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

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## The Colporteurs' Institute in Alabama

THIS institute was held in the city of Birmingham, beginning Monday morning, February 8. There were twelve colporteurs present and a number of others who were interested in the work. The conference brethren had secured the use

the third angel's message if placed in thousands of homes must bring returns for the kingdom of heaven.

There are two institutes to follow in this State. In about six weeks from this time, they expect to have twenty-five in the field.  
S. E. WIGHT.



Colporteurs in Attendance at Alabama Institute

of the Pilgrim's Congregational Church in which to hold the services. This is a commodious building very near the central part of the city.

Our brethren and sisters opened their homes to the workers and furnished breakfast and in some cases supper, but all went to a cafe for dinner. The arrangements were very nice, and all enjoyed the hospitality.

There was preaching service for the public every night with the exception of Wednesday night and the evening after the Sabbath. Wednesday night a church social was conducted at the home of Elder Miller which was both entertaining and instructive.

The instruction at this institute was given by Elder Miller, Brethren J. W. Davis and Mark Wilson, and the writer. We had with us Brother H. G. Miller, who for a long time was field agent in Mississippi. His testimony had the old-time ring and his faithfulness brought much courage to the workers. He has sold many thousand dollars' worth of books, and believes that in the earth made new there will be many people there as the result of his effort. This testimony should be the testimony of a large number in our ranks. Books containing

## ALL NORTH AMERICA INTERESTED

The Southern Union Conference an Integral Part. Isolated Members Take Notice. Of Special Interest to Church Elders.

SABBATH, March 6, has been set apart for a special donation throughout the conferences in the North American Division for the purpose of building a girls' dormitory for the Oakwood School at Huntsville, Alabama.

We request the leaders of churches in the Southern Union Conference to take a special interest in this donation. We sincerely hope that no one will pass it by unnoticed.

The accommodations for the girls in the school are very poor at the present time. Elders I. H. Evans, W. T. Knox, and C. W. Flaiz, Brother J. J. Ireland, and Professor Griggs visited the institution in the interests of this building and some other things while they were here in the South. Inasmuch as these brethren have taken such an interest in us, it behooves every Seventh-day Adventist south of the Ohio River to put forth a special effort on this day to contribute money for the building of this dormitory. We trust that all who remain at

home on this Sabbath will send their offerings, and those who are isolated will please send their offering, however small it may be to the treasurer of their conference.

S. E. WIGHT.

## With the Men Behind the Books

### Bright Prospects for the Future

FOUR of the annual institutes for the Southern Union are in the past. These were well attended and have been reported in the WORKER, so for this reason I will not mention them in detail.

Without an exception the men have gone to the field full of courage and are planning to make the year 1915 the banner year for the book work. This is as it should be and I am glad to see the courage of the colporteurs good, although the war and troublous times are hard for them.

The following taken from a letter of the field agent of one conference where we have held a fine institute will be of interest to all. He said, in part:

"The weather has been exceedingly rough ever since you were here, but I have lost but one day's work. Have helped seven colporteurs and have averaged over \$2 an hour with each one. John ——— and I took thirty-five dollars' worth of orders (not colored) before noon one day." He then tells of some others who were getting discouraged but he left them feeling good and they were of the best of courage. This is the way to help men. Get right under them and make them feel that they can do it and they will succeed in the most cases.

He relates one experience where the colporteur felt it his duty to give books to all who were not able to buy. He says, "I told him any of these people are able to buy books, and we went out and took forty-seven dollars' worth of orders in one day."

"The Lord can work in hard times," he continues, "just as well as in prosperous times, if we can only get the people to see it."

He then relates a trip of fifty-two miles across country, as follows:

"Part of the time I was in a sled, part in a hack, part horse-back, and some of the time walking. The distance was fifty-two miles and I sold three three-dollar "Bible Readings," and one four-dollar Bible to people with whom I came in contact while traveling."

"——— said, on a card yesterday, 'I have made a start and have fifty dollars' worth of orders. I am in the work for good.' Another has rented his farm and is going into the work for life. Still another father, whose son has begun the work and took one hundred ten dollars' worth of orders the first week, says, 'you can count on me.'"

Now this has the right ring to it, and we are going to hear more from this conference as the weeks go by. The Lord is working for the work to be finished and the colporteurs are going to sell books, I think, as they have never done before.

The work is onward in this field and we have nothing but words of courage. The devil is working with all the power he has, but the Lord has the power to finish the work. May the Lord ever bless the great work that is to be done, is my prayer.

J. W. DAVIS.

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds;  
You can't do that way when you're flying words;  
Thoughts unexpressed may fall back dead,  
But God himself can't kill them when they're said."

## Our Training Schools

### News Items from the Southern Training School

BEGINNING Friday February 12, the school entered upon a two weeks' program of revival meetings. All this week the prayer bands will be meeting and talks on the different chapters of "Steps to Christ" will be given in chapel. These will continue during next week from the nineteenth to the twenty-eighth, while meetings are being held in the church every night.

Elder W. H. Branson, president of the Cumberland Conference will conduct the meetings in the church. The people of the village are also anticipating a rich feast at this time, for they have already organized into a number of prayer circles meeting in the different houses, each night, and are praying for God's special blessing upon this week of prayer. We are seeing the prophecy fulfilled which speaks of the professed Christians of the present day enjoying worldly pleasures and the things of this life more than the work of God. Let us all pray that this next week may mean a great deal in the lives of each student and church-member in this place. The devil is going to work hard, but God will give us the victory if we ask him for it.

The faculty have been considering carefully the question of entertainment during the past few weeks and they have, besides these illustrated lectures such as we spoke of last week, been giving attention to various programs of literary and musical entertainment. On Saturday the thirteenth, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McGee very kindly brought over their Victrola, and entertained the school and patrons with a large number of selections on this machine. This is instructive as well as entertaining, for it brings the students in touch with some of the world's finest music.

Next Saturday night, the twentieth, Mr. W. E. French, traveling passenger agent of the Great Northern Railway will show the school some two hundred views taken along his route, and escort them through Glacier Point Park. We are hoping that in a very short time we will have money enough by means of these entertainments to get our lighting system installed.

### "The Motor Power in Love's Activities"

LOVE works. It must work. It is the greatest working force in the world or the universe. And it must work for others; for love works outward, and lives on its deeds that actually minister to others' happiness.

Love plants, it sows, it reaps, it builds, it ministers to the sick, it carries light and blessing near and far, it creates in order to bless. Love must create new channels for its ever increasing activities. Wider, broader, higher, further must it reach.

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour;

And back of the flour is the mill;

And back of the mill is the wheat and the shower

And the sun and the Father's will."

### ONLY BLESSING AND HAPPINESS

God is love; and love is as great and good and far-reaching as God himself. It must be. Love can plan only blessings and happiness, peace and joy. Love cannot plan evil. Even in the destruction of sin and sinners and death itself, love is working to bless.

"By love serve one another." Gal. 5: 13. Love must serve. It lives and grows by service; and it is constantly seeking avenues, channels, through which it may serve more. Men and angels have been and are the natural channels for love's working. But love's workings have back of them all, as Lawrence says,

"a mighty Motor, which is Christ himself as author, operator, and energizer of all divine activities. Christ is the one motive power. Not the command of Christ, not the love of Christ, not the glory of God alone, not the guilt or perils or possibilities of souls—no one of these alone is the great controlling force but Christ himself."

THE WHOLE LIFE CHANGED BY THE TOUCH

Men meet Christ; and as the wire is charged with the current of the mighty dynamo with which it comes in contact, and becomes itself a channel for the electric current, so one touches Christ, and another touches him, and is in turn charged with the same energy. The Samaritan woman at the well touched Christ, and all Samaria was electrified through her. Mary touched Christ, and seven devils were paralyzed, and she was released, to set all earth and heaven an example of giving the best to Jesus; for love must give its very best.

Paul touches Christ, and the world is stirred yet with his earnest prayers that we may "know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." All his hatred and selfish ambition are turned to love for Christ and man.

CHARGED BY THE DIVINE DYNAMO

Moody touched Christ in Boston in 1856, at the age of nineteen, and his life was charged with an indefinable love for all the world. Work he must, and work he did, from 1860 to 1899, as few other evangelists ever worked for the salvation of two continents. The divine Dynamo was undoubtedly charging him for love's service to the world, which resulted in one of the greatest evangels the world's history has recorded. Christ, through Moody, reached and stirred to activity thousands of others who felt the influence of love's power through him, and were cut loose, as if by magic, from their moorings to sin, and set at their Master's work. Among those so moved were Ira D. Sankey, Major Whittle, P. P. Bliss, Robert E. Speer, and John R. Mott, of America; Henry Drummond and James Stalker of Scotland; Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, of England, now of Labrador; and Dr. Kenneth MacKenzie, of China; and among the thousands of others is included the writer.

Dr. W. T. Grenfell, in an article in the *Congregationalist* of November 12, 1914, says of the influence of Mr. Moody upon his life and work: "I have been analyzing the causes that brought me to this barren coast and held me here these twenty-two years, a large section of one's life. The answer is an odd one: An American, a man of humblest birth, a man invested with no human authority, a man I only once spoke to—D. L. Moody. His whole soul was for the individual; and his same simplicity and courageous big heart, with his practicability, made every one want to do things. Like Paul, he claimed for Christ the credit for anything he accomplished. That lovely unselfishness appeals always to the best in every man. D. L. Moody always stood on the platform of 'whose I am, and whom I serve.'"

MEN ELECTRIFIED TODAY

Now as surely as Christ touched and mightily moved men in the past, so is he electrifying and moving men to-day, for the finishing of his work, for the harvesting of the work of all his servants of the past; and you and I may be among those so honored of Heaven as to be channels through which his love may still flow earthward. All may keep in close and constant touch with him through his word and prayer. There is a wireless service with Heaven's dynamo, and we may use it.

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" includes the power of all the love in the universe, which is the greatest impelling and staying power in the universe; and we may be the channels of its working.

"Make channels for the streams of love,  
Where they may broad'y run;  
And love has overfl wing streams  
To fill them every one.

"For we must share if we would keep  
That good gift from above.  
Ceasing to share, we cease to have.  
Such is the law of ove."

—George B. Starr.

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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Membership	Quota for 1915	Amount Paid	To be Raised
450	\$4,680.00	\$242.61	\$4,437.39

Sunset Calendar

Friday, February 26, sun sets ..... 5:55

Obituary

MC KINNON.—Mrs. Catherine McKinnon, after a lingering illness of about three and one-half years, fell asleep in Christ February 9, 1915, at the age of 77 years, 2 months and twenty-four days. She was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, November 15, 1837 and was married in Bishop's Bridge, Scotland, June 10, 1862, to Archibald McKinnon. A few years after the Civil War they moved to Nova Scotia and later to the United States. In 1886 the family, with the exception of their only son, accepted present truth in Eastmanville, Mich., and the four girls afterwards entered the Bible work. The husband, one son, and three daughters—Mrs. W. H. Heckman, Mrs. J. H. Smith, and Mrs. R. I. Keate—are left to mourn.

R. I. KEATE.

Obituary

NELSON.—Martin Nelson was born in Bergen, Norway, Dec. 22, 1842. He immigrated to the United States of America in 1864 and later volunteered in the Union Army during the Civil War and served until honorably discharged at the close of the war. He settled in Chicago, Ill., and married Annie Mary Edwardson in 1869. To this union were born seven children three of whom survive him. In 1888 his wife died after being an invalid seven years. He then married Maren Sand to which union were born two daughters, the youngest, Miss Effie Nelson being well known to many of our people in the Southern Union Conference. In about 1904 he moved to Magnolia Springs, Baldwin County, Ala., where he remained until his death Jan. 19, 1915 at the age of 72 years and 29 days, his wife, two sons, three daughters and thirteen grand-children surviving him.

In 1873 he heard the third angel's message through Elder O. A. Olsen, and united with the Scandinavian-Danish S. D. A., Church of W. Erie Street, Chicago, Ill., of which he remained a member till his death. His life was a faithful witness to the truth and his sleep is in Jesus. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, the word of hope being based upon Gen. 2, 3 and Eze. 37: 1-14.

O. A. PRIEGER.

## Louisiana Conference

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Membership	Quota for 1915	Amount Paid	To be Raised
387	\$4,024.80	\$165.81	\$3,858.99

### Sunset Calendar

Friday, February 26, sun sets.....5:55

### News Items

BROTHER JETUR WHEELER sends in his first colporteur's report this week, having taken up work in Arcadia Parish, in the southern part of the State, since the institute.

Brother J. E. Dunn, of Bluffton, Ind., recently spent a short time visiting places of interest in the "Crescent City" while on his way home, having spent several weeks in Lake Charles with his sister, Mrs. C. A. Saxby.

We are glad to note the success Brother R. W. Paul is meeting in his work in his new field of labor about Welsh. The letters accompanying his colporteur reports breathe a spirit of courage and determination to press forward in the closing work of the message.

A new church, known as the Louisiana Mission Church, has recently been organized for the accommodation of the colored isolated members, and while it is starting with a small membership, we trust that through the faithful efforts of the workers and lay-members, its growth may be marked and permanent.

In a letter from Sister Frances Goodwyn, she gives the following encouraging words:

"Our little company in Lake Charles is increasing. We had quite a houseful last Sabbath. One lady who has just

accepted the truth has five children from four to fifteen years old. This one convert adds six to the Sabbath School. I am always glad when the children come in. They add so much to the life of the school. I believe the Lord has some precious jewels in this city who are only waiting for some one to 'compel them to come in.' I feel so glad to be among the Lord's 'hunters' and 'fishers.'"

Some good substantial orders for the new Temperance *Instructor* have come in to the office, but we feel sure that many others would be using this excellent magazine — mailing it to friends and acquaintances, giving it away and selling it — if they only more fully realized how much evil might be warded off by a little effort on their part put forth just now. Price postpaid, five or more copies, 5 cents each; 50 copies upward, 4 cents each. Place your order at once while a good supply is on hand.

### South Mansfield

Six weeks ago I left home for "the firing line." On my way to South Mansfield I stopped one day at Glenmora and another day at Lena. At each of these places I visited some and preached once. I found the believers of good courage, and letting their lights shine. A good interest was taken in the services.

Arriving at South Mansfield I found a good place to stay in the very hospitable home of Brother and Sister Lester.

I soon found that the Methodist folks had a controlling voice in the management of the union church and that they did not want a Seventh-day Adventist to hold any meetings in it. And then a little later I found that the professor of the school objected to services being held in the schoolhouse, if either of the churches could be had. So then I tried for the Baptist church. The pastor referred me to his deacons. But before I could see them he telephoned them to the effect that he would be pleased if they would consent for me to hold a series of meetings in their church. This he did, I learned afterward from him, partly because he thought a great deal of the Lester family and partly because he believed that most that we preach is the truth for these times. Upon seeing one of the deacons he put me off till he could see the others in a private meeting. A few hours later he reported to me that they would consent to my preaching in their church if I would promise to say nothing

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### Report of Missionary Volunteers for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1914

	New Orleans No. 2	Welsh	Shreveport	Arcadia	Shreveport Jr.	Conf.	Total
Membership .....	20	16	17	15	15	3	86
Number Taking Reading Courses.....		3	2	8		9	22
Number Studying for Standard of Attainment.....	5		11	2		3	21
Letters Written.....	44		12	6		16	78
Letters Received .....	30		2	2		16	50
Missionary Visits .....	174		6			1	181
Bible Readings Given .....	100				1		101
Subscriptions Taken for Periodicals .....	16	1	2				19
Papers Sold .....	436	9	63			6	514
Papers mailed, lent, or given away .....	432	131	226	275		143	1207
Books Sold, Lent, or Given Away .....	250	2	10	39		18	319
Tracts Sold, Lent, or Given Away .....	82	50	26	175	167	25	525
Hours of Christian Help Work .....	169	½		64			233½
Articles of Clothing Given Away .....	29	3	17	20	2	2	73
Meals Provided .....	87	3	11	3		2	106
Treatments Given .....	11		5				16
Conversions of Young People .....	5						5
Offerings for Foreign Missions .....	\$ 53	\$	\$ 2 37	\$	\$	\$ 3 10	\$ 6 00
Offerings for Home Missions .....	1 10		45				1 55
Tithe .....			2 20			6 76	8 96

MRS. C. B. CALDWELL, Secretary.

that would be injurious or dishonoring to the Baptist Church. And another condition was that I give way to the pastor twice — on two Sundays in the month — and he would also request me to favor the Methodist pastor in the same way, twice — on two other Sundays. This seemed to me a very strait and narrow way. But as it seemed to be the best I could do, I very thankfully accepted the offer.

Before leaving, he further instructed me that they did not want me to preach on subjects on which it was known the Baptist denomination differed with us radically. Then he specified the Sabbath doctrine, and said, "We want you to leave that out. That will only cause confusion."

I said, "Brother Brown, I will preach on 'The Bible, God's Guide for Man,' 'The Plan of Redemption,' 'The Second Advent of Jesus,' 'The Signs That Show Christ's Coming Near,' 'The Prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation,' 'Commandment-keeping,' 'Christian Temperance and What It Involves,' and in short subjects that are calculated to prepare a people for the coming of their Lord. And I assure you that I will not preach on the Sabbath question in your church if upon further reflection you are of the same mind."

Next week I will report the result of a thirty-days' meeting in an oftentimes crowded Baptist church. O. F. FRANK.

## Tennessee River Conference

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Membership	Quota for 1915	Amount Paid	To Be Raised
699	\$7,269.60	\$350.27	\$6,919.33

### Sunset Calendar

Friday, February 26, sun sets..... 5:49

### Series of Meetings at Leach

NO DOUBT the brethren over the conference will be interested to hear of our efforts at Leach. The meetings began February 3, and continued till the fourteenth. The weather at first was very threatening, and the roads bad, but despite these conditions the interest was good from the first. As the weather cleared up and the roads dried, the attendance was better, and the last night of the meeting the house was packed. The subjects presented were "The Second Coming of Christ," "The Law and Sabbath," and "The Covenants." Two services a day were held the first Sabbath and Sunday of the meetings, and on Wednesday, Thursday, Sabbath, and Sunday, at the close of the series, we held three services a day. The afternoon services were given up to answering questions, the consideration of home missionary work, and laying plans for a church school. On Sunday, the last day of the meeting, we discussed the school. All seemed to favor it, and a school board was appointed to study the situation, and devise some workable plan to raise the money for it. They will no doubt have a school there the coming year. I think this a move in the right direction, and believe all our people should endeavor to get their children into a good church school. The Lord has spoken very plainly on this, and I believe that as the Leach brethren walk in the counsel of the Lord, he will greatly bless them.

On the last Sabbath night of the meeting, I spoke on the

sufferings of Paul, using for my text, Acts 20: 24: "None of these things move me." After the close of the sermon, I gave opportunity for testimonies, and the Spirit of the Lord came in in a wonderful way, hearts were touched as the testimonies were given, confessions were made, several young men asked for prayers, and one gave his heart to the Lord. All the dear brethren and sisters present renewed their vows, of consecration, and expressed a determination to be more faithful in the future than in the past. After the meeting was dismissed, they continued to talk of loved ones unsaved, and as they talked many wept, and we all kneeled down again and several earnest prayers were offered for the conversion of loved ones, and others. Many were weeping as they left the building. It was a meeting that I will long remember, for surely the Spirit of the Lord was there. As a result of the effort three promised to keep the Sabbath, one gave up tobacco, and one determined to break the drink habit. Others were under conviction, and I was sorry to close the meeting, but was obliged to do so and go to Springville for the institute which begins February 18. I expect if possible to return to Leach at the close of the institute, and continue the meetings a few days longer, in an effort to bind off the interest.

The colporteurs' institute will begin as has already been announced February 18, and continue ten days. Quite a number are planning to attend this important meeting, and go from there to the field to engage in the work. I feel that to a very large degree the success of the colporteur work in our field this year depends on the success of this meeting. And I trust that as we are engaged in this meeting, the prayers of all will be offered for its success.

I have been made glad for the success that has attended the efforts of our faithful colporteurs in these hard times, as they have gone to the homes with the books that contain the truth for these times. And I feel that it should be a source of encouragement to us all, that in these times our brethren can succeed, when in other lines they are being driven from the field.

From Nashville and Memphis and other places encouraging reports are heard, and the work is onward everywhere.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

### News Notes

WE WISH to thank each and every one of the conference workers for their kindness in furnishing the good reports for the WORKER this week. We only wish that such reports as these could be printed each week.

Brethren Lambert, Parrott and Dewberry passed through Nashville on the evening of the sixteenth, en route to the institute. They paid the tract society office a nice little visit. Sister Mary E. Hinds also reached the city that day in company with Brother Pound. The brethren departed the following morning for Springville.

Have you seen the new temperance annual of the *Instructor* for 1915? If not, send ten cents and secure a sample copy. It goes without saying, that this is by far the best temperance paper that we have, as a denomination, ever put before the people. Let every church and young people's society organize for aggressive effort with this beautiful periodical. The prices are, single copies, 10 cents; 5 to 40 copies, 5 cents, fifty or more, 4 cents each. Order of the tract society.

Brother Keele writes that he will not be able to attend the institute. We regret to learn this, as we are hopeful of having every colporteur present.

We will give an outline of the institute and tell of the work done in a future number of this paper.

Orders for the "World's Crisis" continue to come in every mail. We are now shipping out the fifth hundred from the office, besides any number of larger shipments that have gone forward from the publishing house. This little book sells for

25 cents. On orders for ten or more copies we will give a discount of fifty per cent, transportation charges extra. Order a package for missionary work in your community.

## Reports from Our Workers

### Progress of the Work in Jackson

THE work in Jackson has been moving along encouragingly since last camp-meeting. By the help of the Lord we have been enabled to complete our little church house.

We began holding services in the church as soon as the floor was put in, but it was not until last Sabbath, February 13, that we had the privilege of going to our place of worship with all the inside work finished, and it seemed that our hopes were more fully realized than ever before. We all praise the Lord for his blessings in giving us this place in which to worship him.

We were glad to have Elder W. R. Elliott with us during the last week in January. The evening services were especially for the outside people. Every afternoon we came together as a church and studied plans and methods of conducting church work. Home missionary work was carefully considered during these meetings, and every church member is going to have a part in the closing work.

Sabbath, January 30, Elder Elliott preached a most touching sermon on the life and sacrifice of Christ. Following the sermon we had the ordinances of the Lord's house. This was a new experience for most of our church. The Lord came very near to every soul and it was indeed a good day for our people.

Since our last report to the WORKER family, we have had eight additions to our church. Three of these did not accept the truth but came to us from other churches and joined by letter. At present there are a number who are keeping the Sabbath, and we trust, in the near future, will take a definite stand for the truth, and join the church.

Miss Roberson has not been with us long enough to fully develop her work, but she has a good class of readers, a number of whom are deeply interested and we believe that the Lord is going to bless her efforts with a rich harvest of souls.

We firmly believe that the work is soon to close, and we want to do all we can to warn the people of this city of what is coming in the near future.

C. F. LOWRY.

### Report of One Week's Work

I BEGIN my work Sunday A. M. reading with a family of six on South Dudley Street. They are members of the Methodist Church and are intensely interested. In the afternoon I read with several in Tutwiler Ave. One young lady in this class takes all the references from the Bible, history, and other sources, copies them very neatly in a book with notes she supplies from studying references for herself. I believe when she takes her stand, we will have a Bible worker ready to go into the work. Pray that she may soon make a decision for the truth.

Then I attend the Sunday night study at the church. Monday A. M. finds me writing missionary letters, reports, and orders. In the P. M., I give readings, at night I read with quite a large class, composed of two families with friends and neighbors present. On Tuesday I give three readings; Wednesday three; Thursday three; and Friday two. Sabbath is taken up with teachers' meeting, reviews, my class, and two or three readings in the afternoon and evening. I have over forty attending my readings, some of whom I believe will soon take their stand for the truth. Pray that the Lord may bless the seed sown.

I met a lady, who recently returned from Hot Springs. She

is an invalid for whom there seems little hope of ever being strong and well. She has read "Daniel and the Revelation" almost as many times as she has her Bible. Her father, who was a Presbyterian elder, left it to her. It was as precious to him as to her and is almost worn out with use. She says she must soon have a new copy. One of our dear sisters gave her a copy of "Great Controversy" to read. She said she read and reread that. Then I loaned her three other of our books. She will join us as soon as she is able to come out to church and when we have a minister. She is as thoroughly rooted and grounded in the truth as any one I ever knew. I had to give her only two or three readings on the spirit of prophecy, the ordinance of humility, and on health reform. I can't visit her much as the doctor has forbidden much talking on her part because of throat trouble and she will talk when she has an opportunity to speak of the truth. I earnestly request prayers for her. She has been a school teacher and is the wife of a very prominent cotton buyer here. If she ever recovers any degree of health she will be a power in the work, for she loves it devotedly. I am doing all I can for her, but can't visit her. Can only supply her with reading matter.

There are so many precious ones who are interested, but I can only see them when a reading with some one else is cancelled. Then I often find them away as I seldom have a way to notify them I am coming. We need more workers for "the harvest is truly ripe." I am praying for continued health, strength, and all I need for this glorious work. Please remember me at the throne of grace.

MRS. A. M. PATTON.

### Home Missionary Campaign in Nashville

THE first day of the year found me in Nashville in the interest of the Home Missionary Campaign.

Three classes, with an enrolment of forty, were organized for the purpose of training home-workers. So far, the attendance has been good and all seem to be interested. Several hands have been formed for the purpose of conducting cottage meetings and home Sabbath Schools, while others are giving Bible readings, distributing tracts, etc.

Verily "Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue." (*Acts of the Apostles.*) And with the call to accept the message, comes the call to service.

ANNYE B. COTHREN.

### Working at Home

I AM glad to tell the readers of the WORKER I am feeling almost like a well person once more, and look like a well person. I am still gaining but I am not quite back to my normal weight yet.

I am able to be doing some little thing most all the time, though I am hardly strong enough to sit up all day.

Keep praying for me that I may be strong again to help finish this great work for the salvation of souls. When I see the condition of things in the earth and the many people in darkness, and laborers so few, I can hardly sit still until my strength is restored. I want to get out and go to work. Oh, I hope every Seventh-day Adventist will feel that burden so strongly they will go to work, and the work will soon be done and we can soon go home. Don't you want to go? Then go to work and we can soon go.

The Lord is giving me some good experiences here at home working for my neighbors. I have been doing personal work for them, and the Lord is moving upon their hearts. I hope to see some surrender soon. I find a great many opportunities right where I am, and I am sure every one can do the same if he can't go. Go to work where you are.

Leach, Tenn.

MAMIE MOORE.

**The Most Favorable Time for Work—Now**

I AM glad to be able to report that the people with whom I am studying are very much interested in learning the precious truths contained in the Word of God, and many of them are anxious to apply them in their daily walk in life.

I have never found it quite so easy to get people to study as I do at the present time; and I feel that every one should be seeking to find those whose will is on God's side, for it seems that now is the Bible worker's accepted time.

In visiting people generally, I find that both men and women are interested inquirers in knowing the meaning of the things that are taking place today.

My work grows more interesting as the fulfilling of the prophetic lines grow plainer and plainer to the people so that they can see for themselves the truths of the Bible with but little explanation on the part of the worker. This gives me great courage and a desire to do more and more in trying to find those who want truth.

MRS. V. W. BAXTER.

**Many Anxious to Learn**

DURING the week I give on an average of two readings each day. The people show great interest and are anxious to learn more of the truth, and while writing I will relate one of my recent experiences with one of my readers.

In this family the father and mother were inveterate users of tobacco and pork, and after four or five readings they discontinued the use of these things. Her mother is now keeping the Sabbath, and the father is anxious to keep it too, but has not come to the place where he can trust the Lord for temporal needs. They have invited us to hold Sabbath School with an attendance of twelve children and six or eight grown people.

This is only one of the many instances that we often meet, which shows that the truth is spreading and that Christ is soon coming.

ANNIE ADAMS.

**Obituary**

STEMM.—James Stemm was born Sept. 15, 1830, and died at Springville, Tenn., Jan. 3, 1915.

Brother Stemm was converted in early life and joined the Baptist Church. At the time of his death he had been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Springville, Tenn., for over thirty years, having embraced present truth in the early days of the work in the South. He loved this truth and was always ready to render any possible service to his fellow men.

During the days of persecution in Tennessee, Brother Stemm was among those who went to the judgment hall, behind prison bars, and into the chain gang, but he endured it all for his dear Master's sake, and could truly say with the Apostle Paul, "None of these things move me." He is mourned by two sons and two daughters, but they sorrow in hope, because their father fell asleep peacefully, full of hope and trust, waiting the call of the Life Giver.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14: 13.  
C. F. LOWRY.

ONE of the striking pieces of architecture at the Panama-Pacific Exposition is the Arch of the Rising Sun, typifying the nations of the East, upon which are quotations from sages, philosophers, and wise men of the Orient. Millions probably will gaze in wonderment and admiration upon the magnificent creation which symbolizes so much. It supplies a good text for the surpassingly good article, "Sun Worship and the Sabbath" which appears in the Exposition (March) number of the *Signs Magazine*.

**Fragments**

IN 1800 sixty per cent of the earth's surface was unexplored. At the Centennial Exposition in 1876, the telephone was only a marvelous plaything. It is said that in New York, 180,000 conversations are had over the wire during the single hour from eleven A. M. to noon. Two years ago a man in San Francisco exchanged a wireless message with a man in Tokyo, across the Pacific.

The sciences of chemistry, geology, physical astronomy, botony, biology, psychology, anthropology, sociology, bacteriology, and the sciences of light and heat were unknown at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

The greatest display of arts, sciences, and inventions ever known will be exploited at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The foregoing are fragments of the Exposition (March) issue of the *Signs Magazine*.

**Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending Feb. 13, 1915**

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
CPBodwell†	GC&PG	123		\$36 00	\$ 9 00	\$45 00	\$
R W Paul	BR	27		38 00		38 00	
Wm Bryson	BR	4					9 00
Jetur Wheeler	BR	17		15 00	1 10	6 10	

Totals (Agts. 4) 171 \$89 00 \$10 10 \$99 10 \$ 9 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE — TWO WEEKS ENDING FEB. 13, 1915							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
F L Booth	BR	14	16	\$49 00	\$	\$49 00	\$
M C Ellis	D&R	86					21 00
W H Haddon	GC	15	11	15 00	60	15 60	
CA Howard	BR	26	12	38 00		38 00	
Hattie Jacob	CK	5	5	7 00	5	7 35	

Totals (Agts. 5) 146 44 \$109 00 \$ 95 \$109 95 \$21 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
RHDewberry	D&R	40	7	\$19 00	1 30	\$20 30	\$
R H Hazelton	GC	25	4	8 00	95	8 95	
MaryEHinds	CK&BS	23	5	50	5 00	12 50	
Wm J Keele	BS	33	69	51 75	60	51 35	90
L F Lambert	D&R	35	4	12 00	3 55	15 55	
J H Parrott	D&R	36	2	6 00	3 35	9 35	
R H Thorne	D&R	34	2	6 00	2 85	8 85	
F E Wagner	D&R	31	5	10 00	9 20	19 20	14 20

Totals (Agts. 8) 251 68 \$120 25 \$26 80 \$147 05 \$1 10

G'd Totals (A. 17) 578 142 \$318 25 \$37 85 \$356 10 \$45 10

Summary from January 1 to Date				
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries	
Alabama Conference	\$ 117 55	\$ 4 15		14 00
Kentucky Conference	932 95	65 90		636 05
Louisiana Conference	643 70	31 60		21 00
Mississippi Conference	270 10	7 90		217 15
Tenn. River Conference	76 75	119 35		221 45
Totals	\$2671 05	\$ 228 90		\$1109 65

**Magazine Agents' Report Week Ending Feb. 13, 1915**

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
Mary E Hinds	16	\$ 1 60	
R W Robertson	23	2 30	
Mrs R W Robertson	163	16 30	
Totals	202	\$ 20 20	

†Three weeks.

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### Colporteurs' Institutes for Southern Union 1915

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### Union Conference Directory

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Membership	Quota for 1915	Amount Paid	To Be Raised
<b>2273</b>	<b>\$23,639.20</b>	<b>\$1,185.36</b>	<b>\$22,453.84</b>

DURING the past week special meetings have been held in the city in the interests of school work. We were glad to have with us for this council Elders W. T. Knox, C. B. Stephenson, and S. N. Haskell, also Brother J. J. Ireland, and Professor C. J. Boyd.

Brother J. W. Davis spent a few hours at the office last week on returning from the Alabama colporteurs' institute. He left for the Tennessee River institute Wednesday night, the seventeenth.

In response to a telegram telling of the burning of the girls' dormitory at the Graysville School, Elder Wight left Thursday afternoon for that place.

### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

IN OUR paper this week will be found the first report on the mission funds for 1915. From this report can be seen the standing of each conference and the shortage for each month. It is hoped that in each church the officers will take this matter under careful consideration and that plans will be laid for making up the total amount of our quota before the end of the first quarter.

Under the various headings will be found the quota for the entire year and the amount yet to be raised.

G. H. CURTIS, *Treasurer.*

### Report of the Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund for January, 1915

Conference	Mem.	Quota for Jan.	Amt. Paid	Short to Feb.
Alabama .....	450	\$ 390 00	\$ 242 61	\$ 147 39
Kentucky .....	426	369 20	282 23	86 97
Louisiana .....	387	335 40	165 81	169 59
Mississippi .....	311	269 53	144 44	125 09
Tennessee River..	699	605 80	350 27	255 53

Totals .....2273    \$1969 93    \$1185 36    \$ 784 57

G. H. CURTIS, *Treasurer, Southern Union Conference.*

### Dormitory Burned

ABOUT four A. M. Thursday, February 18, fire was discovered in the basement of the girls' dormitory of the Southern Training School. The alarm was sounded but it is not known who gave it. The building seemed to be all on fire inside of five minutes from the time the alarm was given. It is thought to be incendiary.

It was providential that all escaped with their lives. Only two were injured. Miss Eva Pickard of Durham, North Carolina, jumped from the porch roof and bruised her hip. Miss Genevieve Robert was obliged to jump from the third story. Her back was bruised and her left arm broken between the wrist and elbow. She was unconscious from the time of jumping until they were setting her arm.

The girls lost almost everything. It is estimated that their personal loss is about \$2,000.

Elder O. Montgomery and the writer spent last Friday and Sabbath with the school. A temporary building will be erected for the kitchen, dining room, and dormitory. The boys have offered to give up their quarters to the girls and enter the temporary building.

Any help that can be given to assist the girls to replace their trunks, clothes, and books, should be sent to Professor L. H. Wood, Graysville, Tenn. S. E. WIGHT.

THE Southern Training School lost all its provisions in thy fire. If any one has food stuff to donate, it will be thankful received. Do not send any supplies unless you prepay the freight, as sometimes people out of the goodness of their hearts will send provisions and the freight is more than the value of the goods. Fruit, dried and canned, and cereals, can be sent quite a distance and will be of great value to the school. It is hoped that our people in the Southern Union will consider this note and act accordingly.

The churches in Nashville took up a collection last Sabbath for the benefit of the girls who sustained a loss in the burning of the dormitory at Graysville. The amount raised was forty-one dollars.

### Is Spring Coming or Here?

ALREADY in some sections a few warm days have reminded us that spring is coming — the time of sowing for the summer's harvest. But the seeding time is already here in the gardens of our lives, and those who neglect these precious days of opportunity will some day join in that bitter wail, "the harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved."

One worker writes of a little group of young people who are endeavoring to improve the precious spring time of their lives. "There is a circle of us who are trying to learn all the Morning Watch verses to remember. Each day we repeat the verses already learned so as to impress them upon our minds. After repeating a verse each day for three months we will not be likely to forget it."

Can any one tell me the value of those precious seeds of God's word imbedded thus in the individual life? Is there any doubt that they will spring up and bear fruit in the daily work, in times of sorrow or disappointment, when temptations assail, or when the soul is brought face to face with some decisive question?

Now is the sowing time. The time will come when fair virgins and young men will faint for thirst while searching for the Word of God and shall not find it. Amos 8: 12, 13.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,

The saddest are these, 'It might have been.'"

Dear friends, the Morning Watch Calendar was prepared for one purpose only — to help you form the habit of daily Bible study and prayer. Are you forming the habit? If not send to your tract society today for a copy of the calendar. Begin at once. Redeem the time. M. E. KERN.