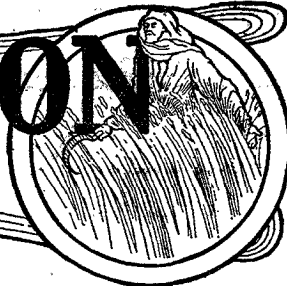




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“My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work.”

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When We Forgive

When we can think of them and truly pray
That naught shall bar the sunlight from the way
That they must tread;
When pure heart tears have washed away the stains
From mem'ry's page and only sorrow reigns
As for the dead:
When thoughts of them no longer cause unrest,
Or bitterness, or anger in our breast;
When we can smile
And feel our hearts with faith and patience fill,
And child-like trust that bids us wait until
God's afterwhile
Explains the wounds we cannot understand,
And heals them with the magic of his hand;
When patiently
Our lips can kiss the cross and question not
The fierceness, nor the justness of our lot;
When we can see
Above the clouds the Spirit lights of heaven,
Then we can truly say we have forgiven.

—M. I. Wade.

The Men Behind the Books

A Senator Sells Books

The following taken from a general letter recently received at this office, will, we believe, not only be of interest to the “Men Behind the Books,” but to the entire WORKER family:

“No doubt you have seen reference in the *Review* and perhaps elsewhere to the truly remarkable work of Senator John F. Pearson, of the Eleventh Senatorial District, Colorado. He recently took an order and delivered a full morocco “Daniel and the Revelation” to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and is still saving the five dollar bill he received from him as a souvenir. The following is from a private letter he wrote to his brother in Idaho, who has recently accepted the truth. The brother loaned the letter to Brother Copeland and we have his consent to quote from it, as follows:

“Wife and I are doing what we can to give the message to the world in our feeble way. I am not all I would like to be, but am able to do some good. I made up my mind at the camp-meeting in August that I would try and do some canvassing (the thing I always said I could not do) and I started in to sell “Daniel and the Revelation,” the book from which I gave the message to you many years ago.

“I felt possibly I had been placed in the position of senator to do a work of religious importance. I was dubbed “the scriptural senator” in the last session of the legislature, because they said I had Bible on every question that I discussed. I did not object to the name, but I was noted for success on all important measures that I undertook to get through. One senator said no man

could do anything that would defeat that Bible senator as they could not answer his argument. I take no credit to myself for anything done, only I did ask the good Lord to direct me in the work and he did it.

“Well, I began to canvass the men high up in state affairs first, and I have had remarkable success. I have taken orders for ninety-four volumes of the book and hope to make it one hundred tomorrow night. (He succeeded.) I have the governor of the State on my list, I have two supreme judges, one United States senator, one congressman, a number of State senators and representatives, about twenty-eight prominent lawyers, the secretary, treasurer, and auditor of the State, the superintendent of State public instruction, the heads of nearly all the big coal companies of the State, the grand master and secretary of the Odd Fellows of Colorado, and at least one man from nearly every State department. Elder Robinson says I have the strongest list of names that was ever taken on a subscription list for any of our literature in the history of the denomination. I have had some interesting experiences in the work, and I truly believe that souls will be saved in the kingdom through the use of these books. I will probably keep on canvassing for a while and make it my regular business.”

Senator Pearson has also sold a large number of “The Vatican and the War.” Notice particularly that canvassing was the thing he always said he could not do. How often have we heard similar expressions from others. And yet, see the splendid success the Senator has had in this work, and the list of prominent and influential men from whom he was able, with the Lord's help, to secure orders. May not Senator Pearson's experience be a stirring example to many who are now doing but little, if anything, to spread the message, to “go and do likewise”?

A Good Ring From the Carolinas

Elder J. B. Locken, president of the North Carolina Conference, writes as follows of the work in North Carolina:

“I am glad to tell you that North Carolina is still keeping her banner afloat. . . . We have several prospective canvassers, and hope soon to have them actively engaged in the good work. I am greatly interested in the colporteur work, for it was there that I gained my first training for the ministry, and it was also through our literature that I received the message. We have decided to give our colporteur work one long, strong pull, and hope to make this year a banner year in the history of the State of North Carolina. We earnestly solicit your prayers and counsel that we may succeed in reaching the goal we have set for ourselves.”

Elder Locken's words bring forcibly to mind the following statement from the spirit of prophecy: “In evangelistic canvassing, young men become better prepared for ministerial labor than by spending many years in school. Those who are fitting for the ministry can engage in no other occupation that will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work.”

An encouraging letter from Brother Pavey, secretary of the South Carolina Tract Society, inclosing check in settlement of the society's account to December 31, contains the following that will be of interest to our readers:

"I am convinced that the Lord is not dependent upon the 'good times' to do his work but he is dependent upon his people. If we all go right on and do the work regardless of the 'hard times' cry, the Lord will give the victory every time. It has been demonstrated in this conference that books can be sold when cotton is only bringing from six to eight cents a pound. Brother Fee, our oldest colporteur, has stayed right by the work all the year and delivered approximately one thousand dollars' worth of books. Brother Fee is getting old and is not very strong, but the Lord has certainly blessed his efforts the past year. . . . Our workers are in the field now and are of good courage. We are expecting great things from the Lord during 1916. Last year we did not do anything until April, but this year we are right onto the job and expect to stay with it all the year. You can look for some good orders from South Carolina this year."

A Good Word for "Bible Readings"

A few days ago a letter was received from a sister living in Tennessee, which contains a suggestion that might be put into practice by many others who have "a little time." Here is what she writes:

"I have one of your 'Bible Readings for the Home Circle.' I am the only Adventist here but have found two or three people that are interested in the book, and I think with a little effort I could sell to them. My brother is very much interested in the book and in the truth. I am sending my book to him. I hate to part with it as I do not like to be without it myself. My husband is not an Adventist and I am reading to him every night from it. I think it is a wonderful help and I want to interest every one here I can. I have quite a little time and would like to use it this way."

Not an Adventist

The following experience as related in a letter from Brother W. F. Field, secretary of North Texas, is only another evidence that people will buy our books when given an opportunity.

"A woman in Gatesville loaned her neighbor a 'Bible Footlights,' and the woman became so much interested that she wrote to me for prices on it. She wished to know if we would make a reduction on them if she wished several for Christmas presents. She ordered seven of them, and when I wrote to her I sent a list of my damaged books and she immediately wrote to me and asked me to send her one of each of them. The total cost was \$7.85 and she took them out promptly. She said that she wished to place them in the library there. She is not an Adventist."

A Splendid Donation

After paying colporteurs' fares, all institute expenses, and the salaries of all help in the tract society office, the North Texas Tract Society has turned the following amounts over to the conference during the past four years to be used in ministerial work:

1912	\$1341 57
1913	1102 85
1914	269 02
1915	752 87
Total for four years	\$3466 31

In view of the fact that there has been a falling off in the subscription book work in the conference during the past two years, this seems all the more encouraging. However, the secretary states that during this time he put forth special efforts among the churches along home missionary lines, and thus

materially increased that feature of their business. In that conference the tract society and conference work are separated, so that the secretary of the tract society is able to devote all his time to his tract society work. No doubt this has had considerable to do with the splendid record they have been able to make. The society has quite a stock of books on hand, pays its bills every month, and also has a fair working capital with which to carry forward its work to the best advantage.

It is also encouraging to learn that a number of our smaller societies are now employing good assistants in their offices, which will enable them to accomplish much more, thus making them more profitable both from a financial standpoint and in the salvation of souls.

Notes and Extracts

Our 1916 catalogue of publications is now in the typeroom, and as soon as it is ready a supply will be sent to each tract society. It will contain a number of important changes and additions. On some items there will be a little reduction in price, while on certain others there will be a slight raise.

Brother S. J. Abegg, the new manager of our Western Branch at Fort Worth, Texas, has been spending a little time at the Home Office, preparatory to taking up his new duties at Fort Worth. Brother Abegg is from the West, having spent some four years in the Kansas City Branch of the Pacific Press.

Last week the Office enjoyed a pleasant visit from our former manager, Brother R. Hook, Jr., now treasurer of the Review & Herald Publishing Association, Washington, D. C. Brother Hook occupied a part of the time at our Monday morning chapel service. He gave a most encouraging report of the work of the Review & Herald for the past year, and also expressed himself as being much pleased with the progress that has been made by the Southern Publishing Association. It is a source of encouragement, and also very gratifying, that all our publishing houses are working together so harmoniously. But this is only as it should be, for we are all engaged in the same work of soul-saving through the printing and circulation of Seventh-day Adventist literature.

In connection with the experience of Senator Pearson in selling John D. Rockefeller, Jr., a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation," it will doubtless be of interest to learn that a few days since we received an order to send him a copy of "The Men of the Mountains." If he keeps on, Mr. Rockefeller will have quite a library of Seventh-day Adventist literature. We have also sent "Men of the Mountains" to Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, and a number of other wealthy and influential persons in the East and North. A second edition of the cloth book is now being printed, which contains a four-page introduction written by Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

Work has begun on a 128-page book, entitled "The Other Side of Death," by Elder Carlyle B. Haynes. This will be similar in size and style to "Vatican and the War." It gives the message from cover to cover, and is without question the best work of its kind ever published. It deals with the whole question of human immortality, and also contains a stirring discussion on "Spiritualism." The book will be illustrated, and the selling prices will be 50 cents for the cloth, and 25 cents for the paper covers, less regular subscription book discount to colporteurs and workers. It is expected that all ministers, Bible workers, and home workers will use large numbers of this book. It will be ready in March.

R. L. PIERCE.

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Christian Sabbath Guardians

The above title is the name given by one of the leading Jewish newspapers of this country to Seventh-day Adventists. Soon after Sister White passed away some of the Jewish newspapers and magazines wrote editorials and comments on the life of the servant of the Lord. In connection with these comments we find the following with reference to Seventh-day Adventists and the life and work of Sister White:

"We refer to the well-known Sabbath-Christian, Mrs. Ellen G. White. We call her the well-known Sabbath-Christian for she really was the founder of the well-known sect who are called Seventh-day Adventists. To make it more simple and plain to the Jews, for brevity, we would say 'The Christian Sabbath Guardians.'

"The Seventh-day Adventists believe, as do the Jews, that the true Sabbath is Saturday, and not Sunday. Jesus Christ himself, they say, observed the seventh day as the Sabbath. They observe the Sabbath very strictly, closing their business houses during the entire day. They do no kind of work on the Sabbath, and guard it from desecration as does the most pious Jew.

"This sect of Sabbath-Christians is spread all over the land. There is scarcely a city in America but where can be found these Seventh-day Adventists."—*New York Warheit*.

What a beautiful term to use with reference to Sabbath-keepers, "Christian Sabbath Guardians." It is really surprising to have such statements come from a Jew, and an orthodox one at that. Who would have dreamed a few years ago of an orthodox Jewish paper saying that "Jesus Christ himself . . . also observed the seventh day as the Sabbath." It was not long since that a paper of that character would not have even mentioned the name of the Saviour. What has brought about such a change? What has given the Jews such a view of Seventh-day Adventists? Why do the Jews feel so towards our people? We believe that it is because in the past few years the Jewish people have come to know Seventh-day Adventists. The Jews are as bitter today as ever towards popular or professed Christianity. Repeatedly are the Jews proclaiming in these days that Christianity is a failure; for the children of Abraham still believe that England, France, Germany, Russia, and other European countries involved in this wholesale murder are all Christian peoples. Hence they claim that so-called Christianity is a failure.

As our people have come in touch with the Jews and have made manifest to them that true Christianity is not what these Jews have been taught, a different feeling has developed among them towards one class professing Christianity; and many of these children of Israel have been investigating Christianity as it is recognized by Seventh-day Adventists.

Has not the effort been worth something? Has not this work of publicity brought forth some good results? Has not this literature which for several years has been placed in the hands of our Jewish neighbors, friends, and citizens, been productive of some good? Has not this educational campaign given the Jews a different idea of the gospel from what they have been accustomed to believe? We believe that it has. We believe, dear brethren and sisters, that the seed of truth which you have sown these years has been planted in some honest hearts; we believe that some of this seed has taken root, and we are confident that more will take root.

Let us therefore keep on with this good work. Do not forget to place in the hands of our Jewish friends some of the literature especially adapted for these children of Abraham. The Spirit of God will convince them that there is truth in the gospel of the Son of God, and that Seventh-day Adventists are the people who are making manifest the message of God for this time.

It has been encouraging to watch the interest which has developed among our people in placing in the hands of Jews the new

Yiddish magazine, *The Old Candle on a New Candlestick*. We have already put out over eight thousand copies. Have you brought the attention of your Jewish friends to this magazine? Get a supply right away before the edition is exhausted. It is a thirty-two page magazine, and sells to our people for three cents. Order at once a supply from your tract society, or from the Good Tidings Press, South Lancaster, Mass.

F. C. GILBERT.

Wouldst thou fashion for thyself a seemly life?
Then do not fret over what is past and gone;
And spite of all thou mayst have left behind
Live each day as if thy life were just begun.

— Goethe.

Mississippi Conference

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East 5: 25

Friday, February 4

West 5: 46

NOTICE

For the next thirty days you may renew your subscription for the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER at the reduced rate of 25 cents. This is an exceptional offer which we believe will be appreciated. If you continue to receive this valuable paper after thirty days it is because some one else pays for it for you. Send your order to 703 S. Gallatin St., at once.

News Items

The executive committee met Sunday, the twenty-third, and several actions were taken for the furtherance of the cause in this State. A complete report will be given in next week's WORKER.

Elders King and Chatman called at the office Sunday to meet with the committee. Elder King reports two new believers at Yazoo City where he has been holding a short series of meetings.

The date and place of the colored institute has now been decided. It will be held at Greenville March 10-20. We hope to have a full attendance of our colored colporteurs and also those who are contemplating entering this important part of the work.

Colporteurs' Institute

We have just closed one of the best colporteurs' institutes I ever attended. The Spirit of God was present from the very beginning of our meeting. Elder Sanders, of Indianapolis, Ind., was with us the first six days of our meeting. He gave us many practical lessons on the colporteur work. His experiences were a great aid to all present.

Brother J. W. Davis, our union missionary secretary, was present with us to give the general instruction. I have heard Brother Davis in several institutes, but I think the instruction this time was the most practical I ever listened to. All the colporteurs present were of good courage and had many good experiences to relate. They told how God had gone before them and opened the way for the truth,

The last two days of our meeting Elder S. E. Wight was with us. He gave us some timely instruction on the conditions of the times in which we are living and the consecration we need in order to carry this truth. The night after the Sabbath in our testimony meeting the Spirit of God came very near. Hearts were touched, and all that were present expressed their willingness to give all in order to carry the truth to those in darkness.

We had ten workers to take the drill. They were divided into two classes, one for "Bible Readings" and one for "Daniel and the Revelation." By the time this is in print many of them will be in their fields of labor.

Brethren Elmer Chastain and Percy Stewart go to Jefferson County. Brother Waller will canvass Lawrence County. Brother E. A. Taylor and Brother Walter Edmunds will work Amite County. Brother W. E. Covington will work in Kemper County. Brother Byrd Peterson will work Simpson County. Two of our brethren are not yet located. I hope that our people throughout the State will remember these faithful workers day by day in prayer.

In our last meeting all united in praying and singing and praising God. Every one present was sad because we had to separate. But if we are all faithful, soon the work will be finished and we can go home to stay.

May the Lord help each one of these workers to be faithful.

J. R. STATON.

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:12

Friday, February 4

West 5:34

News Items

Brother L. N. McAlpine, of Boligee, sends annual offering and tithe for himself and family.

Brother C. J. Jones in an encouraging letter from Battle Creek, Mich., sends tithe and offerings, asking that they be credited to the Long Island church.

Sister Ellen Jones sends \$2 Harvest Ingathering money from Gadsden, promising to collect more.

If all of our churches will catch the enthusiasm manifested in the following letter from Brother C. A. Blackwood, of Dothan, there will be no question about reaching the goal in the Alabama Mission in 1916.

"I have noticed in a letter from Elder Miller that the plan is to begin on the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for this year (1916) as soon as possible, so that there will be no difficulty in reaching the goal. Please send me at once one hundred fifty copies of the Harvest Ingathering Signs."

The Sabbath School Department has on hand a limited supply of the series of lessons for children's meetings which was used during the camp-meeting season of 1915. The series is in typewritten manuscript form, neatly bound, and contains ten lessons with suggestive illustrations, suitable for children's meetings. The set would be of value to any teacher of children. Price, 10 cents. Order of the Sabbath School Department, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., sending money with the order, as we open no accounts.

Brother Quinie Tew is now located in his new territory at Samson. He asks an interest in the prayers of God's people.

Brother and Sister L. Frazier have personally made good the tithe and offerings of the Montgomery church which are involved in the closing of the Alabama Penny Prudential Savings Bank. This sacrifice on their part is appreciated highly.

Brother R. P. Harbin, of Gilbertown, writes encouragingly and is doing what he can to distribute literature in his locality. A nice remittance of tithe and annual offering accompanied his letter.

Sister Sylvia Gardner reports that the church school there is progressing nicely.

A very encouraging letter comes from Sister Ora Waters, who is conducting the church school at Elkwood. We are pleased to note that our church schools are doing so well.

Sisters Hattie Hilliard and Mattie Smith, who are engaged in the colporteur work as home workers in Dothan and Mobile, both report encouraging experiences and the blessing of the Lord upon them in their work. There are great opportunities before our home workers in Alabama.

Believing that the following figures will be of interest to our members, we are giving the membership of the churches in both the conference and mission as reported for the fourth quarter in 1915. The twenty-cent-a-week fund for the conference and the fifteen-cent-a-week fund for the mission will be based upon this membership for the entire year 1916.

CONFERENCE	MISSION	
Ashford	Birmingham	35
Birmingham	Decatur	5
Borden Springs	Dothan	20
Carbon Hill	Huntsville	19
Citronelle	Mobile	20
Elkwood	Montgomery	30
Gadsden	Oakwood	56
Long Island	Pensacola	30
Lynn Haven	Sylacauga	15
Marlow		
Mobile		230
Montgomery		16
Santa Rosa		10
Sheffield		18
Stapleton		7
Conference Church		15

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Sister Pearl Leitzman places four subscriptions to the Weekly Signs to be sent to Red Level. This order was accompanied with a substantial payment of tithe and offerings.

Each church-member should feel the responsibility of placing two subscriptions to the Weekly Signs before camp-meeting. Two papers sent to the same address cost only \$1.20. For instance, the Ashford church is reported as having fifteen members; therefore the members of that church should obtain thirty subscriptions to the Weekly Signs. The Birmingham church with sixty-nine members should obtain one hundred thirty-eight subscriptions. The Borden Springs church with thirty members must secure sixty subscriptions to reach the mark. The membership list of the churches as given above multiplied by two will give the exact number of Signs the different churches are expected to obtain. Those who can do better than this should do so. At the end of the year the different churches will receive credit on their twenty-cent-a-week fund in the conference and fifteen-cent-a-week fund in the mission, according to the number of subscriptions they have obtained, the credit being sent this office by the Pacific Press as the profits on that publication. The home missionary department is especially anxious that each one take an active part in this effort.

Follow Me in Service

"If any man serve me, let him follow me; . . . if any man serve me, him will my Father honor." John 12: 26.

The life of Christ was one of active service. He lived for the good of others. This was his meat. Every day we find him faithful, earnest, zealous, courageous, and untiring in his efforts for the uplift of fallen humanity. Never did he become weary in well-doing.

Now he speaks to us: "If any man serve me, let him follow me." That is to say, follow the example which I have given you, in the service of doing good and winning souls. The man or woman who will follow this example in every sense of the word will be richly rewarded with souls for the kingdom, and jewels for his crown. God will honor them with his presence and power, and will glorify himself by working in and through them.

Today, God makes an earnest appeal for missionaries,—men and women who will go from home to home giving the gospel invitation. He says, "Go work in my vineyard." Mark you well, this is the charge of the eleventh hour, the *hour of setting sun*. We are to arise and come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the powers of darkness. The strength which we should see manifested in Israel today is not seen as it should be, and for this there must be a reason.

We read in the Testimonies: "The reason why there is so little strength among those who profess the truth is, they do not exercise the ability that God has given them. Very many have wrapped their talent in a napkin and hid it in the earth. It is by using the talents that they increase. God will test and prove his people." *Vol. III, page 57.*

Thus we see that God calls all to improve the talents given, in active service for him. Shall God call in vain? No! some will respond. Will it be you, my brother, my sister?

The year 1915 is now in the past. God has wonderfully blessed the efforts put forth, but are we entirely satisfied with the record made? Did we do all that we might have done in soul-winning endeavor? Or have we failed to do with our might what our hands have found to do? If we have, may God forgive. But let us profit by the experience.

Again we read: "These truths of vital importance are to test the world; and yet in our own country there are cities, villages, and towns that have never heard the warning message." —*Vol. III, page 202.*

The year 1916 is now before us. What will it be to us in the service of God? It is true we cannot forecast exactly what the future will bring, but we do know that God will pour out his Spirit upon, and abundantly bless the faithful servant, and a harvest of souls will be garnered.

Another forceful statement is found in Vol. III, page 202: "Angels of God are moving on the hearts and consciences of the people of other nations, and honest souls are troubled as they witness the signs of the times in the unsettled state of the nations. The inquiry arises in their hearts, 'What will be the end of all these things?' While God and angels are at work to impress hearts, the servants of Christ seem to be asleep. But few are working in unison with the heavenly messengers. All men and women who are Christians in every sense of the word, should be workers in the vineyard of the Lord."

Thus there comes a mighty call for all to enlist today in whole-hearted, willing service under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel. "Go Forward," is the command from our great Captain. "Follow Me," is the invitation from our great Leader. If we heed well this call, souls will be won, the victory gained, and God's blessing and honor will rest upon his people. Who will respond, giving himself a living sacrifice to the Master's service, going forth determined, with the help of the Lord, to win at least one soul for Christ during 1916? Will you, dear reader?

J. F. WRIGHT.

Louisiana Conference

Conference Directory

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A Promise Being Fulfilled

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24: 14.

This passage of Scripture means much to God's waiting people at this time. It is a verse which has caused many God-fearing men and women to leave home, relatives, and all that this temporal life holds dear, that they might go into the jungles of India or Africa, the flood and famine stricken parts of China, or some other part of God's great harvest field, just to make it possible that "this gospel of the kingdom" might be preached in all these benighted lands, and dear souls might be prepared to enter into the joys of that kingdom. The same heaven-born desire is today calling men, women, boys, and girls to leave the warm, happy hearth-stone to go on this mission which will hasten the knowledge of God's soon-coming kingdom, and thereby hasten the glad day when we shall bid farewell to sin with its train of sorrow, pain, misery, separation, and death.

The only thing that is hindering us from entering the "goodly land" is that "all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples" have not yet heard the message of the soon coming of the kingdom of God. Seventh-day Adventists are the ones to whom God has entrusted the exalted privilege of carrying these good tidings to all the world in this generation. The great light given us, and the exalted privilege of being coworkers with God bring corresponding obligations to us to use the entire being and all we possess in carrying forth his gospel.

The question sometimes arises, even among the professed people of God, "Can the work be finished in this generation? for it is fast passing, and there is much to be done yet." The answer is given in the text quoted above, which says, "This gospel shall be preached in all the world . . . and then shall the end come." The word "shall" makes it very emphatic. And the Lord says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away." We can anchor our faith upon these statements!

We can see a rapid fulfilment of the above texts in the reports from the heads of the different departments of the General Conference as given at the recent council held at Loma Linda, Cal. Each report shows an encouraging gain over previous years, although great depression prevailed over all the world as a result of the political agitations during the last part of 1914. I will give only a few words from each report. They are as follows:

From the statistical secretary, H. E. Rogers: "The total number of church-members throughout the world at the end of 1914 was 125,844, an increase of 11,287, or 9.85 per cent, during the year. Total tithes and offerings received during the year for all purposes was \$3,090,484.80, an increase over the amount received the preceding year of 223,757.40, or 7.8 per cent, and constituting a per capita amount of \$24.56." Sabbath school secretary, Mrs. Flora Plummer: "It is now sixty-three years

since Elder James White sat by the roadside, and, using his lunch basket for a table, wrote the first series of Sabbath school lessons for this people. The work thus humbly begun has grown, and today its influence extends to the uttermost parts of the earth. At the close of 1914 there were 4,936 organized Sabbath schools in all the world, with a membership of 133,815. Of this number, 2,169 schools and 57,064 members were in countries outside the homeland. Since 1912 there has been a gain of 486 schools, and an increase of 18,918 in membership." This from the educational secretary, Prof. Frederick Griggs: "We have a grand total throughout the world of 928 schools of all grades, with an enrolment of 31,896, employing 1,738 teachers, and having a property valuation of \$2,349,759. The increase during 1914 is 162 schools, 3,517 in enrolment, 159 in teaching force, and \$11,533 in property value."

The following is from the publishing department secretary, N. Z. Town: "We were greatly rejoiced, when we made up the grand total for 1914, to find that it amounted to \$2,109,000, a gain of \$273,000 over 1912, and \$240,000 over 1913."

These reports of the rapid advance of the different branches of this great cause, tell us in no uncertain tones that when God says that "this gospel shall be preached in all the world; . . . and then shall the end come," nothing can hinder it, except ourselves! And if we fail to be his light-bearers, he will raise up others, for man is to be the means which God will use to warn and win men. For that purpose he used Noah, Lot, Jonah, and John the Baptist. In Rev. 14: 6-14 we are told of a great message which the remnant people are to carry to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people just before the coming of the Son of God to take his people unto himself. "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

"This gospel of the kingdom" will not be preached in all the world, until it is preached in all parts of Louisiana. So I feel that the Lord of the harvest is calling for many who are waiting at the "market place" to enter this needy vineyard. I feel that we should send out the Macedonian call for help in this field, for in many respects Louisiana is as difficult to work as some of the tropical foreign fields. We have people here representing several languages and religions. In some parts the Catholic religion seems to be predominant, and they are very bitter to Protestants. Many French people are scattered over the State, and especially in the south and southeast. But few of these people can read English, and many cannot speak it. There are also many Chinese, Italians, Germans, etc., who need help.

This State is large and populous, but we have only two regular canvassers and one magazine worker, who is located in New Orleans, a city representing 138,000 inhabitants of various nationalities and languages. There are some other large towns in the State, but no other magazine worker to give the message in the good papers. We do not lack for good territory or golden opportunities, but for men and women who have a burden for souls — an intense longing to save perishing men. We long for those who can meet difficulty and turn it to victory — who feel the burden of Isa., 6: 8.

My dear brother or sister, if the Lord by his Spirit is calling you to help us I pray you do not longer delay, for souls may be falling without hope to whom you might bring life and joy. Shall they say in the judgment, "You never told me"? I hope that our garments may be free from the blood of any soul. I am sure that many of you can remember how a good book, paper, or tract brought hope and joy into your darkened life and made you rejoice in the "Blessed Hope," and you, too, may make others rejoice in the same way. Will you not lend the helping hand?

"And they that be teachers (margin) shall shine as the bright-

ness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12: 3.

G. B. BOSWELL, *Field Missionary Secretary.*

Shreveport

We are glad to report that by the help of the Lord we have been enabled to make some progress in the work here during the year 1915. According to the clerk's report there were fifteen additions to the Shreveport church, twelve of which were on profession of faith. There was an increase in the tithe of \$208.80, the total amount paid in being \$750.08. The increase in all other funds is \$379.36, making an increase of \$588.16 in tithe and offerings. This was very encouraging to us, and gives us inspiration to do better this year.

We expect to meet in our new church the first of February. Pray for the work in Shreveport.

W. P. McLENNAN.

"What God may hereafter require of you, you must not give yourself the least trouble about. Everything he gives you to do you must do as well as you can, and this is the best possible preparation for what he may want you to do next. If people would do what they have to do, they would always find themselves ready for what comes next."

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 4: 59

Friday, February 4

West 5: 35

FOR SALE: A nice residence at Hazel, Ky. The lot contains two acres of land, a good well of water, and out buildings. There is a good six-room house on the place also. This is next door to the Seventh-day Adventist church and about one-fourth of a mile from the post office. Price \$700. Address the Tennessee River Conference, 2014 23rd Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

News Items

Elder Elliott is holding meetings in Jackson, Tenn., and reports a good interest although a rather small attendance. Miss Roberson, the Bible worker, has been quite busy with readings, and a number are interested in the truth. Elder Elliott expects to visit Hustburg Sabbath, January 29, and will return to Nashville the next day.

Brother Wheeler, the field missionary secretary, expects to hold an institute with the colored church at Nashville, beginning Sunday, January 30. There are quite a number of the members of the local colored church who desire to take up the work.

Remember the offering which is to be taken up Sabbath, February 26, for religious liberty work. We have only a small fund on hand at the present time which will be available for use in the trial of the brethren at Goodlettsville who were indicted for Sunday labor. We will be obliged to raise a large sum of money to cover the expenses in this case. We trust that our churches will respond liberally to the call made on this day.

A New Card

Through the efforts of Brother A. L. Manous, another card for missionary work has been produced. It needs no recommendation, as both sides of this card have been reproduced in this paper. It will certainly appeal to all those who would like to have some literature at small expense to give to the people who are interested.

S. E. WIGHT.

Facts About the Law of God

"His Law Is a Transcript of His Own Character."
 "While God remains God, his moral law will be binding upon all who would have any part in his life. God's moral law is eternal; it is an expression of his very being. As such it can no more be abrogated than can God himself."—*The Sunday School Times, Jan. 3, 1914, p. 2.*

The Bible also teaches that "the character of God is expressed in his law"; thus:

- God is "just." Rom. 3: 26.
- His law is "just." Rom. 7: 12.
- "God is true." John 3: 33.
- His law is "true." Neh. 9: 13.
- God "is pure." 1 John 3: 3.
- His law "is pure." Ps. 19: 7, 8.
- "God is light." 1 John 1: 5.
- His "law is light." Prov. 6: 23.
- "God is faithful." 1 Cor. 1: 9.
- His law is "faithful." Ps. 119: 86.
- "The Lord is good." Nahum 1: 7.
- His law "is good." Rom. 7: 12, 16.
- God is "spiritual." 1 Cor. 10: 1-4.
- His law "is spiritual." Rom. 7: 14.
- God "is holy." Isa. 6: 3; 1 Peter 1: 15.
- His "law is holy." Ex. 20: 8; Rom. 7: 12.
- God is "the truth." John 14: 6; 10: 30.
- His "law is truth." Ps. 119: 142, 151.
- God is "the life." John 14: 6; 10: 30.
- His law "is life." John 12: 50; Matt. 19: 17.
- God "is our righteousness." Jer. 23: 6, R. V.
- His law is "righteousness." Ps. 119: 172.
- God "is perfect." Matt. 5: 48; Heb. 2: 10; 5: 9.
- His law "is perfect." Ps. 19: 7; James 2: 12.
- God "abideth ever." John 8: 35; Heb. 13: 8.
- His law stands "forever." Ps. 111: 8; Matt. 5: 17.

How true it is that the law being an expression of his character "can no more be abrogated than can God himself."

Facts as to What Three Leading Denominations Say of the Law of God

1. THE METHODISTS

"No Christian whatsoever is free from the obedience of the commandments which are called moral."—*The Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, art. 6, edition, 1911.*

"This law is spiritual and perfect. It extends to all the thoughts, affections, desires, purposes, words, and actions of men; and can never be abandoned, altered, or repealed. Ps. 119: 96; Matt. 5: 17; Rom. 7: 12."—*Binney's "Theological Compend," pp. 88, 89, edition, 1903.*

2. THE BAPTISTS

"The moral law is still binding, as a rule of life."—*What do the Baptists Believe? Tract No. 432, p. 3.*

We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government, that it is holy, just, and good," etc.—*J. M. Pendleton, D. D., "Church Manual, Designed for the Use of Baptist Churches," p. 55.*

3. THE PRESBYTERIANS

"The moral law doth forever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof; and that not only in regard to the matter contained in it, but also in respect of the authority

of God, the Creator, who gave it. Neither doth Christ in the gospel any way dissolve, but much strengthen, this obligation."—*"The Confession of Faith," Chapter 19, art. 5.*

And the Bible says: "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22: 14. See also Eze. 22: 26; Isa. 58: 13; James 2: 8-11.

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What a Picture of Cruelty!

After reciting at some length the story of a young girl's downfall and death, the editor of a certain religious weekly recently said: "Only the wide gateway to hell was open before her, and very soon starvation and death hurled her through to the great gulf, to the bottomless pit, where the devil and his host of imps grinned hideously as her never-dying soul joined their ranks, there to dwell forever and ever."

Your neighbors should know the truth on this point. It appears in the *Signs Magazine* for March, under the title, "Will the Wicked Burn Eternally?"

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending Jan. 22, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Dellv.
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E A TaylorBR	27	13		42 00		42 00	9 00
Annie Watts PP&F	29						7 85
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TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
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Summary from January 1 to Date

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Tenn. River	Feb. 7-17.
Kentucky	Feb. 21-Mar. 1.
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Mississippi, Greenville	Mar. 10-20 (colored)

News Items

Prof. L. H. Wood left Nashville Monday morning, January 24, for Washington, D. C., where he was called to attend a meeting of the Washington College constituency.

Brother J. W. Davis is at present holding an institute in the Alabama Conference for the colored people.

Brother G. H. Curtis visited in Paducah Friday, January 21, and attended services in the churches in Louisville on Sabbath. This week he has spent at the office in Nicholasville auditing the conference and tract society books for the past year.

Don't overlook the benefits of the Union Conference Circulating Library. All it costs you is the return postage on the books you get.

Mrs. Mattie E. Wilcox, of Morton's Gap, Ky., would be glad to receive postpaid clean copies of our papers, the *Review*, *Instructor*, *Little Friend*, *Signs Weekly* and *Monthly*, and the *Watchman*, as she has many calls for literature, more than she can supply. She requests our prayers for her in her work for the people.

On account of some of the copy being delayed, the Educational Special we have been planning for the first of February will be postponed a week or two.

Hazel Notes

Several students have recently been added to our number, making an enrolment of thirty and necessitating the addition of a new table in the dining hall. We are glad to welcome these, for we know that when they once reach Hazel they are almost sure to stay. The "Hazel fever" is quite a bad disease, but of course only becomes serious when we go away. One of our boys from Mississippi not long ago had been feeling ill and declared he was going home. He really left, but went only part of the way when he decided he could not leave this dear old place, so he came back. We all have our ups and downs and seemingly more downs than ups (especially when the ponds around here

are frozen over), but when we get away we forget the downs and only recall the ups.

For the last two weeks we have had the pleasure of real winter weather, with snow on the ground and the trees made beautiful by their ice-laden limbs. But best of all the pond on the school campus and the pond on the adjoining farm had a coat of ice three inches thick. The boys and girls have enjoyed the skating immensely. However, some of us experienced a few severe bumps; but most every one gets bumps of some kind before they are all through with this life.

The members of the Hazel Academy family have for the last few days been enjoying a pleasant visit with our conference president, Elder Elliott, who has recently returned from his trip to the West. Brother Elliott told us of many interesting things which he saw while in the West, and also of the great work the council outlined. He told of the plans they had laid for the advancement of the message in the needy fields which were represented by different ones present.

The young people's society is progressing nicely. Officers for the coming six weeks have recently been elected as follows: Miss Alsie Gray, leader; Mr. Jefferson Burrow, secretary; and Ellen Lowry, organist. Meetings are held on Sabbath afternoon, and a good interest is taken in the work.

All, but especially the students from Nashville, were glad to welcome as visitors this week Brother G. H. Curtis and Elder W. R. Elliott.

The chorus department, under the direction of Miss Brown, is becoming quite an interesting feature at the Academy. All are taking a lively interest in this work and expect to render the annual program January 30. Although we haven't reached perfection, yet practice makes perfect.

"Well arranged time is the best mark of a well arranged mind."

David and the Lion Number



The 1916 Temperance "Instructor" Cover

Illustrating what the contents of this issue will do with the liquor traffic, providing there are enough "Davids" circulating it.

No "lions in the way" of Temperance *Instructor* "Davids."