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### Union Conference Directory

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#### Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership 2066

Quota for 1914 \$21486.40 Amount Paid \$7429.93 Amount Due \$14056.47

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# Pertaining to the Union

#### Day of Prayer

DOUBTLESS all the readers of this paper have noticed the call issued by the president of the United States for the first Sunday in October to be made especially a day of prayer in view of the war situation in Europe.

The General Conference Committee has sent out an invitation to our people to not only observe the day set apart by the president, but also to observe the first Sabbath in October as a day of special prayer, suggesting "that in the spirit of the president's call our people devote the first Sabbath in October to this cause praying for our brethren and sisters involved in the trouble in Europe, and in behalf of the cause and the work there as well as for the winds of strife to be restrained."

Following this day of prayer many of our colporteurs will begin delivering their books. They have something like \$50,000 worth of books to be delivered, and it seems that it would be very encouraging to these workers and helpful to our work if, during these days of prayer, we would especially remember these faithful workers for God. We should pray the Lord to give these workers the hearts of the people that they may not only deliver their books, but make an impression on their minds and lead them to study the precious literature placed in their hands.

S. E. Wight.

# A Mighty Awakening

Now that our annual camp-meetings are past and we have had a little time to reflect and take a general survey of the field, we can but take a hopeful view of the situation. Yet there are, on the horizon of our great commission, problems of the greatest magnitude. As we look at the greatness of the enterprise in which we are engaged, as we contemplate the exhaustless resources of our unseen, heavenly allies, and become more and more persuaded regarding the infinite, limitless, almighty power of our great Leader, we must have increased faith. We must show an unflagging zeal and devotion to the great responsibilities assigned us.

"The gospel message is to ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action."

"There is before the church the dawn of a bright, glorious day, if she will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, withdrawing from all allegiance to the world." Vol. 8, pp. 11, 12.

We have passed resolutions at our camp-meetings; and that is right. We must now see to it that these are fully carried out. This is possible, but it means thorough organization—good leadership—and constant hard work. As we go forth to labor, accompanied by holy angels and possessed with divine power, we are bound to have good success. "To every one who offers himself to the Lord for service, withholding nothing, is given power for the attainment of measureless results." Vol. 7, p. 30.

"The church of Christ is God's agency for the proclamation of truth; she is empowered by him to do a special work; and if she is loyal to God, obedient to his commandments, there will dwell within her the excellence of divine power. If she will honor the Lord God of Israel, there is no power that can stand against her." Vol. 8, p. 11.

Just think of these wonderful statements, brethren: "We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us." "He will save to the uttermost." We certainly have reached the time in our work when we must put on the whole armor. We must go forth willing to do and dare for God. "Set the churches at work. Not one one-hundredth part has been done, or is being done by the members of the church that God requires of them. The very simplest modes of work are to be devised and set in operation among our churches." We must take hold wherever we see that there is work to be done. "Whether you are rich or poor, great or humble, God calls you into active service for him." See An Appeal. "God has given to every man his work. Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past, this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and fully carried out, whereby the talents of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this."

"The leaders of God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning they are to give *special* study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors."

"There should be a well organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church, and also for unbelievers." Vol. 9, p. 117.

"Our churches need organizing into missionary bands, and instruction in practical methods of doing practical missionary work."

These are God's plans, and we must be careful not to substitute our own. The great awakening that is taking

possession of God's people is one of the greatest causes for rejoicing. It means everything. "And then shall the end come." When? Not until we have done our duty. Let us hasten that glad day.

With our truth-filled literature, books, magazines, periodicals and tracts, we are to go forth to the warfare. Well-drilled, well-organized, spirit filled, with a message of life to our friends and neighbors, let us no longer delay but rather now enter into this great Home Missionary campaign. It is a soul-winning campaign. Eternity alone will reveal the blessed results.

We want every member to become responsible for a definite territory. We want you to use the *Signs* weekly, the Berean Library, tracts, etc., and while you labor, pray earnestly that God will bless your efforts. Don't fail to keep a record, and pass in a full and perfect report of all work done.

Let this prayer ascend from every heart—"Oh! God, send a revival. Oh! God, send a revival. Oh! God, send a revival, and let it begin in me." He longs to do it. He wants to give life to the dry bones. He longs to see his people drinking from the sparkling streams of Lebanon. He wants their joy to be complete. Nothing is so well calculated to bring these blessed results as consecrated, untiring, disinterested labor for precious, perishing souls.

# Publishing and Colporteur Work

F. W. PAAP.

# With the Men Behind the Books

The canvassing summaries for the month of August for the three southern unions have been received. All show excellent gains over the corresponding month of last year. The totals are as follows?

 Southern Union
 \$ 7,399.40

 Southeastern Union
 8,881.40

 Southwestern Union
 13,427.04

When taking into consideration that a number of the workers began their deliveries in August, this is all the more encouraging. The Southern Union delivered about \$1,700 worth of books; the Southeastern Union, \$2,500, and the Southwestern \$5,000.

#### WORLD'S SALES FOR 1913

From a letter written by Elder N. Z. Town, secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, we quote the following paragraph:

"The war in Europe seems to be stirring up our people in this country. Some of the old colporteurs who have been out of the work for years are asking to come back. We are glad to see this, and hope that they may help to swell the record to the two million mark this year. I am just handing in to the *Review* our annual report for 1913. After eliminating the duplications which we have been having in the reports in the past, we are still \$36,000 ahead of 1912. If we had reported on the same basis this year as last we should have reached the two million mark all right. However, I am glad to get the report on a good basis."

According to this the sales for 1913 amounted to approximately \$1,870,000. At the rate the reports for 1914 have been coming in, it seems quite certain that this year will witness the sale of two million dollars' worth of Seventh-day Adventist literature.

It is also most encouraging to notice that so many of the old colporteurs are returning to the work. The Lord has said that he is calling them back, and it is indeed a cause of

rejoicing to know that they are responding. And, in this connection, the following stirring words from Brother James Hickman, of Kentucky, we believe will be of special interest.

#### KENTUCKY COMING TO THE FRONT

Brother Hickman writes:

"This letter leaves me at home, but I will leave again at the break of day. Old Kentucky is on a boom. Two new ones are already at work, and many more ready to start just as soon as I can get around to them. . . . I have forty-eight on my mailing list, and quite a number of them are writing for me to come and get them started.

"Brother Hallsted and I found a man down in the hills last week who was anxiously awaiting baptism. He seemed fully grounded in the third angel's message. What do you suppose caused him to be in that condition? He had an old worn out, yellow-covered copy of 'Bible Readings.' He had never seen but one Adventist, and that was an uncle who had given him the book.

"One of our sisters at Louisville who says she intends to canvass until the Lord comes, told me how she came to accept the truth. It seems that they had 'Daniel and the Revelation,' but hadn't even so much as read one chapter in it. But, one day while she was dusting, the book fell on the floor and happened to open where the seventh-day Sabbath was being discussed. She became interested in the book at once, and the result was that she was soon a Seventh-day Adventist herself. Her husband opposed the truth for three years, but now has accepted it and will probably canvass. So, you see the Lord is blessing and preparing individuals to help finish the work."

Upon reading this letter we were again forcibly impressed with the great work our literature is doing. It is the same old story. The books may be placed upon the shelf and become neglected and forgotten, but the Lord has a care for his truth, and in his own good time our message-filled literature will bear fruit. In the words of the poet, we can but repeat—

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm."

#### ANOTHER CARLOAD SHIPMENT

Last week another carload shipment of books was made to our Fort Worth Branch. The car was made up largely of "Bible Readings," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Practical Guide to Health," and "Past, Present, and Future." It contained one hundred and two cases, and weighed over twenty-seven thousand pounds.

Some large shipments have also been going to our Atlanta Branch during the past few weeks, while those to the various conferences in the Southern Union have been correspondingly heavy. The result is that our packing and storing rooms have the appearance of having received a genuine house cleaning.

#### TOO MUCH SPACE (?)

It would not be at all surprising if some should think that the colporteur work is taking up too much valuable space in the WORKER. For the benefit of any such, it may not be out of place to mention a little incident that occurred some time ago.

One of our colporteurs was to spend the night at a certain Baptist home. After supper, while he was giving the family a canvass for "Bible Readings," their pastor came to stay all night also. As the house was rather small, the minister and our colporteur occupied the same room. After

they had retired, the minister asked who was the author of the book he was selling. To this question the colporteur replied, that there was no regular author, as the book was prepared by a committee of some twenty of the best Bible students of whom he had ever heard. But this was not enough. What the minister wanted to know was what denomination published it, and in answer to that question, our colporteur said, "Not to be bragging at all, but they were all Seventh-day Adventists."

So it is with our book work. "Not to be bragging at all," but it is getting so big, and there are so many good things transpiring all the time, that it is difficult to keep from passing a *few* of them on. We are therefore trying not to be selfish and are endeavoring to apply the "boiling down" process as far as so great a subject will permit.

R. L. Pierce.

## Alabama Conference

### Conference Directory

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#### Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership
400

Quota for 1914 \$4160.00 Amount Paid \$1467.83

Amount Due \$2692.17

#### **News Notes**

As may be seen by the change in our State heading there has been a change made in the location of the conference office. We have moved to much nicer quarters, located in Room 316, Lyric Bldg., which is at 3rd Avenue and 18th Street. Taking everything into consideration it was really economy to move, and we will be glad to welcome our brethren in the new location.

In sending your remittances to the office it will be highly appreciated if you will make them payable directly to the Alabama Tract Society, if for tracts etc., or to the Alabama Conference of S. D. A. if for tithe and foreign mission funds.

The Watchman mailing list for Alabama is much shorter than we wish it were. Very few of our church officers are subscribers. We note that there is no town or city receiving more than one copy. This should not be so. The September number was an excellent paper. The one article "Europe at the Rubicon" on page 395 was well worth the price of the magazine. The October issue is interesting from cover to cover and the November number will be even still better, if it is possible. Remember the price is one dollar a year, or five copies to separate addresses for three dollars. Get three of your neighbors to subscribe for a year and you can have the other two copies for your own missionary work free of charge. Try it.

The standing orders for Sabbath-school Quarterlies have all received attention and each school was supplied in time to distribute the Quarterlies the last Sabbath in the month.

If you request it we will include free a copy of the 1914 Morning Watch Calendar with each twenty-five cent order of tracts. We have just a few copies left and when they are exhausted this offer terminates.

At this writing, September 22, Elder Miller is conducting meetings at Patton, Ala. Brother Wilson plans to be in

Birmingham Sabbath, October 3, coming directly from the field to spend just a day or two in the office. He reports that he is very busy assisting our colporteurs in making deliveries. We ask that our people remember the colporteur work in their prayers, especially now that unforseen conditions have caused the work to go hard. We have faith to believe that the Lord will lead and direct even though the finances of the country may be embarrassed.

Book orders have been received from Brethren S. W. Lorren, C. P. Rainwater, P. H. Jones, E. H. McKay, J. W. Beckett, and Earl Jeys this week. Splendid orders for school books have reached us from Professor C. J. Boyd of Huntsville, Sister E. L. Marley, of Birmingham, and Frank Oswald, of Long Island.

Now is the time to use the War Extra of the Review and Herald. The people are willing to receive them and at the low price of one-half cent per copy or four dollars per thousand a splendid opportunity for missionary work is afforded. We carry a stock of these extras here in the office for your accommodation.

We trust that each of our colporteurs will keep in mind the importance of mailing their weekly reports to this office promptly at the end of the week. In order to compile these reports and forward them to the publishers, we should have them in hand by Monday night at least. And let us see every name represented in the report every week. Remember the new address, Room 316, Lyric Bldg.

One sister writes, "I want to subscribe for the Signs of the Times, and Protestant Magazine; shall I send my subscription to you?" We reply, "Yes," and in addition are glad to guarantee prompt and accurate services. We carry in stock books, Bibles, pamphlets, and tracts. Let us have your orders and we will give them prompt attention.

The orders for the Harvest Ingathering Review have all been placed and will reach the subscribers about the time this paper does. If you have not placed your order, do so at once.

O. R. Godsmark.

# Kentucky Conference

#### Conference Directory

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W. H. WHITE, Y. P. M. V. Secretary.

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#### Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership
350

Quota for 1914 \$3640.00 Amount Paid \$ 962.04 Amount Due \$2677.96

### News Items

BROTHER JAMES HICKMAN is delivering at this writing. He has assisted Brother Hallsted and Sister Edna Calender the past week in the canvassing field.

Word received from Sister Schamberg of Louisville tells how the people are being stirred with the tent meeting in that place.

Brother Fred Keitts, one of the colored workers at Bowling Green, writes that they have moved the tent to a new location and that their attendance is much better than they have had this summer.

Elder Lindsay has secured a central location for his tent

meeting in the city of Louisville and he reports a good attendance from the first night.

Brother Winston has been conducting the meetings at the colored tent in Louisville while Elder Lawrence has attended the colored camp-meeting in Alabama and Mississippi.

Brother and Sister Dow are holding a series of meetings at Patsey, Ky., and they report a good interest on the part of a number. Their attendance is quite large.

Elder Lawrence has returned from his camp-meeting tour and will now push the work in the tent effort in Louisville.

Brother W. H. White reports the work onward in Covington. He is now working from house to house.

Florence Minnis, who has been assisting with the work in Bowling Green, has gone home to get ready to attend the school at Huntsville, Ala.

Sister Anna Hornung is very busy these days, having more people who want Bible readings than she can accommodate.

Brother Jesse Miller has again taken up his work in Logan County after spending a few days at the home of Brother R. W. Harris at Ford.

Brother J. E. All is assisting with the tent meeting at Louisville. His help is very much appreciated.

Brother Grounds has finished his delivery and has now gone to Graysville to attend the Training School.

Elder Brown has attended the Union Conference Committee meeting in Birmingham during the past week. He also visited with the tent companies in Louisville.

Brother James Myers, of Lexington, was an office visitor the past week. He bought a prospectus and expects to canvass some around his home.

Brother R. W. Harris has ordered a supply of the September Watchman and expects to work Winchester.

Brother S. G. Sharp writes that he is anxious for some meetings to be held in his neighborhood.

Brother Fred Jacobs, of Hartford, writes that several people in that community are calling for meetings.

Brother Charles Bainer, our new secretary and treasurer, has arrived and will take up work at once.

Miss Bessie Mount has finished her delivery and has gone to Graysville where she will attend school.

Church school opened in Nicholasville Monday, September 14. Miss Lena Brown is in charge.

Brother Reichenbach and Brother Wheeler donated their services in making blackboards and putting in seats for the church school at Nicholasville.

# Louisiana Conference

#### Conference Directory

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#### Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership

Quota for 1914 \$3504.80 Amount Paid \$1180.83 Amount Due \$2323.97

#### News Items

Word has just been received that Robert June, son of Brother and Sister June of Hammond was killed in a railroad wreck on the Queen and Crescent road, while enroute to school at Graysville, Tenn. Further particulars will be given later. Brother and Sister June need our sympathy and earnest prayers, in this hour of trial.

William Wilson of New Orleans, has returned to Graysville again this year to attend the Southern Training School.

Sister Emilou Stewart is working at stenography in New Orleans. She has a position as "relief stenographer," so she is able to get the Sabbaths off. She would be glad to accept a position as stenographer in some branch of the cause.

Sisters Margaret and Irma Gastauer have been spending some time at Ponchatoula. While there they have been busy presenting the truth both in public meetings and private Bible studies. They found the people eager to learn the truth, and they met with most encouraging results. Why could not many of our young people do a similar work?

Sister Susie Boden has been meeting with excellent success selling our magazines in New Orleans. The European war has stirred the people to want to read our literature. Sister Susie expects to be able to enter school at Keene, Texas, at the beginning of the winter term. If you want to go to school, sell our magazines.

Elders Parmele and Buckner have returned from Birmingham, where they attended the meeting of the Union Conference Committee. They report a very important and interesting meeting. It will be a little time, however, before we can announce definitely how our office work will be organized.

Word has just come of the death at Welsh, of Brother G. L. Litchfield. We have not yet received particulars concerning the funeral. This will be reported later. We are sure the entire Worker family will join in sympathy to his bereaved family and relatives.

Brother S. F. Reeder, our former State agent is again in the harness as a colporteur. We wish for him abundant success as he takes the field once more.

The Sisters Mann have finished their work at S. Mansfield and returned home to attend school during the winter.

# From the Field Agent

Because of sickness and other causes some of our workers have been forced to leave the field, but those that are still at work are meeting with fairly good success. Of course, since this great European war has come and produced such a money panic in our own country, we do not take so many orders as before, but there is one thing sure, dear fellow workers, the orders that we do take in this time of peril will make almost certain deliveries. So let us not become discouraged in the least, but let us all work harder and the Lord will come to our rescue if we will only trust him.

You know the testimonies tell us that what we fail to do in times of peace will have to be done under more trying circumstances. May God help us to stand by our work and press it forward to the very gates of the enemy.

I was with the Mann girls at the end of their delivery a few weeks ago, and on account of their work having been in a saw mill town they lost several orders, for a good many of their subscribers had been out of work for some time when their delivery came. But after all this they were able by the Lord's help to place a good many pages of present truth into the homes of the people and the girls are of good courage and, in case they do not enter school, will continue their work right on through the winter.

While working in the city of South Mansfield for two months, Brother and Sister Lester gave them a home free of charge and we feel sure that our heavenly Father will greatly reward these good people for the many kindnesses they have shown the girls while there. They have thus had a part in the colporteur work, and it does seem to me that many more of our people could take part in this way and thus aid the dear workers to stay in the field during this time of peril and distress of nations.

During the past week I spent a few hours in the field with Brother S. F. Reeder and indeed it was a treat to me to be with this old veteran of the cross. We were working with the revised edition of "Bible Readings," and while out together we only passed one family where we failed to take an order for this good book. It was a hard pull, but the Lord helped us and by sticking to it we got the orders.

Brother Reeder has been distributing tracts and holding Bible readings in the community where he lives and as a result this place is ripe for the message and ready for the living preacher.

Yesterday I came to Brother C. P. Bodwell who is located at Oakdale, and found him of good courage.

This morning, early, who should step in but Brother J. Harzman? After a glad handshake we learned that our brother had lodged next door to us. Brother Harzman is on his way to Monroe, La., where he has had his household goods stored for the past two years while he and his wife and little daughter have traveled and sold books in a house wagon. He will ship his furniture to Sugartown, La., where his wife will remain during the winter and their little girl will attend church school, and Brother Harzman will canvass the surrounding country.

Now, dear brethren and sisters over the State, we all know our world is facing a great crisis, and our book delivery is fast drawing on. Most of it is in the cotton district, and so we hope that all our churches each Sabbath will have special prayer that these workers who have toiled under the blazing rays of a summer's sun may have success in delivering their books. We all believe there is power in prayer so let us not be negligent about this matter, but rather seek the Lord earnestly in behalf of this great work.

H. D. LEAVELLE.

# Mississippi Conference

#### Conference Directory

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#### Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership
256

Quota for 1914 \$2662,40 Amount Paid \$1329, 21 Amount Due \$1333.19

#### News Notes

RALPH RAYMOND, our office helper, has returned to his school work at Graysville, and there is quite a rush at the office these days.

Elder Wiest is spending a considerable part of his time with the tent effort at Meridian, which is under the direction of Elder Burke. He reports a good, steady interest.

Elder Balsbaugh passed through Jackson recently on his way back to Meridian from McComb City where he made his delivery. Brother Balsbaugh reports that although it was a discouraging situation, and money was hard to get, he delivered a little better than seventy-five per cent of his books.

Brother Smith was out a portion of last week with a new recruit, Brother Thomas, of Jackson. Brother Thomas wishes to get on to the work so that he can devote his whole time to it later.

Brother F. E. McKee was in Jackson on business last week, and stopped over at the conference home one night. He reports that business around McDonald, his home, is rather dull on account of the various hindering causes that are prevalent to-day in this State.

Elder Morrow has been with the Jackson Church during the last two Sabbaths, and on the last Sabbath of this quarter, held the quarterly services with them. We were also pleased to have Sister Morrow, our Sabbath-school secretary, with us over the thirteenth Sabbath.

October is the month when our colporteurs begin their deliveries, and in their behalf we wish to solicit the earnest and united prayers of our brethren and sisters throughout the State for their success. They have to meet issues this year that they have never had to meet before, and the condition of the financial world will make it hard for them. So, brethren, let us all pray the Lord of the harvest that he will abundantly bless the faithful workers in their delivering.

### Tennessee River Conference

#### Conference Directory

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#### Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership 723

Quota for 1914 \$7519 . 20 Amount Paid \$2490.02 Amount Due \$5029.18

#### Memphis

Since returning to Memphis from camp-meeting the Lord has blessed us in many ways.

Last Sabbath, September 12, will be long remembered because on that day the Lord came very near. First, two members were added to the church by vote. After this I spoke from the text in Lnke 12:33, "Sell that ye have, and give alms." I tried to show that we were very near the end; that the time had come for the finishing of the work; that the great war in Europe was increasing our responsibilities and adding to our burdens; and that now was the time for us to lay our property on the altar, for the Lord to use in finishing the work.

I then referred to the amount raised at camp-meeting—\$1,900 for this purpose—and called their attention to the fact that the brethren of Memphis had contributed \$485 of this amount. I then called for subscriptions and in about thirty minutes we had raised \$1,180 making a total for the Memphis Church of \$1,665 pledged on the \$4,000 fund. Since Sabbath, \$600 more have come in making our total \$2,265. Toward the close of the service one sister laid her diamonds on the altar to be sold, and the proceeds given to this fund. Others pledged watches, rings, pianos, mandolins, rugs, etc. There was a feeling throughout the congregation that the spirit of liberality manifested was in itself a prophecy of the end.

One thing I feel I should not fail to mention, is that \$100 was pledged by a lady who is not a member of the church,

and has just recently become interested in the truth. Then a gentleman, a stranger, pledged \$10. Truly God has blessed the Memphis Church with a spirit of liberality. To him be all the praise.

Last night, in the prayer meeting, the Harvest Ingathering campaign was considered, and it was determined to raise \$500 in the campaign in this church. This may seem a little high when we consider the conditions, but we have learned that the success of the work does not depend on conditions, but on God. And trusting in him we are going to do our best to raise it, and I believe we will.

I will say in closing, to the brethren of the Tennessee River Conference, remember Memphis and the work here. The field is a large one, and the burdens are heavy.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

#### Hazel Academy Items

School opened, as planned, on Wednesday, September sixteenth, at 9:30 A. M.

An interesting and earnest class of young people were present.

We are sorry Elder Norwood, and others who planned to be here could not be, on account of an important committee meeting coming at the same time.

Brother I. C. Pound from Nashville was present and gave a very interesting talk on the purpose of an education. Several of the Hazel Church were present, some of whom have watched the development of the school from its inception, about fourteen years ago. It was recalled that some of the former students were in foreign fields and a large proportion were directly connected with the organized work in the home land

Pospects are encouraging for the year just begun.

The number of students in the homes the first day of school was larger than usual notwithstanding quite a number who planned to be here were delayed. Some have late deliveries of books and others must help with fall work a short time before they feel they can be spared.

At the first Friday evening vesper service a spirit of earnestness came in, and students and teachers felt to give themselves to the Lord that this might be the best year in the history of the school.

The compound microscope arrived the day before school opened, and is surely an excellent instrument. It was formerly used by one of our sanitariums, and was procured for the school through the Union Conference. It will be especially appreciated by the science, physiology, and agriculture classes.

At this writing the corn crop is being put into our new silo. It was found necessary to dismiss school for one day to get the work done. This day will be made up by having school on Sunday, a little later on.

Our music department, in the charge of Miss Brown, is well patronized. All are rejoicing in the prospect of another piano before long. It is very much needed.

#### Leach

By request of the Leach Church I was called to be present at a special meeting, set for September 20. Knowing something of the conditions, I felt it necessary to meet with the church on Sabbath, the nineteenth, which I did.

Many had felt the need of seeking God. He came very near us Sabbath. All seemed to realize it. At the close of the meeting we decided to meet the following day at eight A. M., instead of at ten, as it had been previously announced.

After opening the meeting with a few touching songs and earnest prayers, it was suggested that we give time to let individuals get together and talk over conditions, and where there were differences see if harmony could be brought in. One hour and a half was thus spent, and then all were ready for business. The things that were done during that hour and a half caused me joy, for I believe that it was most profitably spent time for the church.

It looked good to see a brother go to a brother and take him out alone, sometimes calling for a third one. Sisters were doing likewise, until almost the entire congregation were out in the church yard and grove. Many were made to rejoice. The meeting lasted until 12:30 P. M. without a dissenting voice.

Among all who took active part in this meeting a union of spirit was brought in with very few exceptions. We believe that God will leave nothing undone that can be done when his people are willing. Pray for the Leach Church. I am now ready to take up my book work again. I am of

I am now ready to take up my book work again. I am of good courage in the Lord.

WM. J. KEELE.

#### Miscellaneous

### Were You Ever Locked Out?

Ir you were, you know that it is a very perplexing experience. The situation of one who is trying to enter a barred door illustrates the situation in which we as a denomination find ourselves.

Most of us have given hearty approval by vote to the plan of raising twenty cents a week per church-member, fifteen cents of this to go to the support of our mission work, and five cents to be given to liquidate our institutional indebtedness. However, the problem of accomplishing this is yet to be met. We believe that the plan of giving fifteen cents a week per church-member, through the medium of the Sabbath-school, is the key that will unlock this door. Already some have tried the key and have found a ready entrance. Some of the leaders in our conference recognize the value of this plan and are urging its adoption. The following resolutions were recently passed by one of our large conferences:

"Knowing our Sabbath-schools are a strong factor in raising the means which make up the twenty-cent-a-week fund:

"We recommend—

"a. That our Sabbath-schools set a goal, in the matter of offerings to missions, toward which each school shall work from quarter to quarter. We would suggest that this goal be an amount not less than fifteen cents a week for each member of the Sabbath-school.

"b. That some device be adopted by each Sabbath-school whereby the secretary shall inform the school of its standing each week, and thus give an opportunity to make up any shortage in the amount.

"c. That inasmuch as the per capita offering is based on church-membership rather than the membership of the Sabbath-school, we recommend that in churches where some of the church-members do not attend Sabbath-school, but come in for the church service, a second offering be taken just before the close of the Sabbath-school, in order that those coming in late may have a part in raising the desired amount."

If this were done in every school, it would make the twenty cents a week easily possible, and would finance our mission work. In due time it would pay off our indebtedness. The best, easiest, the most convenient way to give this amount

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is to place the money in the Sabbath-school envelope which is passed to every one every Sabbath.

The practical way for your church to carry out the plan is to count up your church-members, multiply the number by fifteen, then again by thirteen, and you will have the amount your Sabbath-school should give to missions in one quarter. Set the goal plainly before the school. Let every one do his best to reach it, and when the thirteenth Sabbath comes around make it "Dollar day" for the special thirteenth-Sabbath offering, and nine times out of ten the goal will be reached.

Believing this to be the "key" to the situation, we are urging every school to use it. It is easier to use a key than it is to pry open a door or to batter it down. The key that is constantly in use is not easily lost or mislaid, and it does not rust. Try it. MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

# Missionary Volunteer Society Secretary's Alphabet

ALWAYS prompt with the quarterly report. Be of good courage.

\* Two Weeks. \*\* Three Weeks.

Collect missionary reports weekly. Delight to work for our society. Enlist new volunteers. Find a discouraged one. Give away papers and tracts. Have an interesting report every week. If God calls to a duty, it can be done. Just be a faithful secretary. Keep neat and correct records. Look after sick members. Make use of the Volunteer leaflets. Never be late to young people's meeting. Obtain a Standard of Attainment certificate. Pray daily for our society. Ouick to see the society's needs. Read the Bible every day. Sign the membership pledge. Take the reading course. Use the Morning Watch, Visit or write to absent members.

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Work for our mission fund. Xpect success in my work. Yield myself to Jesus every day. Zealous for the work in our conference.

EDITH SHEPARD,

Missionary Volunteer Secretary of Southern Illinois.

#### **Editorial Notes**

ELDER WIGHT is temporarily looking after the work in the Tennessee River Conference while Elder Norwood is recuperating his health.

From now until the end of this year, subscriptions to the Worker will be received by all the conferences at half price, namely, twenty-five cents for the year 1915. New subscribers who desire their subscriptions to begin at once should add ten cents, making it thirty-five cents, and receive the Worker for the last quarter of 1914 and all of 1915. Send your subscription to your tract. Society secretary.

VERY important meetings of the Union Conference Committee and of the Southern Union Mission Committee were held in Birmingham last week. There were present from the northern part of the union, Elders Wight, Brown, and Norwood, Brethren Pierce and Knox from the Publishing House, also Brother Davis, union missionary agent, Elder Scott of the Union Mission, and the editor of the WORKER.

The work of closing out the stock of raw materials on hand at the food factory is progressing favorably. The middle of October will probably see practically all these materials not only made into foods, but actually sold to consumers. Whether or not arrangements can be made to continue the work remains to be seen. Nothing very promising has developed thus far, but the brethren have not lost hope that some arrangement can be made whereby the factory can be saved to the work for which it was established.

#### Two Timely Tracts

In view of the terrible struggle now being waged between the mighty nations of Europe, the following tracts written by Brother L. A. Smith, editor of *The Watchman*, will be found of special interest at the present time:

#### THE EASTERN QUESTION. IS IT ARMAGEDDON?

"The Eastern Question, or the Turkish Power in the Light of Prophecy," is a plain and clear-cut presentation of this perplexing and vital question. Inasmuch as this question is at the real root of the present great conflict, it makes this tract a most timely one. It is Watchman Series No. 6, and contains sixteen pages. Price, one dollar a hundred, post-paid.

"Is It Armageddon?" is also having a large sale, in less

than a month nearly 150,000 copies having been ordered. It is well illustrated, and answers the questions which thousands of persons are asking, as to what these things mean and whether or not it can be Armageddon. Sixteen pages, and furnished at one dollar a hundred, post-paid.

Both of these tracts are most excellent missionary ammunition. Send for a good supply for distribution among your friends and neighbors. Now is the opportune time to use them. All orders should be sent through your tract society, as usual.

#### A Temperance Souvenir

HAVE you seen the striking souvenir of the temperance *Instructor?* It is a six by eight, twenty-four-page, two color, profusely illustrated, liquor-traffic destroyer—a veritable six by eight temperance-dynamite shot. "A temperance campaign document that catches the eye and forces conviction."

These souvenirs may be had for campaign purposes for \$10 a thousand when sent by freight, and \$1.50 a hundred when sent by post.

#### The Health of School Children

THE October number of Life and Health is devoted to the health of the school child, particularly as affected by its mode of living when at home. Parents who are not subscribers to Life and Health should send ten cents in stamps to the tract society for a copy of this issue.

#### Office Desks

THIS Office has secured the agency for a splendid line of office desks, both flat and roll top. Should any of our tract society or conference offices, or others be in need of a new desk, money can be saved by writing us. For catalog, prices, discount, etc., address Southern Publishing Association, 24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

# A Timely Book By Elder F. C. Gilbert

THE title of this book, "From Judaism to Christianity," gives a good idea of its scope. The author, educated in his youth as a rabbi, is now a Christian minister, and has had a wide experience as a lecturer for many years. He is a thorough Bible student, conversant with both the Old Testament and the New. The knowledge the author brings to us in this work throws much light upon the Scriptures, and explains things not usually understood concerning the people who were the depositaries of divine revelation for nearly 2,000 years before the New Testament was written.

The Bible was originally written by the Jewish people, hence we are debtors to them. The last chapter gives an accurate description of the Jewish people at the present time, their views and beliefs.

This book contains 384 pages, and is sold in two bindings: light green cloth, gilt edges, gilt stamp on back and cover, \$1.25; blue cloth, gilt stamp on side and back, plain edges, \$1. Order of your local tract society.

#### Fifty-Piece Dinner Set For Sale Cheap

THE Nashville Food Factory, Madison, Tenn., still has on hand a few of those fifty-piece dinner sets which were so popular some months ago as premiums with twenty-five dollar orders of foods. These dishes are now for sale while they last at \$2.50 per set f. o. b. Madison. This is less than the wholesale price. They could not probably be bought anywhere at retail for less than \$10.