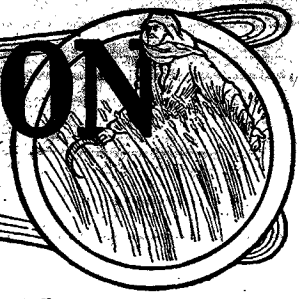




SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

"I Am Stepping in Your Steps"

CLIMBING the mountain wild and high:
Bold was the glance of his eagle eye,
Proud was the spirit that knew no fear,
Reckless the tread of the mountaineer,
Up and through the fields of snow,
Down and down o'er the pathway steep,
On o'er the chasms wide and deep.

Hark! o'er the mountain bleak and wild
Echoed the voice of a little child:
"Papa, look out! I am coming too,
Stepping in your steps, just like you!
Papa, O papa! just see me!
Walking like papa — don't you see?"
Pale was the face of the mountaineer,
Pale with the thrill of an awful fear;
Paused he quick, and with eager face,
Clasped the child in his strong embrace.
Backward glanced, with his eye so dim,
Back o'er the path she had followed him.
Fathers, pause in the path of life,
Rough with the chasms of sin and strife,
When you walk with a step so free
'Mong the rocks where the dangers be,
List to the voice that is sounding sweet,
List! they are coming — the little feet;
Walk with care, they are coming too,
"Stepping in your steps, just like you."

— Selected.

Fall Council of the General Conference and North American Division

THIS important meeting was held in Loma Linda, Cal. It began Sunday morning, November 7, and continued until Sunday night, November 21. The meetings were held in the sanitarium chapel and were largely attended by the people from the community and the surrounding churches. Meals were served in the basement of the hospital building for all the delegates, on the cafeteria plan. About seventy-five tents were pitched, and heated with gas stoves, which made the tents very comfortable. The nights were quite cool, but during the day it was warm and pleasant.

The sanitarium is located on a hill about two blocks from the Southern Pacific railroad. About the building and the yard are various trees for ornamentation, also orange, lemon, and grape fruit trees. It is a veritable garden.

The medical school of the denomination is also located in this place, on the sanitarium grounds. The school is conducted entirely for the purpose of educating medical workers for the denomination. There are at present one hundred seven students taking training for this line of work. Each spring from

this on, a class will be graduated and sent into the various fields, and it is from this school that we are to get our loyal medical workers in the future. Advance steps have been taken to put the school on a better footing and pay off its indebtedness.

The ladies attending the meeting at Loma Linda petitioned the North American Division for the opportunity of raising \$60,000 in the United States and Canada to erect a hospital in Los Angeles, where the students can get practical work which the sanitarium does not afford them. It is hoped that the sisters in the Southern Union Conference will be eager to help in this enterprise when it is launched, and we know that you will.

This meeting in many respects has marked a new era in the work in all lines, as representatives were there from India, China, Europe, and Australia. The cheering notes that have come from these foreign workers have brought courage to the delegates in attendance and we believe that the future is to mark a great change in the advancement of this message. Let us rally to the call of the Lord and increase our appropriations for missions during the month of December and close the year with a good balance on the right side.

S. E. WIGHT.

Christmas is Coming

"CHRISTMAS is coming," is the note that is sounding through our world from East to West and from North to South. With youth, those of mature age, and even the aged, it is a period of general rejoicing, of great gladness. But what is Christmas, that it should demand so much attention? This day has been made much of for centuries. It is accepted by the unbelieving world, and by the Christian world generally, as the day on which Christ was born. When the world at large celebrate the day, they show no honor to Christ. They refuse to acknowledge him as their Saviour, to honor him by willing obedience to his service. They show preference to the day, but none to the one for whom the day is celebrated, Jesus Christ.

The twenty-fifth of December is supposed to be the day of the birth of Jesus Christ, and its observance has become customary and popular. But yet there is no certainty that we are keeping the veritable day of our Saviour's birth. History gives us no certain assurance of this. The Bible does not give us the precise time. Had the Lord deemed this knowledge essential to our salvation, he would have spoken through his prophets and apostles, that we might know all about the matter. But the silence of the Scriptures upon this point evidences to us that it is hidden from us for the wisest purposes. In his wisdom, the Lord concealed the place where he buried Moses. God buried him, and God resurrected him, and took him to heaven. This secrecy was to prevent idolatry. He against whom they rebelled while he was in active service, whom they provoked almost beyond human endurance, was almost worshiped as God after his separation from them by death. For the very same purpose he has concealed the precise day of

Christ's birth; that the day should not receive the honor that should be given to Christ as the Redeemer of the world,—one to be received, to be trusted, to be relied on as he who could save to the uttermost all who come unto him. The soul's adoration should be given to Jesus as the Son of the infinite God.

There is no divine sanctity resting upon the twenty-fifth of December; and it is not pleasing to God that anything that concerns the salvation of man through the infinite sacrifice made for them, should be so sadly perverted from its professed design. Christ should be the supreme object; but as Christmas has been observed, the glory is turned from him to mortal man, whose sinful, defective character made it necessary for him to come to our world. Jesus, the majesty of heaven, the royal King of heaven, laid aside his royalty, left his throne of glory, his high command, and came into our world to bring to fallen man, weakened in moral power, and corrupted by sin, aid divine. He clothed his divinity with humanity, that he might reach to the very depths of human woe and misery, to lift up fallen man. By taking upon himself man's nature, he raised humanity in the scale of moral value with God. These great themes are almost too high, too deep, too infinite, for the comprehension of finite minds.

Parents should keep these things before their children, and instruct them, line upon line, precept upon precept, in their obligation to God,—not their obligation to each other, to honor and glorify one another by gifts and offerings. But they should be taught that Jesus is the world's Redeemer, the object of thought, of painstaking effort; that his work is the grand theme which should engage their attention; that they should bring to him their gifts and offerings. Thus did the wise men and the shepherds.

As the twenty-fifth day of December is observed to commemorate the birth of Christ, as the children have been instructed by precept and example that this was indeed a day of gladness and rejoicing; you will find it a difficult matter to pass over this period without giving it some attention. It can be made to serve a very good purpose. The youth should be treated very carefully. They should not be left on Christmas to find their own amusement in vanity and pleasure-seeking, in amusements which will be detrimental to their spirituality. Parents can control this matter by turning the minds and the offerings of their children to God and his cause and the salvation of souls. The desire for amusement, instead of being quenched and arbitrarily ruled down, should be controlled and directed by painstaking effort upon the part of the parents. Their desire to make gifts may be turned into pure and holy channels, and made to result in good to our fellow men by supplying the treasury in the great, grand work for which Christ came into our world. Self-denial and self-sacrifice marked his course of action. Let it mark ours who profess to love Jesus; because in him is centered our hope of eternal life.

Youth cannot be made as sedate and grave as old age, the child as sober as the sire. While sinful amusements are condemned, as they should be, let parents, teachers, and guardians of youth provide in their stead innocent pleasures, which shall not taint or corrupt the morals. Do not bind down the young to rigid rules and restraints that will lead them to feel themselves oppressed and to break over and rush into paths of folly and destruction. With a firm, kindly, considerate hand, hold the lines of government, guiding and controlling their minds and purposes, yet so gently, so wisely, so lovingly, that they still will know that you have their best good in view. How many parents are lamenting the fact that they cannot keep their children at home, that they have no love for home. At an early age they have a desire for the company of strangers; and as soon as they are old enough, they break away from that which appears to be bondage and unreasonable restraint, and will neither heed a mother's prayers nor a father's counsels.

Investigation would generally reveal that the sin lay at the door of the parents. They have not made home what it ought to be,—attractive, pleasant, radiant with the sunshine of kind words, pleasant looks, and true love.

The secret of saving your children lies in making your home lovely and attractive. Indulgence in parents will not bind the children to God nor to home; but a firm, godly influence to properly train and educate the mind would save many children from ruin.—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Review of Dec. 9, 1884.*

(To be continued.)

Always in a Hurry

MANY persons on the path of life are conspicuous because they never use a muffler when trying to speed up. One who has studied the selfish human "speeder," doubtless has noticed his excitability, irritability, and lack of consideration for his own or others' best good, while painfully conscious that he has at his disposal only twenty-four hours in a day—just the same as the laziest man on earth.

The poet used to sing of the "noiseless tenor" of one's way, indicating an agreeable quietude, and a continuity of action which perpetuated peace and contentment. Those were blessed days before the spirit of selfish competition in both social and business relations had robbed life of its sweetest harmonies—before people had become too frantically busy to plant roses and forget-me-nots in the garden of life, and to enjoy the fruitage of their labors.

"Moderation is the silken thread that runs through the pearl chain of all virtues." The man or the woman who does a half day's work before breakfast in the morning, just for the sake of doing something extraordinary, is using up physical force that ought to be spent in a better cause. Some persons always work under pressure, as the uncultured expression of the small boy suggests: "Bridget's peelin' 'taters like you'd think she went by steam."

The individual who is habitually in a hurry, not only uses up his nerve force, but puts forth misguided efforts, and often experiences the truthfulness of the old adage, "The more haste, the less speed."

No one can make real progress along profitable lines, no one can make a success of life, without taking time to read the Bible and to pray. But it is so easy to allow the "care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches," to crowd both out of the daily routine of affairs.

Some become too much rushed at times to practise even the common courtesies of life, much less to pay to the world what they owe it in the way of personal touch and kindly ministrations. A man uses his time just as he uses his money. If he uses his money selfishly, he uses his time in the same way. Both are devoted either to the cause of humanity or to the cause of self. With the former practise comes the cheerful contentment that is a "continual feast"; with the latter, a restless experience that is "like the troubled sea."

There is a great difference between being rationally busy and being frantically rushed. The man who makes the most out of life is deliberate. He spends his God-given time to the best advantage. He accomplishes more for the world, because he conserves his nerve energy, and labors faithfully toward a definite and laudable end. It is a great mistake to form the detrimental habit of being a sort of "rush order" through life. Jesus says, "Come ye yourselves apart, . . . and rest a while." Let the storm of life subside; for "in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Everything is accomplished by being rationally busy, but everything is lost by being selfishly so.

Truly great minds do not assume the air of always being in a hurry. One of the greatest men of the recent past, whose

life work was marvelous in its achievements as a minister of the gospel, an editor, an author, an inventive genius, a language critic, had time to treat every one with due courtesy. His work was intricate and vast; yet he so faithfully practised the habit of always being agreeable upon interruption, that his callers received a pleasing impression, no matter how great the inconvenience to himself. One of the most blessed memories of his life is found in that remarkable legacy which he left to the world—even members of his own household cannot recall ever having heard him utter one cross word! He was truly a great man. For "he that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." He exemplified the character of the greatest Man this world has ever known.

The life of Christ was not one of noise and bustle and loud pretensions. We never read of his being in a breathless hurry about anything, but he was very busy—usefully employed. He went about quietly from place to place, "doing good," his influence being such that the people in great multitudes flocked to hear him. If a person's work is of importance, people will find it out without his sounding a trumpet to call attention to himself. Christ's work was the most tremendous ever undertaken in this world. But no matter how much he was pressed for time, he never neglected an opportunity to do good to humanity. He always found time to encourage a Zacchæus, to caution a Peter, to comfort a sorrowing Mary or Martha. Amid the noisy scenes of roaring waves and heaving billows, there was his quiet "Peace, be still." In his arduous efforts to bring the good news of salvation to a lost world, he had time to restore to a blind Bartimæus his eyesight, and to rehearse the sweet story of the gospel to an inquiring Nicodemus or a lone woman of Samaria. Even the little children learned to love him, because he had time to be loved. Little children today love that person who takes time to devote to their happiness.

The Saviour of the world had time to practise true sociability. He was the personification of good form, and of all that combines to constitute Christian ethics. When invited to dine in some humble home, he did not search for an excuse for non-acceptance because the people were not of his "social set." On the contrary, it was his pleasure to be present and to add to the happiness of all about him. All men were his brethren. He came to die for Judas the same as for the beloved disciple. He knew no exclusiveness in his associations with men, for his love reached the lowest depths of degradation and poverty. He sought to raise the fallen, to encourage the despondent, to lighten the weary burdens of oppressed humanity.

It is a great thing to acquire the art of using one's time as the Redeemer of the world used his—just as a soul here and there conscientiously tries to use his. There is no companionship like that of busy people who accomplish very great things with very little noise. Such lives are an inspiration to others to attempt great things. They are an encouragement to those who really wish to render to the world the best service of which humanity is capable—Christian service. Such persons exemplify the divine admonition, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might"—not with thy mouth. Such lives reveal the workings of the blessed principle, "Let your moderation [not desparation] be known unto all men."

The person who has no time to devote to making others happy, is robbing himself of the greatest happiness this world affords. One who impresses a caller that he is an intruder, is not strengthening the bonds of brotherly love that should bind humanity together; is not making for himself an enviable reputation. If the Redeemer of the world had time for sociability, so have we. But how many there are who keep up such a selfish perpetual motion that they never even take time to encourage a disheartened fellow traveler on the pathway of

life! Such individuals are little else than revolving fossils—dead relics so far as benefiting the world is concerned. If one wishes to imitate the Master in going about doing good, he will find that it will take him entirely away from a selfish sphere of action.

The sun, not the comet, can be depended upon for constant illumination. A comet may attract a great deal of attention for the time being, but it soon disappears, while the sun remains constant, a life preserver to all upon this darkened orb. "Ye are the light of the world." Followers of the Master have the enlightenment of his Spirit, are luminous—suns in the terrestrial heavens, whose light penetrates the darkened corners of the earth. Constant illumination is what humanity needs just now. There are many human comets, but very few suns, whose quiet rays are serving as life preservers to sinking humanity on the sea of time.

"Take time to be holy.

The world rushes on.

Spend much time in secret

With Jesus alone.

By looking to Jesus,

Like him thou shalt be;

Thy friends in thy conduct

His likeness shall see."

—*Mary Alice Loper, M. S., in the Signs Weekly.*

ONLY one arm is all powerful, one heart ever loving, one ear ever open, only one eye never closed; and there are inner depths in our soul where only one voice can be heard.—*Mrs. Charles.*

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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News Items

SISTER MOLLIE MILLER, of Florence, sends in five subscriptions for the "good old *Review and Herald*." We are pleased to note this encouraging item from the Sheffield church.

To date, Alabama has ordered 6,182 Harvest Ingathering Signs, which is an increase of 1,212 over the total amount used in 1914. Remember it is our aim to obtain at least ten cents for every paper distributed.

At camp-meeting it was proposed that the Young People's Missionary Volunteer members of this conference pledge themselves to read the Bible through during the year. As yet none have reported to this office as having accomplished this, but one of our colporteurs, Brother S. S. Guilford, writes, "I have read my Bible through since last December." Who will be next to render a like report?

Seven of the Montgomery church are now on the Honor Roll. Ten members are reported as working. They have raised \$44.30. We expect the Montgomery church to reach its goal before the first of the year.

The attractive and suggestive cover on the January *Watchman* is itself enough to sell the magazine. It catches the eye at once and will appeal to the public.

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll, \$5 or Over

CONFERENCE CHURCHES

BIRMINGHAM

Mrs. C. D. Elford	Mrs. N. C. Freeman
Mrs. Garrigan	O. R. Godsmark
Mrs. A. C. Helms	Mrs. T. J. Hoskins
F. D. Hunt	Mrs. F. D. Hunt
Elder R. I. Keate	Mrs. Helen M. Keate
Elder A. L. Miller	Mrs. A. L. Miller
Mrs. Clara Miller	Mrs. McLure
Sarah V. Parker	W. C. Wales
Mrs. J. R. Whittaker	Mrs. E. W. Booth
Miss Lucinda Jobst	Mrs. Pearl M. Wilson
Mrs. Joiner	

CONFERENCE CHURCH

Harriet C. Fuller	H. O. Rogers
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SHEFFIELD

H. G. Miller	Mrs. Mollie Miller
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MOBILE

Elder James Bellinger	Mrs. James Bellinger
Mrs. E. F. Dickey	C. G. Meyer

MONTGOMERY

Elder J. F. Wright	Mrs. O. H. Williams
Miss Pauline Moore	Mrs. Mary L. Worley
Mrs. W. W. Eyster	Mrs. Jonne Powell
J. F. Dennis	

MISSION CHURCHES

HUNTSVILLE

G. Powers	Mrs. E. Brandon
C. A. Wilson	

BIRMINGHAM

J. J. Pearson	R. Roberts
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Only three conferences in the North American Division have passed the goal set for their share of the \$100,000 amount. Alabama is one of these three. In a letter from the assistant secretary of the General Conference, Brother T. E. Bowen, the fact is mentioned that Alabama, Maine, and Newfoundland have passed the mark. This shows splendid work on the part of those who have been actively engaging in this campaign. We wish to reach our \$5 mark just as soon as possible. We expect that by the time this note is printed, the Birmingham church will be singing the song of jubilee.

In the WORKER of November 18, we notice that the names of Brother J. F. Dennis of Montgomery, and Sister James Bellinger of Mobile were omitted from the Honor Roll. This was a mistake on our part and we regret the omission.

A four-piece aluminum cooking set is offered as a premium for selling fifty copies of the *Life and Health* at ten cents each, or for five yearly subscriptions at one dollar each. This cooking set retails at \$6. Place all orders with the Alabama Tract Society.

A nice Bible for a young person is offered as a premium for selling thirty copies of the *Life and Health* magazine at ten cents. By selling thirty-five copies, the same Bible with concordance is offered. It also may be obtained by securing four yearly subscriptions. All orders to be placed through the Alabama Tract Society.

A high-class, self-filling, non-leakable, fountain pen is offered as a premium for selling only twenty copies of *Life and Health* at ten cents each, or it is given with one yearly subscription to *Life and Health* for \$1.75, or it is given for obtaining three

yearly subscriptions at \$1 each. Send all orders to the Alabama Tract Society.

A World's Standard Self-pronouncing Dictionary, 600 pages, 47,000 defined words, 1,200 illustrations, best seal morocco binding with patent thumb alphabetical index, designed to meet the wants of busy people, is given as a premium for selling thirty copies of the *Life and Health* magazine at ten cents each, or for obtaining three yearly subscriptions at \$1 each. All orders should be placed with the Alabama Tract Society.

This is the first announcement of the above premiums. A means is offered whereby these useful and valuable articles can be obtained with no real expense. The entire proceeds of the sales are to be sent to the Alabama Tract Society, Room 316 Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Sister S. A. Fowler, of Mobile, orders another fifty copies of the *Watchman*. This makes a total of 150 magazines for Sister Fowler already this month. It pays to sell *The Watchman*.

Brother H. Pittman, of Pensacola, doubles his usual order for *Watchman*, asking for one hundred of the December number.

Doubtless our WORKER readers will be pleased to hear from Brother C. Jenson who worked in Covington County last year. He is now located in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and writes that his health is improving.

Brother J. F. Dennis orders fifty copies of the December *Signs* for Montgomery.

If you will advertise the *Protestant Magazine*, also the "Vatican and the War," people will come to you to obtain them. Our tract society secretary has been doing some personal work advertising the *Protestant* and has obtained twenty-seven subscriptions recently. Broad-minded men and women are anxious to read this magazine. A request on a post card will bring you advertising circulars free. There is financial gain to be made in this kind of work.

Visiting the Churches

DURING the past few weeks we have been visiting the churches throughout the northern part of the State. In nearly every church we found the members of good courage and pressing onward.

October 14-24 was spent with the church at Borden Springs. Although the rain hindered the meetings somewhat, yet a goodly number were in attendance. Stress was laid at different times upon the Home Missionary Work, the Young People's Work, and that of the church school. The church responded in an encouraging way and they are moving forward. Ten persons united with this body. Eighteen young people will take the Reading Course. The school was reported to be opened November 22. We look for a good report in every respect from this church.

From here a few days were spent in Huntsville, and with the Oakwood School. It was good to see the spirit prevailing in the church at Huntsville, and to see how earnestly they were working with the Harvest Ingathering papers to reach the goal. Already they have passed any of their previous records. They plan for real aggressive work this winter. At Oakwood a fine church school is in session with Miss Valah Dillen as teacher.

Our next stop found us on Sand Mountain. A school is being carried on here by Brother L. C. Scott for the mountain children. In this way the hearts of some of the parents are being reached. Some meetings were conducted in the schoolhouse for the first time, and were well attended. On Sunday night an invitation was accepted to speak in the Baptist church. The way is opening for a good interest to be developed here.

At Elkwood we found a church of good courage, and a church school being conducted by Miss Ora Waters with sixteen pupils enrolled. Before leaving this place a goodly number of subscriptions were taken for our papers and magazines for the coming year. The church is to be divided into bands and they

promised to purchase enough of the Present Truth Series to run them for eight months. This certainly looks like missionary work.

Our last appointment before returning to the office was with the Sheffield church. Meetings were held each night. The attendance was fair, but would have been better had it not have been that scarlet fever and diphtheria were raging throughout the city. On Sabbath, quarterly service was conducted and at the business meeting officers were elected for the coming year. A number of the young people here will take the Reading Course, and plan to finish reading the Bible through before Jan. 1, 1916. The live ones in the church will lead out in the home missionary endeavor and invite the others to follow.

I feel very much encouraged with the work so far, and the outlook is very bright. The Lord is going before his people and opening the way for them to finish the work in this generation. We must be continually looking to Jesus for strength just now. Soon, if faithful, we shall lay down the cross and take up the crown. We ask an interest in your prayers for this part of the field.

J. F. WRIGHT, *State Missionary Secretary.*

Southern Alabama

ON November 9 I went to Santa Rosa, Fla., to hold a meeting with the church there. I was to have had a meeting that night, but the boat between Pensacola and Santa Rosa became lost in the fog and ran ashore so we did not get to Santa Rosa until the next day.

We held fourteen meetings in a large hall that had been secured for the purpose. Considerable prejudice had sprung up and the weather was cold a part of the time which served to keep a number from attending the meetings, but we had a good meeting. The church was strengthened, and on the second Sabbath I was there four precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

One other accepted all points of the truth and is obedient to the same, but will be baptized later. Two others at Pensacola will soon be baptized.

I have been home now for a few days, but will go to Stapleton and Summerdale in a short time to hold meetings and be there for a part of the week of prayer.

The church at Mobile is pressing forward, each member taking an active part in the home missionary work. The Sabbath school is all on fire. The missionary we have been sending to China has crossed the ocean safely and has boarded the train from Hongkong to Peking. So far his expenses have all been paid and he expects to land with some change in his pocket. Our goal for the year was \$208. We are going to more than reach it. We have set out to build a church in Mobile. We do not know how long it will take to raise the money required, but hope to see it raised and a building up before many months pass by.

At our last business meeting at which only thirteen were present we raised \$125. This is only a beginning. We want to be remembered by the WORKER family.

JAMES BELLINGER.

Do Your Neighbors Know

THAT there is no purgatory after death?

That Turkey is a subject of prophecy?

That the manifestations of Spiritualists are but the work of the devil?

That the apostles did not keep Sunday for the Sabbath?

That God had a purpose in withholding from man the mechanical and scientific knowledge acquired in recent years?

The foregoing gives a hint of what you and your neighbors may find in the January *Signs Magazine*.

Kentucky Conference

Conference Directory

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The Honor Roll

THE following are entitled to a place on the Honor Roll, having gathered in \$5 or more since the opening of the present Harvest Ingathering Campaign:

LAKE CHARLES

Mrs. E. L. Frank Mrs. Mary Perkins

NEW ORLEANS No. 1

Elder J. A. Morrow Mrs. E. L. Morrow

Mrs. J. B. Collie Mrs. J. P. Ulmer

Mrs. C. L. Ulmer Dr. A. K. Brown

Mrs. Laura Brown

NEW ORLEANS No. 2

W. Williams

Harvest Ingathering Fund, 1915

Church	Jan to Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov. 1-27	Total
Alexandria	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1 95	\$ 1 95
Conference Church	2 55			2 50	5 05
Hammond	2 00		35	3 10	5 45
Lake Arthur		2 30			2 30
Lake Charles	12 05			11 00	23 05
Lena Station	4 05		1 30		5 35
New Orleans No. 1	2 60	25	33 01	44 85	80 71
New Orleans No. 2	26 35		13 50	21 70	61 55
Shreveport No. 1.	16 50		50		17 00
Shreveport No. 2.			7 80		7 80
Welsh	2 25	40	1 70		4 35

Totals \$68 35 \$ 2 95 \$58 16 \$82 80 \$214 56

News Notes

BROTHER COBLE is now making Terryville, where the Arcadia rural church is located, his headquarters for his present canvassing territory, and Sister Coble will doubtless teach the church school there.

Brother Turner and family are located in Arcadia.

The good report comes from Alexandria that Brother W. Williams has found a very fruitful field with the "Bible Footlights" prospectus in hand, and has already secured orders from friends and neighbors for \$46 worth of books.

Notice the date of the expiration of your subscription on the wrappers of your papers before tearing them open. If soon to expire, renew at once while the reduced rate on club offers is being made. It will be a great saving, and enable you to take some of those other papers and magazines that you have wanted so long, but felt you could not afford. If you do not have the club offer, send to the tract society at once for it.

Sabbath school supplies should now be ordered for the new

quarter. Isolated members will find it very convenient to send in their order for Sabbath school Quarterlies for the entire year, 20 cents a year, and thus avoid the trouble of ordering each quarter. The Quarterlies will be mailed to you at least two weeks before the beginning of each quarter.

The Week of Prayer

IF THERE WAS ever a time in the history of this world when the people of God needed to set apart a special season for prayer, we have reached that time. We are living in the most important time that this world has ever known. There was never such a solemn message borne to the world as that committed to this people. Even the message given to Noah was not so solemn and important, if we may be allowed to make such a comparison. His was a warning of the destruction of the world "that then was" by water; ours is a warning of the final destruction of the world by fire.

Not only are the times ominous, but in the titanic struggle of the nations that is now on, we are in the midst of the greatest disaster that has ever befallen this world since the flood. And amidst these difficulties, we must carry this most solemn message to all the world,—it must go even into the jaws of the battle, and reach the men who are lined up for the fray. Our time for labor is very short. Soon the last earthly scene will be enacted.

Brethren, in view of all this, cannot we make our business affairs matters of minor consideration, while we draw aside from the busy marts for a week of special prayer to God for power to speedily finish this work? R. W. PARMELE.

Methods of Bible Study

"FEW who read this address of Stephen properly appreciate it. The occasion, the time and place should be borne in mind to make his words convey their full significance."—"The Apostles of Christ, No. 1," by Mrs. E. G. White, Edition 1878, p. 34.

"No better method of Bible study has been discovered than that announced by Miles Coverdale in the preface to his translation of the Bible into the English language in 1535, when he said: 'It will greatly help thee to understand Scripture if thou wilt mark not only what is spoken or written, but of whom and unto whom, with what words, at what time, whereto, what intent, with what circumstance, considering what goeth before and what followeth after.'"—*Christian Observer*.

"Eventide" Acts 4:3

"SOME of the officials of the temple, and the captain of the temple, were Sadducees. The captain, with the help of a number of Sadducees, arrested the two apostles, and put them in prison, as it was too late for their cases to be examined that night."—"The Apostles of Christ," No. 1, by Mrs. E. G. White, Edition 1878, p. 15.

The Law in Deuteronomy—Why Repeated?

"THEIR fathers had died in the wilderness, according to the word of the Lord. Their children had grown up, and to them the promise was to be fulfilled of possessing the land of Canaan. Many of these were small children when the law was given, and they had no remembrance of the grandeur of the event. Others were born in the wilderness, and lest they should not realize the necessity of their obeying the Ten Commandments and all the laws and judgments given to Moses, he was instructed of God to recapitulate the Ten Commandments, and all the circumstances connected with the giving of the law."—"Spiritual Gifts," by Mrs. E. G. White, Edition 1864, Vol. 4, p. 52.

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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News Notes

MR. L. F. JUDKINS, R. F. D. No. 1, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., desires late, clean copies of the following publications for use in missionary work: *Watchman*, *Signs of the Times*, *Health and Temperance*, *Liberty*, and *Protestant Magazine*.

Professor A. W. Spaulding gave a very interesting stereopticon lecture at the Publishing House Saturday night, November 27, descriptive of the life of the mountaineers, picturing their homes, and what our people as well as other agencies have done to build up the general moral and intellectual welfare in their ranks. He showed on the screen a number of very interesting pictures, some of which appear in his new book, "The Men of the Mountains," prices 50 cents and one dollar. This book is now off the press and orders can be filled promptly.

Elder W. R. Elliott reached the office Wednesday, December 1, coming by way of Chicago. He reports a long and tiresome journey homeward. We are surely glad to have Elder Elliott with us again.

Brother Wheeler, the state agent, left Nashville November 30 for Cumberland City, where he goes to make a delivery for Brother W. B. Tyus. He will go from there to Springville where he will assist Brother Wade in the colporteur work.

Brother R. H. Hazelton has sent in a large order for books to be delivered December 3. We earnestly hope that Brother Hazelton meets with success in placing these truth-filled books in the homes of the people.

We have recently received from an outsider, an application for agency to handle "Bible Readings." The gentleman signing the application stated that he thought "Bible Readings" was the best book he had ever read. This should be an example for some of the young people who are church-members.

Brother Keele had a good report for last week, as will be noted from the report. He writes that his eyes have been troubling him of late but that he can use them some now. It was reported in a recent issue that Sister Keele was ill. We are glad to report that she is now convalescent, and will soon take up the canvassing work again.

Brother Alston writes that the colored work in Jackson is progressing very nicely and that the members are actively at work to build up a good membership in that city.

Brother Charles Hollingsworth and wife were office visitors last week. Brother Hollingsworth is superintendent of the Sabbath school at Goodlettsville, and is in the city for a few days taking treatment. He is staying with Brother L. W. Simkin.

Our sales for the month of November were indeed excellent, the records showing that nearly a thousand dollars worth of books were shipped out to the workers. We are glad to see so many pages of present truth being placed in the homes of the people.

THE eight references in the New Testament to the first day of the week are explained in a January *Signs* Magazine article. This is but one reason why our neighbors should see this excellent number.

"A SMOOTH sea never made a skilful mariner."

"The Vatican and the War"

FRESH FROM THE PRESS

A RETROSPECT and FORECAST: Being a review of the past attitude of the Vatican toward civil and religious government, and an analysis of her latest utterances upon these matters as related to the European War.

Our people always appreciate any literature that gives the message in a clear, concise, and attractive manner; and, also in view of the further fact that the warning against the worship of the beast and his image constitutes such a vital part of the third angel's message, all will be glad to have a new, up-to-date book that sets forth in a forceful but dignified way the trend and real meaning of the events now transpiring with such startling rapidity.

To a great many, and particularly those who have been reading his articles in *The Watchman* magazine, the only recommendation necessary for this book is to state that its author is Dr. Percy T. Magan, who is recognized as an authority on Romanism and the Eastern Question. Although up to the time the first books were ready for delivery but very little advertising had been done, the advance orders amounted to approximately 15,000 copies. This of itself is surely an indication that the time is ripe for a book of this kind.

One unique feature of this book is that all of the chapter titles are scriptural quotations. They are as follows:

- Chapter I. "What Meaneth the Noise of this Tumult?"
 Chapter II. "I Will Exalt My Throne."
 Chapter III. "The Hammer of the Whole Earth."
 Chapter IV. "As Iron that Breaketh All These."
 Chapter V. "They Shall Not Cleave One to Another."
 Chapter VI. "And I Saw a Beast of Prey Come Up."
 Chapter VII. "The Woman Which Reigneth Over the Kings of the Earth."
 Chapter VIII. "Who Is Like Unto the Beast?"
 Chapter IX. "That Woman Jezebel."
 Chapter X. "I Gave Her Space to Repent, but She Repented Not."
 Chapter XI. "Wounded to Death."
 Chapter XII. "Mystery, Babylon the Great."
 Chapter XIII. "With Violence Shall that Great City Babylon Be Thrown Down."

"The Vatican and the War," contains 128 pages and is well illustrated. The price of single copies is 25 cents for the paper cover, and 50 cents for the cloth, postpaid. In quantities of ten or more to one address, the price of the paper cover is 12½ cents each, and the cloth 25 cents, plus the transportation. However, if as many as 200 or more copies are ordered, the freight charges will be paid. Many of our people who do not sell the book, will desire from ten to fifty copies to give to neighbors and friends, and to mail to relatives and others.

All orders should be sent to your conference tract society.

Elder J. N. Loughborough

ONE of the oldest pioneers in this message, now living, writes as follows of Dr. Magan's new book, "The Vatican and the War":

"I have just completed a careful reading of the book, and trust it may receive the wide circulation which it deserves. I was especially interested in the many quotations from Catholic authors, predicting the very things which Bible students declare will take place, thus showing forth their determination that, out of the dreadful struggle of nations, they will again have their power over them, even as the Scriptures predict, but which so few see. This volume is destined to open the eyes of many to the real situation."

In quantities of ten or more, the price of the paper cover is 12½ cents each; cloth, 25 cents, plus the transportation. Order of your tract society.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending Nov. 27, 1915

Name	Book	ALABAMA CONFERENCE					
		Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
U Bracy	BF	35		\$	\$ 2 30	\$ 2 30	\$
Geo Brown	BR	60	1	1 00	35	1 35	9 00
Carl Holland	BR	48	3	9 00	1 40	10 40	
Hattie Hillard	BF						5 00
Mrs M Miller		20	21	11 70		11 70	11 70
J W Wade	BR	55					20 00
Totals (Agts. 6)		218	24	\$21 70	\$ 4 05	\$25 75	\$45 70

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
H E Beck	BF	51	20	\$24 00	\$	\$24 00	\$
D C Ray	BR	18	2	7 00		7 00	
H Ethington	BF	20	5	7 50		7 50	
Andy Schroader	BF	18		7 50		7 50	
Jeff Hickman	BR	10	10	30 00		30 00	
C C Oakes	BR	33	8	24 00		24 00	
D R Allman	D&R	44	20	61 00	75	61 75	
JBReichenbach	BR	31	8	24 00		24 00	
S T Walker	GC	44	2	6 00	4 00	10 00	27 00
R W Harris	BF&BR	18	9	28 50		28 50	
Miscellaneous		25		6 00		6 00	24 00
Bibles				20 85		20 85	12 00
Totals (Agts.10)		312	84	\$246 35	\$ 4 75	\$251 10	\$63 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
R H Hazelton	GC	40	16	\$35 00	\$ 1 20	\$36 20	\$
L F Judkins	PG	20	3	9 00		9 00	
R A Judkins	PG	34	10	30 00	6 05	36 05	
Wm J Keele	D&R	43	11	35 00	2 00	37 00	
DEHLindsey*	BR	85	3	9 00	12 25	21 25	81 20
W B Tyus	HofM	21	9	15 00		15 00	
B E Wagner*	D&R	85	8	16 00	15 00	31 00	70 00
F E Wagner	GC	13			2 50	2 50	33 00
MrsFWagner	MISC	8			31 75	31 75	
Bibles				6 10		6 10	8 50
Totals (Agts. 9)		349	60	\$155 10	\$70 75	\$225 85	\$192 70
G'd Totals (A. 25)		879	168	\$423 15	\$79 55	\$502.70	\$301 40

Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference..	\$9304 50	\$ 278 95	\$2949 10
Kentucky Conference.	19234 05	992 62	10897 02
Louisiana Conference .	5214 01	205 30	2317 65
Mississippi Conference	15989 25	642 30	5447 30
Tenn.River Conference	7558 90	1167 85	3888 75
Totals	\$57300 71	\$3287 02	\$25499 82

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending Nov. 27, 1915

ALABAMA CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
U Bracy	4	\$ 40	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
Lura Reed†	169	16 90	
Totals	173	\$ 17 30	

* Ten Days. † Two Weeks.

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Harvest Ingathering Notes

Alabama

SISTER H. E. EGGLESTON, of Foley, a member of the Marlow church, sends in \$2 on the Harvest Ingathering fund. Her solicitors' card shows faithful effort — sixteen names with the result of \$2, one for fifty cents, one for fifteen cents, one for five cents, and thirteen for ten cents each. There is no doubt but Sister Eggleston will reach her \$5 by continuing the effort.

Mississippi

Mrs. C. S. Wiest, in a letter to Professor Wood recently, said they had closed the church school one day at Jackson and had gone out with the Harvest Ingathering papers, and some of the older children had very good experiences. On Thanksgiving Day Mrs. Wiest and Mrs. Balsbaugh went to the business district with these papers, and between them brought back \$6.40.

Tennessee River

We have received a very encouraging letter from Sister Hicks telling of the enthusiasm manifested in the Hazel church in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. They have already passed their goal and are still working in the campaign. Sister Hicks states that practically every member of the church has taken an active part in the Harvest Ingathering solicitation for funds, and several have raised their quota of \$2.50 each.

\$3 Profit in Fifteen Minutes

Not being able to find where to buy the *Protestant Magazine*, a gentleman in Philadelphia wrote to the publishers to secure an agency. He ordered fifty copies and reports that he sold them in fifteen minutes, and could have sold more. In the same letter he doubled his order and said he had not yet had much time to give to the work.

The December *Protestant* will sell. Fifty or more copies at 4 cents each. Order from your tract society.

The Protestant Magazine, Washington, D. C.

"THE truly ambitious seek to meet the conditions of leadership, or real success. When opportunity comes, they are able to grasp it. Decision to make good is the all-important thing."

Acme Axioms and Items

COURTESY is better than criticism.

Friendship is better than fault-finding.

Be ambitious to be good rather than rich.

Everything but salvation has to be paid for.

Boys will be boys, but boys will also be men.

Which for you, the golden rule or the rule of gold?

A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market.

Does the world owe you a living or do you owe it a life?

It costs more to maintain one vice than ten virtues.

Prayer is the key of the day, and the lock of the night.

Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor.

We are what we look at, what we think of, what we live with.

Capacity increases with exercise and decreases with neglect.

Character is the sum of our whole past life, the total of our yesterdays.

He is great who can do what he wishes; he is wise who wishes to do what he can.

Happy is the man who in the crisis has a strong, clean accumulated past to draw upon.

Men are free to choose as they will, but their choice is their fate. By and by their choice will arise and compel them and there is no escape.

Why I Am an Adventist

THE definition of the word "Advent," as given in Webster's Dictionary is as follows: "Advent, A Coming; The coming of our Saviour; His second coming to judge the world."

According to the above definition, those who believe in the second advent of Christ are properly called Adventists.

I believe in the second coming of Christ, therefore I am an Adventist. I have good Bible reasons for believing in the second coming of Christ.

"If I go away I will come again." Jesus. John 14: 1-3.

"Behold the Lord cometh." Enoch. Jude 14.

"Our God shall come." David. Ps. 50: 3.

"We have waited for him." Isaiah. Isa. 25: 9.

"We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." Paul. Phil. 3: 20.

"Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time." Heb. 9: 28.

"Every eye shall see him." John. Rev. 1: 7.

"This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts. 1: 9-11.

PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S COMING

The resurrection of the dead. 1 Thess. 4: 13-17.

He will reward every man according to his works. Matt. 16: 27. Isa. 40: 10, 11. Rev. 22: 12.

He will separate the righteous from the wicked. Matt. 25: 31-34. Matt. 13: 29, 30, 37-43.

He will change the bodies of his people. Phil. 3: 20, 21. Then we shall be like him. 1 John 3: 2.

Then his people will appear with him in glory. Col. 3: 4.

When with him in glory his people will receive crowns of glory. 1 Peter 5: 4.

CHAS. P. WHITFORD.

HAVE you seen the attractive January number of *The Watchman*? It is now off the press and full of interesting articles dealing with the message. Why not start the new year with a club of *Watchman* and plan to do some aggressive missionary work with it every month? It will help to break down prejudice, will interest people in the truth, and the profits will enable you to buy cheaper literature for free distribution. Order a supply of the January *Watchman* now and watch the results as the months go by.