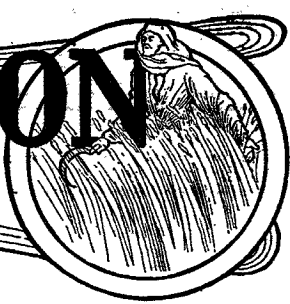


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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The Lesson from the Camel

THE camel at the close of day,
Kneels down upon the sandy plain
To have his burden lifted off
And rest to gain.

My soul thou too shouldst to thy knees,
When daylight draweth to a close,
And let thy Master lift the load
And grant repose.

Else how couldst thou tomorrow meet,
With all tomorrow's work to do,
If thou thy burden all the night
Didst carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day
To have his guide replace his load;
Then rises up anew to take
The desert road.

So thou shouldst kneel at morning's dawn
That God may give thee daily care,
Assured that he no load too great
Will make thee bear.

— *British Weekly.*

First Things First

We are all pretty well agreed, theoretically, on what is really important in life. The difference comes in what we emphasize in practise. We say that the man who for the sake of keeping up with his well-to-do neighbor buys an automobile which he is really able neither to own nor to maintain, is overemphasizing the value of appearances. He is not making first things first.

Everywhere we go today we are brought face to face with these words, "Safety first." They are printed on the trolley poles in some cities. You see them as you enter and leave the street cars. I recently saw them wrought into the grille of a railway ticket window. Those words are a call to men in the whirl of our modern life to remember that safety is more important than speed.

We are living in a reading age, and unless we master our reading, it will probably master us. Unless we plan for and persevere in a course of good reading, we shall probably drift into the habit of spending all our spare time in reading that which is of little worth. How do you suppose the time spent by Seventh-day Adventists in reading the daily papers compares with the time they spend in reading the Bible? How is it in your case? Many have never learned how to get quickly from the newspaper what is essential, that they may pass on to something more substantial and elevating.

Out of all the reading matter that is thrust upon us, are we giving the Bible first place? The daily paper is only for the hour of its publication; many books are only for a day, as it were; others serve to instruct a single generation; but the Bible is a book for all time and all generations. It contains all the foundation principles of civilization, culture, and religion. It can never be outgrown. It widens and deepens with the years. "One gem from that ocean is worth all the pebbles from earthly streams."

Some of you have said, "When I have time, I'll read the Bible through." Yet as the days and the months and the years

hurry by, you have not done it. If you will talk with God about your attitude toward his Word, very likely you will hear a gentle voice saying, "Now is the time, my child. Your days will always be full of cares. It is not, after all, so much a question of your having time as how you choose to spend your time. Now is the time. Begin today."

There began in our good church paper (which every true Seventh-day Adventist should read), in the issue of December 30, an outline of the Bible Year for 1916. This is conducted by the Missionary Volunteer Department, but old and young are urged to join the circle. Have you begun? In order that we may know how many will take up this course, and as an aid to your own perseverance, please fill out this blank, and send it to your conference missionary volunteer secretary.

A BIBLE YEAR

Please enroll my name as a member of the Bible Year Course, I will make an earnest endeavor to systematically read the Bible through during 1916.

Name

Date Address

M. E. KERN.

The Men Behind the Books

Southern Union Shows Gain

According to the figures furnished by the field missionary secretary of the Southern Union Conference, a splendid gain has been made in subscription book deliveries during the past four years. The following are the figures:

1912	\$25673 23
1913	28646 70
1914	29158 10
1915	31469 48

In view of the condition of the field at the beginning of 1915, it seems all the more remarkable that such a good gain has been made over 1914, which, up to that time, was the banner year. But it only goes to prove that the Lord has set his hand to the finishing of this work, and that he stands ready and willing to greatly bless and prosper the efforts of those who will consecrate themselves and all that they have to his service.

Southeastern also Makes Gain

In a letter from Brother D. W. Dillen, field secretary of the Southeastern Union, which was not intended for publication, he writes:

"Yes, the outlook before the work for 1916 certainly seems brighter than 1915 looked a year ago. I am willing to confess that as I peeped out through the fog that hung over the Southeastern Union a year ago, I did not know exactly where we were, or where we would land. However, I was willing to follow the path that was dimly traced out, and now I feel that our efforts have not been in vain. I say with more than delight that we have made a gain of at least \$2,500 in deliveries over 1914. As all reports are not in yet, I believe that it may reach three thousand. But \$2,500 is surely more than we dared to expect a year ago. This encourages us to look for a much greater gain in 1916."

Into the Byways

In referring to our colporteur work, the spirit of prophecy has stated: "We can not too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning." And again, "There are many who . . . will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes."

The accompanying illustration is a photograph of a little shanty away up in the mountains of North Carolina, of which Brother L. L. Lawrence, field secretary of the Cumberland Conference, says:

"I am sending you in this a small picture of a house in which \$14 worth of "Bible Readings" were sold and delivered,—paid for in full with the cash. The house is located in a lumbering camp in the little mountain town of Crestmont, N. C., which is about 4,500 feet altitude. . . . The book work never looked brighter to me than now. Our boys are not many in number, but they are strong and full of courage. Now is the time to push this work."

Thus, through the untiring efforts of the faithful colporteur, our message-filled books are steadily finding their way into the nooks and dark recesses of the mountains, also into the thinly scattered homes far out on the western prairies, where otherwise it would be almost impossible to sound the warning.

Our colporteur work is certainly a most striking fulfillment of the word of the Lord to Jeremiah: "And after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."

It is indeed a great privilege to be connected with this God-appointed work.



Kentucky

Under date of December 26, Brother James Hickman writes: "I am spending a few days with my wife and parents before taking up the work of another year. I will return home next Friday full of courage and with good prospects for 1916. My brother Jefferson, who has been canvassing some, will go to the canvassing field the first of January to put in full time, and expecting to deliver \$3,000 worth of books during the year. We will have a big institute, and good, dependable boys to re-

ceive the instruction. May the Lord wonderfully bless the heralders of the third angel's message the coming year."

Good News from the Southwest

Recently some very encouraging letters regarding the book work have been coming from the Southwest. Brother T. J. Hooper, field secretary of West Texas, sends us the following encouraging word concerning their work: "Our book work is on the advance. I have just received reports of the Christmas deliveries. Some run 100 per cent, and none lower than 90 per cent. The Lord is wonderfully blessing this part of the work in this field. People are ready to buy the books which contain the message for this time. We are planning for one of the best institutes ever held in this part of the State. Our book sales in this conference for 1915 have gone considerably ahead of those for the previous year. We hope, with the Lord's help, that the book work in West Texas for 1916 will surpass anything that has been done in the past."

Of the work in North Texas, Brother C. L. Collison writes as follows: "Prospects for the colporteurs seem to be fine over this way at the present time. Brother Harrison certainly stirred them up on that trip we made to East Texas. Besides the fifteen good solid workers we get from two of the churches in that part of the State, at least six from the Keene church expect to attend the institute and go direct to the field."

Colporteurs' Institutes

Colporteurs' institutes are now under way in all three unions. The first one in this union began last week at Jackson, Miss. The reports of those already held in the other two unions are most encouraging. A deep conviction of the responsibility resting upon them seems to be taking hold of the workers as never before. It becomes more and more apparent that the present is the most favorable time we have ever had for the circulation of literature that contains the message, and all that is needed is consecrated men and women who will put their trust in God and go forward in faith, nothing doubting. To the efforts of such workers, the Lord can add his blessing, and for them there are greater victories in store than anything that we have experienced in the past.

R. L. PIERCE.

Special Discount on the "Testimonies for the Church"

The following decision rendered at the Missionary and Bookmen's Convention, Mountain View, Cal., Mar. 15, 1915, will be of special interest to our people everywhere.

"That the full sets of the Testimonies be furnished as follows:

"Leather bound, nine volumes (retail price \$12.75) \$10.80.

"Cloth bound, nine volumes (retail price \$8.25) \$7.00.

"That 10 per cent discount be allowed a purchaser buying a single copy to complete a set; on two or more copies to complete a set, 15 per cent discount."

Now is the time to provide yourself with these valuable works. The study of the Testimonies is calculated to make men spiritually strong. We feel confident that a careful study of these precious volumes would make active missionary soul-winners of all our people. Send direct to your tract society, and make any sacrifice necessary to thus equip yourself for the conflict.

F. W. PAAP.

Does He Live in Your Neighborhood?

"When in Pittsburg about nine years ago, I attended a series of tent meetings then going on under the auspices of the Seventh-day Adventists. I obtained some literature, among it being a journal entitled *Signs of the Times*. I have tried hard to find it ever since, but have been unable to find any of your literature here."

The *Signs* as a soul-winner was never more efficient than now.

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News Items

December 30, J. T. Wheeler and Miss Florence Hackworth of Welsh, were united in marriage.

We are glad to report Mrs. L. B. Spear much improved in health. She will doubtless have returned to her home in Lake before this issue reaches its readers.

On January 6 Mrs. G. L. Litchfield, of Welsh, arrived in New Orleans, seeking medical attention.

Brother G. B. Boswell has been in New Orleans of late, conducting a short colporteurs' institute for the colored workers.

All will be interested in the account Elder Frank gives of the improvements on the church building at Lake Charles. Electricity has been installed, and the stereopticon will be used in connection with the meetings held this winter.

Elder Frank writes: "The church is fixed up very nicely now. I am sure it would please you if you could see it.

"Last Sabbath, the twenty-fifth, I preached a Christmas sermon. At the conclusion I proposed that we make the Lord a birthday present. I stated that the improvements that we had made on the church amounted to just ninety-five dollars and ninety cents, and as the Lord was born just 1918 years ago, if we would give him one nickel for each birthday, or anniversary of his birthday, we would exactly pay for the improvements. The idea took well with all present, and in a very few minutes the whole amount was raised in cash and pledges to be paid in the next four months. I plan to begin the meetings tonight. I will hold meetings twice a week—on Sunday and Wednesday nights. Possibly sometimes I will preach on the Sabbath on some of our doctrines."

Mansfield Report

Since the tent effort conducted here the latter part of the summer, we (Mrs. Paul and myself) have continued the work, which has been largely conducted in the form of house-to-house work with the "Family Bible Teacher," and in the giving of Bible readings.

We have found very few homes ready to welcome us and our message. At the close of the tent effort which had greatly upset the ministers of the town each proceeded to actively look after his members. In one of the leading churches two classes a day were conducted by its minister for the purpose of thoroughly indoctrinating his members.

One of the ministers went to the homes of every member of his church and would inquire if we had been there and then warn them against us. If he found that they had any of our literature he would suggest that they read Canright's book, and would assist them in getting a copy.

Nevertheless, there have been some that have been willing to listen to us and have expressed their desire to obey the truth, but the men find it difficult to get work where they can keep the Sabbath. These need our prayers. There are others that are convicted of the truth and we feel that when we get our church in good shape that they will come into the fold.

Before the tent effort the past summer our people of this place purchased a church building which was an old structure belonging to the Methodist people. It was badly in need of repair, being nearly devoid of window lights, full of rubbish, in need of paint inside and out, the roof leaking badly, the walls without paper, no heat installed, without lights, and with seats borrowed from the conference.

During the tent meeting some of the members of the corps of workers put in the window lights and cleared out the building, leaving it in a condition so that services could be held in it.

The property was purchased largely from donations of the town people, most of the soliciting being done by the sisters of the church. About seven hundred dollars was obtained in this way. Nearly all the residents have been called upon to help and still so much remained to be done that I took it upon myself to do most of the repairing and have scraped and painted the outside of the church. Sometime since we have had the opportunity of purchasing opera chairs at a very reasonable price. These have proven to be very satisfactory. The walls are still needing to be dressed.

The week of prayer was a very profitable season with us in Mansfield. Meetings were held every night of the week at the home of Sister Williams, and in the afternoons at the home of Sister Lesters in South Mansfield, when circumstances would permit.

It has been arranged to hold Sabbath services at both towns during the winter months.

Pray for the work at this place and if the Lord places the burden upon you to help this little struggling company in the completion of their church, we can assure you that all such offerings will be gratefully received. Address any offerings to me or to Mrs. J. E. Roach, the church treasurer. R. W. PAUL.

Strange Means

The means that God sometimes employs to win souls to himself are indeed strange. Most of our readers have heard of the sister who used copies of the *Signs* for wall paper because she knew her husband would read them as he stood by the stove to warm himself. Thus he got the light of truth and obeyed. We also recall the experience of another who found a wind-tossed page from the *Signs*, which awakened his interest in the truth, and finally led him to take his stand with us.

Now comes a letter from New Mexico which tells of some campers who stopped one day near an Adventist family. Some seed wrapped in the lower half of a copy of the *Signs* was given the campers. One of the party read all of that lower half of the paper, and her interest became so great she tried to get the other half of the paper, but it has been destroyed. Other copies were given her, however. These, which were eagerly read, caused her to unite with our people.

When such fragmentary means will accomplish so much, what may we expect when nice, clean, complete copies are mailed or handed to people? Are you taking and using your quota,—two copies?

"Absence of occupation is not rest,
 A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed."

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News Items

Elder Wight spent one day in Louisville the past week in counsel with the conference committee.

Sister Mollie Crockett writes that there are some who are anxious to learn the truth at Patsy. She also sent a remittance for tithe.

Brother C. W. Vermillion spent several days in Louisville the past week. He was there to attend the meeting of the conference committee. Brother Hickman was also there.

Elder Lawrence is holding a revival effort in Lexington. His wife has joined him to assist in the music.

Brother H. Ethington stopped at the home of Brother Bossing the past week on his way home from Ohio County.

Brother Felia Pierce was a visitor at the office a few days ago. He will go on to Pike County where he will sell "Bible Readings."

Brother Hatton Ford and son have joined the family at Ford. Sister Ford had gone there last fall to send the children to church school. Brother Ford will now devote his time to selling the printed page.

Brother Hickman is now in the eastern part of the State assisting Brethren Harp and Winkler. As we begin this new year there should be several who will help spread our books by going out into the field and working for God.

It was voted by the committee that a church elders' meeting should be held this winter. The date and place will be given soon.

Brother Allen Bryant who has been visiting his brother, T. L. Bryant, at Bowling Green, has returned to Nashville.

Sister Herald, of the Louisville church, has been very sick. At this writing she is somewhat improved in health.

Prepare now to attend the colporteurs' institute which will be held the last of February. This should be a good meeting, and I am sure it will be. Will you be present to enjoy it?

Elder White writes from Covington that they have a hall rented in which to conduct their meetings.

Brother Sharp sends a letter of courage. We are always pleased to get word from our brethren who are isolated.

Brother Alonzo Ramey writes from Davisville that there is some work being done to get out the lumber for the new church building there.

Brother Harris and Brother Kenneth were out with the printed page the past week. The Lord does go before our workers and give them success.

Brother Bowles has been out in Elliott County the past week selling the printed page. The Lord has blessed this brother in his work.

Elder Brown spent last Sabbath with the Louisville church. He reports a number of the members detained from church because of sickness.

Sister Cunningham, of Louisville, has moved to Indianapolis.

Brother and Sister Bassing, of Louisville, entertained the conference committee at their home last week.

Let each church member endeavor to make the first quarter of 1916 the best in the history of the conference for raising mission money. It can be so.

What Do These Things Mean?

More workers have lost their lives through accident the last year than in all the rest of our history put together. The whole denomination has been stirred this past fortnight by the tragic death of Prof. H. R. Salisbury, superintendent of the India Mission, who sailed from Marseilles for Bombay on the "Persia," and lost his life by drowning when that ship was torpedoed in the Mediterranean December 31. He was on his return to India from the Fall Council. Last fall Brother A. J. S. Bordeau lost his life by a stroke of lightning when out in front of the Review and Herald office at Washington. Brother Hall who left the Pacific Press Publishing Association a little while ago to take charge of the printing work in the Far East lost his life in

THE BIBLE

A plan of daily readings arranged in chronological order. In the Old Testament the order in v

January	February	April	May
1. Gen. 1-3	18. Num. 7-10	4. 2 Sam. 5-8	18. Ps. 100,
2. Gen. 4-7	19. Num. 11-13	5. 2 Sam. 9-12	19. Song of
3. Gen. 8-11	20. Num. 14-15	6. 2 Sam. 13-15	20. Song of
4. Job 1-3	21. Num. 16-18	7. 2 Sam. 16-18	21. Prov. 1-3
5. Job 4-7	22. Num. 19-21	8. 2 Sam. 19-21	22. Prov. 4-7
6. Job 8-10	23. Num. 22-24	9. 2 Sam. 22-24	23. Prov. 8-11
7. Job 11-14	24. Num. 25-27	10. 1 Chron. 1-4	24. Prov. 12-14
8. Job 15-17	25. Num. 28-30	11. 1 Chron. 5-7	25. Prov. 15-17
9. Job 18-21	26. Num. 31-33	12. 1 Chron. 8-11	26. Prov. 18-20
10. Job 22-24	27. Num. 34-36	13. 1 Chron. 12-16	27. Prov. 21-23
11. Job 25-29	28. Deut. 1-3	14. 1 Chron. 17-20	28. Prov. 24-27
12. Job 30-33	29. Deut. 4, 5	15. 1 Chron. 21-25	29. Prov. 30
13. Job 34-37		16. 1 Chron. 26-29	30. Eccles. 1-3
14. Job 38-42		17. Ps. 88, 90, 9, 11	31. Eccles. 5
15. Gen. 12-15		18. Ps. 59, 56, 34,	
16. Gen. 16-19		142	
17. Gen. 20-23		19. Ps. 17, 52, 109, 35	June
18. Gen. 24, 25		20. Ps. 140, 120, 64,	1. Eccles. 9
19. Gen. 26-28		31	2. 1 Kings
20. Gen. 29-31		21. Ps. 54, 19, 57, 58	3. 1 Kings
21. Gen. 32-35		22. Ps. 63, 131, 141	4. 1 Kings
22. Gen. 36-39		23. Ps. 139, 133, 101	5. 1 Kings
23. Gen. 40-43		24. Ps. 68, 24, 132,	6. 1 Kings
24. Gen. 44-47		105	7. Ps. 78, 82
25. Gen. 48-50		25. Ps. 106, 95, 96	8. 2 Kings
26. Ex. 1-4		26. Ps. 2, 45, 22	9. 2 Kings
27. Ex. 5-8		27. Ps. 16, 118, 110	10. 2 Kings
28. Ex. 9-12		28. Ps. 60, 108, 20, 21	11. 2 Kings
29. Ex. 13-15		29. Ps. 6, 51, 32, 33	12. 2 Kings
30. Ex. 16-18		30. Ps. 38-40	13. 2 Kings
31. Ex. 19-22			14. 2 Kings
			15. 2 Kings
			16. 2 Chron.
			17. 2 Chron.
			18. 2 Chron.
			19. 2 Chron.
			20. 2 Chron.
			21. 2 Chron.
			22. 2 Chron.
			23. Jonah
			24. Joel
			25. Amos 1-6
			26. Amos 6-9
			27. Hosea 1-7
			28. Hosea 8-14
			29. Isa. 1-3
			30. Isa. 4-6
			July
			1. Isa. 7-9
			2. Isa. 10-12

Japan the very last of December, and while details have not yet arrived concerning his death, it was very sudden, for no one had any inkling of his being sick until the cablegram arrived announcing his death.

If these things mean anything they show us that the devil is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. The time is not far distant when Satan will so far have control of this world that traveling will become dangerous in the extreme. The days of probation are fast closing, and this means the people of God are going to have a consecration that will insure the heralding of the message in a remarkably short time. To obtain this we must study the Sacred Word as never before; we must meditate upon it day by day. We must plead with God for an outpouring of his Spirit such as has never been seen among our people. He has promised it to us, and the time is due when it should be poured out. Let us pray God's promises as Elijah did when he prayed for the rain fall. Let us pray as

Daniel prayed God's promises when he pleaded with him for the return of the children of Israel to Jerusalem.

At the back of the Morning Watch for this year an outline has been placed by which one may read the Bible through carefully and thoughtfully during the year. This outline has been reprinted here in such a way that it may be cut out, folded together, and pasted in the back of the Bible. Then each day as the chapters are read the assignment may be crossed off. The books are not taken in the way they appear in the Bible, but are arranged so as to follow as nearly as possible the order of events. For instance, after the story of the flood and the call of Abraham from his home, the story of Job is taken up because his experience comes at this time in the world's history. The Psalms are placed

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in the order of events is followed in a general way, and in the New Testament books were probably written.

August	October	November
1. Dan. 7-9	1. Matt. 5-7	16. Luke 17, 18
2. Dan. 10-12	2. Matt. 8-10	20. Luke 19, 20
3. Ps. 137, 130, 80, 77	3. Matt. 11-13	18. Luke 21, 22
4. Ps. 37, 67, 49, 53	4. Matt. 14-16	19. Luke 23, 24
5. Ps. 50, 10, 13-15	5. Matt. 17-19	20. Acts 1-3
6. Ps. 25-27, 86, 89	6. Matt. 20-22	21. Acts 4-6
7. Ps. 92, 93, 123, 102	7. Matt. 23, 24	22. Acts 7, 8
8. Ezra 1-4	8. Matt. 25, 26	23. Acts 9, 10
9. Ezra 5-7	9. Matt. 27, 28	24. Acts 11-13
10. Ezra 8-10	10. 1 Thessalonians	25. Acts 14-16
11. Ps. 126, 85, 107, 87	11. 2 Thessalonians	26. Acts 17-19
12. Ps. 111-114, 116	12. Gal. 1-3	27. Acts 20-22
13. Ps. 117, 125, 127, 128, 134	13. Gal. 4-6	28. Acts 23-25
14. Ps. 84, 66, 129	14. 1 Cor. 1-4	29. Acts 26-28
15. Ps. 138, 48, 81, 146	15. 1 Cor. 5-8	30. 1 Peter 1-3
16. Ps. 147-150	16. 1 Cor. 9-12	
17. Haggai	17. 1 Cor. 13-16	December
18. Zech. 1-3	18. 2 Cor. 1-3	1. 1 Peter 4, 5
19. Zech. 4-7	19. 2 Cor. 4-7	2. 2 Peter
20. Zech. 8-11	20. 2 Cor. 8-10	3. Mark 1, 2
21. Zech. 12-14	21. 2 Cor. 11-13	4. Mark 3-5
Lam. 1-3	22. Rom. 1-3	5. Mark 6-8
Lam. 4, 5	23. Rom. 4-7	6. Mark 9-11
Habbak. Obad.	24. Rom. 8, 9	7. Mark 12-14
Eze. 1-3	25. Rom. 10-12	8. Mark 15, 16
Eze. 4-6	26. Rom. 13-16	9. 1 Timothy
Eze. 7-9	27. Jas. 1-3	10. Titus
Eze. 10-13	28. Jas. 4, 5	11. 2 Timothy
Eze. 14-16	29. Eph. 1, 2	12. Jude, 1 John 1, 2
Eze. 17-19	30. Eph. 3, 4	13. 1 John 3-5
	31. Eph. 5, 6	14. 2 John, 3 John
		15. Rev. 1, 2
		16. Rev. 3-5
		17. Rev. 6, 7
		18. Rev. 8, 9
		19. Rev. 10, 11
		20. Rev. 12-14
		21. Rev. 15, 16
		22. Rev. 17, 18
		23. Rev. 19, 20
		24. Rev. 21, 22
		25. John 1-3
		26. John 4-6
		27. John 7-9
		28. John 10-12
		29. John 13-15
		30. John 16-18
		31. John 19-21

in their proper position chronologically. Every effort is made to make the study of the Bible as interesting as possible. Let each one determine that day by day we will study the Word carefully and prayerfully. Do not wait to read two or three days' assignment at once, but read the Bible each day thoughtfully and meditate over it prayerfully. Ask God to open the Word as never before, and we will see the people rise to a newness of life.

A few months after Elisha died and had been buried, a company of men being pursued by the enemy took one of their dead and cast him in the sepulcher of Elisha. As he touched the bones of that faithful prophet he came to life. 2 Kings 13: 20, 21. Let the whole denomination bow their heads and touch those who have so lately given their lives for the Master's cause, and rise to such a spirit-filled life that the latter rain will be poured out on God's people and the work will be finished.

LYNN H. WOOD.

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News Items

Elder C. S. Wiest visited the believers at Stampley on Thursday, the sixth. There are two new Sabbath keepers at this place,— Brother and Sister C. T. Cowart. Brother Cowart had been saving pennies and buffalo nickles for the last three years. He kept these coins for no definite purpose, but decided to give them for tithe and offerings. They amounted to the sum of \$24.90.

Elder Wiest visited Quitman over Sabbath, going from there to Nashville to attend a union conference committee meeting. He expects to be back in time for the institute which begins the thirteenth.

Brother E. A. Taylor and wife and Percy Stewart are already in Jackson to attend our institute.

Soul-Saving

As we have entered upon the duties of a new year, I am wondering how many are going to do more to help forward this great message. Year by year brings us nearer to the coming of our Saviour. How many souls did we win to the truth last year? Suppose that each one that knows the message could see his record in the books of heaven, would he be willing for the work to close up? Many do not see their way clear to enter the work; their farms and worldly business stand in the way. God will greatly bless those who quit their farms and worldly business and engage in his work. Brethren, let us enter this work for life, till Jesus comes, then we can go home to stay.

The promise is, "He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal." John 4: 36. Another text says, "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you." Matt. 20: 4. These promises ought to cause many to engage in this important work. If our people only realized what it would mean to enter the colporteur work in the souls that would be warned, I am sure they would answer the call quickly. We need men and women to take up this work. In the State of Mississippi are many that could engage in the canvassing work. The coming of Christ is near at hand. The Lord has given us this work. I am praying that the burden of soul-saving will be upon the hearts of our people here in this State. We cannot do this work in our own strength. God will help us over the hard places.

That the Lord may help us to be faithful in this hour of need and opportunity is my prayer. JOHN R. STATON.

"Keep yourself persistently at your best."

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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News Items

The Tennessee River Conference and Tract Society have moved to the new office at 2014 23rd Ave. North, and we request that all business intended for these offices be sent to this address in the future. We have been delayed some in filling orders for Sabbath School supplies, etc., but are now in position to give prompt service, as we are getting our work in shape after the move.

Brother Wheeler is visiting a few of the churches in the western part of the conference and will not reach the office until about the seventeenth. He is in search of men for the canvassing work. If any one who desires to enter the work should not become acquainted with Brother Wheeler on this trip, you could write to the office for information pertaining to the institute.

Elder Elliott reached Nashville Sunday night, January 9, and will be in the office a few days attending to his correspondence.

We understand that the trial of the brethren at Goodlettsville who have been indicted for Sunday labor will be postponed until the May term of court. Let us pray that the Lord will direct in this matter and that the principles of religious liberty may be set forth.

Brother D. H. Lewis, of Huntsville, Ala., was an office visitor last week. We were glad to have him with us.

Brother L. J. Laughlin, of Ashland City, was in Nashville a few days the past week. He reports the work onward at Ashland City.

Colporteurs' Institute

Just one month from this date our institute will be in session. This is a time when all our canvassers look forward to receiving more power and a better preparation for the Master's service. Let us pray that a good number of men and women who long to see souls won to this message may attend. Isaiah 61:4-6 tells us that we are the people that are to build up the old waste places. It also tells us that the strangers shall feed our flocks and the sons of the aliens shall be the plowmen. It seems that the commandment-keeping people of God could devote their time to giving this message, and should the Lord call on us to do his work, we should respond and send back the answer, "Here am I; send me." Isa. 6:8.

The institute will be held at the Springville church, February 7-17. The brethren have thrown their doors open and are giving us a welcome to their homes. All who feel the call to take up the work of the Lord and plan on attending the institute should write to M. Wheeler, field missionary secretary, or F. C. Bruce, secretary and treasurer.

Advancement

The old year has passed into eternity and we are now in the new. As we look back over the past year we cannot count the blessings that have come to us. My heart goes out in praise to the Saviour as I see the message advancing. Many people have the message in their homes now who did not have it one year ago.

While we can see many mistakes, yet we feel that God is leading this people. As I have gone from place to place I have

found that the one aim of the people is to hasten the day when Jesus will come to redeem his people. On my last visit to Springville, I found the church there manifesting a deeper interest in the work than ever before, and several have decided to spend their time putting the message-filled books in the homes of the people, while some have the home missionary work at heart and are determined to do all they can in that line.

I also visited the Hazel School and found a good work being carried on there. The school is progressing nicely. One thing that impressed me very forcibly was the effort of the teachers to influence the students to give their lives to this great cause. I am expecting to see a number from that school in the field next summer.

I have just made a visit to the Fountain Head School and found a nice class of students there. They report an enrolment of about thirty-five. They have a beautiful location and are doing a good work. They have just completed a neat little sanitarium where patients can receive treatment at a very low rate. They are training their students for this cause, and we hope to get some good workers from there when school closes.

The outlook is bright, and I am hoping that our people will rally to the work and that this year we will see many consecrated men and women in the field with the printed page. It is my prayer that God will raise up laborers for this work who feel a burden for perishing souls.

M. WHEELER.

Nashville Memorial Church

During the year that has just passed, the Lord, while blessing his people in other parts of the field, has also blessed his people in Nashville. During the Week of Prayer we divided the church into several bands and the meetings were well attended. A spirit of earnest devotion was manifest from the first with the result that many renewed their consecration, pledging themselves to more faithful service during the coming year. Meetings were also held with the children each day, and without doubt these were the best meetings of all. Many have said that it was the best week we have ever had. This is as it should be. We each ought to grow better until we reach our heavenly home.

The clerk's report of the past year shows that there have been twenty-three additions to the church, eight by baptism and fifteen by letter. On the other hand, we have lost twenty-three members through transfer of membership, so that our present enrolment remains exactly as it stood at the beginning of the year. There are, however, in the city about fifteen persons keeping the Sabbath and studying the message, that we hope soon to have with us.

The treasurer's report contains many points of interest. It shows that the tithe paid amounted to \$25 per member, or a total of \$4,049.81. In view of the fact that here, as well as in other places, there are a large number of women and children on our church list who are not wage earners, we consider this a remarkable showing.

The Harvest Ingathering shows a total of \$318.47 obtained. Sabbath school offerings for the year amounted to \$855.49, a little better than \$210 per quarter. All funds applying on the twenty-cent-a-week fund total \$1,582.76, or nineteen cents per member. In this we hope to do better during the coming year.

A total of all funds paid into the treasury amounts to \$6,358.05, or \$39.49 per member. And besides this we are keeping up our church school and paying all bills as they come due.

In all this we feel to thank God for his blessings during the past, and are determined to push on to greater things. We are resolved to say with Paul, "I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded." Phil. 3:13-15.

O. I. DENLOW.

Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference, December, 1915

The following report for the month of December is very interesting indeed to study. It shows a small gain over the report for December, 1914.

The figures in the comparative statement are a source of encouragement to those who are working so hard to finish the message that is now due the world.

The report follows:

The year 1915 is gone. We now have a new year and with it

Conference	Agts	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Bibles	Total value	Books	Value del.
Kentucky	11	1079	272	\$835 50	\$243 35	\$142 28	\$1221 13	770	\$1977 75
Alabama	28	395	85	125 45	20 50		146 25		1942 60
Mississippi	11	477	78	172 50	8 10	14 60	195 20	224	514 25
Tenn. River	11	787	85	209 00	320 50	7 25	536 75		354 75
Louisiana	6	389	108	271 60			271 60	81	177 75
Totals	67	3127	628	\$1614 05	\$ 592 45	\$ 164 13	\$2370 63	1075	\$4967 10
							Bibles Delivered		199 88
							Magazines sold		437 10
							Total		\$5604 08

MAGAZINES SOLD DURING THE MONTH

Conference	Number	Value
Louisiana	188	\$18 80
Tenn. River	375	37 50
Kentucky	370	37 00
Alabama	2963	296 30
Totals	3896	\$389 60

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR FOUR YEARS

Year	Value Orders	Value Del.
1912	\$47265 37	\$25673 23
1913	54422 86	28646 70
1914	80625 47	29158 10
1915	64917 28	31469 48
Totals	\$247230 28	\$114947 51

comes the great responsibility of giving this truth to those who have never heard it. I am very glad to see that our union has made a gain in deliveries year by year, regardless of the hard times through which the country has passed on account of the great war now waging in Europe. The God we are trusting knows no failure, and there is no question of our success this year if we are faithful to the work he has called us to.

If you are interested in this work write to the field missionary secretary of your conference and he will be very glad to arrange for you to attend the coming colporteurs' institute, which will be held in your conference this winter.

Remember the colporteurs in your prayers this year. We look for great results in this department of the work.

J. W. DAVIS.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Jas Turner*	BR	50	16	\$49 00	\$	\$49 00	\$
R R Coble*	BR	52	23	70 00		70 00	
Totals		102	39	\$119 00	\$	\$119 00	\$

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
C G Bishop	D&R	54	16	\$43 00	\$ 4 20	\$47 20	\$
LF Judkins	MofH&PG	60					14 50
W J Keele	D&R	26	3	7 00	3 25	10 25	
F E Wagner	GC	22	2	6 00	13 85	19 85	
Bibles				10 00		10 00	3 50
Totals		162	21	\$66 00	\$21 30	\$87 30	\$18 00

Summary from January 1 to Date				
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries	
Louisiana Conference..	\$119 00	\$	\$	
Tenn. River Conference	66 00	21 30	18 00	

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