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### There Is Nothing Too Hard for Thee

ler. 32:17

THERE are whirling stars in depth of space, And worlds that rush in headlong race. And comets bright, with trails of light, And calm, cold moons, with silvery face. There are dismal voids and darksome deeps, Where endless night her vigil keeps, And suns that bathe the Milky Way In one translucent, glorious day.

These, all of these, a swift-winged fleet, March on and on, with tireless feet; For thou, my God, hast set their pace, And sent them spinning into space; And by thy mighty stretched-out arm, Thou guardest them from wreck and harm.

Fair Pleiades, with influence sweet, And Arcturus, with racing feet, Orion, with her bands of light,\* And gleaming Sirius, far and bright — Their utmost bound thine eye doth see, And nothing is too hard for thee.

The peacock, with her goodly wings,†
The grain of sand, the bird that sings —
All, all are subjects of thy care,
For thou art present everywhere.

The nations great, and nations small — Dust in the balance, all!‡
In vain, in vain he impious boasts
Of Satan and his mighty hosts.
Though all the strength of hell is stirred,
Thou, thou alone canst speak the word —
That word which calmed the raging sea —
And death and hell shall cease to be;
For nothing is too hard for thee.

Then, O my soul, be not afraid! Thy sin is purged, thy debt is paid. Then shout and sing till welkins ring: "I'm trusting thee, O Christ, my king! How vast the love of Calvary—And nothing is too hard for thee."

- Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuttle.

"SIN may be clasped so close we cannot see its face,
Nor seen nor loathed until held from us a small space."

# JULY 24

July 24 is the day set apart by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination to gather offerings for foreign missions. It has come to be known by this people as the mid-summer offering.

There is a shortage in the mission offerings from this union of about \$5,000. This helps to embarrass the treasurer of the foreign mission funds, and not only embarrasses him, but also those in foreign fields who depend upon our liberality for their support.

To be sure, times are not the best in this country, but when we are tempted to consider the lack of funds, we should think of what it means to carry on work in foreign lands under such circumstances as our workers are now obliged to do. In some of the mission fields we learn through the newspapers that missionaries are reduced to poverty. There is no opportunity for them to reimburse themselves. If we carefully consider these things, it will lead us to minimize our own wants in order that we may be liberal towards our people who are in great distress.

The future has in store no great financial success for the people representing this work. The time when we will not be allowed to buy nor sell is right upon us. It will probably be too late then for us to do very much with the money we have laid up. If our liberality could extend beyond the call of the hour, God would bless this field in basket and in store. Let us believe the promises of the Bible and go forth to do valiantly the work he has given us to do by raising the entire amount asked of the Southern Union by the Foreign Mission Board.

S. E. Wight.

#### Sister White's Condition

THERE has been no decided change in mother's condition during the past two weeks. She gradually grows weaker, and for five or six days has seldom spoken above a whisper. Today she said to me that she was thankful that the Lord continues his mercies; and a little later, in broken sentences, she expressed her confidence and trust.

After I had prayed with her, and spoken of the glad day when Christ will make all things new and we shall meet our dear ones around his throne, she expressed her hope that the time would not be long.

Last Sunday morning she was feeling a little better than for several days, and Elder and Mrs. G. B. Starr came in to bid her good-by. When they expressed pleasure at finding her so bright, she said, "I am glad you find me thus. I have not had many mournful days." "No," Brother Starr remarked, "not in all your life." "No," she replied; "the Lord has arranged and led in all these things for me, and I am trusting him. He knows when it will end."

At times she expresses a desire to rest, and seems to feel that the day of rest is near at hand.

W. C. WHITE.

<sup>\*</sup> Job 38:31, 32.† Job 39:13. ‡ lsa. 40:15.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Elmshaven," Sanitarium, Cal., July 2, 1915.

# Home Missionary Work

# Report of Home Missionary Work for First Quarter

AFTER an absence of five months from my office, in which time I have visited many of our local churches and institutions, and attended six camp-meetings, particularly in the interests of our great home missionary awakening, the writer is pleased to get home again and to the office for a short time at least. I am glad to be able to bring back a good report. Never before have I seen such a keen interest on the part of our dear people to take hold and do work for God. This interest is being fostered by our conference presidents and conference workers. We have all more or less awakened to the fact that less preaching and more teaching along the lines of practical home missionary work is God's ideal. "Let church members, during the week, act their part faithfully, and on the Sabbath relate their experiences. The meeting will then be as meat in due season, bringing to all present new life and fresh vigor. When God's people see the great need of working as Christ worked for the conversion of sinners, the testimonies borne by them in the Sabbath service will be filled with power." "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VII, p. 19.

There is a decided change for the better. We are glad to report an increase for the first quarter of 1915 in our home missionary report, of fourteen out of the twenty counts, over any previous quarter. Some columns show figures reaching beyond the half million. The largest increase of souls won over any previous quarter is 247, or 911 conversions for the quarter. The full report will soon be published.

We know you will rejoice with us in this good showing for the first quarter. Faithfulness on the part of every member in quickly seizing and making the most of every opportunity will guarantee an increase for each succeeding quarter. Can we depend on you? Be sure and keep a faithful report of all work done and pass it in through the regular channels. With such a splendid assortment of tracts, small books, periodicals, magazines, etc., as we have to work with, there is every encouragement to warrant us in looking for a still greater increase. With an army of from seventy to eighty thousand strong, with such effective agencies as are at our command, shall we not every one unselfishly, untiringly, do all in our power to win souls to Christ. Now is the time to put forth every energy in behalf of the lost. "It is high time to awake out of sleep."

"The same intensity of desire to save sinners that marked the life of the Saviour marks the life of his true follower. The Christian has no desire to live for self. He delights to consecrate all that he has and is to the Master's service. He is moved by an inexpressible desire to win souls to Christ." "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VII p. 10.

This is the attitude of many but there are others who are still inactive. We invite you to join us in the great work to be done, and while you labor, do as our Master did, as recorded in the first chapter of Genesis, keep and give a faithful report of each day's activities. We are glad to see the list of those at work and reporting growing, but there are many thousands who are doing nothing, reporting nothing. We ask for the cooperation of every leader to the end that this condition might be changed and improved. "God expects personal service from very one to whom he has intrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time." "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, p. 30.

F. W. PAAP.

# Our Training Schools

#### Summer School

The summer school at Graysville is taking up its second week's work. Those in charge of the work have been more than pleased with the circumstances attending the opening of the session. There is no reason for disappointment either in the number of teachers in attendance or in their earnestness and devotion

The first meeting of the school was held in the chapel, Wednesday, June 30. Professor Wood led out in the exercises and briefly outlined the purpose of the school and the methods by which it is to be accomplished. On Thursday at chapel, Elder Montgomery spoke. He told us of what this session should mean to the field as a whole. Registration was completed Thursday and class work began Friday.

The purpose of the school is to better fit the teachers to meet the problems in their work next year. The courses offered are entirely devoted to subjects that will aid in teaching church school. A few studies of review nature are also being given. Those conducting the school are very anxious to have the school do much in aiding the educational work in the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences. Pray for the success of the summer school.

There are more than thirty attending the session. Their names follow:

Alabama, Bertha Bartholomew, Gladys Bartholomew, Mrs. C. D. Elford, Mrs. E. L. Marley; Cumberland, Stella Franzini, Esther L. Garber, Mrs. Anna Hall, Lucy Hunt, Zoa Shreve, Nellie Travis, Ina Young; Florida, Adrian Arkebauer, Mary Anderson, A. H. Foster, Alice Case; Georgia, Flora Dart, Pearl Howington; Mississippi, Ethel Clark, Mary Welch, Mary Wolfe; North Carolina, Mrs. N. P. Fox, Arthur A. Jasperson, Mrs. A. A. Jasperson, Ella M. Padgette, Irma Vinson; Tennessee River, Minnie F. Brown, Xana Juanita Hibben, Mrs. Fannie M. Izlar, Mrs. H. L. Reese, Mabel J. West.

# Of General Interest

#### "I Was There"

It is recorded that Napoleon, after a famous battle, gave his soldiers a silver medal, inscribed with the sentence "I was there," and the name of the bloody conflict. This medal was highly appreciated by the veterans.

So when the great conflict of the ages shall have been finished, through eternity those who have "been there," who have passed through the terrible conflict. will have an experience that will mark them as a distinct company through all time. The redeemed will sing the song of their deliverance through the blood of Christ. The one hundred and forty-four thousand will sing a song which no man can learn, and which can never be sung by angels or the inhabitants of unfallen worlds, for they have not "been there." They have not passed through contest with the powers of darkness, and won by faith the prize of eternal life.

Through the eternal ages it will be our joy that we have "been there," and through the redemption which Jesus has purchased for us we have been overcomers, and more than conquerors through him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

G. B. THOMPSON, in Review and Herald.

Heaven and earth are no wider apart today than when shepherds listened to the angels' song.— Mrs. E. G. White.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Sin, not till it is felt, will duly sinful seem,
A man must waken first, ere he can tell his dream."

#### The Slanderer

AGAINST slander there is no defense. It starts with a word, with a nod, with a shring, with a look, with a smile. It is pestilence walking in darkness, spreading contagion far and wide, which the most wary traveler cannot avoid; it is the heart-searching dagger of the dark assassin; it is the poisoned arrow whose wounds are incurable; it is the mortal sting of the deadly adder, murder its employment, innocence its prey, and ruin its sport.

The man who breaks into my dwelling or meets me on the public road and robs me of my property does me an injury. He stops me on the way to wealth, strips me of my hard-earned savings, involves me in difficulty, and brings my family to penury and want. But he does me an injury that can be repaired. Industry and economy may again bring me into ease and affluence.

The man who, coming at the midnight hour, fires my dwelling does me an injury. He burns my roof, my pillow, my raiment, my very shelter from the storm and tempest. But he does me an injury that can be repaired.

The storm may indeed beat upon me, and chilling blasts assail me, but charity will receive me into her dwelling; will give me food to eat and raiment to put on; will timely assist me, raising a new roof over the ashes of the old, and I shall again sit by my fireside and taste the sweets of friendship and of home.

But the man who circulates reports concerning my character; who exposes every act of my life which may be represented to my disadvantage, who goes first to this and then to that individual, tells them he is very tender of my reputation, enjoins upon them the strictest secrecy, and then fills their ears with hearsay and rumors, and, what is worse, leaves them to dwell upon the hints and suggestions of his own busy imagination—the man who thus "filches from me my good name" does me an injury which neither industry nor charity nor time itself can repair.—Sclected.

#### Keeping Your Eye on the Goal

SEVERAL fellows were running a race. One of them, the best equipped of all, had forged far ahead. He was running swiftly and easily. It seemed that the victory would be his without much difficulty. They were running on a circular indoor track, saucer shaped. The second runner was on the opposite side of the track from the fellow in the lead. The latter took a notion to see how close the other men were. He turned, but so swiftly was he running, that he was thrown against the curve. He rebounded and staggered, but before he could get his feet and start on again, the runner behind had passed him and crossed the tape, a winner! The race was lost by the fastest runner because he did not keep his eye on the goal. It is a great thing to set an aim for oneself, a high one, one that takes strength and power to attain; but it is a bigger thing to keep steadily on the course and fasten one's eye on the goal. Keep your eye on the goal, and win out .- Selected.

#### A Paraphrase

"There's so much good in the worst of us And so much bad in the best of us"
That it best becomes the best of us
To praise the best in the worst of us,
And ill becomes the worst of us
To mock at the faults of the best of us.
Then let the best and the worst of us
Extol the good in the both of us
And hide the fault in the lot of us.

- Geo. B. Class.

## Alabama Conference

### Conference Directory

A. L. MILLER, President.

O. R. Godsmark, Secretary and Treasurer of Conference and Tract Society.

Mark Wilson, Field Missionary Secretary.

R. I. Keate, Educational Secretary.

Office Address, Room 316, Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Helen M. Keate, Sabbath School and Y. P. M. V. Secretary, 715 18th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership 6

Quota to Date Amount Paid \$1,456.32 \$927.31

\$529.01

#### Sunset Calendar

### Among the Churches

SABBATH, June 26, we were with the Gadsden Church. It was the time of quarterly meeting and the church was well represented. All bore testimony to the goodness of God and the daily blessings bestowed upon them. Our visit upon this occasion was much appreciated and we trust will greatly encourage and strengthen the believers.

Sabbath, July 3, we visited the church at Borden Springs. It has been almost a year since we have visited this church. We missed the face of our dear brother, grandpa Lorren, who died last fall. While we miss him here, we hope to soon meet him in the kingdom of God. We had a splendid visit with the Borden Church. Six were baptized and five were added to the church. The quarterly business meeting was held the evening after the Sabbath.

The church has decided to have a church school again this coming winter. All seemed to be of good courage and expressed a determination to prove faithful. We greatly enjoyed our visit with both of these churches.

A. L. MILLER.

#### News Notes

BROTHER C. A. WILSON of Huntsville reports two persons baptized and united with the church.

Monday, July 5, we were favored with a short visit from Brethren R. L. Pierce and J. W. Davis, on their way from Jackson, Miss.. to Nashville. We were glad to meet the brethren and hope they can soon come this way again.

Brother M. L. Wilson returned Monday night from a four weeks' trip in the southern part of the State. Three new ones have entered the work and others expect to begin soon. He gives a good report of the trip.

The last word from Brother Ryal is that he has now reached the turning point in his case of fever. Whether it will be for better or worse, we cannot tell. Remember this dear colporteur in your prayers.

An order from Brother H. A. Campbell, now located in Pensacola, Fla., comes to hand, for a "Bible Readings" prospectus and two hundred copies of the July Watchman. We are certainly glad to welcome Brother Campbell to our list of workers and wish him much of the Lord's blessing in this work.

Brother Stephenson made a \$40 delivery last week. While the delivery was not large, it was a hundred per cent delivery and two books over. We are sorry that sickness has taken this brother out of the work. A minister in western Oregon recently said that he had been called over to the coast to a small place to baptize some people, and when he got there, he found an old lady who had been using five copies of the *Signs*, and had five candidates. Then she kept on at work with her *Signs* and now she has five more ready.

### Tent Effort in Birmingham

OUR TENT effort in this city began Sunday night, June 20. The tent is pitched in a good locality, one where the church has been regularly distributing the Present Truth Series for the past six months. We are having good attendance and there is an excellent interest although the weather for the past week has been unfavorable. The church is working faithfully in visiting and inviting people out. The prospects look bright for good results. We sincerely ask that you pray earnestly for the success of these meetings.

Three of our Bible training class are now doing some Bible work and one, Sister Hale, has reported one of her readers keeping the Sabbath. The Lord is blessing the work here, and we thank and praise him for it.

R. I. Keate.

## Kentucky Conference

#### Conference Directory

B. W. Brown, President.

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### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership
426

Quota to Date \$1,622,44

Amount Paid \$1,594.36 Amount Short

#### Sunset Calendar

### Camp-Meeting Notice

Those who plan to attend the camp-meeting should order their tents at once. State if a floor is desired and also tell us what furniture you will want. We will have double springs and single cots for those who order. Now please do not put off ordering what you need. We will be able to supply a few gasoline stoves if they are ordered in advance. We hope to have your tent up and the furniture you order in it when you reach the ground, so let us hear from you at once. Tents will rent for \$2 each and the furniture will be at reasonable prices.

B. W. Brown.

#### News Notes

Brother W. G. Michael, reports a family of new Sabbath-keepers in Breckenridge County. This family learned the truth through reading our books.

Sister Dow writes that they held their first meeting in the new church at Sewellton, Sabbath, July 3. The building is not completed but as the school was beginning, they gave up the schoolhouse and will continue to use the church from now on.

Brother Harry Jacobs and family are visiting with the believers at Henderson at this writing.

Brother D. R. Allman was called home from his field because

of sickness in his family. We hope he will soon be able to go back to his work and that his loved ones will be restored to health

Brother Jeff Hickman stopped at the office the past week while on his way to Washington County where he will sell "Bible Readings."

Elder Brown visited the tent company at Lexington the past week and reports the work onward there. The large new tent is more than full every night and many people have to stand outside. We are glad to know that the Lord is blessing in this way.

Sister Pauline Grimes of Sand Hill sends in her monthly report and states that the work is onward there but adds that they would like to have a minister. We truly need more workers in our field to fill the urgent calls.

Brethren Schroader and Jacobs are now located at Madisonville, Hopkins County, where they are selling "Bible Readings."

Sister Edna Kroger of the Louisville Church ordered a supply of Family Bible Teacher to be used in missionary work.

Brother D. S. Sutton, one of our isolated brethren, writes that his courage is good and states that he is anxious to see the work finished. He sends in his tithe and also his mission funds in full to apply on the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

Brother R. W. Harris and family spent Sabbath, July 3, with the believers at Covington.

Brother J. W. Wheeler spent the Sabbath with the church in Lexington. His talk was very much enjoyed by all present.

Don't forget the camp-meeting date Aug. 13-22. The first meeting of the camp will be held at 10:30 A. M., Aug. 13. It is to be hoped that a good delegation from the churches will be present. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one for every ten members or fraction thereof.

Brother O. A. Dow sends the good word that several will attend the camp-meeting from the company at Sewellton.

Some good missionary reports have been received at the office. Still a number of churches have not yet reported. Please send in your report at once so we can pass it on to the union conference.

Brother Bowels was blessed the past week in taking orders for "Bible Readings." His report shows \$90 for forty-five hours' work

Brother James Hickman spent Sabbath, July 3, with the church at Nicholasville. He reports two new workers in the western part of the State.

Sister Bowels of Nicholasville was called to Lawrenceburg the past week because of her grandmother's illness.

Sister J. H. Lawrence has joined her husband in the work at Lexington. She will assist with the music.

Sister Wilson, our colored Bible worker, writes that she has many calls for readings, and that she hopes to see some soon begin to keep the Sabbath.

#### Preparation for Camp-Meeting

Now is the time that our people throughout Kentucky are preparing to attend the camp-meeting. Who should attend this annual feast? The parents and all the children as far as possible. Those who remain at home will lose a blessing, therefore we should make a real sacrifice to attend the meeting. We are living in solemn times and if any people ever needed to gather together and seek after God, it is Seventh-day Adventists. We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit so we will be able to finish the work that the Lord has called us to do. I quote the following from the "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. V, pp. 163-165.

"While preparing for the meeting each individual should closely and critically examine his own heart before God. . . .

"For your soul's sake, for Christ's sake, and for the sake of others, work at home. Pray as you are not accustomed to pray.

Let the heart break before God. Set your house in order. Prepare your children for the occasion. Teach them that it is not of so much consequence that they appear with fine clothes as that they appear before God with clean hands and pure hearts. Remove every obstacle that may have been in their way,—all differences that may have existed between themselves or between you and them. By so doing you will invite the Lord's presence into your homes and holy angels will attend you as you go up to the meeting. . . .

"The same work of humiliation and heart-searching should also go on in the church, so that all differences and alienations among brethren may be laid aside before appearing before the Lord at these annual gatherings. Set about this work in earnest and rest not until it is accomplished; for if you come up to the meeting with your doubts, your murmurings, your disputings, you bring evil angels into the camp and carry darkness wherever you go."

B W. Brown.

### Louisiana Conference

### Conference Directory

R. W. PARMELE, President.

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### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership
387

Quota to Date \$1,432.58

Amount Paid **\$823.94** 

Amount Short \$608.64

#### Sunset Calendar

#### The New Orleans General Meeting

The general meeting in New Orleans is now a thing of the past, and it was a precious occasion to all who attended. It was said by many attending that it was as good as a campmeeting. The meetings were somewhat hindered by rains, but not nearly so much as they would have been on a camp ground.

Brethren and sisters were present from Hammond, Hope Villa, DeQuincy, and Norwood. In addition to all our conference laborers, there were present to take part in the meetings, Professor C. C. Lewis, of the North American Conference, and Brethren J. W. Davis, Southern Union Conference field missionary agent, and R. L. Pierce, manager of the Southern Publishing Association.

For the most part those attending brought their dinners, and remained at the church from 9:30 A. M. until after the night service. The Sabbath was a specially blessed day. In response to the call for consecration, a large number came forward for prayer, and then five responded to the call for burial with their Lord by baptism. This rite was administered immediately in the church baptistry. Four of these united with the New Orleans Church, and one was recommended to the Hammond Church.

In the conference committee meetings held in connection with this meeting, some important recommendations were passed, which will be reported in due time. There are yet two other general meetings to be held, one in the northwestern part of the State and one in the southwestern part, and we are looking for a spiritual feast at each of these. They will probably be held about the middle of September.

R W. PARMELE.

#### News Notes

ONE of our boys who has recently come from school and who has just entered the field sends in a very encouraging report, which shows an average of one "Bible Readings" order for each hour's work.

Our field agent is now very busy, four new men having just started, and he is to visit another tomorrow. Our hopes are high, expecting some good reports soon to be sent in by these new recruits. The condition of the crops in the State point to a favorable delivery.

Sister Petet from DeQuincy returned home from the general meeting held in New Orleans, well supplied with an assortment of our smaller books and some periodicals. She is determined to place literature in every home, if possible.

Two months ago a letter was received in the office containing a mailing list of over thirty names, and accompanied by \$1.50. The list was asked to be kept on file and the money used for mailing, at frequent intervals, copies of the late truth-filled periodicals. Since that time we have had three dollars more with which to continue the mailing. There are many who cannot labor for their friends, but this affords excellent opportunities for getting the truth to them, and the *Review and Herald* Extras (Present Truth Series) are well adapted to this work.

In a recent letter from Sister Fannie Swimm of Rayville, we received the welcome news that she had organized a Sabbath school. Its attendance is mostly made up of children from the neighborhood, as there are but two Sabbath-keepers in the town. She requests that we help them grow by sending late, clean copies of the *Little Friend*. They hope to become regular subscribers soon.

Another worker has joined the "men behind the books", in the person of Brother John Harzman. His first week's work in the field during the present season appears in the weekly colporteurs' report, and we look forward with pleasure to reports from others who are planning to join the ranks and carry the message by the printed page.

#### . Elder Daniells Home Again

AFTER a tour of Australasia and the Orient, covering a period of more than a year's time, Elder and Sister Daniells arrived at San Francisco on June 7. The following evening Elder Daniells spoke impressively of his observations to a large audience in Mountain View. During his stay at that place he counseled with the brethren at the publishing house regarding the forthcoming harvest ingathering number of the Signs.

Elder Daniells said he was reminded of the Pacific Press wherever he went — in India, China, Korea, Japan — for he found printing presses and other equipment that had been given by that publishing house for the upbuilding of the work in those needy places. The "All profits for missions" policy of the Signs was warmly commended by him.

It is a source of gratification to the publishers of the *Signs* of the *Times* to announce that arrangements have been made with Elder Daniells for a series of illustrated articles based on his recent travels. He will tell especially of conditions in the Orient — of the doors that are providentially opening, and of doors that are already closing to the message. This series of articles appearing week by week will add greatly to the interest of the *Signs* for the next three months.

C. N. LAKE.

# Tennessee River Conference

### Conference Directory

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Membership

Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund
Quota to Date
\$2,940.67 \$1,621.24

Amount Short \$1,319.43

### Sunset Calendar

### What Will the Camp-Meeting Be to You?

"I HAVE been shown that some of our camp-meetings are far from being what the Lord designed they should be. The people come unprepared for the visitation of God's Holy Spirit.

"While preparing for the meeting, each individual should closely and critically examine his own heart before God. If there have been unpleasant feelings, discord, or strife in families, it should be one of the first acts of preparation to confess these faults one to another and pray with and for one another. Humble yourselves before God and make an earnest effort to empty the soul temple of all rubbish,—all envyings, all jealousies, all suspicions, all fault-findings. 'Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.'

"The Lord speaks; enter into your closet, and in silence commune with your own heart; listen to the voice of truth and conscience. Nothing will give such clear views of self as secret prayer. He who seeth in secret and knoweth all things, will enlighten your understanding and answer your petitions. Plain simple duties that must not be neglected will open before you. Make a covenant with God to yield yourselves and all your powers to his service. Do not carry this undone work to the camp-meeting. If it is not done at home your own soul will suffer, and others will be greatly injured by your coldness, your stupor, your spiritual lethargy.

"Here is a work for families to engage in before coming up to our holy convocations. Let the preparation for eating and dressing be a secondary matter, but let deep heart-searching commence at home. Pray three times a day, and like Jacob be importunate. At home is the place to find Jesus; then take him with you to the meeting, and how precious will be the hours you spend there. But how can you expect to feel the presence of the Lord and see his power displayed, when the individual work of preparation for that time is neglected.

"For your soul's sake, for Christ's sake, and for the sake of others, work at home. Pray as you are not accustomed to pray. Let the heart break before God. Set your house in order. Prepare your children for the occasion. Teach them that it is not of so much consequence that they appear with fine clothes as that they appear before God with clean hands and pure hearts. Remove every obstacle that may have been in their way,— all differences that may have existed between themselves, or between you and them. By so doing you will invite the Lord's presence into your homes, and holy angels will attend you as you go up to the meeting, and their light and pres-

ence will press back the darkness of evil angels. Even unbelievers will feel the holy atmosphere as they enter the encampments Oh, how much is lost by neglecting this important work! You may be pleased with the preaching, you may become animated and revived, but the converting, reforming power of God will not be felt in the heart, and the work will not be so deep, thorough, and lasting as it should be. Let pride be crucified, and the soul be clad with the priceless robe of Christ's righteousness, and what a meeting you will enjoy. It will be to your soul even as the gate of heaven. . . .

"Would that I could impress upon ministers and people the necessity of a deeper work of grace in the heart, and more thorough preparation to enter into the spirit and labor of our camp-meetings, that they may receive the greatest possible benefit from these meetings. These yearly gatherings may be seasons of special blessing, or they may be a great injury to spirituality. Which shall they be to you, dear reader? It remains for each to decide for himself." Extracts from "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. V. pp. 162-167.

Let those who have the book turn and read the entire chapter.

W. R. Elliott.

#### Camp-Meeting Arrangements

As THE time for our camp-meeting is drawing near, we will give some of the details of the meeting which will be of interest to all.

The trains will stop at the Hazel Academy grounds, on Thursday, July 22, and on Monday, August 2. On other days, however, the trains will stop only at the Hazel. Ky. depot, one and one-half miles from the camp grounds. Baggage should be checked to Hazel, Ky., but give your check to the railroad conductor and ask him to drop your baggage off at the Hazel Academy camp grounds. Checks should not be given to the conductor until you have passed Hollow Rock Junction. The railroad fare to the camp-meeting can be considerably reduced by arranging parties of ten whereby a two-cent rate can be secured. The fare from Nashville, Tenn., to Hazel, Ky., and return on the party plan is \$5.30; single tickets are \$6.60. From Memphis, Tenn., the fare will be approximately \$9 for single tickets and \$7.25 on the party plan.

The dining tent will be conducted on the cafeteria plan where good wholesome meals can be secured at reasonable prices. The Hazel School management will have charge of the dining tent.

Tents and rooms can be secured for \$3 for the entire ten days. Cots and other furniture may be secured on the grounds, for which a small charge will be made. Bring along plenty of bedding and a straw tick. Straw can be secured on the grounds.

A program for the meetings has been arranged, which provides for study of local and foreign work, the colporteur work, and other branches of the message.

We trust that the churches will be prompt in sending in the delegates' names to the office. Remember each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and an additional delegate for every ten members. Let all come to the meeting who can. The Lord calls upon you to number one in the ranks.

F. C. BRUCE.

#### "Personality of God Revealed in Christ"

"As a personal being, God has revealed himself in his Son. The outshining of the Father's glory, 'and the express image of his person' [Heb. 1:3] Jesus, as a personal Saviour, came to the world. As a personal Saviour, he ascended on high. As a personal Saviour, he intercedes in the heavenly courts. Before the throne of God in our behalf ministers 'One like unto the Son of man' (Rev. 1:13)."—"The Ministry of Healing," by Mrs. E. G. White, pp. 418, 419.

# Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending July 3, 1915

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### Notice

THE Southern Publishing Association has a few thousand copies of the "Turkey War Extra" of *The Watchman* on hand, which they are offering, as long as they last, at the reduced price of \$3 per thousand.

While the newspapers are filled with stories of the war in

Europe, why not use this opportunity to give the people something that will tell the meaning of these things? Place your order early with your tract society for a thousand or more of these "Extras" and hand them to your friends and neighbors.

<sup>\*</sup> Two Weeks † Three Weeks.

<sup>&</sup>quot;When the wind blows the blossoms fall, But a good God reigns over all."

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#### News Notes

THE Southern Union Conference has for sale at its office a set of International Charts in a neat fiber box, which will be sold to any worker in the Southern Union for the small sum of \$20. Correspond with the Southern Union Conference, 511 Cole Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.

Brother J. W. Davis recently returned to Nashville after spending some time in New Orleans at the general meeting and making a short visit in Mississippi.

Brother G. H. Curtis, the Union Conference auditor, left Nashville, Friday, July 9, for Huntsville, Ala., where he goes to audit the books of the Oakwood School for the past school year.

Professor Lynn H. Wood is now the Young People's Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary of the Southern Union Conference. All correspondence relative to this line of work in the union should be directed to him. He is at present in Graysville and mail should be sent there until the middle of August. After that, write to him at 511 Cole Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.

For SALE, 320 acres of land about one mile from the railroad station at Elkwood, Ala. About 75 acres cleared. Any one wishing a portion or all of this land can secure it of the Southern Union Conference. Address any inquiry with regard to this land to the Southern Union Conference, 511 Cole Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.

"THE bulldog doesn't need to be swift. His grip and his grit offset his slowness."

### A War Alphabet

- is for Antwerp, leaguered and shelled;
- is for Belgium, valiantly held;
- is for Cracow, cruelly crushed;
- D is for Dinant, trembling and hushed;
- is for Essen, home of the Krupp;
- is for France, how bitter her cup;
- is for Germans, strong in their might;
- is 'for Heroes, battling for right;
- is for Italy, biding her time.
- J is for Joffre, cool as a lime;
- K is for Kaiser, warrior bred;
- is for Liege, conquered, not dead;
- is for Money, cause of all strife;
- Ν is for Nothing, the cost of a life;
- 0 is for Ostend, no longer gay;
- Ρ is for Paris, that feels the same way;
- Q is for Quitters, which none of them are;
- R
- is for Reason, she's no kin to war;
- S is for Strassburg, once it was French;
- Т is for Tommy, who lives in a trench;
- U is for Union, to Europe unknown;
- V is for Victory, and that counts alone;
- W is for Widows, many there be;
- X is for Xerxes, an amateur he;
- Y is for Youth, the first to defend;
- Z is for zero what's gained at the end.

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### Three Days and Three Nights

"For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matt. 12:40.

Must the expression, "three days and three nights," as here used, be understood to mean exactly seventy-two hours, no more and no less? Or must it, in harmony with other scriptures on the same subject, be understood to mean part of two days and the whole of one? The following texts relative to the same time will suffice to show the usage and meaning of the term as it is used in the New Testament. Especially notice the modifying words used with the "three days:"

- 1. Matt. 12:40. "Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly."
- 2. Matt. 12:40. "So shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."
  - 3. Matt. 16: 21. "And be raised again the third day."
- 4. Matt. 17:23. "And the third day he shall be raised again."
  - 5. Matt. 20: 19. "And the third day he shall rise again."
  - 6. Matt. 26:61. "And to build it in three days."
  - 7. Matt. 27: 40. "And buildest it in three days."
  - 8. Matt. 27:63. "After three days I will rise again."
  - 9. Matt. 27: 64. "Be made sure until the third day."
  - 10. Mark 8:31. "And after three days rise again."

  - 11. Mark 9:31. "He shall rise the third day."
  - 12. Mark 10: 34. "And the third day he shall rise again."
  - 13. Mark 14: 58. "And within three days."
  - 14. Mark 15: 29. "And buildest it in three days."
  - 15. Luke 9: 22. "And be raised the third day."
  - 16. Luke 18: 33. "And the third day he shall rise again."
  - 17. Luke 24:7. "And the third day rise again."
  - 18. Luke 24:21. "Today is the third day."
  - 19. Luke 24:46. "And to rise from the dead the third day."
  - 20. John 2: 19. "And in three days I will raise it up."
  - 21. John 2: 20. "In three days."
  - 22. Acts 10:40. "Him God raised up the third day."
- 23. I Cor. 15:4. "He rose again the third day."