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

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The Eleventh Hour Call

As the door suddenly swung open and he burst into the big waiting room, Mr. Gilbert heard the crier call his train, and noticed he had but one minute in which to make it. He rushed through the gate and jumped on just as the conductor signaled to start. Congratulating himself on his good fortune he took his seat and began the perusal of his morning paper. In a few minutes the conductor coming down the aisle looked at his ticket and said, "I beg your pardon, sir, but you are on the

in the eleventh hour will receive as much of the blessing of God as those who have labored for years. All around us in nature we see this element of sacrifice. The frost breaks the mountain stone and the water carries it down to the lowlands to feed the soil. The soil yields its life that the tree might be nourished. The tree dies to warm man. What does man do? Does it all stop with him? Emerson says, "Man was not formed for prosperity, but to suffer for the benefit of others like the noble



The mountain road leading from Ooltewah to Thatcher, where the school farm is located.

For picturesque scenery this mountain district cannot be excelled.

wrong train." "But," Mr. Gilbert remonstrated, "they told me this was my train and I got on in good faith. I want to go to Brandonburg, and I must get there this morning." "I cannot help your faith, my friend," smiled the conductor, "this train does not go to Brandonburg and the longer you stay on, the farther you will get from your destination."

Now Mr. Gilbert followed the dictates of his conscience and in good faith got on the train, but he did not get to Brandonburg on it. The rich young man in going to Jesus felt sure he was on the right track, but no, he was doomed to sore disappointment. He considered himself an energetic, enthusiastic follower of the Master. He kept the commandments, he was a pillar in the church, he was a loyal supporter of the interests of his church, but in spite of all his good faith, and of the influence of his conscience, he was on the wrong track. He had refused to sacrifice. He measured his ability with the ability of those around him and gave as he saw them give, but this was not enough. He had lost the vision of true service and so lost out. God's work is not a call to work, but to sacrifice. That is why those called

rock maple that bleeds for the service of man." It is not the work we do, but the love that prompts us to bleed that others may live that counts. To us who in the eleventh hour of this world's history surrender all and follow Jesus the promise is just the same as was made to Peter: "Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Then in the last chapter of the Bible Jesus verifies this by saying of the one hundred and forty-four thousand: "There shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." Then for fear we might think this too good to be true, he verifies the statement by saying in the next verse: "These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done."

Let us who are now permitted to participate in this last great crisis not make the mistake Mr. Gilbert made, nor that which

the rich man made, but be sure we are on the train of sacrifice. This is the eleventh hour call for funds which will mean the salvation of souls here in the Southland, for funds with which to build the Ooltewah school. The plans are definitely laid for the school to be opened on October 18. As yet, we have a few thousand dollars to raise in cash before we are able to buy the farm, but if all who pledged to pay by September 15 will now pay, this money will be raised. Today is the day to send this money in if you can possibly get it. If you will send it in to your conference immediately they will forward it to the union office so that it can apply on this purchase price of the farm. Let us every one sacrifice to the Lord this day to the fullest extent possible. Let even those who have not pledged send in their offering with the rest.

LYNN H. WOOD.

Pledges to the Southern Training School

LOUISVILLE, KY. (WHITE)

S. D. Bossing	\$25 00	Sister Caroline Hornung	\$10 00
C. E. Allen	5 00	Sister Scharnberg	5 00
Sister Deats	2 50	Sister Lucas	3 50
Sister Heinig	2 50	Audra Reichenbach	2 50
Sister Schickley	1 00	Brother Reichenbach	2 00
Sister Graves	2 00	Edna Kroeger	2 00
Sister Wilhelm	2 00	Anna Hornung	1 00
Sister Cronin	1 00	Theodore Kroeger	2 00
Sister Dobbs	1 00	Sister Frye	3 00
Florence Kroeger	2 00	Elsie Hess	1 00
Anna Schnitzler	1 00	Elizabeth Schnitzler	1 00
Augusta Heinig	1 00	Sister Benson	2 00
Sister Pfund	1 00	Sister Lawson	1 00
Sister Todd	1 00	Carrie Hess	1 50
George Schickley	1 00	Sister Pickerell	1 00
Sister Kroeger	1 00	Sister Harrison	2 00
Sisters Ford & Ferdinand	1 00	Edith Vickery	50
Sister Hess	1 00	Sister Bossing	5 00
Eva Mae Bossing	3 00	Sister Toops	1 00
Walter Pfund	1 00	Brother Milton Jones	1 00
Maggie Weeden	1 00	Mrs. Allen	1 00
Charles Ruhl	1 00	Sister Harrel	50
Fanny McDonald	5 00		

FORD

Coleman Kindred	1 00	C. V. Vermillion	1 00
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RICHMOND

D. R. Allman	1 00		
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WANESBURG (GROVE)

A. E. Hallstead	2 00	E. C. Shoemake	2 00
H. Ethington	1 00		

PAINT LICK

W. H. Shoemaker	5 00	Jacob White	5 00
Mrs. Jacob White	2 00		

STANFORD

H. U. Jacobs	10 00		
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LEXINGTON

T. R. Tyre	3 00		
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Total \$147 50

"You often hear people say, 'Be sure that you are right, then go ahead.' The individual who desires to be sure that he is right in the great and vital question of spiritual truth should know that the only thing that will enable him to have this assurance is the Word of God itself. God's Word is right, and the individual who has God's Word, and who knows that he has God's Word, and not a theory about it merely, knows perfectly well what is right and what is true."

A Valuable Missionary Paper

In the Present Truth Series we have a very valuable series of missionary papers, because in each paper one of the special features of our faith is taken up very clearly and fully. The subjects are arranged in logical order, and the papers are well illustrated and attractive in appearance. They are also very inexpensive, being 10 cents for fifteen copies, 15 cents for twenty-five, 30 cents for fifty, 50 cents for one hundred, and \$4, or less than half a cent each, for one thousand copies.

These features make them very suitable for missionary correspondence. With the first letter Present Truth Series No. 1 may be sent, and the succeeding numbers may follow, until the whole series has been sent and the persons receiving them have been given a comprehensive knowledge of the message.

They are equally suitable for house-to-house work. Here is the experience of one church in using this plan for circulating them:

"The Rochester, New York, church has circulated twenty thousand of the Present Truth Series. They made a house-to-house canvass with them, all the members of the church heartily participating in this work for a number of days.

"The entire city was districted, a leader appointed for each district, and a general leader over the entire work. When the members presented the papers they assured the people there was no charge for them, but if they felt it would be a privilege to contribute towards the work of interesting people in Bible study, any donation from one cent up would be gratefully accepted and used to extend the work.

"When the members had finished their work, they had collected sufficient money to pay for the papers and had a nice fund left."

This plan could be followed by other churches with equal success, but instead of stopping with the circulation of one number, the work could be continued month by month until the entire series of twenty-five numbers had been distributed. This would give the town or city so worked a good knowledge of the principles of this message.

Another church distributed these Present Truth Series as follows:

"Last February we began systematic work with the Present Truth Series. We planned to warn the entire city, so a map was made on cardboard, and each member was assigned a certain territory. We had a nice band of workers, and they worked with a will. However, during the summer most of our members were away and only a few remained to carry on this work. In spite of this, we are still handling one thousand copies of the papers.

"We can never know how much has been done by all this work of our members until the great day of God's revealing, but the visible results are most encouraging. Nine families are now calling for readings, one person has promised to keep the Sabbath, and another wishes to be baptized and unite with the church."

The Present Truth Series may be used in the tract-lending envelopes and taken from house to house in a systematic way, just as the tracts are. Being carefully arranged, they will give the message in logical order, so that it will be the more easily grasped.

We trust our members will realize the value of these papers in their home missionary work. If they can be systematically and widely circulated all over this country, they cannot fail to have a telling influence for the truth.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

"Those who accept the one principle of making the service and honor of God supreme, will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet."

Oregon Orders Fifty Thousand Copies

The *Signs of the Times* weekly for October 17 will be devoted exclusively to the subject of religious liberty. The paper will be ready for distribution September 5. Some titles of articles appearing in this issue are as follows:

- Oregon's Freedom Imperiled —H. W. Cottrell.
 Satan's Offer Accepted —W. M. Healey.
 Should the Church and the State be United?—C. B. Haynes.
 The Meaning of Rhode Island —P. T. Magan.
 Experiences of Roger Williams
 Stepping-Stones to the Dark Ages —A. M. Dart.
 Persecution Under Church and State Union — Prof. G. W. Rine.
 Do Majorities Rule in Matters of Conscience?— L. A. Reed.
 Recent Sunday Law Persecution — C. S. Longacre.
 Is This a Christian Nation?— S. B. Horton.
 The Church in Politics — P. C. Hayward.
 Personal Experiences with Sunday Laws — W. F. Martin.
 The Doctrine of Soul Freedom — C. W. Flaiz.
 The False Theocracy Idea — T. G. Bunch.
 License, Toleration, and Liberty — M. J. Willoughby.
 On the Road to Tyranny — H. G. Thurston.

This will be a very strong issue on this important subject. A copy of it ought to be placed in the hands of ministers, lawyers, judges, and officials throughout the country.

Western Oregon, Southern Oregon, and Upper Columbia —three conferences having a constituency in the State of Oregon —have combined to wage a campaign in that State, and have placed an initial order for 50,000 copies of this issue.

The prices are as follows: ten to eight hundred copies, each 2½ cents; one thousand copies or more, each 2 cents. Individuals or conferences desiring to furnish lists may have the papers mailed, postpaid, and marked "Sample copy," at the office of publication, for 3 cents each.

What Will You Give?

When God and his Son, shrouded in the glory of the Father, sat in council over the creation of this earth, when all had been planned and committed to the Son for accomplishment, one question there remained to be answered,—“If man should sin, what would you give?” With the accumulated love of eternity reaching out after beings yet uncreated, “God . . . gave his only begotten Son,” and Christ became the “Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

When the Lord had led Abraham away from his kindred, out to a land that he knew not, and had given him the promised seed, then he required of his aged servant a mighty test of his faith. To obey, he must give that only son; to withhold the son meant to lose all that had been promised through that son. Perfect obedience requires sacrifice, sacrifice in giving.

What will you give? The three Hebrew children answered it in the fiery furnace, Daniel answered it in the lion's den, Joseph in the dungeon, Moses in the wilderness wandering. John the Baptist answered the great question of life by placing his head on the block, Stephen and Paul answered it with their lives, and Peter answered it on the cross. Life and light, the gospel and salvation, all have come because some one gave and gave freely.

When the “crisis hour” came in the life of the Saviour — “that moment which was to decide the destiny of the world”— when “the fate of humanity trembled in the balance,” that question must be settled for eternity —“Will you give?” Will he say, “Let the transgressor receive the penalty of his sin, and I will go back to my father”? Will he “wipe the bloody sweat from his brow and leave man to perish in his iniquity”? “The fate of humanity trembled in the balance,” and the eternal

destiny of your soul and mine depended upon whether that man would give.

“There was silence in heaven. No harp was touched.” In amazement and silent grief the angelic host “watched the Father separating his beams of light, love, and glory from his beloved Son.” Will he drink the cup? Will he give — all? “The mysterious cup trembled in the hand of the sufferer.” It was a human hand, my brother, that held that cup, one “made in the likeness of sinful flesh.” But Jesus gave, O, how freely and fully he gave. Because he gave, we too have the privilege of giving. It is little enough that we may give, but “The Lord loveth the cheerful giver,” and he measures the sacrifice not by the gift but by what we have left. Heaven was bankrupt in the one great gift for us.

When upon earth, Jesus spent much of his time with the sick poor. He delighted to help them because there could be no reward except what came from the very giving. To us he said, “The poor ye have always with you,” and “inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Here is an opportunity to give for some “of the least of these,” to provide a place where they may be cared for in sickness. For the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital, WHAT WILL YOU GIVE? NEWTON G. EVANS, M. D.

How One Woman Works to Gather Money for the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital

A letter recently received from a good sister in one of our eastern conferences tells the following interesting story of how she is obtaining money for the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital:

“Perhaps it would be interesting to you and others to know how I am going to raise the amount of money which I pledged to the hospital. I am selling ‘Practical Guide,’ also sewing, and save my income which is given me daily for running my home expenses, so that I may have a few dollars left from that each week. Where there is a will there is always a way, and especially when we are working for the Lord. God will bless every effort which we put forth. I am so glad for the privilege of being able to give a helping hand in his cause. May God bless you in all your work for him. Enclosed you will find a check for \$25, and just as fast as I can make the rest, you shall receive it.

“Your Sister in Christ.”

This letter breathes a splendid spirit of faith and sacrifice and we trust will stimulate others to work.

Loma Linda, Cal.

PERCY T. MAGAN, M. D.

San Francisco Bomb Outrage

The incident is made a text for the best article on “Lawlessness, Anarchy, Murder” that ever appeared in the *Signs Magazine*. The blame does not rest wholly upon the man who placed the infernal machine. But there, that is enough. You must read all about it in the October number. There are about fifteen other good reasons why you should read and circulate this issue. Here are a few: “Harvest of Evolution”; “Dress and Demoralization”; “Socialism and Salvation”; “Solving the Great Problem of Missions”; “Militarism and Christianity”; “Where did the Sabbath Come From.” Tell your tract society secretary how many you can use.

“A sunny temper is a heart-opener. It brings shy people out of their reserves, and makes them expand in its presence as the flower opens to the sun. It takes the suspicious off their guard, and makes them respond with trust and warmth.”

"Busy Here and There, He Was Gone"

The above words are found in 1 Kings 20: 40. A trust has been left to a man in the person of a prisoner of war. He would be held strictly accountable for the life of the prisoner, but he became very busy with other things and let the man get away. His life was required instead. As ambassadors of Christ, we have been solemnly entrusted with a life-saving message for lost men and women. They are given into our care to save. If we become too busy with other things, here and there, and let the opportunity pass, and the man gets away from us, lost, we shall be guilty before God of the sin of omission. O how many lost opportunities we can count as we take a backward view of life! Should we not confess our sins and renew our consecration for better service? God has given to many of us children to train for his kingdom. They are with us a long time covering the most opportune time for training, but we are so prone to let our time be taken up with other cares and permit the years to swiftly pass by, and the dear boys and girls are gone, never to return in the same way to us. The years of our immediate influence over them have gone forever. We should not be too busy to give proper attention to them. What better service can we do our children than to put them under the influence of our good schools and churches?

A certain missionary returned to his station and learned that a seeker for truth had come a long way to enquire of him the way of life, but could not wait his return, and turned his face with sad disappointment toward his heathen home. *He has come and*

gone, perhaps forever, a lost man, struck the man of God very forcefully. The thought drove him to his knees in prayer to God to make him equal to every open door to souls.

Dear reader, how many lost men are crossing our path every day, coming and going for the last time? Are we too busy to point them to Christ?

"Busy here and there, he was gone."

C. B. STEPHENSON.

Used Synonymously

That the phrase "kingdom of heaven" and "kingdom of God" are used interchangeably is evident from the following comparisons:

1. Matt. 4: 17 with Mark 1: 14, 15; Luke 4: 43.
2. Matt. 5: 3 with Luke 6: 20.
3. Matt. 8: 11 with Luke 13: 29.
4. Matt. 10: 7 with Luke 10: 9.
5. Matt. 11: 11 with Luke 7: 28.
6. Matt. 13: 11 with Mark 4: 11.
7. Matt. 13: 24 with Mark 4: 26.
8. Matt. 13: 31 with Mark 4: 30, 31; Luke 13: 18.
9. Matt. 13: 33 with Luke 13: 20, 21.
10. Matt. 19: 14 with Mark 10: 14; Luke 18: 16.
11. Matt. 19: 23 with Mark 10: 24.

"No boy ever thrived on an indigestible diet of don'ts."

Alabama Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time

East 5: 45

Friday, September 15

West 6: 02

News Items

The second resolution presented to the members at the recent camp-meeting held in Montgomery was as follows:

"WHEREAS, The North American Division Conference has recommended that local conferences hold biennial sessions, *Therefore, We recommend that beginning with 1916 the Alabama Conference concur in this recommendation and that the constitution be changed to harmonize with it.*"

This resolution was discussed, and after general discussion the question was called. It seemingly was the mind of all that this was an advance step, making possible the holding of meetings which would be entirely spiritual and eliminating largely the business feature.

The third resolution read as follows: "Upon their request we recommend the dropping of the Citronelle church from the sisterhood of churches and advise its members to unite with the conference church. We further recommend the dropping of the Carbon Hill church and advise its members to unite with the conference church."

The secretary's minutes report as follows: "The third resolution which proposed the dropping of the Citronelle and Carbon Hill churches from the Alabama Conference was then presented. It was explained that in both churches many of the members live at some distance from each other. Elder Thompson, Brother J. F. Dennis, and others spoke to this question, expressing regret that it should be necessary to disband these churches, and that it is generally more profitable to put forth renewed efforts and strengthen the church by added membership. Sister Sylvia Gardiner, a member of the Citronelle church, told something of the conditions existing there and that it was the mind of the members to disband their organization formally, inasmuch as they have not had the

benefit of meeting for some time. It was stated that none of the members of the Carbon Hill church live at the place at present, the elder being located about one hundred miles from there. Elder Keate stated that Carbon Hill is a mining town and the people transient, which makes it hard to hold an organization at that place."

The following letter was received from one of our colporteurs, and it has such a loyal ring that we pass it on for the encouragement of others:

"Dear Brethren: Your general letter respecting the \$5,000 needed for the Ooletwah school reached me Saturday night, September 2. This is the third, and I am enclosing with pleasure one dollar which I trust will reach you in time. Having taken an active part in school work myself for four years, I am much concerned with the welfare of our schools and hope this worthy appeal will be met with a hearty response.

"Sincerely yours,

"J. E. Foley."

I trust that those making pledges to the Ooletwah school will send their remittances to the conference office just as quickly as possible. Every dollar pledged is needed at once.

Brother Wales, of Birmingham, in a very short time succeeded in obtaining ten subscriptions to the *Review* for three and six months time. This demonstrates that others can do likewise if they will but take the time.

Part of the proceeds from the sale of a set of the Testimonies, India paper, three volume edition, will be given to the Ooletwah school if sold at once. This set is practically new, having been used but little. The first check for \$10 to this office takes the books. They must be sold at once or the offer will be withdrawn.

Kentucky Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:37

Friday, September 15

West 6:08

News Items

Elder O. A. Dow has started out to make a tour through the southeastern part of the State, and is holding meetings at Wisdom at the present time. As our workers start out with a new year before them let all the brethren remember them in prayer.

Brother L. Cooper writes from Pine Knot, Ky., that his mother has been quite sick, but is improving somewhat at this writing.

Brother Howard, of Irvington, writes that they are of good courage and are planning to conduct a church school this coming winter.

Elder Chatman writes from Irvington that he is finding plenty to do in that church.

Grace Diggs, one of the canvassers, has left the field and gone to Cincinnati.

William Winston writes from Owensboro that several have begun to observe the Sabbath as a result of his tent effort in that place.

Brother Charles Leet, of Buechel, writes that he enjoyed the camp-meeting very much, and that he is interested in the Ooltewah school. He sent a remittance for the same.

Brother Felia Pierce, of Sewellton, writes that he has been detained in his work of selling our books on account of his mother's sickness.

Elder J. H. Lawrence has moved his tent from Madison St. to 36th and Bismark in the city of Louisville. He reports ten additions to the church up to the present time since his tent meeting opened.

Brother J. F. Lewis, of Mt. Vernon, Ky., sent in a remittance a few days ago. We are always glad to hear from the isolated brethren.

Brother J. T. Crockett wrote us an encouraging letter a few days ago and sent in a remittance for tithe and offerings. He also paid his tract society account in full. This is a good example for our people to follow.

Sister Allen, who is a member of the Bowling Green colored church, was laid to rest last week. Brother Fred Keitts, the pastor of the church, preached a sermon on the resurrection to a large congregation of people in the Methodist church.

Elder W. H. White remained in Bowling Green to assist in the tent effort and also in cleaning up the camp. He expects to leave this week for Brooklyn, Ky.

Brother Harry Potter, the elder of the Bowling Green church, assisted in hauling the tents to and from the camp ground. He has done faithful work which has been appreciated very much by the officers of the conference.

Sister O. A. Dow is visiting with her relatives in Michigan at the present writing.

Brother William Bom, of Henderson, ordered a supply of our books a few days ago.

Brother James Hickman is assisting Brother Harrison with his delivery in Henderson County.

Brother Jesse Miller has taken up canvassing work again in our field, and at the present time is located at Franklin.

Word just received from Brother Andy Schroader says that he will move to Bowling Green and will assist Brother Jesse Miller in canvassing Franklin County.

Sister D. E. Lindsey, the new Sabbath school and young people's secretary, is located at Hopkinsville, Box 368. All correspondence pertaining to these departments should be addressed to her.

Brother Wagner and wife are located at Henderson, Ky. Brother Wagner will canvass that county, while Sister Wagner will teach the Henderson church school.

Brother F. L. Harrison is locating in Bowling Green. Sister Harrison will teach the church school and he will canvass the county for "Bible Readings."

Brother J. B. Reichenbach is canvassing in Larue County. He writes that a great deal of prejudice has been created as a result of the canvasser before him being dishonest in his dealings. We are sorry that such a report has to come to us, and this should emphasize the fact that in choosing canvassers as much care should be taken as in selecting ministers.

Mississippi Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:59

Friday, September 15

West 6:16

News Items

The colored camp-meeting closed Sunday night, September 3, after a very good meeting. The attendance was not large, but the spirit of the meeting was good.

Brother G. H. Curtis was in our city Monday, the fourth, for the purpose of meeting with the Executive Committee that was called at this time. The purpose of this meeting was to consider some recommendations that were handed down to us from the Southern Union Conference Committee. We were unable to decide upon a president at this meeting other than Elder S. E. Wight, who will have charge of the field just as soon as his health will permit.

We have certainly been receiving some good reports from our faithful colporteurs. Brother A. L. Hamm sends in one report of over \$150 for one week. Brother E. A. Taylor also has been sending some very good reports since returning home after camp-meeting.

I hope our people will not forget the Harvest Ingathering campaign. If you have not already received your papers, order at once and we will be glad to supply you. In one mail recently we sent out over two thousand of these papers.

Word has been received from Elder C. S. Wiest that he has arrived safely in his new field of labor. He expects to labor a few weeks in Battle Creek and then take a short vacation and a much needed rest, joining his wife who is visiting her parents in Pennsylvania.

Laurel

We began our tent meeting here in Laurel August 27, the subject for the first night being "Will There Be a United States in Europe?" The tent was filled and the streets on both sides were lined with interested listeners who gave the best of attention. After the service nearly one hundred came forward to get literature on the subject. From night to night we have seen the same ones come back and the interest increase. We know that God is doing it, but we believe the brethren and sisters have been doing some praying, asking God to give success. God works when the people pray. Where there is no prayer there are no results. There are no hard feelings in Laurel; the brethren love each other and are trying to help in building up the work. This is as it should be, for then God can work. If we criticize it makes it hard for the minister, and then we blame him for not doing more. We ask the brethren and sisters to pray for us that many souls may be saved from Laurel.

R. E. BURKE.

The way to wealth is to waste neither time nor money, but to make the best use of both.

Louisiana Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6:06

Friday, September 15

West 6:24

News Items

Elder Sanders has recently visited the churches and some of the isolated members in the northern and southwestern parts of the State and reports a very enjoyable and profitable time spent with them. Their interest in the Ooltewah school, the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and missionary work in general was revived.

Sabbath, August 26, baptismal services were held by the New Orleans church No. 2, six members going forward in baptism. Elder C. G. Manns is now conducting night meetings at the church, which are being well attended. The young people's society and missionary society of that church are also awaking to their duty and opportunities, and among other efforts put forth, they are planning for a strong Harvest Ingathering campaign.

One faithful isolated sister writes: "You may place an order for two hundred of the mission number of the *Signs* for me, as the territory here is large and I can begin early and work late." This certainly is a noble example for others to follow. For those whose territory is limited, the mail service affords an excellent opportunity for soliciting from friends and relatives. All who have not yet ordered their supply of magazines should do so at once and be ready to begin work on time.

Lake Charles Tent Meetings

"A good report maketh the bones fat." Prov. 15:30. So I have always found it, and there is nothing more encouraging to me than to hear how the Master is blessing with success his workers in the harvest.

Brother and sister Paul and I have just been conducting a series of tent meetings in this place. We have had no accidents and everything has moved in perfect order. Our meetings began on the second day of June and continued until the twelfth of July. The weather was such that we did not miss a single service. The attendance was excellent. Some of the time we had a good many more than we could seat in the tent, and so they stood up or sat around on the outside. The porches of the near-by neighbors were often filled with attentive listeners. The interest in the subjects presented was also very good, for the same persons would come continually and give perfect attention.

Just how much good has been done by the meetings we do not know, but we feel that we did the best we could, and that gives us real joy. "Duty done is the soul's fireside."

The Lord so helped in the giving of the message that it had a strong hold on the people, and when calls were made to accept Christ as a personal Saviour, many responded. Later in the meetings when calls were made to keep the commandments of God by his grace, and his Sabbath commandment with the rest and so get victory over the beast, his mark, and his image, at least fifteen responded. How many of these will prove faithful is beyond the power of man to tell. Some have already given signs of not being like the seed which fell upon "good ground."

Four made application at the close of the meetings to join the church, all of whom were adults. Two of these were baptized. The others have decided to be baptized a little later. Besides these two, there were two others that were baptized, children of Seventh-day Adventist parents, about sixteen years of age. Two others have asked to be baptized after camp-meeting.

And now, my brethren, let us continually remember these dear ones that are taking their stand for the truth, that they may not be discouraged by the difficulties of the way, that in

due season they may reap, that they may be rewarded with a right to enter in through the gates into the city of God.

Elder W. P. McLennan and I are now engaged in another series of tent meetings in the central part of town not far from our church. We have a good location and some interested people coming out every night to our meetings. But as yet the attendance is small in spite of all we have done to increase it. One reason for this is the fact that there is being held in a mammoth tent not far from us the greatest revival ever held in this part of the State. It is a union revival, and four or five of the largest churches in the city have united all their forces to make it the only attraction in town for three or four weeks. The revivalist is a popular speaker, and if ever a revival was carried on "by appeals to the imagination, by exciting the emotions, by gratifying the love for what is new and startling," this is one of that kind. Two and three thousand people go out to hear him night after night. To the great mass of people our meetings, having nothing of a sensational character, are not very attractive when they can go to the revival and hear amusing stories and jokes and are told by the preacher that they can keep on doing about as they have been doing. Practically, that is what it amounts to.

But because our plans were all laid before we knew of this meeting we thought it best to go right on and do as we had planned. We are glad to report that a few interested ones are coming night after night and are drinking in the truth with eagerness. We confidently expect to see some good results from our tent meetings, and to this end we request the prayers of God's remnant people.

O. F. FRANK.

Tennessee River Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:34

Friday, September 15

West 6:12

J. A. Poteete of Leach, Tenn., can use to advantage our literature, and would like a continuous supply of tracts and papers.

Report of Home Missionary Work in the Tennessee River Conference for Half Year Ending June 30, 1916

	1st Quar.	2nd Quar.	Totals
Number of churches	21	21	21
Membership of churches	819	819	819
Number reporting	126	222	Av. 174
Number holding missionary meetings	4	4	
Churches holding 4th Sabbath meeting	2	6	
Isolated members	35	35	
Isolated members reporting	4	6	
Letters written	144	171	315
Letters received	78	90	168
Missionary visits	1163	1017	2180
Bible readings held	471	662	1133
Subscriptions taken	59	73	132
Papers sold	1093	591	1684
Papers lent	3005	5995	9000
Books sold	186	104	290
Books lent	229	184	413
Tracts sold	26	359	385
Tracts lent	1830	1259	3089
Hours of Christian help work	4122	1005	5127
Clothing given away	350	474	824
Meals provided	217	407	624
Treatments given	108	130	238
Offerings for home missionary work	\$27 33	\$40 91	\$68 24
Conversions	11	2	13

JAMES BELLINGER, Secretary.

Report of Home Missionary Work in Southern Union Conference for Quarter Ending June 30, 1916

	Ala.	Ky.	La.	Miss.	Tenn.R.	Total
Number of churches and companies	26	19	17	21	21	104
Membership of churches	685	714	509	420	815	3143
Number of persons reporting work or donations	384	283		80	222	969
Number of churches holding missionary meetings during the week	11	4	1			16
Number of churches holding missionary meetings each Sabbath		7	1		2	10
Number of churches holding the fourth Sabbath missionary service	14	11	4		12	41
Membership of conference church and isolated members including M. V.	16	70	46	50		182
Number conference church and isolated members reporting including M. V.	15	28		16	4	63
Letters written	989	285	151	285	171	1881
Letters received	696	141	132	187	90	1246
Missionary visits (personal work)	2493	1176	290	398	1017	5374
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	983	487	175	214	662	2521
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	211	49	6	4	73	343
Papers sold	2176	1906	497	400	591	5570
Papers mailed, lent, or given away	8171	3435	320	892	5995	18813
Books sold	672	268	56	139	104	1239
Books lent or given away	377	320	59	59	184	999
Tracts sold	352	224	6	3	359	944
Tracts lent or given away	2109	1522	1170	629	1259	1959
Hours of Christian help work	3986	1007	385	994	1005	7377
Articles clothing given away	608	168	78	164	474	1492
Number of meals provided	1097	206	114	261	407	2085
Treatments given	550	256	32	32	130	1000
Signers obtained to the temperance pledge	21	15	1	1		38
Offerings for home missionary work	\$92 48	\$23 78	\$6 75	\$30 62	\$40 91	\$194 54
Number of conversions	30	7	3	1	2	43

G. H. CURTIS.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Sept. 2, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
U BracyBF	42	7	\$ 8 00	\$ 2 00	\$10 00	\$26 50
G W BrownBR		2	7 00	60	7 60	3 00
Jno FahrnerGC	42	2	6 00	9 40	15 40	
J E Foley*BR	37	10	32 00	2 10	34 10	29 00
J C HollandBR	44	22	66 00	1 40	67 40	
H A LyndBR	13	2	7 00		7 00	
Mrs. C. Miller				2 00	2 00	
Luther MillerBR	48	8	28 00		28 00	4 00
Frank McRaeBF	21	17	18 00		18 00	
Quinnie TewBR	33	5	15 00		15 00	
F M ReiberBR	34	9	27 00	1 75	28 75	
N H WatersBF	40	36	55 00	1 55	56 55	
M E Whatley D&R	49	13	35 00	12 00	47 00	6 00

Totals(Agts. 13) 403 133 \$304 00 \$32 80 \$336 80 \$68 50

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
John Harzman PFF	64	34	\$68 00	\$ 3 45	\$71 45	\$28 00
R R CobleBR	37	23	71 00		71 00	
J Reba PerkinsBR	38	9	27 00		27 00	
T S SlighBR	31	10	30 00		30 00	
J B HardyBR	35	35	119 00		119 00	
Bibles			9 85		9 85	

Totals (Agts. 5) 205 111 \$324 85 \$3 45 \$328 30 \$28 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE*						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Drue BowenBR	55	29	\$90 00	\$ 2 85	\$92 85	\$
Perthia Hampton BF	39	2	3 00	2 05	5 05	3 00
J L CooperBR	18	7	22 00	1 05	23 05	3 00
A L HamlinD&R	91	75	213 00	3 00	216 00	
A A Johnson D&R, HM	32	14	55 00	4 55	59 55	
Virgil Smith BR, D&R	45	10	25 00	1 70	26 70	
E A TaylorBR	82	46	144 00	8 40	152 40	

Totals (Agts. 7) 362 183 \$552 00 \$23 60 \$575 60 \$ 6 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Barnes Broiles* BR	85	33	\$100 00	\$ 8 70	\$108 70	
R H Hazelton .BR	40	13	41 00		41 00	
W J KeeleD&R	36	11	33 00	3 00	36 00	
W A GilbertBR	43	12	36 00	5 50	41 50	
W F NanceCK	35	35	52 50	6 20	58 70	
W D WadeBR	33	17	53 00	3 20	56 20	
Bibles			12 65		12 65	

Totals (Agts. 6) 372 121 \$328 15 \$26 60 \$354 75

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Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference..	\$ 8031 45	\$ 249 15	\$ 1511 55
Kentucky Conference..	11214 25	383 35	5331 10
Louisiana Conference..	6815 65	66 45	1172 32
Mississippi Conference	20163 90	883 80	1277 40
Tenn. River Conference	8281 10	587 95	1497 51

Totals \$54506 35 \$2170 70 \$10783 88

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending Sept. 2, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
U. Bracy	2	\$ 20	
Mrs. C. Miller	31	3 10	
Frank McRae	12	1 20	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
Lura Reed	110	11 00	
Totals	155	\$15 50	

* Two weeks.

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News Items

Word has just been received from Elder Wight telling of his pleasant trip by auto to Michigan and his safe arrival in Grand Rapids. His health is improving, and we trust the rest in Michigan will restore him to perfect health.

Miss Lenna Simkin, of the Union Conference office force, returned to the office Friday, September 1, following an extended visit in the North. During her absence her place has been filled very acceptably by Mrs. L. W. Simkin.

In attendance at the Rural School Convention at Madison, Tenn., we note the following: Prof. W. E. Howell, educational secretary of the North American Division Conference; Prof. Leo Thiel, educational secretary of the Southeastern Union Conference; Prof. Lynn H. Wood, educational secretary of the Southern Union Conference, and several conference presidents and other general workers.

Brother J. W. Davis returned Sunday night, September 3, from Montgomery, Ala., where he has been attending the camp-meeting.

G. H. Curtis left September 2 for Jackson, Miss., to meet with the Mississippi Conference Committee, visiting the tent company in Memphis a few hours en route.

On their recent trip North Dr. Harris and party took a large supply of tracts and papers. The tracts were put up eight in an envelope, and covered the most important points in Bible doctrine. These envelopes were given away on the road between Nashville and Louisville. Sometimes they were handed to the people at the gates, sometimes thrown in the autos, buggies, and wagons that passed, or given to people in the towns. Every tract was picked up. If it failed to land in the buggy, the people would invariably get out and pick it up and begin to read. Besides these little bundles of tracts, over fifty *Watchman*, a number of *Signs*, *Protestant Magazines*, *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, *Weekly Signs*, *Reviews*, and *Instructors* were given out. All along the road up through the hills of Kentucky the people were indeed glad for something to read, and no one can tell the good that may be accomplished by these seeds of truth scattered in the country.

My Dream

"I slept, and dreamed that life is beauty; I woke, and found that life is duty."

Ten Good Reasons

You should take one or both of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses:

1. Because the books in the courses have been carefully selected and are supremely good ones.

2. Because there is room for you in the Reading Circle, and we want you to be sure to share the pleasure and benefit of these excellent books together with the host of young people that have already enrolled and obtained their books.

3. Because the books contain valuable help for daily living.

4. Because the books will stimulate your interest in missions.

5. Because they will increase your love for good reading, and good reading is a remarkable life improver.

6. Because these books can all be read in *your* spare minutes.

7. Because pressing the reading of these books into your spare moments will teach a valuable lesson in economizing time.

8. Because the Reading Course books will be an excellent addition to your personal library. And every young person who wants to succeed should gather about him good books.

9. Because there are questions sent out with these books which will help you to review and fix in your memory the most interesting and important points.

10. Because you should learn to love good books while young, because it is the books read before the middle of life that most influence one's career.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT.

The Goal a Possible One

It may seem at first thought that one hundred thousand dollars is an almost impossible goal. A few figures may give us some encouragement.

There are in the North American Division Conference approximately one hundred million people. Our goal means the collection of one dollar on an average from every one thousand people. This allows a large margin for the children, youth, and poor, and makes the task one that is easily possible, if only all will work.

Another factor which makes success possible is that we have members all over the field, in churches, companies, and in twos and threes. This enables us to reach all the millions of people, if we look around us and study our territory.

Every church should work its own district, and the officers should see if there are cities or towns near where we have no members. If there are, parties should be made up to visit them and solicit funds.

Let us make a real business of this campaign this year, and miss no opportunities for getting offerings for this great closing work.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

The Nurses Class for 1916-17 of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists is still open for applicants. Instruction begins August 13, but students may enter as late as September 1, 1916. In this training school the students have an unusual advantage in the way of the large medical faculty. During the course there is opportunity for experience in the sanitarium as well as in the hospital.

Students should be at least nineteen years of age and should have completed at least ten grades of school work. Application blanks and calendars, with full information, will be sent at once to any applying for the same.

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