own;
So shall I grow to be like thee,
Thine own adopted son.

Thy Word has still creative power;
Speak thou again to me,
That it may me anew create,
And make me all like thee.

C. P. B.



General



The Union President's Biennial Report

AGAIN the delegates of this conference have assembled in biennial session. It seems but a few days since the meeting of two years ago. Changes have taken place in the world during this period, such as this people have looked for. The inhabitants of the world move on in their mad rush for gain, and seem not to consider their impending doom; however, a few slacken their pace while their hearts fail and their faces grow pale at the thought of what is coming on the earth. Preparations for war by the nations have not slackened, but rather increased; at the same time we hear on every hand the cry of peace and safety, and the ushering in of the golden age.

At one time during this period it looked as if the time had arrived when the Turk would leave Europe, but he still remains with a little strip of territory. He is waiting for the four angels to withdraw their steadying hands. A little more effort and toil on our part, and God will call the guard from their duty; then in rapid succession the events of prophecy will be fulfilled. We need not look outside of our own union to see the fulfilment of God's Word. Doubtless all the delegates assembled have come to this conference with the expectation of laying plans which will mean the finishing of the work in our territory, and helping to finish it in foreign lands. You have every reason to be encouraged by the results of your efforts. The prospects for the future development of the work in this union are bright.

SOUTHERN UNION MISSION

Two years ago changes were planned for the Southern Union Mission work. These changes with practically a new

corps of officers throughout the union, with one or two exceptions, have been somewhat perplexing, both to officers and workers, but all have manifested a marked degree of patience; so that at the present time the plan is working smoothly and is giving a good degree of satisfaction. At the General Conference last spring it was arranged for Elder Sydney Scott to come to the Southern Union and engage in work as a union evangelist. Because of his duties in the Southeastern Union it was impossible for him to at once sever his connection there, and as a consequence he has only recently entered this field. Most of the mission schools conducted in the past for those not of our faith have been closed, and the effort now made is in direct evangelical lines. The success of the plan is yet to be determined, but it is believed that the same method used in getting the truth before the people in other fields will be successful in this.

EDUCATIONAL

The services of Professor R. G. Ryan were secured at the last General Conference, and he entered upon his work the first of July, 1913. Brother Ryan has hardly had time to see his plans develop. He is endeavoring to gather up the fragments of this work, and it is expected that the year to come will show great prosperity.

We have church schools and hill schools in this district. The hill schools have been looked after in the past by the Madison School. There is now an understanding between the conference and this school to the effect that these hill schools will in the future be supervised by the conference educational department. The Madison management have expressed themselves as being anxious for this arrangement.

I feel free to recommend to the delegates of this conference the consideration of plans for fostering this line of school work, and making it a permanent integral part of our conference. This, of course, will mean the relinquishing of all management, whatsoever, by the Madison School, and the assuming of entire responsibility by our educational department.

COLPORTEUR WORK

But little need be said about the colporteur work. It speaks for itself, being everywhere present. It is one of our strongest factors in giving the truth to the world in this generation. Many people during the last two years have had placed in their hands the precious literature that has been produced by the pens of consecrated authors, and dropped from our presses by men and women who love this truth. Too much can not be said in praise of the work done by our faithful colporteurs, who have gone from door to door, in the interest of this great truth. A few moves here and there on the part of the public to excite curiosity, and people will be driven to these books to find the meaning; and then, to their surprise, will find the great truth taught for this day.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We have watched with interest the foreign mission offerings the past year. Alabama, Mississippi, and Kentucky have overpaid. Louisiana lacked only a few dollars of paying the entire amount, and the Tennessee River Conference lacked about twelve hundred dollars. Doubtless many have, like the widow, scraped the bottom of the barrel. The same God who replenished her barrel will do the same for those who to-day do likewise.

EVANGELICAL WORK

It is very gratifying to see progress made in soul-saving. I have watched with as much interest the development of this line as I have the book work. For the last few weeks Brother Davis' desk and mine have been side by side, and occasionally he will pass over his report with the comment that this colporteur has taken orders for \$45 worth of books, another for \$50, \$55, \$48, and the like; and I in turn have been pleased to pass on the word that this conference president reports seventeen persons accepting the truth, another sixteen, another minister six, and another eighteen. Such reports as these are an encouragement to every department of our work, and should lead the officers, ministers, and Bible workers to study the science of soul-saving as we never have in the past. There is a science in selling books, and also in saving souls. We may have the theory of the truth contained in the books, and may be able to explain it to the people, but still not be able to sell books. We may be able to preach sermons, and give the truth in very clear terms, and still not be able to bring persons to a decision. As I have studied closely the results of labor in the union, I have come to the conclusion that what we need is a study of method, economy of time, and consecration to service.

During the year 1914, upon which we are just entering, every Seventh-day Adventist in this whole field should be enlisted either directly or indirectly in the work. Let the word go out that we are to add one thousand good, consecrated people to our membership before the clock ticks off the last seconds of this present year, and that we are to sell \$50,000 worth of books, and I verily believe our people everywhere will rally to the support of the workers. No one should plead lack of money or men as an excuse; for the storehouse of heaven is open to the willing and obedient. If we move forward with a determination to accomplish great things for God, he will open the pocketbooks of our people, and men and women of means will be secured from the world who will see to it that God's work in the earth is finished.

A small gain has been made in all departments. With a little more hard work on our part the union will be self-supporting, a condition which will be gratifying to all. If every worker will go out from this meeting with right methods, and with a determination which knows no defeat, God will bless our efforts, and the goal will soon be attained.

S. E. WIGHT.

Reporting

It is said that much of the success of the Japanese in their war with Russia was due to the accurate system of obtaining constant and definite reports from all parts of the field. This enabled the generals to know exactly what had been done, and what needed to be done next. If this system of reporting is necessary to earthly warfare, how much more necessary it is to spiritual warfare.

To us as a people has been committed the task of giving the last warning message to a perishing world. To do this successfully we must have organization, in order that the work may be properly divided. Those upon whom the re-

sponsibility of directing the work has been placed, must know what has been done, in order to plan properly for what is yet to be accomplished.

Steps are being taken to gather together, from all parts of the world, reports of missionary work done by our lay members, in order that we may know what is being done, and that we may publish a quarterly summary in the *Review*. We believe that such a summary will be very interesting to all our people. It will show that the total amount of work done by our lay members is large, and will enable us to better understand why the completion of the work depends on the activity of the entire church-membership. "If every church-member were a living missionary, the gospel would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to all peoples, nations, and tongues."—*Testimonies, Vol. IX, p. 32.*

Every member will have a responsibility in making the report as accurate and full as possible. An idea prevails in the minds of some that they ought not to tell what they have done. This is a mistaken idea, which if carried to its logical conclusion would entirely disorganize our work, and reduce it to hopeless confusion. If it were wrong for one to tell what he had done, it would be wrong for all. No person could take any responsibility in directing any line of work, because he would not know what others were doing. Each would be compelled to work separately and alone.

But the work of the Lord is not so ordered. In Luke 9:10 we read that the apostles, when they returned from their missionary tour, told Jesus all that they had done. Acts 14:27 tells how Paul and Barnabas rehearsed their experiences to the church. We have some excellent examples to follow.

There is another side to this question of reporting which is overlooked by many. It is the Spirit of God that inspires us to do even the smallest missionary work. We ought, therefore, to tell what the Spirit of God has done through us, that God may be glorified. When we refuse to do so, God is robbed of his glory, and we lose the blessing. If we would give more glory to God by telling what he has accomplished through us, we would receive power to do more and greater works.

The Morning Watch Calendar used by the young people has in it a page for each month for recording missionary work done. This makes it very easy to put down, at the close of the day, anything that has been done. This is being used in some places by the older people and they find it makes keeping the record of their work very simple. We can recommend it to all.

Let us all take hold anew and faithfully report our work for the guidance of our leaders in this cause and to the glory and honor of God.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,
E. M. GRAHAM.

Ministerial Reading Course

THE General Conference Educational Department begins the Ministerial Reading Course with January, 1914. The first book in the course is entitled, "Preparing to Preach" by Dr. David R. Breed. A reading schedule will appear in the educational department of the *Review and Herald* each month.

On completion of a book the reader will be asked to report to the Educational Department the fact that he has completed the book, and will be encouraged to report his estimate of it, and its practical value in his work. To such as comply with this condition a small certificate in card form will be granted by the Educational Department of the General Conference.

The course is open to ministers, Bible workers, and all having evangelical work in view. No charges are made for

the reading course other than the price of books. Those desiring to take the course may do so by sending their names and addresses to the Educational Department, and \$1.65 in payment for the first book in the course, "Preparing to Preach." The book contains 455 pages and is bound in cloth. The publishers retail the same for \$2. Those joining the reading course may obtain it for \$1.65. All who have read the book speak highly of it. Address all communications to the Educational Department of the General Conference.

J. L. SHAW.

Our Publishing House

Home Office News

SALES report for week ending Jan. 3, 1914: Total number bound volumes, 2,787; *Watchman*, 5,009.

The sixth annual session of the Southern Publishing Association under its present charter closed at nine o'clock Monday morning.

While our sales were not as large in 1913 as during the previous year, owing principally to drouth and flood and to the fact that so many workers were out of the field for about six weeks at the occasion of the General Conference, yet those who were assembled at the meeting thought they had much cause for thanksgiving for the prosperity which has attended the work.

A new board was elected and was organized by the election of S. E. Wight, president; L. A. Smith, vice-president; M. F. Knox, secretary and treasurer; and R. L. Pierce, general manager and manager of the department of circulation.

Doubtless most of our readers know that Brother R. Hook Jr., who has served this institution so long and so faithfully and with such a good degree of success, received a call some weeks ago from the *Review* and *Herald* to connect with that institution as its treasurer. While reluctant to leave the South, Brother Hook felt constrained to accept this invitation and did so some two or three weeks ago. He is still in Nashville, however, and will remain here a few days assisting the new manager, Brother Pierce, to get hold of the business, and preparing to move his household effects and his family to Takoma Park. It is needless to say that there is a feeling of sincere regret on the part of the entire office and factory force in parting with Brother Hook, and we believe the prayers and best wishes of the entire South will follow him to his new field of labor.

Our new manager and Brother Randall, manager of the Atlanta Branch, occupied the usual chapel hour Monday morning. These brethren both talked courage. Brother Pierce expressed his feeling of unfitness to do the work laid upon him, but said that with the help of God and the cooperation of his coworkers both in the office and in the field he was willing to undertake it and do the best he could and believed the Lord would send success.

Brother Randall pledged for himself and the workers generally a hearty and loyal support to Brother Pierce as he enters upon his duties as manager, and in this he unquestionably voiced the feeling not only of those present in the chapel but of the field at large. He also dwelt on the importance of personal work in soul-saving. If we would save ourselves we must stand in that relationship to God where we can ourselves be saved from sin day by day. Such an experience will give us power to help others also; but without it we are only weaklings and can accomplish little for ourselves or for others.

In closing these notes we take occasion to wish our

brethren and sisters in the field a happy and prosperous new year, a year that shall mark great progress not only in the cause of God in this field but in personal growth in grace and victory over sin and a deeper experience in the things of God.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,

By C. P. B.

Alabama Conference

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Alabama Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Amt. for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Dec. 11	Amount paid to Dec. 11	Amount short
195	\$2028.00	\$1859.00	\$1509.19	\$ 349.81

Alabama Mission — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

200	\$2080.00	\$1906.66	\$ 593.17	\$1313.49
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The Huntsville Colored Seventh-day Adventist Church

At the recommendation of the Alabama Conference Committee, the writer, assisted by Brother R. Roberts, conducted a tent effort at Huntsville, commencing June 26.

The singing was rendered by some of the students of the Oakwood School, and my wife did the playing. The Lord blessed us with favorable weather and good audiences every night. Our largest attendance was four hundred. The editors of the two newspapers in the city were very friendly, and granted us free advertising space in their papers.

After the presentation of the Sabbath question several took their stand for commandment keeping, but of course, like "Obstinate" and "Pliable" of "Pilgrim's Progress," some went back.

We took down the tent August 10, after which we conducted meetings in a commodious hall, where services were held three times a week.

Very soon after, I was obliged to leave to conduct our State camp-meeting at Anniston. When I returned from the camp-meeting I baptized seventeen souls, and in a short time left for a tour among the churches of the State.

On December 6 a church of twenty-one members was organized, by Elder A. L. Miller, president of the Alabama conference, and myself. Fifteen of these were new members, and six came in by letter, as follows: Three from the Oakwood Church, two from Decatur, and one from Hillcrest. Brother R. Roberts was elected elder, Brother Calvin Powers, deacon and treasurer, Lulu Caldwell, clerk, and Sister Ellen Brandon, librarian.

We have not yet baptized all our new Sabbath-keepers. We trust this can be attended to soon, and they be added to the church.

Plans are fully developed for the erection of a church building. We have secured the lot and paid for it, also have nearly seventy-five dollars in the treasury to apply on the building. The faculty of the Oakwood School has done much to help our work here. They have been very liberal in their donations on the building.

As I review my six years' work in Alabama, I can say: "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are

glad." Four new churches have been raised up, and several members added to some of the old churches. A new building has been erected at Pensacola, a house and lot purchased at Dothan, and at Montgomery the old mission has been torn down and a modern structure erected.

It will not be my privilege to see the building go up in Huntsville, as a call has come for me to labor in another portion of the Lord's vineyard, which I have accepted. As I leave the work in this State I feel grateful to God for what he has done, but only wish far more had been accomplished. I earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people as I enter my new field of labor.

G. E. PETERS.

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Kentucky Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Amt. for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Dec. 11	Amount paid to Dec. 11	Amount short
183	\$1903.20	\$1744.60	\$1336.94	\$ 407.66

Kentucky Mission — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

75	\$ 780.00	\$ 715.00	\$ 272.02	\$ 442.98
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Missionary Volunteers, Notice

If you have not reported for the past quarter, please do so at once. Also be sure to get your Morning Watch.

Louisiana Conference

Conference Directory

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Louisiana Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Amt. for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Dec. 11	Amount paid to Dec. 11	Amount short
267	\$2776.80	\$2545.40	\$1864.93	\$ 680.47

Louisiana Mission — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

76	\$ 790.40	\$ 724.53	\$ 81.10	\$ 643.43
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HAVE you secured your Morning Watch Calendar? The first edition of 35,000 is almost gone. Another is being printed. Order from your tract society at once. Price, five cents.

GIVE copies of the Morning Watch Calendar to your unconverted friends. This little daily reminder has helped to lead others to Christ; it may help to guide them to their personal Saviour.

EVERY member of every Missionary Volunteer Society a working member. Are you?

"God has given to every man a work to do in connection with his kingdom."

Mississippi Conference

Conference Directory

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Mississippi Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Amt. for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Dec. 11	Amount paid to Dec. 11	Amount overpaid
157	\$1632.80	\$1496.73	\$1543.83	\$ 47.10

Mississippi Mission — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Amount	Amount due to Dec. 11	Amount paid to Dec. 11	Amount short
130	\$1352.00	\$1239.33	\$ 121.12	\$1118.21

Our Colporteurs, Take Notice

THE institute will be held January 16-24, the first meeting being at 2 P. M. Every one should bring with them one blanket, sheet, and one pillow. You can easily wrap these up and carry them as baggage.

C. S. WIEST.

Another Worker Added

I AM very glad to announce to the believers of Mississippi that the way has been opened for another worker to enter our conference. We have long waited and prayed to add an ordained minister to our present corps of laborers, and to-day we are glad that conditions make it possible. The great reason why we have heretofore been unable to put on another minister was on account of our financial condition. At the last General Conference council, we made an earnest appeal for a larger appropriation, but for financial reasons the brethren were not able to grant our request. However, in this hour of darkness, the Lord was shaping matters, and moved upon the heart of a good sister to come to the help of his cause and supply the needs of Mississippi. Sister J. N. McLeod, of Enid, has given a most liberal gift of \$1,000 for the support of another minister. Immediately after this money was placed in our hands, we negotiated with the North Dakota Conference for the release of Elder R. E. Burke.

Since being at the union conference, I have received a letter from him in which he states that he is making arrangements to come to Mississippi at once. We hope he will be with us by the first of February. In this letter he also speaks of an effort that he has just closed where twenty-two souls have accepted the message.

Let us all pray for the success of this new worker and that many souls will be brought into the truth through him while in Mississippi.

C. S. WIEST.

From Brother Miller

DEAR Brethren and Sisters in Mississippi: It has really seemed lonesome since leaving the South where I spent nine years of pleasant labor, and which work and people I still love as dearly as ever.

It was not without much prayer, careful consideration and counsel with my brethren bearing responsibilities, that I decided to leave, at least for a time, and accept a call from the Western Colorado Conference.

Not having seen my dear mother, who is eighty-eight years of age, for more than four years, I decided to make her a visit before going to my new field of labor.

While here at Bagley, Iowa, visiting my mother and brothers, I have had opportunity of taking plenty of outdoor exercise, which has been a great blessing to me physically.

I have given Bible readings to one of my brothers and we read "Great Controversy" together aloud in the evenings. I am very anxious that he will accept the truth.

My wife is with me and we are endeavoring to be a blessing in every way possible.

We have had Sabbath-school each Sabbath at mother's home since we came, on November 10. As many as five have been in attendance. Our donations for the six Sabbaths have been \$2.39.

We had planned to leave for Colorado, December 17, but having received an invitation from Elder Curtis, President of the Western Colorado Conference to attend the Central Union Conference to be held at College View, Nebr., January 13, we decided to prolong our visit and attend this meeting. We feel the need of the spiritual help and instruction we hope to receive.

God has guided us in the past and we are sure he is guiding us in the change of fields, or rather the change to another part of the one great field.

We ask you to pray that God will abundantly bless our labors that souls may be gathered into his kingdom.

H. G. MILLER.

From Sister Miller

To my dear brethren and sisters in Mississippi, greeting. While I can not see you face to face, I wish through the WORKER to send you a few parting words. After fourteen years sojourn in the Southern field—among those whom I have learned to love—it took much praying and tears before yielding to the call of the Master. But I am sure he hath guided me all these years and will continue to do as he hath promised.

I shall never forget our pleasant association and Christian experiences together. I love each one of you. The year 1913, with all its joys and blessings, is almost in the past. As the new year comes laden with opportunities, I wish you each a year of blessed service for the Master.

We expect to soon leave Iowa for our new field of labor, and desire your prayers in our behalf that we may be humble, earnest, and faithful workers,—colaborers together with God.

Bagley, Iowa, Dec. 28, 1913.

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

Miscellaneous

Small But Powerful

A TRACT is a small thing, yet many times it has been a powerful agency for saving souls.

There are many ways of using tracts. One of the most simple is that known as the "Envelope Plan." An envelope of strong paper is secured, large enough to take several of our tracts without folding. On this envelope is some appropriate printing, showing who furnishes the literature, and stating that it is simply loaned, and that it will be called for at an early date. The price of the packet is also marked on the envelope in case the individual should desire to buy it. This suggests the idea at once that while the literature is loaned, at the same time it would be willingly sold to those desiring to purchase.

Thus equipped, the worker starts out with a number of these packages, leaving one at every house in the street assigned to him as far as the packages will go. The following week the ground is gone over again, these packages taken up, and others left in their places.

On the first visit not much time is spent in talking to the individual; the package being simply handed to him, and his attention called to it. In calling the second time the

individual may be asked if the tracts have been read, and this may lead to conversation on the topics in them. It is usually, however, advisable to get in several packages before attempting much conversation, but if the individual shows a spirit of enquiry, be sure to make the most of it. This can generally be done by introducing other literature on the same subject.

Before a package is loaned the second time, the tracts should be carefully examined, and if at all soiled should be replaced by fresh ones.

The tracts should be carefully selected. As a general rule, not more than three should be used at a time. With doctrinal tracts put in some practical subjects. "Coming of the Lord," "The Bible, Its Inspiration," "Benefits of Bible Study" make a good introduction. These might be followed with the "Signs of the Times," "Millennium," and "Way to Christ." Use the subjects least likely to create prejudice at first, and use the Sabbath tracts last in your series. The series may consist of from fifteen to twenty packages according to the interest aroused.

As the work is continued, openings will be made where there is an interest to read, to introduce the *Watchman*, *Signs of the Times*, and other magazines, also pamphlets and other publications. The work should not be left when a series of packages has been loaned, but should be carefully followed up in some way. If possible, arrangements should be made for Bible readings to be given. If meetings are being held in the vicinity, invitations to attend should be given.

This is a simple plan, and yet a very effective one,—one that has been fruitful in saving many souls. We are told by the Lord, through the spirit of prophecy, that "The very simplest modes of work should be devised, and set in operation among the churches. If members will cooperate with such a plan, and perseveringly carry it out, they will reap a rich harvest. Their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase through exercise, and souls will be saved through their efforts."—*An Appeal to Home Missionary Work.*

The promise that souls will be saved is a very definite one. Let it encourage all to take hold of the work.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,

E. M. GRAHAM, Secretary.

To Young Ministers

At the recent council of the General Conference, the following recommendation was adopted:—

"That young men who are now licensed ministers but have not completed the academic course be urged to pursue studies in our training schools, or in the Fireside Correspondence School, with a view to reaching this educational standard before ordination."

Desiring to cooperate in rendering effective this wise recommendation, the Fireside Correspondence School will be glad to correspond with young ministers who can not at present attend our training schools, in order to assist them in selecting those subjects that are best adapted to meet their individual needs, and that will at the same time advance them toward the completion of the academic course. Copies of the Academic Course and of the Correspondence School announcement will be mailed them on request.

In this connection, I am pleased to announce that my experience in writing the first ten lessons of the Public Speaking Course has convinced me that the subject can be satisfactorily presented in twenty lessons instead of forty as announced in our last calendar, thus reducing the tuition from \$14 to \$7. The books upon which these lessons are based, Phillip's "Effective

Speaking" and "Drills in Expression," are the best I have ever used or seen. There is more to effective preaching than "swinging the arms and hollering"—that can be acquired without assistance. But to understand and apply the fundamental principles that underlie effective speaking is a more important matter, requiring earnest study. In this study I am sure I can help you, by means of the text-books, the lessons of instruction and direction, and the personal correspondence that will grow out of these. A number of persons are now pursuing these lessons, and many more ought to begin them at once. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Our Opportunities

THERE are many opportunities in this world, and the opportunity for advancement and success is the one for which above all others the aspiring, pushing young people of our day are seeking. They wish to gain the top and be not only all some one else has been, but more. Some are seeking these opportunities in new, unopened fields; a few are winning, while others, strive as they may, go down in the rush and struggle and meet disappointment. Others are seeking their goal in old fields under many unfavorable circumstances, with the fiercest competition, which breeds hatred, nourishes selfishness, and invites dishonesty. Many meet with fair success and others go down in defeat. Not a few come forth from this rush and struggle with ruined health, shattered nerves and, worse than all else, a tarnished reputation and a weakened character. The most successful must soon give up his honors, his prize, his crown, and face that greatest of all enemies, Death. He has had his reward. The future holds no more for him.

We would appeal to all young people who long for success and opportunity to succeed. There is one service always open to all applicants, one call which offers opportunities for all, and there is one field in which there is no crushing, hindering competition. That service is the service of Christ for humanity. That call is his call to every longing soul. That field is the world. That opportunity is one whose worth and reward can not be estimated by the finite mind. The labor is for eternity; its fruit is immortal. How insignificant all other opportunities are when compared with the inducements and the reward God holds out to those entering his service. We should earnestly seek to improve these God-given opportunities, for if faithfully improved they will bring us that reward which no man can take from us—a home throughout the endless ages of eternity with Christ our Lord.

One opportunity which God wants us to improve as young people is that of witnessing for Christ. We are in the world in our own special community, neighborhood or environment to witness for Christ. If we happen to be the only one, so much greater the need for faithful testimony in word and deed. "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38. We should always remember that—

"Whereso'er the Master calleth,
Whatso'er he bids me do,
Is the only field of labor,
That his grace will bear me through."

LENNIE S. GATTON.

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Romanism and the Bible

REGARDING the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward the Bible, Mr. T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., pastor of Tabb St. Presbyterian church, Petersburg, Va., wrote in 1881:—

"The Council of Trent, the last Ecumenical Council save one (the Vatican) of the Church of Rome, placed the Bibles in the vulgar tongues on the list of prohibited books. This act being passed by an Ecumenical Council and approved by the pope, became the supreme law of the church, binding on all Catholics everywhere throughout the world; and not having been repealed, in so far as I know, by the Vatican Council, the only one having similar jurisdiction, it continues to be the law of the church; and the Bible, in the common language of the people is, to-day, forbidden by law to the common people except under specified conditions. What those conditions are, will appear from the following quotation of the language of the prohibited act. (*Canons and Decrees of the Council of Trent, Tauchnitz Authorized Edition, Rule III [or IV], p. 232.*) 'Inasmuch as it is manifest from experience, that if the Holy Bible translated into the vulgar tongue be indiscriminately allowed to every one, the temerity of men will cause more evil than good, it is on this point referred to the bishops or inquisitors, who may, by the advice of the priest or confessor, permit the reading of the Bible translated into the vulgar tongue by Catholic authors, to those persons whose faith and piety they apprehend will be augmented and not injured thereby, and this permission they must have in writing. But if any one shall have the presumption to read or possess it without such written permission, he shall not receive absolution until he have first delivered up such Bible to the ordinary. Booksellers who shall sell or otherwise dispose of Bibles in the vulgar tongue to any person not having such written permission, shall forfeit the value of the books, to be applied by the bishop to some pious use; and be subjected by the bishop to such other penalties as the bishop shall judge proper, according to the quality of the offense. But regulars shall neither read nor purchase such Bibles without a special license from their superiors.' Notice how that by this law, no Catholic layman has a right to buy a Bible, even a 'translation by Catholic authors,' without permission of his bishop or inquisitor, and this permission may be given or withheld by the bishop at his pleasure, and the man who has it must have it *in writing*. If I want a Bible then, I must apply to a bishop (as, thank heaven, we have no inquisitors in this country yet). If he thinks my piety will be promoted by it he gives me a written permission to use the Bible. Then I can go to a bookseller and buy one. If the bishop refuses, I can not buy one without forfeiting my right to absolution and subjecting the bookseller to the forfeiture of the value of the book and such other penalties as the bishop may inflict upon him. Is this what you call the free use of the Word of God?"—"Romanism," by T. D. Witherspoon, pp. 25-27. Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond, Va.

ARTHUR L. MANOUS.

Standard of Attainment

THE next Standard of Attainment test will be held in March. If you are not a member of attainment, will you not try to take the test in one or both subjects at that time? Every Seventh-day Adventist should know the Bible principles for which our church stands and be acquainted with the history of this denomination which God has led so marvelously from the beginning and made of it a great missionary enterprise which to-day is operating in nearly every country on the globe. Bible doctrines and denominational history are the two subjects of which Standard of Attainment mem-

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Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference

Week Ending Dec. 20, 1913

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
I W Peevy*	D&R	68	25	\$75 00	\$ 6 75	\$81 75	\$
S S Guilford	BF	32	11	16 50	8 05	24 55	

Totals 100 36 \$91 50 \$14 80 \$106 30 \$

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

James Hickman	D&R	100	10	\$28 50	\$63 00	\$91 50	\$443 25
M Wheeler	D&R	70	10	16 00	21 49	37 49	206 00
S H Green	BF	100	14	22 50	1 00	23 50	14 50
J E Miller	D&R	50			6 75	6 75	70 00
E C Shoemaker	BF	28		2 80		2 80	89 25
H E Beck	D&R	20			2 00	2 00	45 00
W P Ethington	BF	24					27 00

Totals 392 34 \$69 80 \$94 24 \$164 04 \$895 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Irregulars	MISC			\$	\$	\$50 00	\$50 00
Miss M P Sparks	BF	84	17	17 00	20 00	37 00	36 00
W H Waite	BF	25		31 00	4 75	35 75	35 75
C H McColrey*	BR	45	9	30 00	4 75	34 75	20 75
M Murphy*	PG&PP&F	57	12	20 50	9 00	29 50	80 00
A L Saxon	BR	29	8	26 00	2 50	28 50	5 50
C R Canada	BF	42			15 25	15 25	90 25
H C Balsbaugh	GC	14			13 65	13 65	22 65
Mollie Ruffin	BF	10		10 00		10 00	10 00
H Holloway					4 25	4 25	4 25
J S Fry	D&R	15			1 00	1 00	9 00
H G Miller	D&R	5					9 00
Mrs J McLeod	MISC	2					7 00
L J McElroy	BF	25					2 00

Totals 318 81 \$134 50 \$75 15 \$259 65 \$382 15

Grand Totals 810 151 \$295 80 \$184 19 \$529 99 \$1277 15

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE—WEEK ENDING DEC. 13, 1913

R H Hazelton*	GC	58	11	\$24 00	\$21 00	\$45 00	\$32 00
G C Hinshaw	BF	10	10	19 00	9 50	28 50	14 50
J S Moore	BF	41	2	2 00	15 75	17 75	41 00
C F Dart	sofp	27	2	2 50	12 50	15 00	69 50
Berdon Hampton*	BF	49			8 50	8 50	69 50
Sibyl Strawhun*	BF	18	3	3 00	3 75	6 75	23 75
Mrs S Frisby	PP&F	10	2	3 00		3 00	2 00
J N Womack	BF	10					12 50

Totals 223 30 \$53 50 \$71 00 \$124 50 \$264 75

* Two Weeks.

Magazine Agents' Report, Week Ending Dec. 20

Agent	No.	Value
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE		
Grace Holt	100	\$ 10 00
A L Saxon	5	50
L J McElroy	2	20

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

B B Peacock	15	1 50
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Totals 122 \$ 12 20

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Meeting Issues

THE whole history of this world is simply the working out of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. There has been through all the ages, two armies, God's people, led by Christ, helped by good angels; and Satan's people, led by him and helped by evil angels. Sooner or later every person is enrolled in one army or the other.

The closing days of the great controversy have come, and the fight is fiercer than ever. Satan is making every possible effort to get recruits to his army, and is using every conceivable device to ensnare souls.

Should not the soldiers of the Lord's army be equally alive to the need of devising plans to lead men and women to take their stand for the Lord's side?

There is a way by which we may make use of some of the things now happening in the world to warn men and women of what is soon to take place.

In one place there is a terrible flood, the news of which goes all over the country. Take some tracts dealing with the signs of the times, and sell them from door to door, introducing them by speaking of the flood, and calling attention to the paragraph which says floods are a sign of the end.

Is there a big strike on? Sell the tract "Capital and Labor." Are there aeroplane flights in your neighborhood? Use them as an introduction for "Wonders of the Nineteenth Century." Is the war in the East renewed? Introduce the "Eastern Question." Are the Mormons active in your locality? Sell the tract "Mormonism and the Bible." Have you heard of any spiritualistic manifestations in which the people are interested? Sell "Spiritualism, Its Source and Character."

In short, keep your eyes and ears open for those topics which are interesting the people around you, and circulate tracts on them. We have referred especially to selling in this connection for it has been proved that an astonishingly large number of tracts can be sold when they deal with the very issue in which the people are interested. But the tracts can be loaned or given away at such times with equally good effect except in the matter of cash returns with which to purchase more ammunition in shape of more tracts.

In these last strenuous days we need to see and use every opportunity for getting our literature into the hands of the

people. As the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth, and wickedness is increasing, it is becoming more difficult to get people to read anything of a religious nature. Hence the advantage of using worldly issues, in which they are interested, to gain their attention. We know the larger part of the people now living will reject the message, but they must all be warned of what is before them. That is our work, which we must finish before the Lord comes. To do it in the short time remaining we must be "wise as serpents." Who will try this plan?

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

Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the fifth annual meeting of the constituency of the Hillcrest School Farm, incorporated, will be held at the North Nashville church school building, 23rd Ave., North and Seifried St., Nashville, Tenn., at 5 P. M., Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1914.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of trustees and a board of counselors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

S. N. HASKELL, *Chairman*,
A. J. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

Southern Missionary Society

THE fifth biennial meeting of the constituency of the Southern Missionary Society, a body incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church on Fatherland Street, Jan. 8, 1914, at 10 A. M., for the election of officers and for such other business as should legally come before this meeting.

The constituency, or members of this society, are the members of the board of the society and the members of the executive committee of the Southern Union Conference. Under the statutes of the State of Tennessee each member is entitled to one vote either in person or by proxy.

S. E. WIGHT, *President*,
E. H. REES, *Secretary*.

Southern Union Conference Association

NOTICE is hereby given that the fourth biennial session of the constituency of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Seventh-day Adventist church on Fatherland Street, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 8, 1914, at 9 A. M., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing biennial term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

S. E. WIGHT, *President*,
M. F. KNOX, *Secretary*.

Institute Dates for the Southern Union

Mississippi Conference	Jan. 16-24, 1914
Louisiana Conference	Jan. 22-30, 1914
Alabama Conference	Jan. 30-Feb. 8, 1914
Kentucky Conference	Feb. 12-22, 1914

"IN the face of what might be done, will the church sleep on, or will they feel the responsibility and the honor that is conferred upon them through the merciful providence of God, and gather up their hereditary trusts and the advantages of present light, and feel the necessity of rising to the urgent emergency that now presents itself before us?"