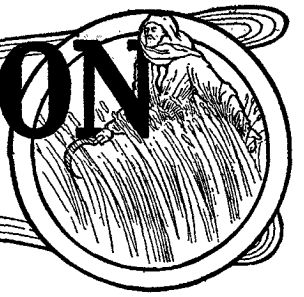


SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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The Bible Story

SWEET, most sweet the Bible story,
Leading up from earth to glory!
Tells how fallen, sinful men
Have returned to God again!
Gives *me* hope that by and by
I shall live with him on high!
Sweet this story often told,
Sweet to young, more sweet to old—
Offers life beyond the grave,
Through the One who came to save
From eternal death and loss,
Through his suffering on the cross.
O then love the story well;
And in love that story tell,
Till to earth's remotest bound
Praise to Jesus shall resound.

C. P. B.

General

We Must Save the Youth

I HAVE been thinking about gold getting,—transferring gold from the mines into coin. Now to do this, men are sent out to mine. They are pioneers, digging into the earth to get the gold in its crude state. But men who get gold intending to put it into coin are just as careful about that gold up to the minute it is coined in the mint as they are when they are digging it out of the rocks. The greatest pains is exercised to take care of the gold until it is in the five, ten, or twenty dollar gold pieces.

Our children are worth more than gold, and we are sending men out as miners, seekers, and workers into fields to get the crude article; and, O, brethren, we must take care of that from the time we get it until it is landed in the kingdom of God. I would feel compelled, if ever I were to make a choice between going on and getting some new people, or giving my boy proper attention and proper care, to take care of my boy. I do not believe God calls me to go and neglect my own flesh. Neglect, I do not mean leave. It weighs tremendously on my mind.

The conditions make the appeal, and as we feel for our own family, so we must feel for all the children in this great family which we have. We must take care of this precious treasure right through to the end until we see these souls saved in the kingdom of God. My experience is that as a rule, while they are children, boys will be boys, and girls will be girls, and no process will change them from that; yet they may grow up Christian boys and Christian girls. They respond in their childhood to effort, listen to appeal,

and take note of example. I know that our efforts in behalf of our youth are making a very great impression upon them throughout the land. We are not wasting our time, nor our money, nor our efforts. It is not a fruitless task, but is bringing great returns.

We must keep right on, but many of our young people are not under these influences, and we are not bringing the direct influence to bear upon them that we must. There are many more to be reached, though we are reaching many. And this steady, continuous effort is the thing, I believe, that will change this and reduce the number of our young people who are not members of the church. The young people's work is not superficial. It does not appeal simply to the emotions. I like the way it is working. It deals with the mind; it deals with the heart; and appeals to all that is noblest and best in our young people, and builds them up symmetrically.

A. G. DANIELLS.

Relation of the Ministry to the Publishing Work

THE field of missionary endeavor and influence open to the gospel minister who is engaged in the giving of this three-fold message, is indeed a broad one. The gospel ministry is the one department or branch of this great missionary movement which embraces all departments or branches in itself.

In the early history of this message, as the Lord sought to give the truth in clearness and power, there was found a need, an urgent need, of the printed page. First the small tracts setting forth the truth were written and used by the ministers to make their work more effective and far-reaching. Then came the periodical, edited by the ministry, making its regular visits to the homes of the people and carrying with it a constant stream of light and blessing. As the message grew, we find the larger books coming into the field, the writing of which was inspired by the burning desire in the heart of the minister that greater light in a more permanent form might be given to the world.

As the publishing work, which found its conception in the very need of the ministry, developed, the Lord found it necessary to raise up able, consecrated, God-fearing laymen to assist the ministry by taking charge of and directing in the work of this great department. They became a helping hand to the ministry. What then should be the relation of the ministry to the publishing work? The history of the birth and growth of this department should in itself answer the question. Born of the ministry, nursed, watched over, cared for, protected and directed by the ministry during all the early years of its existence, they should be bound together by ties which can not be severed. Upon the effective work of the publishing department, depends to a degree the suc-

cess of the minister. On the other hand, upon the voice, the pen, the influence and unfaltering support of the ministry, depends to a great degree the wonderful success of the publishing work.

For years the only representative of the publishing house was the minister. He was the colporteur, or book agent, carrying his grip or trunk full of books and tracts from church to church, from home to home, putting the printed page into the hands of the people wherever he went. This was not the exception, but the general rule with all our ministers. They were all colporteurs in the early days; they should be colporteurs still.

The growth of the publishing work soon created a need for some systematic, well-organized means of putting into the hands of the people the printed page. The time came when the minister could not carry all the output of the publishing house about the country in his hand-bag. That great distributing depot of the publishing house, the tract society, was organized and grew to be a part of each conference—a mighty factor in this great organization. The laity were called upon and pressed into service to carry the printed page. The faithful colporteur became the pioneer of this great message, pressing into unentered fields, blazing the way for the living preacher, sowing seed, the harvest of which eternity alone will reveal.

Has his responsibility ceased with the development of this department and the training of so many able men, who are giving their lives to this work? No indeed. There is no one who should be so ready and willing to encourage and help the colporteur work as the minister. This can be done in many ways. First, he should not feel that the field agent will look after that matter and that he does not need to bother his head about it. He should be the best friend and most faithful helper of the bookman, keeping in close and constant touch with him.

The minister should be constantly on the lookout for those whom the Lord would have laboring in his cause. Some should be encouraged to enter the colporteur work; others should be encouraged to go to some of our schools to prepare for service. Still others should take up some other line of work. The minister has a most excellent opportunity to do this as he travels from place to place visiting churches and families in all parts of the field. His responsibility does not end there. He should not only help in securing the colporteur, but should help to keep him in the field. He should keep in touch with him by writing him a good letter of encouragement and cheer. I know of nothing that will so help the man who is carrying a prospectus as a good, cheerful, warm-hearted letter from one of the workers in the conference. Each minister should keep a list of the colporteurs in his field that he may write them a good letter occasionally. Again, he should not fail to visit the colporteur if he is in his neighborhood, even putting himself out somewhat to do so, that he may thus cheer and help him in his work. When we have been out in the field working all alone for a few weeks, how we do enjoy even a very brief visit with a brother worker. How it cheers our hearts and brings new courage into our work. The conference president should, as far as he can, visit the colporteur when he is near him, and keep in touch with him by correspondence.

Some ministers, I am sorry to say, make the sad mistake of trying to sympathize with the colporteur by telling him, "The field agent has made a mistake by putting you on the book you are handling;" "If you had some other book you would do better," or "The territory is not very good. If you were only over in this other locality, I feel sure you would do much better," etc. This should never be. *Courage* should

ever be the watchword, and loyalty the spirit. Again, the colporteur work should not be looked down upon. If it was elevated in the minds and hearts of the people to its true place, there would be no trouble in securing helpers for this branch of the work. The enemy has made it his business to belittle this work, to stigmatize it. But it should be our business to roll back this reproach, to give the lie to Satan by honoring this calling of God. I believe that more consideration and respect should be shown the colporteur by all. The ministry should take the lead in this by precept and example. The dignity and high calling of this work should ever be kept before the people. In the home, in the church, in the larger gatherings, the colporteur should be greeted as a colaborer. They are soul winners, called of God to no mean calling.—*O. Montgomery.*

Our Publishing House

Home Office News

ORDERS for the March *Watchman* are continuing to pour in at a lively rate and the prospects are that the entire edition will be exhausted during the next few days.

Brother L. A. Smith leaves this week to attend the meeting of the International Prophetic Conference to be held at the Moody Institute, Chicago. It is quite significant that at this conference the prophecies and the second coming of Christ are to receive a great deal of consideration, and it was thought advisable by the board that Brother Smith should attend the meeting. A full report of it will appear in the April *Watchman*, which is expected to be ready March 10.

Brother Bollman occupied the chapel hour Monday morning and gave a very interesting and instructive talk upon the finishing of the work and the facilities which the Lord has provided for that purpose. It was received with appreciation by the employees and we could not help but feel impressed anew with the responsibility resting upon each one connected with the Lord's work.

The past week we were offered what might be considered some profitable outside jobs. One of these was the printing of a weekly paper, and as our pressroom is not very busy at this season of the year, it might have been quite a temptation if we had not remembered what the Testimonies have had to say about doing commercial work. However, we believe that the Southern Publishing Association has been brought into existence for printing literature pertaining to the third angel's message and that our people will rally to its support if commercial work is kept out of it, and that is the end toward which we propose to work.

Some very encouraging reports are being received from various parts of the field. In sending in his report for the Southeastern Union Conference for January, Brother Cole states that although one of the conferences did not get its report to him in time "yet the value of orders taken in the union is \$1,795.95 more than for the corresponding month of last year. The work is onward and we hope for a steady growth during 1914."

In writing from Nicholasville, Ky., where he has been assisting in an institute, Brother J. W. Davis says: "We are having a good institute here and the men are going into the work with good courage, and I feel that we are going to see things done in this field. They have two men who have set their mark at \$3,000 each. There are six who have set their mark at \$2,000, while only two have set theirs as low as \$1,000 for the year 1914. For this I feel very thankful and hope that they will all be able to reach their mark."

For this institute we received an order for eight "Bible Readings" prospectuses; and as that book is such an excellent seller, we look for Kentucky to break all her previous records this year. A letter from their president, Elder B. W. Brown, states: "We plan to make adequate effort to make Mississippi earn the lead, and unless I miss my mark we will not be far behind at the end of this year." We would therefore advise Mississippi to take warning.

The employees in the office are daily remembering the workers in the field at our morning worship and we trust that the readers of the WORKER will also remember in prayer the work here at the Publishing House that it may be carried forward in harmony with the Lord's will.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,
R. L. PIERCE, *Gen. Manager.*

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Colored Institute

THE institute for the colored colporteurs will be held with the Montgomery Church, beginning March 12. The church has agreed to furnish free entertainment for all who will attend this institute, and the conference will pay the carfare of all regular colporteurs. Indeed this shows a very liberal spirit both on the part of the conference and that of the church. Shall we not as colporteurs show our interest in the work and our appreciation of their kindness by coming? These meetings are of great value to the colporteurs and we hope not one will fail to come.

Perhaps, there are some who have heard the call to enter this great work but because of home duties and business interests have not done so. We would be glad to correspond with such and, if possible, help you to get started in the work. We read: "The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man." ("Manual for Canvassers," p. 71.) May the Lord by his Spirit stir our souls to enter this great work.

MARK L. WILSON.

Conference Notes

BROTHER R. I. KEATE reports progress on the church at Elkwood. A Young People's Missionary Volunteer society has been organized, and a supply of literature has been ordered. We trust a good work will be done.

Mrs. Helen M. Keate visited the church at Sheffield last week, and organized a Young People's Missionary Volunteer society. On her way to and from Sheffield, Sister Keate passed through Birmingham, and made the office a pleasant call.

Elder Miller left Birmingham at noon on Friday to visit the church at Carbon Hill over the Sabbath. He is planning on visiting Long Island during the coming week.

The Birmingham Church has organized a junior Missionary Volunteer society, and Sister Wales has been chosen leader.

Miss Maude Rainwater has recently been in Anniston and Birmingham selling the *Watchman*. She disposed of two hundred and fifty copies in these two places in a very short time.

The conference office has been removed from 1700 North Seventh Avenue, to Room 333, Hood Building. We trust that all our patrons will take notice and address mail for the conference or tract society in harmony with this notice.

On Sabbath, February 28, the offering for the Religious Liberty department will be taken. In view of the progress being made in religious legislation, and the increasing demand for work and literature in this direction, a good, liberal offering will be appreciated. This fund has been overdrawn in supplying some necessary literature, and we trust that this will be refunded from the offering of February 28. Let all understand that one-third of the amount raised in this annual offering is retained in the conference for local work, and the two-thirds is divided between the union and American Division conferences.

Kentucky Conference

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

News Notes

ELDER R. S. LINDSAY has been holding a series of meetings in the church at Louisville.

Brother W. H. White reports several deeply interested in the truth at Badger, where he is holding meetings.

Sister S. M. Pearman, of Hodgenville, has sent in an order for Temperance *Instructors*. Have you read this good paper yet? If not, order of the Kentucky Tract Society.

Chas. Minnis has ordered a supply of church record books for the colored church in Louisville.

Elder Wight has been with us during the institute and his instruction has been enjoyed by all who have been in attendance.

Sister D. M. Meyers has ordered some papers the past week. We hope to see all our people become readers of the *Review*, our church paper. Order to-day so as to keep pace with the message.

Sister Steele, one of our colored colporteurs, has been suffering with rheumatism for some time. However, she writes that she is of good courage and thinks she will soon be at work again.

Miss Lula Schafer has sent in a cash order for our good magazines the past week. This sister sells a large number of magazines each month besides taking care of her home duties.

Sister Mary Coble has sent in a remittance for tithe. We are always glad to know that our isolated brethren are loyal to God by the payment of tithe.

Sister Anna Hornung reports that she has more calls for Bible readings than she can fill. Surely God has set his hand to finish the work in this generation.

Are you praying for God to give us four hundred and twenty-six souls this year in Kentucky? Let all seek the Lord for this, and labor with all our power to answer the call that we make to God. If you have not organized a missionary society in your church, do so at once, and circulate papers and tracts that will win souls to Christ.

Brother Sie Green, one of our colored colporteurs, has ordered a supply of books to be delivered March 2.

Elder J. H. Lawrence reports a good interest in the colored

work at Louisville. Several have united with the church since the union conference meeting.

Brother Howard, of Irvington, writes encouragingly of the work in that place. He is selling a number of our books. That is the way to stir up the people and create a desire to hear more of the truth.

Brother Amos Allman has been having some experiences which have brought him to seek God earnestly.

Brother Harrison, of Covington, has recently ordered some of our good books to sell. He tells of his experience in pointing people to the truth of the message.

Brother J. W. Davis has been doing faithful work in the institute and we are sure that his counsel will be of great help to all the colporteurs as they go to their fields to sell the printed page.

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Sabbath-School Report, Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1913

School	Mem.	Av. Att.	Expense	13th Sab.	Miss.
New Orleans	77	56	\$	\$ 24 00	\$ 113 71
Lakes Charles ...	21	16	2 04	6 38	25 13
Shreveport	36	28	5 45	3 31	22 77
DeRidder	19	13	1 75	2 50	16 03
New Orleans No. 2	77	44	1 86	3 99	15 87
Hammond	18	14	1 65	3 15	14 25
Welsh	17	16	4 39	49	8 13
Norwood	13	7	20	3 00	7 75
Alexandria	9	6	55	80	6 80
Home Department	35	35		2 75	6 25
Natalbany	12	9		1 00	6 00
Hobart	11	8			5 06
Lake Arthur	8	7	35		3 76
Leesville	17	17	1 13	50	2 00
Lena Station	21	19			1 80
Shreveport No. 2	8	6			1 50
Newellton No. 2 .					
Totals	399	301	\$ 19 37	\$ 51 87	\$ 256 81

The work of another quarter in our Sabbath-schools is now closed. Our report has been made up and sent in, and in looking over the records we see that the Lord has been with us and his blessing has rested upon each little gathering.

Yet there is a still more important record being kept—not of the Sabbath-schools as a whole, but that of each member. May the Lord help each one of us during this quarter to labor more devotedly than ever before for the conversion of those still out of the fold, and encourage and help the weaker ones. We all need a daily consecration, and a deeper experience in spiritual things. Every Sabbath-school is composed of individual members, and shall we not each earnestly strive to faithfully do our part in making our school an ideal one in membership, attendance, donations, and most

of all, in winning souls to Christ? A carefully prepared lesson and daily prayer for the success of the school will do much toward the desired end.

C. B. CALDWELL,

Sabbath-School Secretary.

News Items

ELDER FRANK writes that the company at Sugartown desires to be organized into a church soon.

Elder Parmele and Brother Caldwell left this week for visits with the churches and companies in the southwestern part of the State. The dates for meetings are as follows: Lake Arthur, February 28; Lake Charles, March 7; Welsh, March 14. The dates for the DeRidder and Sugartown companies are not yet definite.

Brother McLennan writes from Shreveport that he has organized a Sabbath-school in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, with a good attendance to start. He states that he finds plenty of openings for cottage meetings, and believes the Lord has gone before us there. Elder Parmele and Brother Caldwell will join in the Shreveport effort during April and May.

Several persons in remitting funds to the tract society and conference recently included some extra money with instruction to use it as most needed for our work in this conference. Such remembrances are most welcome at this time. One sister enclosed a lot of stamps in her letter with instructions to use them in writing to the brethren and sisters.

Sister Francis Goodwyn writes of three new Sabbath-keepers who are attending the Sabbath meetings at Alexandria. She says still another has decided to keep the Sabbath. We sincerely trust the good work begun there may soon develop into a church.

An encouraging report comes from the Alexandria Sabbath-school, telling of their increased membership, and the interest taken in the studies. With an order for Sabbath-school supplies was a request for a supply of Home Department envelopes—an indication of a live, missionary spirit in the school.

Brother S. F. Reeder writes from Tioga: "Sunday-school is moving on nicely, and the people are becoming deeply interested in the study of the Bible.

"We are holding weekly studies in our home, and all seem anxious to learn more of God's Word, especially the younger ones.

"The presiding elder of the Baptist Church is very much interested, and has kindly offered us the use of their church in which to hold our readings, as our room is too small to accommodate all who wish to attend.

"We have thus far held two studies, about ten being present at the first and thirty at the second meeting. All expressed themselves as being anxious to continue the studies."

Elder Parmele and Brother Caldwell visited the Hammond Church, Sabbath, February 15, holding service in the forenoon, and a meeting on Sabbath-school, young people's and missionary work in the afternoon. On Sunday they were entertained at the residence of Sister G. C. Wood, of Natalbany, and in the afternoon Elder Parmele spoke to an interested audience in the home of Sister Letha Young.

The young people have been holding Bible studies in the Bethany Home from week to week, and last Tuesday night Elder Parmele gave a stereopticon lecture on the prophecies. The inmates of the Home (homeless men), with neighbors and a large portion of the members of the Sunday-school, listened with intense interest while the speaker expounded the prophecies in simple story form that all could comprehend, as the illustrations were thrown upon the canvass.

March 7 has been set apart as Educational Sabbath, a day in which to study the needs of our youth and children, and to consider their training, care and education. "Why do so many of our young people slip from our ranks when they reach the age of real usefulness?" is a question that should stir each parent and worker to a diligent study of the situation, and advanced steps should be taken to train these young recruits to active missionary effort. "The Care of Our Children," "Where Shall We Educate Our Children," and "What Our Church Schools are Doing" are some of the subjects that will be discussed at this service. Speaking of home schools and church schools, the spirit of prophecy says, "If parents will realize the importance of these small educating centers, cooperating to do the work that the Lord desires to have done at this time, the plans of the enemy for our children will be largely frustrated." While new conversions are taking place from day to day, many of our youth who are brought up in Christian homes are constantly slipping away from us, and lending their influence on the side of wrong. This should not be.

Will you not carefully consider the situation, earnestly cooperating with your church leader in seeking God for light, and gather all the help available from the program rendered on this Educational Sabbath?

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News Items

BROTHER WIEST spent Sabbath, the 21st, with the Jackson Church, speaking on the subject of Religious Liberty, and urging the church to make a liberal donation when the collection is taken next Sabbath, the 28th.

Brother Virgil Smith has spent some time recently in Jackson making the necessary preparations for the colored institute, which is to begin on Monday, March 2. It was first planned to have this institute at Yazoo City, but the necessary arrangements could not be made, so it was thought best to hold it in Jackson. A good attendance is expected.

Brother J. W. Davis expects to be in Jackson during the first of March to assist in the instruction given at the colored colporteurs' institute.

As all our people perhaps may know, there is a campaign on foot, the purpose of which is to put the *Review and Herald* into the homes of every Seventh-day Adventist. Some response is being made to this in our conference, several subscriptions having come recently from Brother Morrow at Hattiesburg. Let others try it.

During this week, Brother Wiest expects to visit Clarksdale, Lula, Hushpuckena, and Greenville, probably meeting with the Greenville Church on Sabbath, the 28th.

A recent communication from the Review and Herald Publishing Association brings information to the effect that they now have about 8,000 copies of the relief edition of "Ministry of Healing" on their hands which they wish to work off. They have placed these on the regular subscription-book basis, and we would urge those of our people who can devote some

time to this, to help work them off. This would be a good opportunity for our members who are interested in the book work. Our churches could take hold of this proposition and do a splendid work.

Our colporteurs are having some interesting experiences all the time. One brother writes that he went out on Monday morning and did not take an order all the forenoon. He got out of his buggy, went to a nearby woodland, and earnestly asked God for help. That afternoon he took orders for something over \$18 worth of books.

Another worker, through prayer, was directed to a house where he secured an order, also a suitable location for himself and family for headquarters. And this is in a territory where he is having good success in taking orders.

Certainly the Lord leads his faithful workers when they commit their ways to him in faith.

Sabbath, March 7, is Educational Sabbath throughout the denomination. Special readings have been prepared for this occasion, which appear in the February issue of the magazine *Christian Education*. If not supplied, send at once for a copy. Every church officer should have one.

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Memphis, Springville, Hazel

FEBRUARY 5-19 the writer spent in company with the conference president in visiting the above-named churches. Four days of this time was spent with the Memphis Church. We had preaching in the evening of each day and the rest of the time was spent in convention work. The Southern Union Conference educational secretary, Professor R. G. Ryan, and the Tennessee River Conference field secretary, were also present, and all lines of church, Sabbath-school, young people's and educational work were discussed.

The questions which were passed in gave evidence of the lively interest which is being taken in all the lines of work in this closing message, and as we left, the church resumed its work with renewed vigor and courage.

The meetings began at Springville on the 9th. Notwithstanding severe cold weather and bad roads, there was continued good attendance marked with increasing interest to the very last meeting, on the night of the 15th.

The convention work at this place took a broader scope, if possible, than that at Memphis, and the remarks that were heard among the members showed that they were determined to do a more thorough and aggressive work this, than they were able to do last, year.

One action taken by this church gave conclusive evidence it was awake to the fact that all should do everything in their power to furnish means with which to finish the work rapidly. By a unanimous vote it agreed to engage in missionary farming for the purpose of raising mission funds. Not only this, but it requested the conference president to inaugurate a campaign throughout the conference to push this plan for raising mission funds. I believe that this plan will

result in greatly augmenting the amount of mission funds raised in this conference, so that it will stand at the head of the list of conferences in the Southern Union, not only in membership but also on account of the amount of funds raised per capita.

At both Memphis and Springville, steps were taken looking to the organization of the young people's and educational work.

A part of three days was spent in Hazel visiting the school and church. At the school an excellent spirit is manifest, and the home atmosphere is of an uplifting nature so that it is a good place for the young to prepare for the work of the Lord.

I also wish to mention the colored church at Memphis. They are working faithfully to raise money with which to build a house of worship, and seem to be very desirous of doing all they can to spread this message of salvation among their race.

At Springville there are several colored believers who were organized into a Sabbath-school while we were at that place. This step we think will be the beginning of some systematic work on their part for their race in that part of the conference.

One thing that impressed the workers very favorably on this trip was the singing, which was excellent, especially so at Springville and Hazel, yet there was no display about it. No one seemed to wish to sing anything but good, soul-stirring hymns, unmixed with operatic airs and quivers. It carried my mind back to the time when the singing in our churches was a real part of the solemn worship of God, and I believe that the tendency is to return to that state.

E. H. REES.

Missionary Plan or Foreign Mission Investment Fund

In Testimonies, volume 9, page 27, we read the following:—"Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work."

On page 82, we read:—

"The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others. Help all to see that as receivers of the grace of Christ they are under obligation to work for him. And let all be taught how to work. Especially should those who are newly come to the faith be educated to become laborers together with God. If set to work, the despondent will soon forget their despondency; the weak will become strong, the ignorant intelligent, and all will be prepared to present the truth as it is in Jesus. They will find an unfailling helper in him who has promised to save all that come unto him."

The need of all being at work to advance this message, not only in the home field but also in the regions beyond, appeals to every one who is interested in the advancement of the truth. The needs of the cause demand it, and there is nothing that will strengthen our Christian experience more than actual service in connection with this cause.

At the general meeting held at Springville, February 12-15, there was a free and full discussion of the principles set forth in the foregoing testimony. The church there is planning to carry into effect these suggestions. It was also voted that in their judgment, these principles should be brought before all our people in the conference. This plan of getting all to work gives to all a chance to do something. One mother has given her four-year-old boy a hen to set; two brothers are planning on raising an acre of cotton together. Some Sab-

bath-school teachers give the children in their classes five cents each, and see how much they can increase its value by a certain time. Others plan to spend a certain amount of their time sewing or doing other work. Some who are in the city can sell books and give the profits to missionary work.

In harmony with the vote taken by the Springville Church, we have arranged the following pledge blank which will be furnished to all our people. One blank should be retained by the church treasurer and the other should be returned to the conference office. In case you are an isolated member, you can retain one blank yourself and send the other to the conference office.

PLEDGE

MISSIONARY PLAN; OR FOREIGN MISSION INVESTMENT FUND
I agree to set aside the following for this fund:—

Amount.

- Cotton
- Wheat
- Corn
- Oats
- Hay
- Sorghum
- Kaffir Corn
- Fruit Trees Kind
- Berries
- Potatoes
- Sweetcorn
- Tomato Plants
- Cabbage Plants
- Other garden or farm products

No. Set

- Hens
- Ducks
- Turkeys
- Give days work

Profit on Books or invest which I will turn into money and bring to the Harvest In-gathering service; or if isolated, send to the conference treasurer to be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board.

Name

Address

(Fill out two blanks.)

The church elder should keep in close touch with what is

being done. As the money is turned in, opportunity should be given for the individual to give his or her experience in raising the same. This will be an encouragement to others in pushing this work. It might be well to have a certain time when all who have funds, may turn them in, giving the plan they have followed in raising the same. I am sure this will greatly increase the spirituality of all our churches if they will take an active part in it. J. W. NORWOOD.

News Notes

BROTHER C. F. LOWRY has ordered a good supply of tracts to be used by the church in Jackson. They plan for every member to be doing something.

Brother Pound spent last week at Paducah, Ky., where Brother and Sister J. H. Parrott and Sister Sibyl Strawhun are locating. We wish these workers success in their new field of labor.

Elder Norwood spent a few days at Nashville after the meeting at Springville. He, Professor Ryan, and Elder Rees left Sunday night for Graysville, where they will attend the academy board meeting.

Elder Norwood reports an interesting visit with the isolated believers at Paris, on his return from Springville.

The February *Watchman* had a good circulation in this conference. Why can not we put more of the March number into the hands of the people?

We are receiving some orders for the *Church Officers' Gazette*. Every church officer should have access to this good instruction.

Owing to ill health, Elder C. A. Hansen, pastor of the Nashville Church, has resigned his position and expects to soon move to Canada.

Notice

THE Young People's Missionary Volunteer society of Memphis desire late, clean copies of our denominational papers to fill a reading rack in the Methodist hospital. This hospital has people of influence passing in and out, and they appreciate our rack being there. We will be glad to receive any papers.

Please send to Mrs. E. R. Jones, 14 W. Illinois Avenue.

Miscellaneous

A Heart to Heart Talk

I WISH that I might sit down with you, dear Missionary Volunteer secretaries, and have a good heart to heart talk, about what seems to me should be done to help our young people to see Jesus as he really is, and what he wants to be to them.

I look on our young people's movement as among, the greatest, if not the greatest work for the present day, and you, dear secretaries, have a great responsibility resting on you, not only as record keepers, or letter writers, but heart to heart soul-winners. It is not enough for us to say to the young, "Go and pray," but we should say, "Come, let us pray to our God for help lest we perish with those who despise his ways." The tender pleading of a real friend's voice in prayer will often reach the darkest recesses of the human heart, when all else has failed. Have you tried it? No one has a better right, nor greater opportunity for this individual heart to heart work than our Missionary Volunteer secretaries. I am sure that a life filled with the same

compassion for the dear young people, that our dear Saviour had for the multitude is what we need as workers. We are debtors, and it will take all there is of us to pay the debt.

Closely connected with this Missionary Volunteer movement is the Sabbath-school work. What a network of live wires the superintendent and his corps of teachers and secretaries should be! And the thing that will make them real live wires is a true sense of that awful debt to all men.

If every Sabbath-school superintendent, every teacher, every secretary would feel the weight of the debt as Paul did, and that it is not enough simply to tell of the Saviour and his love, but would take the dear one, who does not know his or her Lord, to the foot of the cross, where there is pardon for all, what a mighty work could be done in a short time! Try it, dear workers, it will pay. G. F. WATSON.

"Keep Every Day Holy"

"WASHINGTON IRVING exposes the dangerous fallacy of those proposing to hallow all days, instead of a Sabbath:—

"Shrewd men, indeed, these new reformers are!—
Each week-day is a Sabbath, they declare.
A Christian theory!—the unchristian fact is,
Each Sabbath is a week-day in the practise."
—Quoted in "The Sabbath," by W. W. Everts, p. 131.

Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference

Week Ending Feb. 14, 1914

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
P H Jones	GC	16	15	\$55 00	\$ 1 40	\$56 40	\$
S S Guilford	BF	33	18	27 00	3 00	30 00	
R T Jacks	BR	6	3	9 00		9 00	
Totals		55	36	\$91 00	\$ 4 40	\$95 40	\$

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

N E Covington	BR	39	32	\$98 00	\$ 1 50	\$99 50	\$ 1 50
J S Fry	D&R	42	24	72 00	2 00	74 00	2 00
L M Campbell	BR	40	18	57 00	2 75	59 75	2 75
C H McColrey	BR	18	16	48 00	3 50	51 50	3 50
H C Balsbaugh	GC	42	21	46 00	50	46 50	2 50
M A Murphy	PP&F	14	9	25 50	1 50	27 00	4 50
C R Canada	BF&D&R	24	10	22 00	4 25	26 25	4 25
MissMPSparks	BF	25	24	24 00	50	24 50	1 50
Lou J McElroy*		35			8 25	8 25	8 25
W H Haddon	BF&CK	29	3	4 00	1 50	5 50	6 50
Hattie Jacobs	CK	3	3	4 00		4 00	
Totals		311	160	\$400 50	\$26 25	\$426 75	\$37 25

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

F E Wagner	GC	37	13	\$40 00	\$ 3 50	\$43 50	\$ 6 00
C G Bishop	BF&GC	33	16	37 00		37 00	
C F Dart	sofp	40	21	31 50	75	32 25	
R H Hazelton	GC	30	11	22 00	2 75	24 75	
J B Krauss	BF&GC	27	7	13 00	2 50	15 50	
J S Moore	BF	18	8	10 00	25	10 25	
Totals		185	76	\$153 50	\$ 9 75	\$163 25	\$ 6 00
Grand Totals		551	272	\$645 00	\$40 40	\$685 40	\$43 25

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Kentucky Colporteurs' Institute

THE institute opened promptly, according to appointment, Thursday evening, February 12, with eleven in attendance. Later on in the week one more was added to the class. This is probably the best class of workers that Kentucky has ever had at one time. In the judgment of the leaders in attendance, there are ten of this number who will make a success of the work. These are all men of mature minds, with bright intellects and good constitutions, and better than all this, wholly consecrated to the work of God.

Services for the public were held each evening, and during the week, the meeting was moved into one of the largest halls in the place, where accommodations were much better, and the outside attendance increased with the move.

Elder Brown, the president of the conference, J. W. Davis, Brother H. E. Beck, and the writer assisted in the services and in the class work. The colporteurs, in conjunction with the ministers and the Bible workers, are praying for four hundred and twenty-six souls and for the sale of \$16,000 worth of books during the remaining ten months of this year. Everything seems favorable for the greatest work in the State that has ever been accomplished. God will certainly hear these prayers for success. Let all in the union catch the spirit of prayer for souls, and we will soon be at the end of the journey.

S. E. WIGHT.

Don't forget the Religious Liberty offering for the last Sabbath in this month. The need is great.

Gift Books for 1914

DURING 1914 the general Missionary Volunteer Department will send to each person holding three certificates one of the following books to be selected by the young person himself or by his conference Missionary Volunteer secretary:—

1. "Steps to Christ," gilt, Mrs. E. G. White.
2. "Great Second Advent Movement," paper, J. N. Loughborough.
3. "William of Orange," George P. Upton.
4. "Missionary Idea," paper, Mrs. A. E. Ellis.
5. "Our Paradise Home," gilt, S. H. Lane.
6. "Passion for Men," cloth, E. F. Hallenbeck.
7. "Christ's Object Lessons," Mrs. E. G. White.
8. "Victory in Christ," Robert Horton.
9. "The Second Mile," H. E. Fosdick.
10. "Elijah and the Secret of His Power," F. B. Meyers.
11. "Abraham, or the Obedience of Faith," F. B. Meyers.
12. "The Kingship of Self-Control," Wm. J. Jordan.

13. "Out of the Fog," Chas. K. Ober.
14. "The Personal Life of David Livingstone," W. G. Blaikie.
15. "The King's Daughter," J. E. White.
16. "Tiger and Tom," J. E. White.
17. "The Man that Rum Made," J. E. White.
18. "Christ Our Saviour," Mrs. E. G. White.
19. "Letters from the Holy Land," Henry A. Harper.
20. "Things Foretold," W. N. Glenn.
21. "Talks to Boys," Eleanor A. Hunter.
22. "Talks to Girls," Eleanor A. Hunter.
23. "Uganda's White Man of Work," paper, Sophia Lysons Fahs.
24. "A Retrospect," paper, J. Hudson Taylor.
25. "Pastor Hsi," Mrs. Howard Taylor.

Numbers 15-20 are especially adapted for juniors.

The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course is growing rapidly. During 1912 the department sent out fifteen gift books. Last year ninety-three gift books were sent out. Will you draw one during 1914?

Among the Best

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