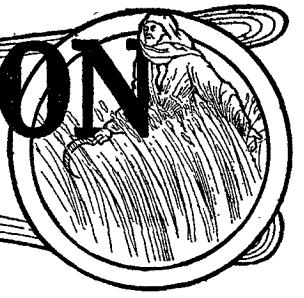


# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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## Home Missionary Work

### A Kind Word

Just try this, my friend,  
As you journey through life:  
Should you meet a weak brother,  
Worn out with the strife,  
Put your hand to his shoulder  
And a kindly word say;  
You will find, I am sure,  
It is not thrown away.

A kind, friendly word,  
In some trying hour,  
Will oft soothe and heal  
With its soft, subtle power;  
Kind words are like sunshine  
On a dark, cloudy day,  
So scatter them freely  
As you pass on your way.

As you climb up life's hill,  
Though the clouds may hang low,  
Many others are tramping  
The same road, you know.  
If you speak kindly words  
As you plod on each day,  
The sun will shine through  
And the clouds roll away.

So try it, my friend,  
You will find it is true —  
The words that help others  
Will surely help you;  
For a kind word once spoken  
Is not uttered in vain,  
Like the bread on the waters,  
It will come back again.

— Fred A. Campbell.

### The Power of Cheerfulness

GIVE us, O give us the man who sings at his work! Be his occupation what it may, he is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in silent sullenness. He will do more in the same time — he will do it better — he will persevere longer. One is scarcely sensible of fatigue whilst he marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres. Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness, altogether past calculation its powers of endurance. Efforts to be permanently useful must be uniformly joyous — a spirit all sunshine — graceful from very gladness — beautiful because bright.— Thomas Carlyle.

### The "Signs" an Effective Soul Winner

"IN A meeting recently conducted by Ernest Lloyd, missionary secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, it was found that *eight* out of the audience of two hundred accepted the truth from reading the *Signs of the Times* alone."

"In another, where about one hundred sixty were present, *fourteen* stated that the *Signs* was the sole means of their accepting the truth."

"Will you kindly send the *Signs of the Times* weekly to the four addresses I will put on the other side, for three months? Three months' papers convinced me of the truth. I hope it may do the same for others."

"One leading family was brought into the truth years ago through the interest aroused by the reading of the *Signs*."

"I am pleased to know that the Fresno Church is taking so many *Signs*, for we know that the *Signs* brings good results. My niece, to whom we have been sending the paper, has begun keeping the Sabbath. She never heard one of our ministers speak, and has no neighbors or friends of our faith. She says she wishes that some of our people would move into that neighborhood. Our club will expire soon, and I will do what I can to double the number for the next club."

One year ago the raising of the circulation of the weekly *Signs* to an average of two copies to each member in the North American Division, was made a part of the Home Missionary Campaign. We did not reach our aim the first year, but the circulation was raised from about 15,000 copies to 32,589, though it fell back to 22,000 when the summer months began, and \$2,520 profits on the paper were realized for foreign missions.

The few experiences given here are taken from the many that might be given, and they show that already the effort has brought many souls to a knowledge of the truth. How many more might have been saved had the average of two copies a member been reached, we will never know.

The plan followed by the editors of the *Signs* is to present all features of the message once in six months. The present series ends with the last week in September. Now, therefore, is the time to renew old subscriptions, to obtain new ones, and to begin a larger work than ever before with this paper.

"There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals. The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls." "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, page 63.

Here work with periodicals is definitely connected with saving perishing souls, and this should encourage all to take hold of this work with renewed vigor. There is not much more time in which to work, so NOW is the time to circulate the weekly *Signs*.

E. M. GRAHAM.

## Alabama Conference

### Conference Directory

A. L. MILLER, President.  
 O. R. GODSMARK, Secretary and Treasurer of Conference and Tract Society.  
 M. L. WILSON, Field Missionary Secretary.  
 J. F. WRIGHT, Home Missionary, Y. P. M. V., and Educational Secretary.  
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 OFFICE ADDRESS, Room 316, Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Date	Amount Paid	Amount Short
450	\$2,362.50	\$1,607.24	\$755.26

### Sunset Calendar

Friday, Sept. 24, sun sets ..... 5:55

### A Golden Opportunity

WITH peace in our country and the wave of prosperity passing over the United States, it is indeed, a golden opportunity for placing the message in the homes of the people. It is not a matter of diplomatic ruling on the part of those at the head of the government, that we enjoy peace and prosperity, but the over-ruling providence of heaven. Just how long the winds of strife will be held in check no mortal man can tell, but certainly the nations of the earth have almost reached the limit of God's forbearance.

"Men in humble walks of life are to be encouraged to take up the work of God. In the closing controversy *now waging* between the forces for good and the hosts of evil, he expects all laymen as well as ministers, to take part. There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals." "Manual," page 75. "Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones." "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, page 11.

It is not possible to state in the English language any stronger terms than the above, and it is our prayer that some who read these words will be stirred to answer the call. "The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man."

Very soon a number of our colporteurs will have to enter school for the winter term, and we are making this appeal for recruits. On every street corner and public building we see the striking advertisement sent out by the government, "Men Wanted for the Army." If there was ever a time in the history of God's work when we needed men for the cause of God it is *now*.

"God give us men. A time like this demands  
 Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;  
 Men whom the dust of summer does not kill;  
 Men whom the love of ease cannot buy;  
 Men who possess opinions and a will;  
 Men who have backbone — men who will try;  
 Men who can stand before a demagog  
 And scorn his treacherous looks without winking;  
 Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog  
 In public duty and in private thinking.  
 God give us men."

—M. L. WILSON.

### The Holy Spirit—God

(Acts 5:3, 4)

"IN pretending to be wrought upon by the Holy Ghost, and attempting to deceive the apostles, they had lied to the Almighty."—"The Apostles of Christ," No. 1, by Mrs. E. G. White, p. 22, Edition 1878.

## Kentucky Conference

### Conference Directory

B. W. BROWN, President.  
 CHAS. L. BAINER, Secretary and Treasurer of Conference and Tract Society.  
 JAMES HICKMAN, Field Agent.  
 MISS LENA A. BROWN, Sabbath School and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
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### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Date	Amount Paid	Amount Short
426	\$2,632.00	\$2,268.85	\$363.15

### Sunset Calendar

Friday, Sept. 24, sun sets ..... 5:55

### News Notes

BROTHER J. A. DOMINSKI is holding a series of meetings at Mortons Gap. He reports a good interest and attendance.

We received a letter the past week from a new Sabbath keeper at Franklin. She plans to unite with the Bowling Green Church.

Brother Walker was an office caller the past week. He is busy selling our good books in Fayette County.

The Hazel Academy has now opened for another school year. Several students have gone from our conference to attend.

Brother James Hickman, our field agent, has gone to the southeastern part of the State where he will assist Brother Michael and start Brother Freeman in the colporteur work.

Brother Reichenbach is now working Anderson County for "Bible Readings." He is full of courage.

Elder Dow and wife have returned from Michigan and have gone to visit the churches and isolated believers in the eastern part of the State.

Brother Beck reports a 100 per cent delivery. That is good. God does bless men who will dedicate their lives to his work. There is still room for a few more men to sell books in our conference. If you desire work, write at once.

Brother David Ray writes that he is of good courage in the Lord's work. He has recently made a good delivery.

Sister Tyre of Lexington has been called to Graysville to nurse her sister who has typhoid fever.

Brother D. R. Allman reports a 97 per cent delivery the past week. We are indeed glad that our workers are blessed of God in such a marked way.

Word has been received from Panola that a Sabbath school has been organized at that place.

Sister Osterman recently sent in a remittance to the tract society for magazines and tracts.

We should keep in mind the work of God and remember to pay all we can into the mission funds. We are now on the last half of the year. Let us bestir ourselves and pay every dollar we owe to missions before Dec. 31, 1915.

Now is the time to do missionary work for our neighbors. The long evenings give plenty of time for people to read the weekly *Signs* and the Present Truth Series. Each church should have a good club of these papers to use right now. *The Watchman* can also be sold. Order fifty to sell at once.

Elder Lawrence reports a good attendance at the Sabbath service in Lexington. We are glad for this word and hope to have a large number ready for church membership soon.

Brother Felix Pierce writes that he has been kept at home since camp-meeting because of sickness in his family.

Brother Compton has lately started to sell our books in Adair County. He finds the people anxious to get the books.

**The Book Work in Kentucky**

SINCE camp-meeting the Lord has wondrously blessed this work. He is waiting to go with us to the homes of the people.

Brother Winkler and I went to Lee County and had some wonderful experiences with that good book, "Daniel and the Revelation." The first day in 10 hours we took \$34.75 in orders, the second day \$53 in 10 hours for nineteen exhibitions, and \$24.75 in 5 hours the third day, making a total of \$112.75 in 25 hours with one prospectus. Next I went to visit Brother Pound where he is working Estill County with "Bible Footlights" and the Lord gave us \$24.20 in orders for 14½ hours work. Next, I went to Carter County where Brethren C. W. and John L. Vermillion were at work with "Bible Readings." Another agent had been a week ahead of us and had sold many books, but by earnest prayer and hard work, John L. and I were able to sell \$63.50 worth of our books in 14 hours, placing two books in the homes of Baptist preachers. With Brother C. W. Vermillion I took \$27 worth of orders in 9 hours. The sower soweth the word. Luke 8: 5, 11. Let every one who is going from door to door remember that he is hastening the coming of the Lord. And now let us push the battle right up to the holidays with a steady report. How delighted the angels must be to go out with a plucky company of God-fearing colporteurs.

We have good crops and peaceful times; the people are anxious and waiting for the message of truth; and now while the roads are good we should press the battle.

In "Manual for Canvassers", pages 19, 20, we read: "Among the people who profess present truth there is not a missionary spirit corresponding to our faith. The ring of true gold in character is wanting. Christian life is more than many take it to be. It does not consist in mere greatness, patience, meekness, and kindness. These graces are essential: but there is need of courage, decision, energy, and perseverance also." Does this apply to you and me, brother and sister? Let us see that the needle points to the canvassing field 40 hours each week this fall.

JAMES HICKMAN.

**How to Choose Friends**

IN A matter so important as the making of friendships, there should be the greatest care. A distinct choice should be made. We think it would be well for young people to observe a few rules in the choice of friends. Let the following, at least be thought of.

Never choose others as friends simply because they have money, or belong to what is called "good society." There are many belonging to wealthy families and moving in fashionable circles who are entirely worthy of confidence; but they should be selected for their worth, and never for the material advantages their friendship seems to offer.

Never choose others as friends merely because they dress well, or are attractive in appearance. Young people often make serious mistakes in choosing their friends by externals.

Never choose as friends those who make a mock of religion. True friendship and religious reverence are twins.

Never choose as friends the superficial or the selfish. True friendship must have depth of nature, and must be as willing to give as to receive.

Choose as your friends the pure, the good, and trustworthy, no matter what their station in life, or the amount of money they have at their command. And, having chosen, hold your friends as a sacred possession.— *Selected.*

GIVING is the sovereign secret of serving, and also of getting and growing. To deny self and help others is God's antidote to that monstrous sin of selfishness, which is the root of all others; and if ever there was an altar that sanctified, magnified, glorified the gift, it is the altar of missions.— *Dr. Pierson.*

**Louisiana Conference**

**Conference Directory**

- R. W. PARMELE, President.
- C. B. CALDWELL, Secretary and Treasurer of Conference and Tract Society.
- G. B. BOSWELL, Field Missionary Agent.
- R. W. PARMELE, Missionary Secretary.
- MRS. FRIEDA HUBER-PAUL, Educational, Sabbath School, and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.
- LYDIA E. PARMELE, M. D., Medical Secretary.
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**Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund**

Membership	Quota to Date	Amount Paid	Amount Short
387	\$2,324.00	\$1,307.04	\$1,016.96

**Sunset Calendar**

Friday, Sept. 24, sun sets ..... 5:55

**Mansfield**

THE work at Mansfield is beginning to show some fruit. In response to the call, quite a number signified their intention to obey the truth, but it is too early to be able to state how many of these will really materialize. Some have already begun keeping the Sabbath, and we expect some to go forward in baptism at the close of the meeting. In the next issue, we hope to be able to have a more definite report. Two of the resident ministers have announced that they intend to speak on the Sabbath question.

R. W. PARMELE.

**News Notes**

ELDER AND SISTER JAMES A. MORROW spent a few days last week in Jackson, Miss., attending the dedication of the newly-erected church building, and other meetings. They report a splendid time.

Brother and Sister J. M. Howell, who are on their way to their new field of labor, Chili, passed through New Orleans, and paid the mission a short visit. Their boat sailed the twelfth.

Brother Boswell has been spending his spare time in Alexandria, with his prospectus in hand. In a recent letter he says: "I enjoy the work in Alexandria very much. Before I began I was told that there was no use to try with 'Bible Footlights,' for the town had been well filled. But in a few hours I had about a dozen preachers' orders for the book. In 36 hours I took 44 orders for it." The Lord tells us to sow the seed. He will give the increase.

The Southwestern general meeting will probably be postponed.

A report comes from Elder McLennan, telling of two more baptized in Shreveport last Sabbath. He also quotes the following letter, and says, "Surely there are many more who are hungry for the message":

"Dear Brother McLennan:

"I met Sister Liddie Bison some time ago, and as I am interested in Bible study she referred me to you and said that if I would write to you that you would help me. So here I am. But before I go farther let me tell you something of myself.

"I will be thirty-eight years old in October, and have been afflicted with rheumatism for twenty-six years, and haven't walked a step in nearly nineteen years. Am drawn to a sitting position with nearly all my joints stiff except my arms. I have good use of them. I have a wheel chair and can roll myself in the house or on the pavement just fine. In fact, I

am well and hearty, only just stiff. All pain and soreness have left me and I don't suffer any at all, now.

"I have been a member of the M. E. Church South, for about twelve years, but am not satisfied at all, and haven't been for some time. I met Sister Bison in June, and spent several days with her, as we are both shut-ins. She has gotten me interested in this study, and I am more dissatisfied with my old beliefs and ways than ever before. I am anxious to take Bible study with some one who can help me. I have read some little books, tracts, and papers, and a few large books — 'The Cross and Its Shadow', 'The Seer of the Isle of Patmos', and 'The Story of Daniel',—all by Rev. S. N. Haskell. They have been such a help to me.

"My life has been an up-and-down life. I have read the Bible a great deal but did not understand it. Being ignorant of the Scriptures, Satan had an easy job of deceiving me. I hope that this will not trouble you too much, and if you can advise or assist me in any way, I surely will appreciate it, and thank you for it with all my heart. I never heard an Adventist preach, but would love to get into their meetings the best kind. My mother is dead and my father has married again, and my brothers and sisters have all married, so I do not make my home with any one of them, but first stay with one and then another. I visit friends also.

"I wrote a little book, a history of my afflictions, and am trying to sell it so that I will not be entirely dependent.

"If you know where I can attend an Adventist meeting, please let me know, and I will try to arrange to attend it.

"May God bless you in your work, and may you be a fruit-bearer in his vineyard.

"Thanking you in advance for any assistance that you may render, I will close, and hope for an early reply.

"Your shut-in brother,  
F. T. SPARKS."

Hardshell, La., Sept. 8, 1915.

## Tennessee River Conference

### Conference Directory

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PR F. S. L. CLARK, Principal, Hazel Academy, Hazel, Ky.

### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

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699	\$4,770.50	\$2,560.52	\$2,209.98

### Sunset Calendar

Friday, Sept. 24, sun sets.....5:55

### News Notes

BROTHER WHEELER reached Nashville on the night of September 15, having become ill while on the road. We are glad to report that he is now feeling much better.

Brother Wheeler visited Memphis, Sabbath, September 11, and spoke to the church on the needs of the field and the call for workers. Several from that place will go into the work in the fall.

Brother Elliott visited Paducah a few days last week, and reports the work at that place moving onward.

Several of the young people from this place have gone to the Hazel and Graysville schools. We shall miss them from our ranks although we are glad they can take advantage of this

opportunity. Solomon says, "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom."

The work in the colporteur line is coming to the front at a rapid pace. Our report for last week is the largest that we have had for some time. Had all our workers reported, and put in full time, we would have had more than \$500 worth of orders.

Brethren Martin and Littell are holding a series of meetings in the country and report an excellent interest. They ordered some tracts to be given to those interested and expect to have several ready for baptism shortly.

The new Sabbath school quarterlies are here. Please send in your orders early.

### Memphis

NO DOUBT there are many in our conference interested in the work in Memphis inasmuch as it is the second largest church in the conference. The work has been moving steadily onward. Some have been baptized. Last quarter we raised \$125 by Sabbath school donations. We have set our mark at \$150 this quarter and we are sure to reach it. God has continually blessed for which we feel grateful.

Doubtless many have heard that we are to have a new church, and we are glad now to say that plans for raising money to this end are quite well under way. Donations were called for some time ago, and some interested ones responded by pledges to the amount of about \$1,700. These pledges are now being paid. This is a fruitful field, and it is the testimony of all who have worked here that they have the pleasure of seeing results. We are waiting for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign now and feel that we will do our part.

W. R. BURROW.

### Goodlettsville

It was the privilege of the writer to visit the church at Goodlettsville, Tenn., Sabbath, September 11. The work at that place is moving along very nicely, and the brethren have decided to go to work with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, having ordered two hundred copies.

Several have united with this church from the ranks of the other churches in the community. This has aroused prejudice, and it is quite likely that some will retaliate by indicting our brethren for Sunday labor. However, all pledged themselves to refrain from Sunday labor on the farm, and the brethren are expecting to use the first day of the week as a day for missionary activities. Sunday-night meetings are conducted in the church building.

Brother Scott Alden is leading out in the work of the church and has the support of all the brethren. Brother Charles Hollingsworth has recently moved to Goodlettsville, and has purchased a place, and is building a home.

The visit was greatly enjoyed, and the prospects are that a goodly number will be gathered out of that place for the truth.

F. C. BRUCE.

### Experience of a Student Colporteur

STUDENTS can spend their vacation in no better way than canvassing. I am fully convinced of this after spending twelve weeks in the field this summer. I was connected with the Publishing House and tract society work for seven years before starting to school, but this was my first actual experience in selling books. The Lord greatly blessed me, and I would not take anything for the experience.

Professor Marshall (preceptor of the Southern Training School), Monroe Clark, and I left Graysville for the mountains of North Carolina on May 30. Mr. Clark and I were working for scholarships. We can look back with a great deal of pleasure on our summer's work, and we hope to see souls saved in

the kingdom as a result of the books we have placed in the homes of the people.

We worked in North Carolina for five weeks. Then it was thought best for us to locate in east Tennessee. We found the people very courteous, and willing to buy. One gentleman with whom I stayed overnight gave me an order for a book, and would not charge me anything for my lodging. He told me that when it came time to deliver I could use his horse and buggy without charge. He owns a five-hundred-acre farm and is ex-register of the county. We placed books in the homes of the most influential people in that county. The Lord helped me to deliver \$96 worth of books in a day and a half.

Begin planning now to spend your next vacation placing our truth-filled books in the homes of the people, and I am sure you will never regret it. F. C. VARNEY.

### Union City

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

THE Spirit of God is appealing to you to go work in his vineyard, placing the truth-filled books in homes where they have not yet been placed.

It seems to me that if any who feel that they have not been called of God to some definite work, will read any of our large books carefully, they will be fully persuaded by the same Spirit that inspired the writer to write them, to take up the cross and call people's attention to the important truths the books contain.

Every day seems to grow brighter as we walk the dusty road to seek another customer to tell the same story which to us is more than wealth or fame.

It was He who inspired the authors of our books to write that also directed in the publishing. He wants his most faithful followers to carry them to the homes of the people and show them what they contain.

Mrs. Keele and I agreed to lock up our home with what little we had, leaving the crop in the field, and unitedly work with Jesus in placing our good books in the homes of the people.

Do not think of the money side of the question. Jesus knows our needs. When we come to the place where we are willing to leave all our business in his hands and go and do his bidding, he will bless us and enable us to earn means some way while working in his vineyard to meet our necessities.

Since camp-meeting I have taken \$188.75 worth of orders and delivered \$60 worth of books. The experiences I have had in the field have been worth more to me than \$1,000.

Come brethren, let us finish the work quickly and prepare to go home. W. J. KEELE.

Union City, Tenn.

### The "Protestant"

Two articles make the October *Protestant* of special interest. The religious question in Mexico is dealt a forcible blow by a Mexican prominent in state affairs, setting forth the reason for the lawless act of the Roman Hierarchy, its interference in political matters, and its determination to maintain its power over the state. This article is well worth reading.

Just as the *Protestant* goes to press, the pope sends a special message to President Wilson, by the hand of Cardinal Gibbons, with reference to the peace of Europe. The editor deals with this in an article entitled "President Wilson, the Pope, and Peace."

The *Protestant* this month, as a whole, contains some valuable information that every Seventh-day Adventist should read. Your subscription sent in now will entitle you to the remainder of 1915 and all of 1916 for \$1, if requested.

### Dr. Mosheim's Remarks on the Attitude of the "Roman Pontiff" toward the Bible

"TO THE correct interpretation and the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, the Roman pontiff opposed all the obstacles in his power, from the time that he learned what very great damage and loss accrued to him from this source. In the first place, disputants are allowed the shocking license of treating the Scriptures with contumely, and of publicly declaring their authority to be inferior to that of the pontiff and tradition. Next, the old Latin version called the Vulgate, though it abounds with innumerable faults and in very many places is quite barbarous and obscure, was, by a decision of the assembly at Trent, recommended as *authentic*, that is, as faithful, exact, and accurate, and therefore not liable to be impugned. How much this contributed to conceal from the people the true meaning of the Scriptures, must be manifest. In the same assembly, this hard law was imposed on interpreters, that *in matters of faith and morals* they must not venture to construe the Scriptures differently from the common opinion of the church and the consent of the ancient doctors; nay, it asserted that the *church* alone, or its head and governor, the sovereign pontiff, has the right of determining the true sense of the Scriptures. Finally, the Romish Church persevered in strenuously maintaining, sometimes more explicitly and sometimes more covertly, that the Sacred Scriptures were written for none but the teachers; and in all places where it could be done, \*it had ordered the people to be restrained from reading the Bible." — *Murdock's "Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History," Book IV, Cent., XVI, Sec., III, Part. 1, Chap., 1, par. 25; Robert Carter and Brothers, Publishers, New York.*

\*"This could not be done in all countries. The French, and some other nations, read the Scriptures in their native language; notwithstanding the warm supporters of the Romish supremacy are bitterly opposed to the practise." — *Footnote.*

### From the Far East

#### Typhoon at Shanghai

THE most severe typhoon in the history of Shanghai occurred July 28. After the storm the city gave the appearance of having been in the war zone and most severely bombarded. There were roofless houses, shattered buildings, torn fences, and uprooted trees.

The saddest sight was on the water-front along the Bund. Here the poor Chinese were seen trying to save what little of earth's possessions were not entirely swept away. A hopeless task it looked, for all in a heap and a tangle were piled launches, junks, lighters, houseboats, and sampans, hundreds of them, and with the freight of many of them, such as flour, cotton, beancake, etc., so mixed as almost to make the water seem like slime. Many of the vessels had sunk, and with the sinking carried not only the freight but hundreds of these poor watermen and their families. Here and there was seen sitting on the bank a poor distressed woman with her little ones clinging to her, keeping guard over a few bits of wreckage, all that remained of the only home they ever knew.

The city park looked most desolate. The wind had driven the waves far over the beautiful lawn, burying it under a mass of mud, and with every tree down, the fence ruined, and scarce a trace of where once grew the lovely flowers, it looked the wreck it was. One large American navy collier had snapped the chains that held her and came over and tried to take refuge in the park. With the aid of two tugs, and by burying two heavy anchors in the park she was prevented from wreckage until the typhoon subsided. It is reported that two hundred people have been picked up dead, but the officials say the death roll will reach a thousand at least.

Our own compound suffered no great damage. The trees in front were all blown down, but being young were only bent, not broken, so most of them have been reset. The bamboo curtains over windows and verandas will not lend us their cooling shade again, for had all the fence given way they would have followed the typhoon out to the Yellow Sea. A few windows were blown in and a few blown out, and with the others defective, what rain did not fall outside seemed to fall in. But we had no disposition to complain for we fared far better than our neighbors. A large cotton factory just across the way from us had the roof taken off.—*Asiatic Division Mission News.*

### Animal Stories from Java

ON ONE side of our Soember Wekas property there is a thick jungle. Just such a one as you have often read about in British India and Africa. A very deep ravine separates our land from this jungle. Our house is situated directly on the edge of the ravine. It is this jungle, or part of it, which we have petitioned the government for. At the present time it is alive with snakes and wild animals. The wild animals consist of large and small tigers, leopards, panthers, and deer, besides many smaller animals indigenous to the Java forests; together with gray, black, and large red monkeys.

It is pitiful to hear the cry of the wild deer as the tiger springs upon it. Night after night the forest resounds with the discordant cry of some wild animal. The monkeys lead the tigers a chase but it sometimes happens that even a monkey is not smart enough for a tiger. The monkeys are very destructive, but also very cute. Just as soon as the corn is planted the gray ones are on the alert. The black and red monkeys eat only the leaves from certain trees. The gray monkeys will swarm in the trees surrounding the edge of the garden, and as soon as the corn is a few inches high they will dig it up in order to eat the seed. If these animals do not destroy the corn while it is young, they wait until it is just ready to be plucked, and then it is a race to see who will get the corn first, the planter or the vigilant monkey. Sometimes it happens that the wild pigs are there before the monkey, and by the time he gets on to the scene of action, the corn has been ploughed up with the snout of that miscreant. We have our garden stream ploughed up about every three or four nights by these wild pigs which come in search of earth worms.

A night or two ago a number of flying bats settled on our kapok trees and began to quarrel and eat the kapok. The native boys came running to my husband and begged him to bring the gun. These flying bats are very destructive. They are also good to eat, the Javanese tell us. The one that my husband shot measured seven feet across from wing-tip to wing-tip. The result was that we had more orders for flying bats than we could fill. The large tree squirrel is also very destructive here. It eats the young cocoanuts, and the pineapples and bananas.

Perhaps you would like to hear some true monkey stories, and a true tiger story as well.

One morning as we came around the veranda to our large open dining room, imagine our surprise to see a large white monkey dancing around the breakfast table which was already laid. As soon as we appeared, it made good its escape across the dining room and out into the garden where it disappeared, leaving its paw marks on the table cloth.

Soon afterwards, I was riding horseback up the mountain-side and as I turned a sharp corner, I beheld some forty monkeys, perhaps more, seated in the middle of the narrow roadway. They were impertinent gray monkeys, and not such that I would wish to lay any ancestral claim to. My horse stopped suddenly, pricked up his ears, and refused to go another step. The monkeys also did not budge, so first of all I endeavored to assure my horse, and then hurled some epithets at the monkeys. They continued to look very hostile and jabbered in-

cessantly, keeping their small sharp eyes fixed upon me. When my breath and epithets were about expended, the jabbering things moved off slowly to the side of the road among the bushes from where they hurled a volley of abuse at me. I was glad enough to escape from them so easily and made good time getting home.

It is not an uncommon sight to see monkeys spring several hundreds of feet down through the air into the valley in order to escape from some foe, and often a large red one will be seen hugging a jet black baby monkey, and jumping from tree to tree with it until out of danger. Some scientists will gravely tell you, and expect you to believe it, that man came from, or was made after, the monkey. But believe it not. "The world by wisdom knew not God." The skeptical scientist of the twentieth century, having turned his back upon that God who only hath immortality, and that Christ who hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, says to the monkey, "Thou art my father"; and to the tadpole and the moner, "Thou art my mother and my sister."

The Javanese has no faith in such a scientist's theory, but firmly believes that the monkey emanated from man. This theory is perhaps as correct, although somewhat in advance of modern science.

We have had several visits from tigers. The first time was when a small dog was accidentally locked in our storeroom, and a tiger prowling around just as night fell and the stars came out, smelled him. We heard a great tearing and creaking of bamboo walls, and a pitiful yelping from the hapless dog. Two of our native girls went down to see what was the matter, and almost immediately terrible screams reached our ears, and the girls flew back too terrified to answer our questionings which were interspersed with various shakings in order to bring them to their senses. At length they managed to gasp "manchan" (tiger). I flew for the gun, loaded it, and fired a random shot into the storeroom, and then we went in search of the tiger. The screams of the girls had brought several men from the native village, and they instituted a search. But while they were searching our place, the tiger had gone into the next village, had eaten two goats, and so terrified the people that they forsook the village for several weeks to come.

Before we owned the property here, several horses had been eaten by tigers, and one night fifty fowls were taken from the hen-roost. The tigers tore open the tiled roof of the fowl house.

We have just had another experience with tigers. Two nights ago, a tiger tore a hole in the brick wall of our fowl house, ten or twelve inches in diameter, grabbed an unoffending chicken, and injured two others. The natives scared the animal so that he did not return again that night. But last night I was awakened by a terrible commotion in the fowl house, and a great shouting from our native boys. We found on examination that a tiger, evidently arrested in his work, had dropped a poor torn fowl and decamped. Tonight we baited a large trap with the dead chicken, and hope to catch his lordship.

The Javanese say that these animals will not attack man. Just the same, we would not like to meet a tiger or a large spotted leopard without a gun.

LILY M. THORPE.

*Java, East Indies.*

### "A Grace Beyond the Reach of Art"

AS THE fragrance to the flower,

As the song is to the bird,

As the pleasure to the hour,

As the tone is to the word;

So to beauty is the kindness

Of a thoughtful, tender deed,

And to justice is the blindness

That lets mercy intercede.

—*Lee C. Hurby.*

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending Sept. 11, 1915

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total
U Bracy* . .BF&GC	63	7	\$22 00	\$		\$22 00
Carl Holland* .BR	83	22	67 00		35	67 35
M L Ivory* . .D&R	80	5	15 00			15 00
Mary Miles . .BR	18	10	34 00		3 50	37 50
Mrs Rainwater BF	48	30	30 00			30 00
R D Ringgold .BR	26	5	15 00			15 00
Quinnie Tew . .BR	32	4	12 00			12 00
G H Ward . . .BR	34	6	19 00			19 00
Ernest Waters .BR	45	5	16 00		70	16 70
Norman Waters .BR	43	12	18 00			18 00
Bibles . . . . .			12 75			12 75
<b>Totals (Agts.10)</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>\$260 75</b>	<b>\$ 4 55</b>		<b>\$265 30</b>

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total
Bessie Cotton . .BF	4		\$	\$	\$	\$ 5 00
RHDewberry D&R	44	1	3 00		85	3 85
R H Hazelton .GC	44	6	12 00			12 00
R A Judkins . .COL	22	10	12 50		14 50	27 00
Wm J Keele . .D&R	29	17	49 00		3 50	52 50
Mrs Mae Keele BR	16	7	22 00		8 25	30 25
Chas R Smith .BR	41	10	30 00		3 85	33 85
L Swallen . . . .BR	33	11	34 00		2 90	36 90
Lucinda Sill . .BF	8	2	4 00			4 00
W B Tyus . . .HofM	48	19	40 00		35	40 35
F E Wagner* . .GC	92	20	60 00		5 75	65 75
BWagner*GCBRD&R	90	22	44 00			44 00
J A Young . . . .GC	37	4	12 00		1 35	13 35
Bibles . . . . .			30 35			30 35
<b>Totals (Agts.13)</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>\$352 85</b>	<b>\$41 30</b>	<b>\$394 15</b>	<b>\$280 50</b>

G'd Totals (A. 43) 1609 549 \$1412 10 \$123 70 \$1535 80 \$701 25

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total
L I Marcum . .BR	26		\$	\$ 7 00		\$ 7 00
R W Harris . .BF	34	16	65 50			65 50
Alex Perry . . .BR	35	33	88 00			88 00
H E Beck . . . .BF	48	4	8 00		19 00	27 00
CW Vermillion .BR	49	20	67 00		50	67 50
J L Vermillion .BR	41	22	67 00		75	67 75
Luther Bowles .BR	38				14 25	14 25
C B Sherer . . .BF	14	8	10 00			10 00
JB Reichenbach BR	30	13	39 00			39 00
J L Winders . . .BR	8					26 00
Seth T Walker .GC	32	8	30 00		3 75	33 75
Jeff Hickman .BR	18	26	78 00			78 00
D R Allman .D&R	6	1	3 00		20 23	23 25
P M Winkler .D&R	71	52	159 00			159 00
D E Pound . . .BF	29	27	37 20			37 20
Litha Ramey . .BF	26	3	4 00		3 00	7 00
Andy Schroader BF	41	27	28 00			28 00
D C Ray . . . .D&R	45	4	11 00		60	11 60
Miscellaneous . .					8 00	8 00
Bibles . . . . .			28 80			28 80
<b>Totals (Agts.18)</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>\$723 50</b>	<b>\$77 10</b>	<b>\$800 60</b>	<b>\$386 75</b>

Summary from January 1 to Date			
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference . .	\$8475 50	\$ 164 70	\$1287 45
Kentucky Conference . .	15154 58	778 07	8235 89
Louisiana Conference . .	5012 56	188 05	1255 00
Mississippi Conference .	14850 10	542 80	2090 20
Tenn. River Conference .	5847 05	738 15	2024 60
<b>Totals . . . . .</b>	<b>\$49339 79</b>	<b>\$2411 77</b>	<b>\$14893 14</b>

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending Sept. 11, 1915

ALABAMA CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
U Bracy . . . . .	12	\$ 1 20	
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE			
Richard Green . . . . .	5	50	
Milton Jones . . . . .	60	6 00	
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE			
Bessie Cotton . . . . .	87	8 70	
Mrs M Johnson . . . . .	250	25 00	
Lucinda Sill . . . . .	95	9 50	
<b>Totals . . . . .</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>\$ 50 90</b>	

A Nice Exercise for the Children

THE Sabbath schools are fortunate again this quarter in having suggested for the review day another of these pleasing memory verse exercises. The September number of the *Sabbath School Worker* in connection with the lesson notes for the review lesson, gives this exercise which can be conducted in any school, and which will be of great interest and of much value. It is suggested that one pupil learn the stanzas, and that the classes may repeat the memory verses in concert as each question is asked. Here is an example which will enable every one to understand the exercise:

"There are two sides, and only two —  
The right and the wrong — the false and the true.  
When a man dwells on Satan's side,  
How can he with the Lord abide?"

Memory Verse: "He that is not with me is against me." Matt. 12:30.

Not only do the stanzas ask an appropriate question on the memory verses, but they teach a lesson in themselves. We hope every school will use these memory verse cards on review day.

\* Two Weeks.

Forget Yourself

FORGET yourself! You will never do anything great until you do. Self-consciousness is a disease with many. No matter what they do, they can never get away from themselves. They become warped upon the subject of self-analysis, wondering how they look and how they appear, what others think of them, how they can enhance their own interests. In other words, every thought and every effort seems to be focused upon self; nothing radiates from them.

No one can grow while his thoughts are self-centered. The sympathies of the man who thinks only of himself are soon dried up. Self-consciousness acts as a paralysis to all expansion, strangles enlargement, kills aspiration, cripples executive ability. The mind which accomplishes things looks out, not in; it is focused upon its object, not upon itself.— *Success*.

IDEALS are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but, like the sea-faring man on the desert of water, you choose them as your guides, and, following them, you can reach your destiny. — *Carl Schurz*.

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#### Notes

ELDER S. E. WIGHT, Prof. Lynn H. Wood, and Brother J. W. Davis went direct from the Mississippi camp-meeting to Mansfield, to assist Elder Parmele in a general meeting at that place.

G. H. Curtis went from Jackson to the Oakwood School at Huntsville, Ala., and will return to Nashville the first of next week.

The other members of the Watchman Quartet returned to Nashville September 15. They report good meetings in both Birmingham, Ala., and Jackson, Miss. They stopped one day in Memphis en route home.

The Nashville church school opened September 13 with about fifty pupils enrolled. Miss Hall from Berrien Springs and Mrs. Izlar of Nashville are the teachers.

#### A Danger Signal

THE *Review* came into existence through special instruction at the beginning of our work, and has been a strong factor in building up this work for more than sixty years, and doubtless will continue to be the voice of the denomination until the close of time.

While it serves as an impelling force, imparting spiritual vitality and creating a working devotion in the promotion of all lines of our special work, it also serves, as revealed in the following testimonial, as a particular danger signal to all of our members:

"I am taking the *Review*, and trust I shall as long as it is published. I feel that all of our people should have it in their homes, and I am confident that those who are able to take it and do not, are doing so at their peril. Not that it means their salvation to simply read the *Review*, but if they have no more interest in the advancement of the message than to indifferently let pass such a fund of information as well as the encouragement that may be obtained from week to week through the *Review*, it is time for them to take an inventory of their spiritual condition. Many times families do not take the paper through neglect, for we are all prone to procrastinate as well as to forget. So I believe our ministers should make it a point from time to time to call attention to the *Review*, and to urge the people to see that it makes its regular weekly visits to their homes."

#### "The Watchman"

OUR WORKERS all over the field are endorsing *The Watchman* because:

It is filled with the message.

It deals with current world-wide topics in the light of prophecy.

It proves its merits by winning friends everywhere.

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It is these features that make *The Watchman* such a strong missionary magazine.

Some of the titles in the October number are as follows:

Fourteenth Annual Lord's Day Congress, by W. F. Martin; The Divorce Problem, by D. H. Kress, M. D.; The Vatican and the War, by Dr. P. T. Magan; The Basis of Modern Spiritualism, by I. H. Evans; Russellism (Continued), by Carlyle B. Haynes; A Divine Message Needed Today, an editorial.

There is a Scripture Study Department, and the Outlook Department and the Brevities Pages contain notes of the latest events.

#### Waiting for You

WHAT will you do with the friends that are begging to spend the winter with you? Shall they wait in vain? They are choice friends of some of the leaders in our work who love young people and understand their needs. That is why those leaders have sent these friends to you and are urging you to make their acquaintance this winter. You cannot afford to be strangers any longer. It will do you good to know them. Associating with them will inspire you with new courage and determination. They will also give you much useful information of which you should deprive yourself no longer.

It will cost you but little to bring these friends to your home; and once there, they are no more expense to you. All the attention they demand is a portion of your spare time, and then will reward you abundantly for "value received."

If you are ambitious you will not let these friends wait in vain. Yes, you are right in guessing that *these friends* are books. They are the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course books. If you could sit down and counsel with the leaders in this work about your reading, would you not appreciate the help which their experience could bring you? But they have anticipated your need of help in selecting the supremely important books from the host of good books you are compelled to leave unread, and have made arrangements with the publishers to place them in your hands at the lowest possible price.

The junior course for this year consists of "Livingstone, the Pathfinder," Mathew, price 60 cents; "Friends and Foes," Vesta J. Farnsworth, \$1; "Sketches of Bible Child Life," Mary Alicia Steward, 75 cents, or \$1.75 for the set, postpaid.

The senior course for this year consists of "Things as They Are," by Amy Wilson Carmichael, price 75 cents; "The History of the Sabbath," Andrews and Conradi, \$1; "History of William Miller," \$1, or the set for \$2.35, postpaid.

If you are at all desirous of being more securely fortified against false "isms," if you are at all ambitious to become a more thoroughly equipped Christian worker, read these books. Let not these friends wait in vain. Make the most of them.

"As a pebble dropped into the water

Sends its waves out more and more

In an everwidening circle

Till they reach the very shore,

So a word, a deed, an action,

Dropped upon the sea of life,

Sends a blessing, or a cursing,

To this world of sin and strife."