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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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## "What Then?"

"He is counting on you."

He has need of your life  
In the thick of the strife:  
For that weak one may fall  
If you fail at his call.

He is counting on you,  
If you fail Him —  
What then?

"He is counting on you."

On a love that will share  
In His burden of prayer  
For the souls He has bought  
With His life-blood: and sought  
Through His sorrow and pain  
To win "Home" yet again;

He is counting on you,  
If you fail Him —  
What then?

"He is counting on you."

On life, money, and prayer:  
And "the day shall declare"  
If you let Him have *all*  
In response to His call;  
Or if He in that day  
To your sorrow must say

"I had counted on you,  
But you failed Me." —  
What then?

## The Spirit of Prophecy on the School Question

The following quotations are a few gathered from the writings of Sister White relative to the location of schools for the young people of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Inasmuch as the two southern union conferences are now engaged in locating the Southern Training School on a farm, we are sure this will be interesting to the readers of this paper.

"The Lord will cooperate with those who are striving to advance his work. I am glad to know that even though I may not live long, God will carry on his work. God will hold up our hands. He will work with those who are carrying forward the school work. He will be with the teachers and students.

"God's commands must settle all matters for us. That which his Word advises and demands is to be strictly enforced. His Word is to be plainly and earnestly opened before the students."—*General Conference Bulletin*, 1901, p. 455.

"God's Word places great stress upon the influence of association even upon men and women. How much greater is its power upon the developing mind and character of children and youth. The company they keep, the principles they adopt, the habits they form will decide the question of their usefulness here and of their future eternal interest."—"Education," p. 402.

"If the proper education is given to students, it is a positive necessity to establish our schools at a distance from cities, where the students can do manual work. Great blessings will come to them as they exercise brain and body proportionately. From the things of nature they will learn lessons that will help them to work for the Lord."—*General Conference Bulletin*, 1901, p. 455.

"We need to be educated to real earnest work. This must be a part of the education given to the youth. God gave Adam and Eve employment. Eden was the first school for our parents, and God was the instructor. They learned how to till the soil and care for the things which the Lord had planted. They did not regard labor as degrading, but a blessing. . . . Through faith and hope labor was to be a blessing to the descendants of Adam. We need schools in this country to educate children that they may be *masters* of labor and not *slaves* of labor."—*Special Testimony*, p. 89.

"The school and everything connected with it should be object lessons, teaching the ways to improve, and appealing to the people for reform. . . . The thought to be kept before students is that time is short, and that they must make speedy preparation for doing the work that is essential for this time."—*Special Testimony*, p. 130.

"No pains should be spared to select places for our schools where the moral atmosphere will be as healthful as possible, for the influences that prevail will leave a deep impress upon young and forming characters. For this reason a retired locality is best. The great cities, the centers of business and learning, may seem to present some advantages, but these advantages are outweighed by other considerations."—*Special Testimony on Education*, p. 43.

"There are two sciences which every man ought to learn; first, the science of speech; the second, the more difficult one of silence."

## The Twelve Thousand Dollar Fund for the Southern Training School

We know our people throughout this field will rejoice with the Southern Training School Board to know that sufficient money is in the hands of the treasurer to pay the entire indebtedness which is \$14,500, and by the time this paper reaches the readers, all of the indebtedness will very likely be paid. However, in some cases where people cannot be found or will not take their money, this will not be true, but the money is now in the treasury to pay them when they call for it.

Now an effort is being made to raise \$12,000 to buy the farm, \$6,000 by the Southern Union and \$6,000 by the Southeastern Union. Already about \$2,000 has been raised and an effort is being made to raise this entire amount before the twentieth of June. All interested in this enterprise are requested to send donations, large or small as the case may be, to the treasurer of your local conference to be forwarded at once to the treasurer of the Southern Union Conference at Nashville, Tenn. In case there is not time for you to get it to your conference

treasurer and then here by the twentieth after the time you are able to make your donation, please send it direct to G. H. Curtis, 2014 23rd. Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. Brother Curtis will give your conference credit for the same just as though it passed through your local conference treasurer's hands.

The preceding article in this paper we trust will give the main reasons for moving the school out of Graysville onto a farm. The farm that the board has previously visited is located at Ooltewah, sixteen miles from Chattanooga. There are 290 acres with buildings sufficient to house forty or fifty students. It also has a spring with a flow of water equal to five inches, and also a lime kiln. It seems that this spot is one that has been reserved, as the spirit of prophecy has told us that there would be in various places locations reserved for this people if they move out in the right direction.

We trust that our people everywhere will pray that God will open the way to buy this farm speedily, so the school will be located at a very early date where it will conduct its work for the coming year.

S. E. WRIGHT.

## The Publishing Work

I can assure you, brethren, that in speaking of this feature I do so with the feeling that it is one of the most intensely interesting and wonderful features of the Advent movement. It is one succession of miracles from the very beginning until the present time. This convinces me that God is in it. I review it briefly with a hope that hearts will be thrilled with a love for this truth and a confidence in it.

You will recall the little pamphlet issued by Joseph Bates soon after the disappointment, when without money, without flour in the house, and without anything but the impression from God that he ought to make known the Sabbath truth to the world, he began to write that booklet. We are told that God supplied the money through the postoffice from unknown sources, so that he did not wait a day. Everything was in his hand as fast as he needed it, and the book was published and sent to the world. A miracle, wasn't it? He did not know that money was in the postoffice, only as he felt impressed. Money was furnished for everything. Brethren, I wish that our publishing work and all departments had continued to proceed along these lines, refusing to spend money until God supplied it. We would have had one succession of miracles from that day to this. I believe in that policy.

Now, we have the next step — the publishing of a periodical. The impression came upon Sister White to do it, and Elder James White took the burden. You remember how that man of God mowed the hay at fifty cents an acre to get the money for printing; then the faith they had after it was all printed. Laying the edition upon the table, they committed those papers to God, wrapped them, and sent them out. Believers began to spring up in different places.

In those days our brethren were glad to give away the literature. They were not thinking of selling it. Then Brother Loughborough, in 1854, said he felt impressed to try to sell it from the stand. People said, "You cannot sell this literature." But he tried. All we had then was thirty-five cents' worth put up in one bundle. The face of this dear old man of God lights up as he tells us that in three Sunday nights he sold fifty dollars' worth of tracts at thirty-five cents a package.

God began to open the minds of the brethren. They began to sell the publications. The first Seventh-day Adventist preacher I ever saw had a chest. We boys liked to get into father's chest. When I looked at Brother Kilgore's chest it made me think of father's old chest. But instead of being filled with tools, it was packed with tracts and books. He used them freely, I assure you. In those early days our literature was sold by ministers, and I think the plan holds good today. I wish more of us carried the old-fashioned tool-chest today.

It was in 1880 that Sister White told the brethren that she had been instructed of the Lord that if our literature was put up in subscription-book form it could be sold from house to house, and would be a success. The brethren said that it could not be done. Brother Evans tells me that the Michigan Tract Society had to furnish the money to the *Review & Herald* because they did not have money to print the first subscription book. It was a success from the first, as God had said.

I mention these only to refresh our minds, and show that every advance step we have made the Lord has had to push it onto us. I thank the Lord that the step was made. To me, I say, these are miracles. When you think about it, the subscription-book business that is carried on by this people, taking an unpopular truth over the same territory year after year, is a miracle. Even the same book has been revised and put into the same homes again and again. It is not by any smartness of ours. It is not because we have ability. It is simply the fact that God is back of this whole thing. You cannot understand it from any other standpoint.

I want to read a text now. Deut. 32:1-3:

"Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God."

I feel like saying as Christ said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." The word of God is being published. It is dropping like the rain. It is very much as the spirit of prophecy has said, "I have been shown that the literature is to be sown like the leaves of autumn."

I will read here a statement from Brother Haskell. He wrote an article for the *Review* in May, 1874, in which he called attention to the growth of our publishing work. He said:

"To obtain a correct view of the remarkable progress of this work, we only need to go back about twenty-five years when the whole edition of our works printed in two weeks was carried to the postoffice in a carpet-bag, whereas now in one week seven cartloads of reading matter, allowing thirty bushels to the cartload, are sent from the office of publication to the different parts of the world. Do you ask for evidence of prosperity? Here it is. And yet in our own land there are scores of cities and towns that have never had their attention called to this subject. What is our duty under these circumstances?"

Think of it, brethren, the growth this work has made. I only need to mention, in contrast, an instance that happened just a few years ago at the Fort Worth office. Brother Pierce, manager

of the branch office of the Southern Publishing Association, called for rates on a carload of books. They had no such rate, and had to get the commission together to make a rate. The first rates on books by carloads was for our literature. We used to speak of carloads, thirty bushels to the cart; but now we talk about the carloads. This is the most wonderful thing that has happened in our day.

Our enemies have tried to stop it. Ministers have told me that they would not allow me to put books into the homes of their people. Here is a clipping from a Campbellite paper:

"The Seventh-day Adventists are among the shrewdest and most inveterate propagandists in the world. They cease neither day nor night to propagate their wierd and materialistic interpretation of the Scriptures.

"Their use of the printing press furnishes a fine example of their foresightedness. No people who are as alert as the Adventists would for a minute allow private publishers to grow rich off their publications. Though they are numerically a small religious body, they own and operate no less than thirty-seven separate publishing boards, wisely distributed throughout the world. They have an investment of no less than \$1,488,388.46 in these various plants. They employ 734 workmen, 2,500 colporteurs, and issue publications in 87 languages. They distributed literature last year to the value of \$2,100,000. It is by such activity that they are able to enlarge their numbers and their influence in the world.

"All too long our brethren have failed to appreciate the value of the printing press as an instrumentality of extending the kingdom in the world. Until the organization of the Christian Board of Publication, less than five years ago, they have neither owned nor operated their own publishing house.

"Until this hour they little appreciate the value of the printed page as a means of extending their influence in the world. We need to learn the value of the gospel of the printing press."  
—*Front Rank Progressive Campbellite*.

Thank God we have learned the lesson. We got it by direct communications from heaven. It is no credit to us. We would not have it if the Lord had not pushed it onto us. Another extract (*Presbyterian Standard*, an organ of the Southern Presbyterian Church, in its issue of Nov. 11, 1914):

"Look at their publishing business: 'At the close of last year there were 37 publishing houses and branches, having assets amounting to \$1,900,000, employing 734 persons. The total denominational literature sold during the year amounted to \$1,870,000. This literature is issued in 360 books, 325 pamphlets, 1,200 tracts, and 128 periodicals, in 80 different languages. This literature is distributed by 2,060 colporteurs. Put this over against our publishing business—total sales from both houses, at Richmond and Texarkana, \$227,475. This is a mere bagatelle in comparison, and yet this includes the returns from the sales of all novels, good, bad, and indifferent, which were handled by our committee, and which probably constituted no insignificant part of its business. Take time to let it soak in that the Seventh-day Adventists, a church not much over one-third the size of ours, sold nearly two million dollars' worth of denominational literature, not miscellaneous literature, mostly fiction, not even religious literature, but literature created by that church and distributed as a means of propagandism. Yet our church can't even publish a volume of sermons by one of its most distinguished ministers without passing around the hat and taking a collection for the purpose."

We ought to "let it soak in." We ought to think of this as a miracle of God's wonderful grace. Yet think about it! That is the truth. Everything they do helps us in our publishing work. Whether it is opposition or favor, our work goes along just the same. Here is one more feature of the clipping:

"It would be interesting to note some of the peculiar doctrines of these people" (and then follows a brief outline of our leading

doctrines). The world is looking at it. They say that such doctrines are worth looking into. When it comes from an editor in the church paper it seems as if God wants us to wake up. He is calling the world's attention to this movement. Thank the Lord for the printed page that has helped us in this.

I want to give you just a few incidents that show God's miraculous power in the publishing work. Just as it was back there, so even up to the present God has had to push us. When the war broke out, the *Review & Herald* felt that they must do something, and they got out that *Review and Herald Extra* on the "Eastern Question." The first number was sent out. A little girl in California got a copy, and she conceived an idea from that. She said to Elder Palmer, "You make up a book like that to sell for 25 cents." It was taken up at headquarters, and they decided to do it. The brethren thought they had a big stretch of faith when they said, "Print 25,000 at once, for the first edition." The book was on the press, but it had not got started when they got word from the railway station that a *carload of paper* was on the tracks for them. The office had not ordered it at all. They took it up with the paper mill immediately, and the mill said, "It is our mistake. We have never had a thing like that happen before in our history. You just take the paper and roll it into your storeroom, and if you have use for it, all right; if not, it is our loss." Well, the *Review* had hardly got started before the orders were all in for that 25,000. Another edition was printed right away, and God saw that the paper was on hand. It was not the reward of the brethren's faith, was it? God has had to take our publishers in hand and move things along. It makes me feel ashamed when I think of it. Edition after edition has been published until the "World's Crisis" has numbered almost a million copies. All that has happened since the war broke out.

The war has not stopped our work. In Germany, you remember early in the war the references about the fighting over about the Vistula River. When the Russians came into Germany they destroyed a town, but there were a few houses left in one corner where some women lived. The Russians called these before the officers, and among them was a sister of our faith. When they went back to their homes, one of the soldiers was sent with her. He could speak German. She caught sight of one of our publications in his pocket, and said: "You must be an Adventist." "Why?" he asked. "Well, you look like one." It was not long until they were acquainted. This proved to be one of our brethren that had been forced to the front. They had meetings together. Finally the Germans pushed the Russians out. They took this brother as a prisoner, and used him as an interpreter, and gave him great liberty. Now he has been ordering books by the hundreds of thousands for the Russian soldiers. He cannot get away; he is a prisoner. No one can stop the work until the message of the third angel that John saw flying in the midst of heaven has finished his glorious work. What can represent it more fully than work of this kind—dropping like the rain?

In this country alone we are selling about a million and a half dollars' worth of literature. About two-thirds of this is sold through our colporteurs. Is it not worth maintaining and strengthening in every conference? What we need is God-fearing men and women who recognize the call of God upon them to engage in this work.

I want to read just one thing in conclusion as an illustration of how the message is really going in our literature. This is gotten up by one of your colporteurs. It is the story made from the titles of some of our books:

"After getting the 'Missionary Idea,' I accepted the 'Call of the Lord,' selected a 'Practical Guide,' left 'The House We Live In' and started on a 'Ministry of Healing,' selling 'The Seer of Patmos' and 'The Story of Daniel.' By 'Looking Unto Jesus' and following the 'Bible Footlights' in the 'Steps to Christ' we may reach the 'Mount of Blessings,' become 'Men

of Valor' in giving the 'Heralds of the Morning'; we can tell of 'A Lover's Love,' give the people a 'Christian Education,' and help them in 'Making Home Happy.'

"In my selection for 'Little Folks' I have 'Gospel Primer' and 'Best Stories,' which contain 'Stories Worth Reading.' I leave 'Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation' in about half the homes I visit. Each week I leave a few 'Bible Readings,' which will give them 'Helps to Bible Study,' with 'Scriptural Evidences,' and will reveal to them 'Past, Present, and Future,' and help them both 'Here and Hereafter.' I speak to all I meet of 'Christ Our Saviour,' and tell them of the 'Glorious Appearing' of the 'Coming King.' The 'Great Controversy' will soon be over, and the 'Desire of Ages' will come. Then I hope to meet many to whom I have brought 'Present Truth' and 'Last Day Tokens' and with the 'Patriarchs and Prophets' enjoy 'Our Paradise Home.'"—R. S. Dyer.

That will be the culmination of it all. Let me ask you to help us to carry this work forward at this time. Help us to build it in your conferences. Be careful in selecting men that will represent the truth. Maintain a strong force of workers that will carry the truth from door to door. Help us in finishing this glorious message on schedule time.—W. W. Eastman.

## Alabama Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6:37

Friday, June 2

West 7:04

### One Soul Each

The first thing mentioned in our Home Missionary Goal for 1916, is, One soul each for Christ this year. With some the question will naturally arise, Can it be done? Yes, most assuredly, it can be done. But in order for this to be realized, careful attention must be given to some things, without which we will never be successful in our soul-winning endeavor.

First, souls cannot be won simply through a hit or miss style, or by giving them little care or attention. To be a soul-winner requires a consecrated life, filled with godly wisdom and spiritual discernment, knowing how to speak the right word at the right time, having a burden for souls and a love for lost mankind. We need to realize something of the value of a soul. Do you wish to know what a soul is worth in the sight of heaven? The following is right to the point:

"The value of a soul. Who can estimate? Would you know its worth, go to Gethsemane, and there watch with Christ through those hours of anguish, when he sweat as it were great drops of blood. Look upon the Saviour uplifted on the cross. Hear that despairing cry, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?' Look upon the wounded head, the pierced side, the marred feet. Remember that Christ risked all. For our redemption, heaven itself was imperiled. At the foot of the cross, remembering that for one sinner Christ would have laid down his life, you may estimate the value of one soul."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 196.

But one says, I have no such realization nor burden for souls. How am I ever to get a burden, how am I to sense the value of a single being? Here we note again, "If you are in communion with Christ, you will place his estimate upon every human being. You will feel for others the same deep love that Christ has felt for you."—*Id.*, p. 197.

My dear reader, if you have no such burden, no such love, enter into your secret chamber and there in communion with your God, pour out your heart and soul to him, asking him to roll upon you a burden for some special soul and lead you by his Holy Spirit to take that one, and help you to work for and reach that person this year, letting the will of God be done.

If you will do this, rightly relating yourself to the Lord, faithfully responding to his Spirit, "Then you will be able to win, not drive, to attract, not repulse, those for whom he died. . . . In this work all the angels of heaven are ready to cooperate. All the resources of heaven are at the command of those who are seeking to save the lost. Angels will help you to reach the most careless and most hardened."—*Id.*, p. 197.

These words should strengthen and encourage us, and give us a greater incentive to work. What great rejoicing there will be in our hearts and among the angels of heaven when each one comes bringing his sheaf with him to the Lord at the end of the year.

Now, we can do it if we will pledge ourselves by the help of the Lord to do it. It will mean hard work, much prayer, tears, self-sacrifice, and self-denial. Many times it will mean to go when our human nature says stay at home. But the more earnestly we work now, the sooner the kingdom of God will be ushered in, and we can go to our eternal home. It is too true that if we refuse to work for souls now, we with them may also lose the kingdom of heaven.

Let it be our daily aim and most earnest prayer that we faithfully do our part, and that we may bring a soul to Christ during 1916.

J. F. WRIGHT.

## Report for the Alabama Sabbath Schools for Quarter Ending March 31, 1916

| School                     | Memb. | CONFERENCE  |              | Total     |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
|                            |       | 12 Sabbaths | 13th Sabbath |           |
| Birmingham . . . . .       | 83    | \$ 144 79   | \$ 31 13     | \$ 175 92 |
| Borden Springs . . . . .   | 47    | 4 03        | 80           | 4 83      |
| Cool Springs . . . . .     | 12    | 3 25        | 71           | 3 96      |
| Elkwood . . . . .          | 34    | 4 59        | 5 49         | 10 08     |
| Fairhope . . . . .         | 10    | 5 70        | 2 36         | 8 06      |
| Gadsden . . . . .          | 10    | 4 00        | 25           | 4 25      |
| Long Island No. 1. . . . . | 16    | 6 73        | 1 12         | 7 85      |
| Long Island No. 2. . . . . | 12    | 6 21        | 2 24         | 8 45      |
| Lynn Haven . . . . .       | 8     | 2 53        | 1 05         | 3 58      |
| Montgomery . . . . .       | 22    | 23 30       | 3 00         | 26 30     |
| Mobile . . . . .           | 31    | 30 67       | 25 77        | 56 44     |
| Red Level . . . . .        | 27    | 5 82        | 1 76         | 7 58      |
| Rockford . . . . .         | 9     | 1 93        | 37           | 2 30      |
| Stapleton . . . . .        | 11    | 97          | 81           | 1 78      |
| Silverhill . . . . .       | 20    | 15 33       | 2 28         | 17 61     |
| Sheffield . . . . .        | 16    | 5 94        | 1 48         | 7 42      |
| Summerdale . . . . .       | 14    | 3 49        | 77           | 4 26      |
| Home Schools . . . . .     | 37    | 24 05       | 3 62         | 27 67     |
| Totals . . . . .           | 419   | \$ 293 33   | \$ 85 01     | \$ 378 34 |
| School                     | Memb. | MISSION     |              | Total     |
|                            |       | 12 Sabbaths | 13th Sabbath |           |
| Birmingham . . . . .       | 59    | \$ 16 69    | \$ 5 16      | \$ 21 85  |
| Bessemer . . . . .         | 16    | 4 08        | 2 60         | 6 68      |
| Dothan . . . . .           | 33    | 8 72        | 1 21         | 9 93      |
| Huntsville . . . . .       | 20    | 12 88       | 1 97         | 14 85     |
| Montgomery . . . . .       | 48    | 12 74       | 7 30         | 20 04     |
| Mobile . . . . .           | 26    | 4 10        | 1 97         | 6 07      |
| Oakwood . . . . .          | 125   | 43 40       | 37 25        | 80 65     |
| Pensacola . . . . .        | 47    | 7 89        | 1 40         | 9 29      |
| Sylacauga . . . . .        | 20    | 1 25        | 53           | 1 78      |
| Sycamore . . . . .         | 10    |             |              |           |
| Home Schools . . . . .     | 9     | 3 62        | 21           | 3 83      |
| Totals . . . . .           | 413   | \$ 115 37   | \$ 59 60     | \$ 174 97 |
| Grand Totals . . . . .     | 832   | \$ 408 70   | \$ 144 61    | \$ 553 31 |

Our offering this quarter is \$89.84 more than the preceding quarter, and \$178.59 more than the same quarter last year. The offering of the Birmingham (white) Sabbath school was

\$55.02 more than last quarter. Our map with its missionary ships helped to increase the offerings in the senior department. In the primary department the children built a missionary station, each building costing a certain amount. Their goal was \$15, but they raised \$21.

Both the Bessemer and Birmingham (colored) schools are using the missionary map this quarter, and they report that their offerings have doubled. Birmingham's offering for one month is more than it generally is for one quarter. This shows what we can do when we have a mind to try. Every other school can do this as well as those mentioned here.

Four baptisms are reported for the quarter, three in Birmingham, and one in Montgomery.

There have been 85 Cards of Honor sent out: Borden Springs 4, Mobile 7, Bessemer 1, Oakwood 66, Pensacola 7. Let us not forget this and try for perfect attendance at Sabbath school.

HELEN M. KEATE, S. S. Secretary.

The following are some of the good articles in the *June Watchman*:

The Powers and the Prophecies.  
A Break with Germany.  
The Supernatural.  
The True Sabbath.  
Corruption of Early Christianity.  
The Resurrection.

The *June Watchman* is most attractively illustrated throughout and is worthy of a large circulation in our field.

## Louisiana Conference

*Sunset Table. Standard Time.*

East 6:54

Friday, June 2

West 7:24

### News Items

The following sad news is just received from Brother Boswell: "Brother S. F. Reeder is dead. Died Sabbath morning, the twentieth. Will be buried Monday, the twenty-second."

Brother A. R. Bell, of the New Orleans church No. 2, has for some weeks past been at Natalbany and is holding meetings regularly with the people there, having secured a very deep interest.

The following interesting experiences from Brother Coble came recently to the office:

"Wednesday I was in the neighborhood where that colored man was intending to talk up trade for me, and I worked until 8 o'clock. I found so many just waiting for me. One old man said he had about given up my coming. I saw the little girl that wanted the book so badly the week before. She is delighted with her book.

"I was talking to the Sunday school superintendent here in town, who had already received his book. He told me that he had read about five hundred pages, starting from the front, and said, 'I find that it harps on the Seventh-day Sabbath and the Roman church apostatizing, and I guess there is a great deal to it.'

"Thursday was clean-up day. I just went around over my territory to those whom I had failed to see while going over before, and took orders from every one but two."

The recent storm which swept over some of our southern States pulled but two or three of the stakes of our large tent pitched in Shreveport, where Elders Sanders and McLennan are now holding a series of meetings, but the small tent in which Elder Sanders was staying was blown to the ground between two and three o'clock Sunday morning (May 21). Fearing for

the safety of the tents, Elder McLennan had gone to where they were pitched, and shortly afterward the two crawled out from under the wet canvass and sought shelter in the large tent.

## Kentucky Conference

*Sunset Table. Standard Time.*

East 6:43

Friday, June 2

West 7:14

### A Visit to the Louisville Shelby Street Church

For some time I have desired to meet with the above church and hold some meetings. The past week while in Louisville on business, I was glad to hold meetings with this church. The Shelby Street church is located in the southeastern part of the city and has a membership of twenty-five. It is in the midst of a large colored section and near the largest colored school in the city. We have a brick church building nicely arranged inside with opera chairs for seats. I was glad to find the brethren of good courage. They seemed to enjoy the meetings I held with them, and they have pledged themselves to do more faithful work than ever before so as to double their membership this year. Brother A. M. Minnis is elder of the church, and has done good work. Since Brother Winston has gone to Owensboro, Brother Minnis will hold services on Sabbath and Sunday nights.

Brother and Sister L. J. Pryor of this church will assist Brother Winston in the tent effort this summer. I feel sure that if all the brethren will work and pull together the membership of this church can be doubled in a short while.

I hope that all will be faithful so that at the Lord's coming they can be ready for a part in the new earth.

B. W. BROWN.

### News Items

Elder O. A. Dow spent several days the past week with the Lockport church. He sends the good word that they plan to have a church school there this coming winter.

Sister Wilcox, of Morton's Gap, writes that the people near that town are very anxious for a meeting to be held. She states that some of them come five miles every week to get our papers to read.

Elder W. H. White reports a good interest in his meetings at Brooklyn. He states that the entire community is stirred over the Sabbath question.

We are sorry to receive word from Louisville of the death of Sister J. C. Thompson's husband. He was not a member of our church, but Sister Thompson is one of the oldest colored believers in that city. She has been a great help to the church by her faithful life and also by giving of her money.

Elder Brown spent the past week in Louisville. He has been arranging for the summer's campaign and assisting in the church work.

The young people's society in Louisville have planned to put out the Present Truth Series in a systematic way and then follow up with Bible readings as the way opens. We believe this a good plan. Let others try it also.

Miss Lola May Brown has returned to Bowling Green after spending the past nine months teaching in the Hazel Academy.

Brother Ford has completed his delivery in Pike County and has gone to Ford to spend a few days with his family.

Brother J. H. Clark writes that he is of good courage and that the Lord blessed him with \$129 in orders the past week.

Brother W. B. Wilson writes that he is anxious to put in full time selling the printed page. He sent in a remittance for his delivery. After being at home a few weeks he will again be in the field.

Sister Coble, of Millerstown, sends in tithe and offerings for her family. They are of good courage even though they do not have church privileges. They take our good papers.

Brother Reichenbach finished his delivery last week and sends in a remittance for the same. He is full of courage.

Brother Hickman spent two days selling "Daniel and the Revelation" near Bowling Green. The Lord blessed him in securing orders. There are a number of good counties in the western part of our conference where our books should be sold. We would welcome some new men to take up work in this part of the State. Crops are looking good and the farmers will buy our books.

Brother Ennis, of Knob Lick, is doing missionary work in his neighborhood. He has recently taken his stand for the truth. He writes a very encouraging letter and orders the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER and some *Watchman* magazines.

Brother J. W. Boling has decided to work for the Lord. He has ordered a canvassing outfit and will soon be out in the field selling the printed page.

Brother W. W. Murry and wife made a pleasant call at the office last week. They are on their way to their new home near Anna, Ky. Brother Murry will soon be out in the canvassing field.

Sister Cora Cunnutte, of Auxier, writes that she is of good courage. She will move to Cordell where she can attend the Davisville church.

Brother R. W. Harris writes that his throat has been bothering him for some time, so that he has not been able to canvass all the time, but he hopes to soon be better and will then put in full time. He plans to locate in the northern part of the state.

Brother C. W. Vermillion writes that he is of good courage and that he plans to enter the field again this fall to sell the printed page.

Sister Mary Taylor, of the Lexington church, has ordered a supply of books with which to do missionary work.

Don't forget the date of our camp-meeting, August 17 to 27. Plan to be present at the first meeting and remain throughout the entire time.

Mattie and Maggie Lee Hill have returned home from the Hazel Academy where they have been attending school the past winter.

### Comparative Report

The Kentucky Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers has made a very good record this year. The following comparative report for the first quarters of 1915 and 1916 shows the increase which we know will be an encouragement to all:

|   | 1915 | 1916 |
|---|------|------|
| Letters written .....                     | 9    | 188  |
| Letters received .....                    | 2    | 65   |
| Missionary visits .....                   | 40   | 220  |
| Bible readings .....                      | 30   | 89   |
| Subscriptions taken for periodicals ..... |      | 21   |
| Papers sold .....                         | 95   | 890  |
| Papers mailed, lent, or given away .....  | 99   | 1205 |
| Books sold .....                          | 43   | 27   |
| Books lent or given away .....            | 15   | 71   |
| Tracts sold .....                         | 10   | 268  |
| Tracts lent or given away .....           | 10   | 826  |
| Hours of Christian help work .....        | 60   | 453  |
| Articles of clothing given away .....     | 3    | 92   |

LENA BROWN, *Secretary*.

Don't fail to read Dr. Magan's article in the June *Watchman* entitled "The Powers and the Prophecies." Order several copies of this issue and hand them to your friends. Ask them to read this article.

## Mississippi Conference

*Sunset Table. Standard Time.*

East 6: 50

Friday, June 2

West 7: 17

### News Items

Elder Wiest was in Aberdeen on Thursday, the twenty-fifth, to attend the trial of three of our brethren who were indicted for Sunday labor.

Remember the date of the camp-meeting, July 27 to August 6, at Meridian. It is none too soon to begin preparations.

Elder King reports having baptized five last Sabbath, May 20. These have come in as the result of his efforts the past winter.

Elder Wiest spent Sabbath, the twentieth, at Ellisville on his return from a visit to the believers on the coast.

Write the office and find out an easy way to earn money to go to camp-meeting. Just drop us a post card and we will send you the desired information.

Elder Burke spent Sabbath, the twentieth, at Amory, visiting the Hatley and Pine Grove churches.

The colored tent effort will open Thursday, June first, at Greenwood with Elder King and Brother Barnes in charge.

Brethren J. M. Boyce and W. F. Nance, from Memphis, are now located in their new field at Tupelo in Lee County. We expect to receive some excellent reports from these brethren in the very near future.

It is none too early for our colored believers to begin preparing for their coming camp-meeting, which is to be held in Hattiesburg August 24 to September 3.

Brother Virgil Smith has purchased a horse and buggy and expects soon to leave for Simpson County where he has been canvassing the past two weeks.

Brother E. A. Taylor writes that he had a very successful delivery. He delivered every book to the white people from whom he had orders. This is surely an excellent report, considering the way the minister of that community had warned the people not to take the books.

Brother A. H. Friberg sent in his order for a club of fifteen *Signs* to be used in connection with the tent effort that is to be held in Meridian this summer.

I trust that our people throughout the State are watching our colporteurs' reports from week to week and also praying for their success in the good work that they are doing.

## Tennessee River Conference

*Sunset Table. Standard Time.*

East 6: 36

Friday, June 2

West 7: 16

### Another New Book

"History of the Waldenses," by J. A. Wylie, has been out of print for several years. The Review and Herald Publishing Association has just republished the book from new type, making it very easy to read, and have embellished it with 25 illustrations, and bound it in substantial cloth binding, for only 50 cents a copy. 208 pages. It is being used this year in the Senior Missionary Volunteer Reading Course, and ought to be read by our people generally, young and old. Order of the Tennessee River Tract Society, 2014 23rd. Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

Without the Bible man would be in the midst of a sandy desert, surrounded on all sides by a dark and impenetrable horizon.—*Daniel Webster*.

## Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference, Week Ending May 20, 1916

| ALABAMA CONFERENCE |      |       |          |         |          |         |
|--------------------|------|-------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Book               | Hrs. | Ords. | Value    | Helps   | Total    | Deliv.  |
| RobtJ Cook HM&BF   | 43   | 18    | \$33 80  | \$ 1 20 | \$35 00  | \$      |
| BD Crawford .BR    | 21   | 6     | 18 00    |         | 18 00    |         |
| Thos Goodman BF    | 35   | 7     | 10 00    | 25      | 10 25    | 2 00    |
| SSGuilford* .HM    | 59   | 36    | 74 00    |         | 74 00    |         |
| J E Foley .BR      | 44   | 23    | 70 00    | 1 40    | 71 40    | 5 00    |
| M L Ivory .HH      | 8    | 2     | 6 00     | 60      | 6 60     | 3 00    |
| Q Tew .BR          | 29   | 19    | 62 00    | 25      | 62 25    | 16 00   |
| M E Whately D&R    | 35   | 24    | 76 00    |         | 76 00    |         |
| E C Widgery D&R    | 23   | 6     | 23 00    |         | 23 00    |         |
| Bibles .....       |      |       | 14 00    |         | 14 00    |         |
| Totals (Agts. 9)   | 297  | 141   | \$386 80 | \$ 3 70 | \$390 50 | \$26 00 |

| KENTUCKY CONFERENCE |     |     |          |         |          |          |
|---------------------|-----|-----|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| J H Clark .BF       | 97  | 151 | \$256 50 | \$      | \$256 50 | \$33 50  |
| Jacob White .BR     | 48  | 58  | 175 00   |         | 175 00   |          |
| JB Reichenbach BR   | 40  | 3   | 9 00     |         | 9 00     | 87 00    |
| Hatton Ford .BR     | 68  |     |          |         |          | 120 00   |
| Luther Bowles .BR   | 29  | 9   | 27 00    | 60      | 27 60    |          |
| E Harp .BF          | 41  | 29  | 52 00    |         | 52 00    |          |
| A G Diggs .CK       | 26  | 8   | 8 00     |         | 8 00     |          |
| W B Wilson .BR      |     |     |          |         |          | 118 00   |
| Miscellaneous .     |     |     | 54 45    | 1 75    | 56 20    |          |
| Bibles .....        |     |     | 32 00    |         | 32 00    |          |
| Totals (Agts. 8)    | 349 | 258 | \$613 95 | \$ 2 35 | \$616 30 | \$358 50 |

| MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE |     |     |          |         |          |         |
|------------------------|-----|-----|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Georgia Anderson CK    | 24  | 35  | \$54 50  | \$      | \$54 50  | \$      |
| Susie Beasley D&R, HM  | 11  | 14  | 31 00    | 1 40    | 32 40    |         |
| J M Boyce .BF          | 5   | 6   | 6 50     |         | 6 50     |         |
| Elmer Chastain BR      | 23  | 14  | 42 00    | 1 90    | 43 90    |         |
| Annie M Finley PP&F    | 24  | 19  | 38 00    | 1 50    | 39 50    |         |
| P Hampton* BF, PP&F    | 84  | 20  | 49 50    | 5 10    | 54 60    | 8 50    |
| Ella Johnson .HM       | 33  | 39  | 78 00    | 3 15    | 81 15    |         |
| A A Johnson .HM        | 33  | 41  | 76 00    | 1 40    | 77 40    |         |
| Hattie Jacobs .HM      | 1   | 1   | 2 00     |         | 2 00     |         |
| Mattie Lee .HM         | 4   | 3   | 6 00     | 50      | 6 50     |         |
| L McElroy HM, PP&F     | 25  | 64  | 138 50   | 2 95    | 141 45   |         |
| W F Nance .CK          | 13  | 3   | 4 50     | 1 90    | 6 40     |         |
| Virgil Smith BR, D&R   | 38  | 42  | 128 00   | 3 50    | 131 50   |         |
| E B Stowall* .HM       | 41  | 16  | 39 00    | 1 05    | 40 05    |         |
| J L Waller .D&R        | 32  | 36  | 112 00   | 3 75    | 115 75   |         |
| J Weatherington .HM    | 46  | 41  | 85 00    | 2 10    | 87 10    |         |
| Annie Watts .PP&F      | 24  | 27  | 58 00    | 35      | 58 35    |         |
| Totals (Agts. 17)      | 461 | 421 | \$948 50 | \$30 55 | \$979 05 | \$ 8 50 |

| LOUISIANA CONFERENCE |     |     |          |         |          |    |
|----------------------|-----|-----|----------|---------|----------|----|
| R R Coble* .BR       | 90  | 77  | \$246 00 | \$ 3 00 | \$249 00 | \$ |
| Cliff Field* .BR     | 64  | 32  | 102 00   |         | 102 00   |    |
| L B Facundus .BR     | 13  | 12  | 40 00    |         | 40 00    |    |
| Totals (Agts. 3)     | 167 | 121 | \$388 00 | \$ 3 00 | \$391 00 | \$ |

| TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE |     |     |          |         |          |         |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Jesse R Allen .BR          | 35  | 30  | \$105 00 | \$ 4 00 | \$109 00 | \$      |
| R H Hazelton .GC           | 40  | 9   | 19 00    | 6 00    | 25 00    |         |
| Wm J Keele .D&R            | 20  | 9   | 28 00    | 18 50   | 46 50    | 57 00   |
| Emelia Roberson GC         | 22  | 8   | 24 00    | 1 85    | 25 85    |         |
| Paul Stuyvesant BR         | 16  | 7   | 23 00    | 75      | 23 75    |         |
| W E Templeton BR           | 35  | 15  | 50 00    | 2 05    | 52 05    |         |
| F E Wagner .CK             | 30  | 33  | 33 00    |         | 33 00    |         |
| Bibles .....               |     |     | 6 00     |         | 6 00     |         |
| Totals (Agts. 7)           | 198 | 111 | \$288 00 | \$33 15 | \$321 15 | \$57 00 |

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| Summary from January 1 to Date |            |           |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Conference                     | Orders     | Helps     | Deliveries |
| Alabama Conference..           | \$3450 25  | \$ 59 75  | \$ 356 95  |
| Kentucky Conference..          | 6474 80    | 193 15    | 2391 50    |
| Louisiana Conference..         | 3723 55    | 30 75     | 383 00     |
| Mississippi Conference         | 11240 00   | 456 90    | 516 00     |
| Tenn. River Conference         | 3416 75    | 317 70    | 805 00     |
| Totals .....                   | \$28305 35 | \$1058 25 | \$4452 45  |

## Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending May 20, 1916

| ALABAMA CONFERENCE        |      |       |           |
|---------------------------|------|-------|-----------|
| Agent                     | No.  | Value |           |
| B D Crawford .....        | 3    | \$    | 30        |
| Clara Miller .....        | 33   |       | 3 30      |
| KENTUCKY CONFERENCE       |      |       |           |
| Milton Jones .....        | 150  |       | 15 00     |
| Mildred Reichenbach ..... | 50   |       | 5 00      |
| Effie Nelson .....        | 500  |       | 50 00     |
| Delia Wilson .....        | 100  |       | 10 00     |
| LOUISIANA CONFERENCE      |      |       |           |
| Lura Reed .....           | 86   |       | 8 60      |
| Sadie Klindt .....        | 114  |       | 11 40     |
| Totals .....              | 1036 |       | \$ 103 60 |

## Another "Liberty" Extra

Another press bill which, if enacted into law, would empower the postmaster general to shut out of the mails any publication which might attack any religion or religious order, was introduced into the House of Representatives by a Catholic congressman. A new Sunday measure, which is much more far-reaching in its scope than previous Sunday bills, also was introduced recently. This bill was introduced into the Senate.

The brethren felt that we ought to get out another *Liberty* Extra containing petition blanks, and request our people to put forth a supreme effort to defeat these measures. If these bills become laws they would take away the freedom of the press, and commit Congress fully to religious legislation. Congress will adjourn in about a month, and we must act quickly, otherwise these bills will be "railroaded through Congress" during the last days of this session.

Send your orders in at once, then secure signatures to the

petitions, and send to your congressmen as soon as you can the petition blanks properly filled out. The price of the *Liberty* Extra is \$1 per hundred, or \$8 per thousand. A good plan for our churches to follow would be to order fifty or more copies of the current number of *Liberty* for the second quarter of 1916 at 4 cents per copy, and sell the regular issue and the new *Liberty* Extra at 10 cents. By giving gratis the *Liberty* Extra with each sale of the *Liberty* magazine the public would get more information than by simply selling *Liberty* to them. This would help to meet the expense of the campaign.

Personal letters written to congressmen, protesting against these measures, will have even a better effect than the petition work. Our people ought to do this. S. 5677 is the number of the new Sunday bill, and H. R. 13778 that of the press measure just introduced.

The Lord's work demands haste. C. S. LONGACRE.

\* Two Weeks.



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### Camp-Meeting Dates

Louisiana.....July 20-30  
Mississippi, Meridian .....July 27-Aug. 6  
Tennessee River, Nashville .....Aug. 3-13  
Alabama, Montgomery.....Aug. 10-20  
Kentucky, Bowling Green.....Aug. 17-27  
Mississippi (Colored) Hattiesburg.....Aug. 24-Sept. 3

### No Introduction Necessary

Readers of Seventh-day Adventist periodicals need no introduction to Dr. P. T. Magan. They will be more than passively interested, however, to learn that he has been secured by the weekly *Signs* as an editorial contributor.

Three series of articles by the Doctor are announced. One of them, entitled "Restoration of the Papacy," will begin in the issue of July 11. It will be followed by "The Eastern Question," and "Marvelous Living Experiences Connected With Our Work," probably in the order named. It is thought that the three series will cover a period of from six months to a year.

Be sure to get every issue for yourself, and would it not be well to induce your friends to subscribe at this time? Scores, no doubt, will act upon this suggestion. Will you be one of them?

Seventh-day Adventists have nearly 3,000 laborers in foreign fields. It costs about \$900,000 a year to support these missionaries. This is no time to retreat. God has commissioned us to give the three-fold message to all the world in this generation. Unless proper support is provided for these missionaries they must be recalled. The average of twenty cents a week per member is necessary for giving the gospel message to earth's millions.

### Damnable Heresies

You will recall that 2nd Peter tells us there would be "damnable heresies" introduced in the last days. Compare the following statement by an "eminent divine" with this prophecy: "The religion of the cross is a failure." Dr. Reed, in the June *Signs Magazine*, has something to say about this. Read it yourself by all means, and see that your friends and neighbors do so too. By the way, this issue is more varied and decidedly better than other recent issues in nearly every way.

### Notice

The missionary society of the Memphis church No. 2 desires a continuous supply of any of our denominational papers, tracts, and magazines to be used in missionary work. Please send to Mrs. Emma R. Jones, 867 Florida St., Memphis, Tenn.

### What Our Roman Catholic Friends Are Saying

The Pope has been in the public limelight quite a bit of late in the role of peacemaker. It is interesting indeed to read what the Catholics have to say in their own papers about his activities, and their growing influence. And it is all so significant too. Excerpts from both foreign and American papers appear in the June *Signs Magazine*. This is but one of a dozen or more big vital topics.

**FOR SALE:** My house and fruit garden in the block across the street from the site of the new chapel of Washington College. A good location for a family desiring educational privileges. For price and terms address C. C. Lewis, Takoma Park, D. C.

### The Bohemian "Signs of the Times"

The publication of the Bohemian *Signs of the Times* quarterly magazine, the first issue of which is just off the press, marks the beginning of new advancement in our work for the Bohemians. It is something to which our Bohemian Seventh-day Adventist brethren and sisters have looked forward with deep interest. We believe that our people generally will unite with them in carrying the truth to the thousands of their people in this country.

The International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, the publishers, writes that the first one thousand copies of the edition have gone to the church of Bohemian believers in Irvington, N. J., of which Elder Paul Matula has charge. He and his associates have pleaded for more literature to use in their work. They have worked earnestly in helping to prepare the magazine, and this first order is an evidence of their appreciation. The spirit of loyalty and devotion to the cause of present truth shown by our Seventh-day Adventist Bohemians is an indication of the character of this people who stood with John Huss in the Reformation, and after his death suffered the most terrible forms of persecution. As citizens, the Bohemians in this country are appreciated. They are serious minded, and as a rule are well educated and industrious. We ought to put forth earnest efforts to carry the truth to them. This quarterly magazine filled with a variety of interesting articles on the message for today, and attractively illustrated, will be a wonderful help. In clubs of from five to fifty copies, the cost to our churches and workers is five cents per copy per issue; in Canada and foreign countries six cents. Single subscription price 40 cents a year; in Canada and foreign countries, 50 cents. First number now ready, and should be ordered of your tract society.

### Persecutions

Throughout the land the papacy is piling up her lofty and massive structures, in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions are to be repeated.—"Testimonies," Vol. V, pp. 449, 450.

She is piling up her lofty and massive structures, in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated.—"Great Controversy," p. 581.

The Booker T. Washington Special *Watchman* is being eagerly read. If you have not yet seen it, send for a copy at once. 10 cents each, 5 cents each for five or more copies; 4 cents each for 50 or more copies.