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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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Alabama Conference

Birmingham Church School

THE Birmingham church school opened September 14, 1914, with an enrolment of twenty scholars, increasing to twenty-four before the close of the week, carrying grades from one to eight.

the nurses' course later. Joe Parker and Norman Waters expect to canvass for "Bible Readings" this summer. It does our hearts good to see these young people planning to engage in some branch of the work.

MRS. E. L. MARLEY.



Birmingham Church School Students Present the Last Day of School

Reading from left to right — Front row: Louise Elford, Ada Miller, Marguerite Elford, Gracie Mae Elford. Middle row: Ila Walker, Evelyn Hoskins, Eloise Hoskins, Lucile Hoskins, Bertha Waters, Sarah Hoskins. Back row: Joe Parker, Marguerite Keate, Milton Thomas, Mrs. E. L. Marley (teacher), Norman Waters, Panza Garrigan.

We had some good meetings during the Week of Prayer. These meetings were especially enjoyed by the children. In January six members of the school were baptized and joined the church. This is as the Lord would have it, and is one of the prime objects of the church school. All the students are not residents of Birmingham, as some came from other places to get the benefits and privileges of church school.

School closed May 27, with a well-rendered program by the students. A good number were present, although it was quite rainy. I am sure it would have done your hearts good could you have heard the children's good essays. Elder Miller gave the opening address, his talk being on the purpose and work of church schools. Five have finished the eighth grade and are ready for higher work. The three girls, Panza Garrigan, Bertha Waters, and Marguerite Keate, are thinking of taking

The Word of God

[The following essay was given at the closing of the Birmingham church school.—ED.]

THE word of God is the bread of life, for man cannot "live by bread only, but by every word . . . of the Lord." Deut. 8: 3.

We are told in 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17 that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The apostle John tells us that the Word of God is spirit and life. John 6: 63. We learn in Isa. 40: 8 that the Word of God is eternal.

The Word of God is living and powerful. Heb. 4: 12. The Word of God creates. Ps. 33: 6, 9.

We are told in 1 Peter 1:23 that it causes a sinner to be born again, and from the Psalms we learn that the Word of God keeps us from sin.

John 17:17 says the Word of God sanctifies the believer. The Word of God is joy to those who love it. Jer. 15:16. The apostle James says the Word of God is blessed.

Received into the soul by faith, the incorruptible seed of the Word will bring forth a character and a life after the similitude of the character and life of God. If we would live a true Christian life, the conscience must be quickened by constant contact with the Word of God. We must eat the Word of God — make it a part of ourselves.

As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the Word of God, and every soul is to receive life from God's Word for himself. As we must eat for ourselves in order to receive nourishment, so we must receive the Word for ourselves.

We are not to obtain it merely through the medium of another's mind. We should carefully study the Bible, asking God for the aid of the Holy Spirit that we may understand his Word. We should take one verse, and concentrate the mind on the task of ascertaining the thought which God has put there for us. We should dwell upon the thought until it becomes our own, and we know what saith the Lord. By looking to Jesus with the eye of faith we shall be strengthened. God will make the most precious revelation to the hungering, thirsting people.

Christ is a personal Saviour. As we feed upon his Word, we will find that it is spirit and life. The Word destroys the natural, earthly desires, and imparts a new life in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit comes to the soul as a comforter. By the transforming agency of his grace, the image of God is represented in the disciple, and he becomes a new creature. Love takes the place of hatred, and the heart receives the divine similitude. This is what it means to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. This is eating the bread that comes down from heaven.

BERTHA WATERS.

People Will Talk

[Recited by Norman Waters at the closing exercises of the Birmingham church school.—ED.]

You may get through the world, but 'twill be very slow
If you listen to all that is said as you go.
You'll be worried and fretted and kept in a stew,
For meddlesome tongues must have something to do,
And people will talk.

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed
That your humble position is only assumed.
You're a wolf in sheep's clothing, or else you're a fool;
But don't get excited, keep perfectly cool,
For people will talk.

And then, if you show the least boldness of heart,
Or a slight inclination to take the right part,
They will call you an upstart, conceited and vain;
But keep straight ahead, don't stop or complain,
For people will talk.

If threadbare your dress, or old-fashioned your hat,
Some one will early take notice of that,
And hint rather strong that you can't pay your way;
But don't get excited, whatever they say,
For people will talk.

Now, the best way is to seek to please God,
Be true to God and man, though it put you 'neath the sod.
Of course you will meet with all sorts of abuse,
But don't think to stop them, for there is no use,
As people will talk.

News Notes

ELDER S. E. WIGHT AND BROTHER G. H. CURTIS paid the office a very pleasant visit on May 31, staying over a few hours between trains.

Brother and Sister Keate have returned from their vacation in Baldwin County, and report having a very pleasant time. Brother A. McKinnon accompanied them and enjoyed the trip and the visit at Fairhope.

Professor Kelly of Mount Vernon Academy addressed the Birmingham Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society Sabbath afternoon, dwelling upon the signs of our Saviour's soon appearing. Professor Kelly paid his mother, Sister N. C. Freeman, a pleasant visit while in Birmingham, on his way to the Pacific Coast.

One of the many good letters coming from the men in the field reaches us from Brother U. Bracy, who is working in Selma: "Your good letter of recent date received, and read with interest. I was very glad to learn of the success that Brother Wood is having, and that Brother Cook is planning to take up the canvassing work again. We are meeting with good success in the work. My first delivery begins the thirty-first of this month. I hope you will remember this in your prayers that success will attend the effort."

The Lord's blessing depends largely upon the relation which we sustain to him and to his work. A recent letter from one of our colporteurs has been an encouragement to us. We quote one paragraph which shows that a renewed and deeper consecration has come into the life: "I acknowledge that I fell short last year, and up until this time, of paying the tithe and offerings that are required of me. The Lord helping me, I am determined to improve along this line."

In Houston County

WE SPENT May 14-23 conducting a series of meetings with the Ashford Church. During this time the Lord drew very near; and though the farmers were very busy, the attendance was excellent throughout the entire ten days. We were also favored with beautiful weather and moonlight nights.

The Lord blessed in proclaiming the message, and hearts were brought under deep conviction. On Sunday, the last day, seven adults, five men and two women, came forward, accepting present truth and uniting with the church. Some of these struggled hard, but the Lord gave them the victory. One of these brethren expects to enter the book work. Ten others are under conviction, and a number stated that they would soon take their stand.

On the last Sunday night the church would only accommodate about half the people. Many attended who have been much prejudiced in the past, and they expressed themselves as being well pleased. Surely we can but give all the praise and glory to God for this. Dear reader, will you, with the writer, pray that the Lord will bless in this part of the vineyard and that those now halting between two opinions may have a complete victory and take their stand?

J. F. WRIGHT.

Obituary

ELLIS.—Mrs. Mary Ellis was born May 27, 1873. She confessed hope in Christ some years ago, but did not unite with any church until November 14, 1914, when she was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Huntsville. After some months of illness, she died May 22, 1915, triumphant in faith. Sister Ellis bore her afflictions with patience, being fully resigned to the will of God. She expressed willingness to sleep till he comes to reward his saints.

C. A. WILSON.

Kentucky Conference

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for First Half of Year	Amount Paid	Yet to be Raised
426	\$2,215.20	\$1,448.40	\$766.80

Sunset Calendar

Friday, June 11, sun sets..... 7:26

News Items

BROTHER JACOB WHITE came over from Anderson County, where he is selling the printed page, to spend the Sabbath with the Nicholasville Church.

Brother C. W. Vermillion spent Sabbath with his family at Ford. He has done good work in taking orders for "Bible Readings" in Bath County.

Elder J. H. Lawrence spent Sabbath, May 29, with the colored church in Bowling Green. He reports a good meeting.

Brother W. H. White has begun his tent meetings in Bellevue, a suburb of Covington. He has moved his family there so as to have the assistance of his wife.

Brother Reichenbach states that he finds many people waiting for the message. He is very anxious that a tent effort be held in the territory he has just canvassed. He left two families keeping the Sabbath.

Brother Page writes from Cumberland County that his courage is good, even though it has rained for ten days and he has been compelled to wade through water to reach the people.

Sister Holtzclaw of Stanford writes that she is working with her neighbors, and says she hopes to see a good number obey the truth. She orders a supply of the June *Watchman*.

Brother Boling of Nashtown is calling for a meeting to be held in his neighborhood.

Brother and Sister Hammond of Salyersville write of their experience in doing missionary work. They are praying for the six hundred souls this year. A check for a good sum was sent for tithe. We are sure God will bless them for being faithful.

Elder Brown has spent some time the past week looking for a camp-meeting location. Nothing has been selected to this date. He spent Sabbath with the churches in Lexington.

A nice lot has been secured in Lexington, where we plan to pitch the tent in which meetings will be held for the benefit of the colored people in that city.

Brother James Hickman is assisting Brother Michael in Meade County this week. He will also spend some time with Brother Klien while in that part of the State.

Brother J. W. Wheeler has been on the sick list the past week. We are glad to see him in the office again at this writing.

Brother Bowles met with the Nicholasville Church at their missionary meeting Sunday night, telling of his experience in Scott County, where he is selling "Bible Readings."

Brother Harris writes that he has found a family who believe the truth. They have learned it through reading our good books.

Brother Fred Keitts has ordered a good supply of the Present Truth Series, which he will use in Winchester.

Brother J. H. Clark has sent in a good club order for the *Signs of the Times*. Let other churches do likewise. The *Signs* weekly is an excellent paper to use in missionary work.

The July *Watchman* should be read by all our people in the conference. You would do well to order a supply and sell them. You can do good missionary work and at the same time have some money to pay on your mission funds.

Sister Ewald of Louisville recently ordered a good supply of our magazines to be used by the church in that place.

Word received from Brother Solomon of Livia tells us that he is still praying and working for six hundred souls in our conference this year.

Brother D. R. Allman spent Sabbath with his family in Richmond. He has been in Bath County for some time selling "Daniel and the Revelation."

Advice from a Colporteur

I FEEL that the time is here for some cutting loose from earthly things by the Seventh-day Adventist people. Many of us have some pet spot on this earth; and I honestly believe all our colporteurs would do a more satisfactory business if they would cut loose from all secular business and locate in the center of their territory with their families.

I rented a four-room house for \$3.50 a month, near the center of the county. Coal-oil costs me ten cents a gallon, potatoes seventy-five cents a bushel, buttermilk five cents a gallon, and butter fifteen cents a pound. Many things I can buy cheaper than I did in my old home. Some of our brethren pay \$10 a month for house rent; so I am saving \$78 a year on house rent alone. There are many things one can buy Friday afternoon, such as butter and some small items which can be carried, and in this way save considerable on their living expense. Besides the financial gain, we have from Friday evening until Monday morning to stay with our families.

Brethren, let us cut loose and go into the highways and byways and give them the "last call for supper."

R. W. HARRIS.

Immortality Not of Man, But of God Only

CATHOLIC: "What does death destroy? The body. The soul still lives and moves and has its being. It thinks and wills and remembers and loves."—Cardinal Gibbons *Faith of Our Fathers*, p. 156, 74th edition. "Independently even of the clear witness of Revelation in both the Old Testament and the New, reason plainly postulates the immortality of the soul."—Conway's *Question-Box Answers*, p. 13.

Protestant: "No argument for the natural immortality of the soul, that the writer has seen, appears to him to be of any value."—Professor G. G. Stokes (of the University of Cambridge) in *That Unknown Country*, p. 829. "Nothing is more remarkable than the general silence of the Old Testament even on the subject of immortality."—F. W. Farrar, D. D., *Chaplain to the Queen of England*, in *That Unknown Country*, p. 275. "The doctrine of the immortality of the soul is as unknown to the entire Bible, as the name."—Olshausen on 1 Cor. 15: 19, 20. "The theory of the immortality of the soul was one of those false doctrines that Rome, borrowing from paganism, incorporated into the religion of Christendom. Martin Luther classed it with 'the numberless prodigies of the Romish dung-hill of decretals' (E. Petaval's 'Problem of Immortality,' p. 255, Edition of 1892)."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 549.

The Bible: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal," etc. "Who only hath immortality," etc. 1 Tim. 1: 17; 6: 16. "Shall mortal man be more just than God?" Job. 4: 17. "This mortal must put on immortality." When? "At the last trump." 1 Cor. 15: 52, 53.

Louisiana Conference

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for First Half of Year	Amount Paid	Yet to be Raised
387	\$2,012.40	\$676.11	\$1,336.29

Sunset Calendar

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New Orleans General Meeting

AS PREVIOUSLY announced, there will be a general meeting for the southeastern part of the State at New Orleans, July 1-5. The meetings will be held in the church building, on the corner of Melpomene and Coliseum streets, and accommodations will be furnished free of charge in the homes of our people, as long as there is room. It would be well for all who are contemplating coming to notify our office as soon as possible, in order that assignments may be made. Upon receipt of such a notice, our secretary will send you a card, telling you where you will be entertained, and how to reach the place. Of course, those who first respond will be given the most convenient places.

Should any come unannounced, they should report either at our conference office or at the church for assignment.

The first meeting will be held on Thursday night, July 1, at 7:45. There will also be services in the forenoon, afternoon, and at night on Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday, the second, third, and fourth. These general meetings will take the place of the annual camp-meeting, and we hope for a large attendance at each one.

It is very probable that the railroads will make a special rate at this time, being the Fourth of July occasion; but since the expense after arrival will be so little, none will be heavily taxed if rates cannot be obtained. R. W. PARMELE.

The One-Thousand-Dollar Fund

IN RESPONSE to our letter regarding the one-thousand-dollar fund for the relief of our tract society, a letter was received containing the following:

"I can send you \$10 now, and by 1916 I am sure I can make a much larger donation. You know that my heart and prayers are with you in this work. Let me know if now is the time you wish me to send the money."

The following pledges have already been received, and through the columns of the WORKER we will report from week to week the progress the fund is making:

Elder R. W. and Dr. L. E. Parmele	\$25.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Caldwell	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Paul	10.00
Mrs. William Bink	10.00
Andrew Kelley	5.00

"NOTHING happens without physical effort."

Shreveport

THE writer and Elder Sydney Scott are associated in a tent effort for the colored people of Shreveport, La. The attendance is good, and the people seem to be much interested. We hope to see a good company brought out here. We desire the prayers of all who read this note that much good will result from this effort. T. B. BUCKNER.

Tennessee River Conference

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for First Half of Year	Amount Paid	Yet to be Raised
699	\$3,634.80	\$1,319.10	\$2,315.70

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Plan Now to Attend the Hazel Academy

NO DOUBT there are many of our young people who are planning to attend the school at Hazel this coming year. This is right, for surely we have reached the time when we should prepare ourselves to do effective work for the Master in the great harvest field. And to do the best work we must have an education.

Professor Atteberry and wife have been connected with the school for about five years, and during all this time the school has done excellent work. Quite a number have graduated, and have either gone out into the work, or where they have felt the need of a higher education, to Graysville and other schools. This was necessary, as the Hazel Academy carries no work beyond the tenth grade.

We are glad to be able to announce to the patrons of the school that arrangements have been made so that the same high standard will be maintained and the same excellent work done the coming year as has been done in the past.

Professor Atteberry has accepted a call to connect with the work at Graysville. And while we are very sorry to lose him, we feel that we have been very fortunate in securing the services of Professor Clark and wife of Graysville to take charge of the work at Hazel. Professor J. G. Grounds of Graysville will also connect with the school, taking the place made vacant by Professor Halvorsen, who has accepted a call to work in the North. We are glad to announce that Miss Lola May Brown, who taught in the school last year, and who also taught music, has consented to connect with the school again. Miss Borg will have charge of the cooking department.

We earnestly desire the support and hearty cooperation of all the friends and patrons of the school. If you have children of school age, or if you know of those who should be in some good school, you cannot do better than to have them come to Hazel. Far removed as it is from the temptations of the city, a mile and a quarter north of the little town of Hazel, in a beautiful grove, it is an ideal place to send them, where they are surrounded with all those influences that draw to, rather than away from God. As to the Christian influence of the school, I might say just here, that every year, for several years, students have at some time during the school year taken their stand for the truth and gone forward in baptism. I have seen stu-

dents accept the truth while attending the school and, after returning home, drift away from the truth and back into the world. The influence of the school was better than the influence of the home. I do not say this is always so. There are homes, many of them, where the spiritual atmosphere is the very best; but this is not so in some homes, I am sorry to say.

In closing, I would again ask all the friends and patrons of the school to help us make this the best year by sending your children to the school, using your influence to get others there, and, in every way possible, cooperating with the board and faculty in an effort to do the work the Lord wants done there in giving that training to our youth that will prepare them to have some part in finishing the work.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

Home Missionary Work

Continual Rejoicing

TO MAN has been committed a great responsibility. Much has been done for him, and therefore much is required of him. Our responsibilities and our accountability are and will be measured largely in the light of our privileges and opportunities. These are much greater and more plentiful than is ordinarily appreciated.

On account of the great sacrifice made by God in giving his only begotten Son to die for man, Jehovah has first claim to all there is in man. He has a plan for every son and daughter of Adam. By virtue of his having created and redeemed man, the great I Am has claims upon him. We are invited to come to him. He has within his power every needed blessing for the entire human family. It is in him, that "we live and move and have our being."

Not only does he say, Come; but he also says, Go. There are many millions who have strayed, who are in the darkness of sin, and he bids us, "Go, bring the lost ones to the fold, where they'll be sheltered from the cold." And again, "Not now; for I have sheep upon the mountains, and thou must follow them where'er they rove." "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. "Go work today in my vineyard." Matt. 21:28. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seeds, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

This work of soul-saving is a responsibility that every true follower of Christ will recognize. God expects personal service from every one to whom he has intrusted a knowledge of his saving truth. He has promised his children all power; and everywhere there are souls longing for help. The harvest is great; and it is ripe.

"He that *winneth* souls is wise." Prov. 11:30. We must *win* men with the tender ministry of love. We are to break down prejudice and lead men to Christ. "They that be *wise* (soul-winners) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:3.

More and more should the deep significance of soul-saving be impressed upon our minds. We must become possessed with the thought that we cannot "come again with rejoicing" unless we have some sheaves (souls) with us. "Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you." Gen. 43:3.

There is before the church the dawn of a bright, glorious day in soul-winning work. We would urge upon every believer the necessity of doing something in this all-important service.

F. W. PAAP.

The Systematic Lending of Tracts

NO PLAN for the distribution of literature has proved more successful than that of systematically lending our tracts. The plan is a very simple one. Two or three tracts are placed in an envelope on which is printed information to the effect that this is a free circulating library, that the tracts will be left for a week to be read, then called for, and others supplied in their place.

There are many advantages in this plan. It enables the members to call regularly week after week on their neighbors, and so to become acquainted with them. As the people read the tracts, they will begin to ask questions in regard to the points which interest them, and this will open the way for supplying other literature on these points, or for making appointments for Bible readings.

This systematic house-to-house work also insures that every house is visited and that all are given an opportunity to receive a knowledge of the truth. It is an easy method of work, suited to the backward, the timid, and the inexperienced. It is an economical plan, for the packages of tracts may be used several times, as long as they are kept clean.

These tract packages are now put up in very convenient form. There are twenty-five-cent packages, containing one complete set of ten envelopes, each containing three tracts, carefully arranged in order so as to present first the points of truth the least likely to arouse prejudice, and gradually working up to those in which the test is more severe.

The one-dollar packages contain four complete sets, and the five-dollar packages contain twenty-five complete sets. The prices of all these packages are below what it would cost to purchase the tracts and envelopes separately, and the five-dollar packages give an additional reduction. They are therefore the best for our churches to buy, as this gives them a supply of these tract-lending packages at a very inexpensive rate.

We hope that all our churches and companies will take up this tract-lending work during the summer. It would be suitable work for Sabbath afternoons, if no other time is available. Especially should places where tent meetings are to be held be worked in this way, as it will prepare the way before the ministers, and sow the seed from which they may reap a harvest.

E. M. GRAHAM.

THE publishers think the July *Signs Magazine* cover is the best that has appeared in a long time. It shows Uncle Sam in the act of cleaning and preparing his old musket for possible use.

Our readers will make no mistake in getting back of this splendid issue in a strong way. Send \$1.25 to your tract society for twenty-five copies, or \$2 for fifty copies.

Misspent Time

THERE is no remedy for time misspent,

No healing for the waste of idleness,

Whose very langour is a punishment

Heavier than active souls can feel or guess.

O hours of indolence and discontent,

Not now to be redeemed! yet sting not less

Because I know this span of life was lent

For lofty duties, not for selfishness.

Not to be whiled away in aimless dreams,

But to improve ourselves, and serve mankind,

Life and its choicest faculties were given.

Man should be ever better than he seems;

And shape his acts, and discipline his mind,

To walk, adorning earth, with hope of heaven.

— *Selected.*

"THE man who knows it first must surrender his right to the man who shows it first."

With the Men Behind the Books

A Period of Great Financial Prosperity at Hand

ACCORDING to recent investigations made by the heads of finance, the United States is about to enter upon a period of the greatest prosperity the American people have ever experienced. This optimism is founded on facts. Mr. William Huttig, president of the National Reserve Bank, after spending a week in conference with New York bankers, declares that nothing from a human standpoint can stop the "boom." He cites as one of the evidences the following:

"The European war first of all called for United States gold by offering United States securities for sale. We soon bought all they had. Then Europe began buying war munitions and they sent our gold back. Now they have begun to borrow. Germany is borrowing \$100,000,000. France last week borrowed \$50,000,000. Great Britain is about to borrow \$250,000,000."

He says further that at first thought this might appear to be a drain upon this nation, but this is offset by a hard and fast agreement that every dollar of these loans is to be spent in this country. This serves as the key to open the vaults and bring the money into circulation so that the industries of the nation and the laboring people will have access to it. Already we see results. The ranchers of the Southwest have disposed of 90,000 horses and mules in the past few months. Another contingent of 80,000 mules is being gathered at Grand Island, Nebr., to be shipped through Canada for England. But the farmers and cattle-men are not the only ones being benefited. Mr. Huttig says that factories which a few months ago were closed and on the verge of bankruptcy, are now calling back the unemployed and running night and day. This brings good times to the city as well as to the country.

But what does such prosperity mean to God's people? How should we relate ourselves to it? To the worldling and the unwary it brings a snare. Some will be drawn by the magnet of wealth into the awful gulf of Sodom. Their hearts will be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, so that when the angel of deliverance sounds the cry, "Depart," they, like Lot's wife, will be captivated by their luxuries and perish with their possessions. There is need of heart-searching and a deeper consecration that we may be kept in the hour of temptation.

The true remnant of Israel, however, will not yield to the intoxication of adding house to house and farm to farm. Their first thought will be: How can we best take advantage of this opportunity to advance the cause of truth? They will recognize in this financial "boom" the hand of God making an opening that not only his people but also his institutions may be quickly freed from the reproach of debt which has for so many years held them in bondage. Thus, when called in the approaching time of trouble to answer for our faith before the great tribunals of earth, we can stand with a conscience void of offense toward God and all the world. This is the hour of our opportunity before the storm breaks.

There is still a broader view. Together with the possibility of relieving ourselves from earthly encumbrances at a profit to the cause, there comes the conviction that this is the year to bring the loud cry of the message through the sale of our literature. Our books are in demand. The hearts of men everywhere are stirred, and they have money with which to buy. Already our book sales are double that of any previous year. And what of the future? With the roar of the advancing cannon on Constantinople, with the sun of human probation about to sink in the western horizon, should there not be one hundred colporteurs in the field where now there is one? The time of

awakening has surely come. Men will respond to the call. The reaper will soon overtake the sower. The harvest will quickly be gathered and the laborers will receive their reward. Let every soldier of the cross find his place without delay in the army of the Lord.—*J. H. McEachern, in Central Union Outlook.*

The Voice of the Soul

THE tenderest, sweetest emotions of the soul are expressed in music as they can be expressed in no other way. Preeminently are love and joy expressed by and through music. Courage and hope speak through its strong, swift, rhythmic major chords; while the pathos and sad, sweet tenderness of sorrow, of farewell to the loved ones, weep like wailing autumn winds through its mystic, supernatural minor harmonies. In danger martial strains of music nerve men to dare to die. And at the funeral of our loved ones, music that sympathetically, softly steals into every darkened chamber of the soul brings tenderest healing and balm.

Oh music, wondrous, sweetest, tenderest of the divine gifts; without thee the world would be a weary, barren, cheerless waste. It is true that music is used at times to express folly, lust, hate, madness, and despair. But this is Satan's perversion of God's gift, which was to be his voice of love to us, and the medium of our praise and joy and trust in him, which was intended to bring to us healing and hope and joy and light and life.

The man in whose soul there is no music lacks the tenderest, gentlest, most Godlike qualities, and certainly needs a new creation, a new soul. We do not mean to say that a man who cannot play an instrument, who has no ear for music, and cannot carry a tune is all wrong. Oh no, for many who have apparently but little if any musical gift, love music and are moved and touched by it. When such people become true Christians, their love for music is increased and often the ability to sing or play an instrument comes with patient, earnest practise. A very near friend of mine loved music, but seemed to have no ability even to carry a tune. But when she was truly and wonderfully converted, by patient perseverance she learned to play and to lead the singing. When the soul is awakened, love for music awakens. It is the soul much more than the voice that sings.

A poor voice and a great soul is a much better combination than a fine voice and a small soul. Mr. Sankey, the famous evangelistic singer, did not have a remarkable voice. I have heard many finer voices, but he sang from his great tender heart, from his very inmost soul, and his singing reached the souls of many and saved them.

Music that is mechanical, lifeless, expressionless, soulless, is absolutely worthless, no matter how skilfully rendered, or how fine the musical gift or how perfect the voice. Music that is affected or performed for the exhibition of self is worse than useless. It is wearisome, disgusting. Let God give you a true, a noble soul, then your music will win and save.

J. S. WASHBURN.

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Justice to Others

THE worship of God cannot be maintained, nor his kingdom extended, nor his will as to the poor done, without cost of various kinds, in which it is right that all should do their part according to their capabilities. If some shirk their duty, others may be compelled to do more than fairly belongs to them. The thought of this should move each to take his proper share in gift or labor.

"UNTIL a man can conquer himself he can't win anything."

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending May 29, 1915

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total
U Bracy	BF	39	42	\$60 00	\$ 35	\$60 35
B D Crawford . . .	BR	36	7	22 00		22 00
D A Fisher	BR	23	9	27 00	70	27 70
M L Ivory	D&R	60	11	35 00		35 00
R T Jacks	BR	35	7	22 00	1 05	23 05
C Jenson	GC					27 75
Mrs M Miller stoc		8	4	3 00		3 00
R Ringgold	WC	22	60	15 00		15 00
C L Ryals	BR	34	12	38 00		38 00
J W Wade	BR	49	4	14 00	35	14 35
Ernest Waters . .	GC	20	1	3 00	1 75	4 75
Totals (Agts. 11)		326	157	\$239 00	\$ 4 20	\$243 20

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
A E Hallsted . . .	GC	44	23	\$71 00	\$ 5 25	\$76 25
V F Todd	BR	45	2	4 00	5 55	9 55
D C Ray	BR	45	5	15 00	3 85	18 85
E Harp	BR	40	10	30 00		30 00
K T Harris	BR	10	2	6 00		6 00
R W Harris	BR	26	10	30 00		30 00
JB Reichenbach . .	BR	42	19	60 00		60 00
Luther Bowles . .	BR	40	15	45 00	75	45 75
W G Michael . . .	BR	25	11	33 00		33 00
Jacob White . . .	BR	40	17	51 00		51 00
D R Allman	D&R	42	12	36 00	2 50	38 50
C W Vermillion . .	BR	35	17	51 00		51 00
P M Winkler . . .	D&R	38	10	31 00		31 00
J L Vermillion . .	BR	34	6	18 00	1 00	19 00
Andy Schroader . .	BR	35	3	10 00		10 00
S T Page	PP&F	43	19	39 00		39 00
Miscellaneous . . .				52 68		52 68
Bibles				7 95		7 95
Totals (Agts. 16)		584	181	\$590 63	\$18 90	\$609 53

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
Jas Turner* . . .	BR	57	36	\$114 00	\$	\$114 00
G B Boswell* . . .	BR	71	28	91 00		91 00
Solomon Broussard	BR	16			25	25
Bethel Mann . . .					25	25
H H McGilvrey . .	PP&F	49	15	30 00	2 25	32 25
Totals (Agts. 5)		193	79	\$235 00	\$ 2 75	\$237 75

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Annie Boyd* . . .	PP&F	68	38	\$111 00	\$ 1 40	\$112 40
Floyd Booth . . .	BR	26	14	42 00		42 00
Elmer Chastain . .	BR	27	16	48 00	4 55	52 55
P Hampton*	BF	72	69	161 50	6 30	167 80
Totals						3 00

E Johnson	D&R	7	13	28 50		28 50
A A Johnson . . .	D&R	23	20	60 00	35	60 35
M T McMullan . .	BF					12 75
Byrd Peterson . .	BR	37	20	60 00	2 45	62 45
R D Peterson . . .	BR	46	31	93 00	4 55	97 55
E A Taylor* . . .	BR	78	68	212 00	5 95	217 95
W E Thomas . . .	BR	39	23	70 00	3 50	73 50
Totals (Agts. 11)		423	312	\$886 00	\$29 05	\$915 05

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
C G Bishop	GC	30	9	\$27 00	\$ 3 75	\$30 75
Mrs M E Hinds . .	CK	30	13	14 50	3 40	17 90
Ray W Parker . . .	BR	16	4	13 00		13 00
Dewey L Pipkin . .	BR	29	8	26 00		26 00
W B Tyus	BF	31	9	12 50	2 00	14 50
Mrs A M Tyer . . .	WC	22	17	4 25		4 25
F E Wagner	GC	39	18	47 00	2 00	49 00
E C Widgery . . .	D&R	12	4	11 00		11 00
Totals (Agts. 8)		209	82	\$155 25	\$11 15	\$166 40

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Summary from January 1 to Date			
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference . .	\$3708 40	\$ 79 95	\$ 584 05
Kentucky Conference . .	8483 00	363 15	3974 97
Louisiana Conference . .	2832 36	138 35	851 50
Mississippi Conference .	8714 45	329 85	1354 60
Tenn. River Conference .	2339 70	393 55	1201 35
Totals	\$26077 91	\$1304 85	\$7966 47

Magazine Agents' Report Week Ending May 29, 1915

ALABAMA CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
U Bracy	18	\$ 1 80	
B D Crawford	21	2 10	
Mrs M Miller	4	20	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
Bethel Mann*	167	16 00	
Lura Reed*	187	18 70	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE			
Mrs Mary E Hinds . . .	9	90	
Mrs Mildred Ryan . . .	100	10 00	
Totals	507	\$ 50 40	

"Testimonies" Complete in Three Volumes

The nine volumes of "Testimonies for the Church" have just been printed on Oxford Bible India paper, and are bound in a set of three red limp-leather covered volumes. In this form they weigh but a little over four pounds, and bulk less than one-third of the regular edition.

Owing to the war and the attending difficulty of importing paper from England, an edition of but 700 sets is being issued. Orders for 383 sets have already been received. The price for a set is \$12, postpaid. Volume one is now ready, and will be delivered upon receipt of your order from the tract society.

* Two Weeks

It is possible that the ancient prophecy — written on the equestrian statue taken to New Rome from Antioch and destroyed by the Latins in 1204 — that "in the last days the men from the North will take and hold Constantinople," is on the eve of fulfillment. The same sea-power which for a century persistently denied to Russia the prize of New Rome now offers it as a gift. What is the significance? Do not fail to read the article, "England, Russia, and Constantinople," in the July *Watchman*. Single copy, ten cents; fifty or more, four cents each.

WHAT makes life dreary is the want of motive.— George Eliott.

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Membership	Quota for First Half of Year	Amount Paid	Yet to be Raised
2273	\$11,819.60	\$4,728.29	\$7,091.31

Camp-meeting Dates for the Southern Union

Tennessee River, Hazel, Ky.	July 22-August 2
Kentucky	August 13-22
Alabama, Birmingham	August 20-29
Mississippi, Laurel	August 27-September 5
Educational Council, Graysville	August 6-14

News Items

WORD has been received from Elder W. C. White that for over a week Sister White has been resting better at night and has a better appetite than for a long time before. She seems very cheerful and expresses appreciation for good care. From the report the physicians give, there is hope that she will live for some little time yet. Elder White promises us that he will write again when there is any decided change in her condition.

Elder S. E. Wight and Brother G. H. Curtis left Nashville Monday, May 31, for Birmingham, Ala. After visiting the office there they went to Jackson, Miss.

Some weeks ago we announced that there would be a change in the name of our health magazine, changing it from *Life and Health* to *Health and Temperance*, and we are pleased to tell you that this number is now out. It has four new departments, and is very attractive in cover and make-up. We are sure this magazine cannot fail to be of interest to all and a real help in every home.

Professor L. H. Wood, who has been the principal of the Graysville School for the past year, has been elected educational secretary of the Southern Union Conference. We are indeed glad to welcome Professor Wood to this union and look forward with pleasure to his work among us. He is at present in California attending the Educational Convention.

Our schools are now out, and many of the students have made us a short visit during the past week; in fact, some have come to work in the territory around Nashville. We trust that their work will be a success, that they may be enabled to again enter school and the work of God be strengthened in this union.

Tennessee River Conference

THE twenty-eighth annual session of the Tennessee River Conference will be held on the camp-ground at Hazel, Ky., July 22-August 2, 1915. The first meeting will be at 9 A. M., July 23. A full attendance of delegates is urgently requested at the opening meeting of the conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the church organization, and one additional delegate for every ten members or fraction thereof when more than seven.

W. R. ELLIOTT, President,
F. C. BRUCE, Secretary.

Tennessee River Conference Association

THE annual session of the Tennessee River Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Hazel, Ky., in connection with the conference and camp-meeting, to elect a board of trustees and to transact such other business as the constituency may elect. All accredited delegates to the Tennessee River Conference are delegates to the Association. The first meeting will be held Monday morning, July 26, 1915, at 9 A. M.

W. R. ELLIOTT, President,
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Educational and Young People's Convention

THERE will be an Educational and Young People's Convention held at Washington Missionary College, July 26-August 4. This convention will plan for the development and extension of the educational and young people's work in the five union conferences embraced in the Washington College territory, which are as follows: Columbia, Atlantic, Canadian, Southern, and Southeastern.

A council of the leading educators and secretaries in the young people's work will be held at the Pacific Union College, California, June 4-14. It is planned that the results of this council be given by the secretaries of the Educational and Young People's Department, in different union conferences throughout the United States, in a series of conventions which will be held at different denominational colleges during the summer. As stated before, the convention for the Washington College district will be from July 26 to August 4. This convention should mark a long step in advance in the educational and young people's work in the union conferences in the East and South. Better plans of education and work should be adopted.

It is important that every teacher and young people's worker attend this convention. The college will give free room to those who attend. Board will be furnished on the cafeteria plan. The convention will be held during the latter part of the summer school, which will be in session from July 1 to August 11.

J. L. SHAW,
President Washington Missionary College.

Does It Pay?

SOME one left a few copies of *The Watchman* on a railroad car. These were picked up by the inspector, who perused them with increasing interest. A short while afterward this gentleman handed a dollar to one of our workers in the city where he resided, for a year's subscription to *The Watchman*, beginning with the June issue. He said: "It is certainly a very live little magazine." Who can tell what the result will be? Does it pay to circulate *The Watchman*?

NO FREE people can lose their liberties while they are jealous of liberty. But the liberties of the freest people are in danger when they set up symbols of liberty as fetishes, worshipping the symbol instead of the principle it represents.—Louis F. Post.