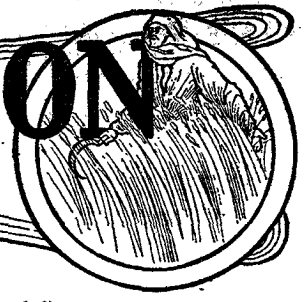


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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Teach Me to Understand

God of the heart and hand,
Teach me to understand!

I have forgotten in the long, long years
All of my little childish hopes and fears;
It is so very, very long ago
Since I was in the world the children know,
I have forgotten what I used to play
And dream and do in that far yesterday,—
All the wide wonder of my childish eyes
Since I have grown so old and worldly wise.
Yet now there come, with faces raised to mine,
These little ones. Dear Father, they are thine.
Teach me to lead them to thine own pure light;
Help me to guide their little feet aright.

God of the heart and hand,
Teach me to understand!

I know so little of the thought that lies
Back of the shining of those childish eyes;
I guess so little of the wonder there
Under the curling of the sunny hair;
It is so very, very long ago
Since I, too, knew the things that children know.
Yet hast thou given them to me to lead.
Out of thy wisdom grant all I need,—
Patience of purpose, faith, and tenderness,
Trusting thy perfect love to lead and bless,
Help me remember,— ah! for this I pray,
Make me again the child of yesterday.

God of the heart and hand,
Teach me to understand!

—*Marion B. Craig.*

The Donation for Our Colored Work

The Division Conference Committee have set apart Sabbath, November 18, as the day when a collection shall be taken in all our churches to be used in the prosecution of our work among the colored people. There are about eleven millions of these people in this country. More than one-tenth of the entire population of the United States and its island possessions belongs to the negro race. These people have been freed from slavery but about one generation. They have made remarkable progress, and are rapidly availing themselves of every opportunity for schooling, trades, agriculture, etc., within their reach. No class of people respond more heartily to help than the negro race.

We need at the present time to enlarge the work which we are doing for this people. More schools must be established; churches must be built for this people in various places; and more evangelists, Bible workers, and teachers must be employed to meet the demands made upon us. Our people have generally responded with a liberal donation for this needy work. We

trust that this present year will bring the largest donation we have yet made for the advancement of the work for the colored people. It is true that we do much for the heathen abroad, but we have a responsibility to this dear people near at hand, to bring to them the truths of the third angel's message.

We trust that there will be a hearty response to the call for help at this time in behalf of the colored race. In many places the Lord has greatly blessed our people with means, and it will not be a great tax to make a liberal offering. Remember the date when the donation is to be taken, Sabbath, November 18.

I. H. EVANS.

Opening Week at Ooltewah

Word has just come from Professor Thiel that the opening days of the Southern Junior College have been all that we could ask for. A splendid spirit prevails in the school, and everybody is entering heartily into the program. Some new equipment has just been given the school through the sale of some property near Nashville. This includes farm machinery, household equipment, and some dairy stock. This will provide the school with a good dairy herd, which is very necessary at this time in the school's experience.

Notice what some of the students at the opening exercises say regarding their appreciation of the privileges afforded them this year:

"I am glad it is my privilege to be here. As Mr. Bozarth said, I have been looking forward to this time for many months. This is my fourth year in school, and this is the first time I have ever been present at the opening of school. I was determined to be on time this year. As Professor Marshall has said, I find many things different than I had expected. Things are more convenient, and above all I am surprised to find as many boys and girls here as there are. I want to do all that I can to make this the banner year in the history of this school." Mr. J. R. Conger.

"I have in my mind to make this the best school year that I have ever experienced, and I want to live this year so that I will be a help to the other students." Mr. Glenn Curtis.

"I am glad for the privilege of being here this winter, and it is my desire to make this the best year in my experience." Miss Grace Kelsey.

"I am surely glad to be here with you. I have been hoping for some time to be present at this time with the student body, and I certainly realize that it is a privilege to be here. I want to do all I can to make this first year in the school the banner year of my experience." Mr. Charles Cramer.

"I, too, consider it a privilege to be here, and the only desire I have is to obtain a Christian education." Miss Sadie Rogers.

Surely those who have given to the school this past summer will feel that their money is well spent when it will help to educate workers for a greater service. We hope to have interesting notes from the school week by week and will try to keep all in touch with the work done this present year.

LYNN H. WOOD.

To the Believers of the Great Second Advent Movement

Dear Brethren:

We come to you at this time with gratitude and thankfulness to God for the light of present truth, and for the wonderful privilege of being laborers together with Christ and the holy angels in the finishing of the great mystery.

For nearly two weeks now we have been assembled in council. Many weighty and important questions have been brought to our attention. We are made to realize that perilous times are upon us. Indications of a most striking character point to the great fact that the end is near. The hour has struck when we should lay plans for advance moves all along the line. The calls for men and means are more than we can possibly supply. Consequent upon our lack of funds we have had to refuse appeals of the greatest urgency. Nearly \$100,000 was denied the fields because of the lack of funds.

It is needless to say what delay means in many instances. God is opening doors, and the Macedonian call is sounding from every land, "Come over and help us." Can we refuse to go? Can we say, "Not now"? Conditions are changing so rapidly and the enemy is pre-occupying the field. We dare not delay.

Right at this time a campaign, in which there are really no limits, is being carried on in behalf of foreign missions. We refer to the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. What are the results to date? This can be measured largely by the activities of the individual. Many of the conferences set the individual goal at \$5, and this we feel sure is within reach of all who will earnestly and enthusiastically address themselves to the task. Just think what it would mean if eighty thousand believers in the North American Division Conference each gathered five dollars — four hundred thousand dollars! Many will do considerably more. Already four conferences have reported that they have reached their quota. Eight hundred thousand papers have been sent out.

We notice that the larger amount of this Ingathering money is collected in sums ranging from five to twenty-five cents. All that is necessary to raise the full amount is to keep right at it.

Because of the great shortage of funds — because of the tremendous need for money to help us fill the many and urgent calls from earth's teeming millions — we earnestly beseech our dear people everywhere to double their energies, and with a burden for the perishing earth, prosecute this Harvest Ingathering Campaign with zeal and enthusiasm till the entire goal is reached.

We feel confident that the placing of this special issue of the *Signs Weekly* will enlighten the public mind with reference to this great movement. The service required of this people to accomplish this task brings growth and development as only activity can bring, and the money raised will enable us to greatly extend the work. We earnestly hope that we shall secure one hundred thousand dollars above all expenses connected with the campaign.

Yours for the finishing of the work,

(Signed) THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND THE
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COUNCIL IN SESSION.

P. S. It is earnestly requested that this letter be read in all our churches on the Sabbath day; and that every proper and possible effort be made on the part of the local leaders to make it count for the most.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

"The truly rich is the one who can give away the most and regret it least."

With the Men Behind the Books

Busy Days

These are certainly busy days for "the men behind the books." This is true both of those in the field and those in the publishing house and our tract society offices. Those in the field have been putting in long hours, and making as a whole the best deliveries that have ever been made in this territory. The demand for books has been much greater than was anticipated, and the "repeat orders" have been coming in so rapidly that it has required special effort to get the books ready as fast as they were needed. During the summer quite a large addition was made to our factory building, and for several weeks we have been trying to find time to move our bindery into this addition, but so many orders have been received that up to this writing we have not had an opportunity to make the change. However, we now hope to do this within the next few days.

The call for "Bible Readings" has been especially heavy. On several different occasions the workers in the bindery thought they had a good supply ahead, but by the time the day's orders were filled their "good supply" was exhausted. It has indeed been an inspiration to see so many of our message-filled books going out; but the best part of it is, our faithful colporteurs are delivering them to the people. Up to the middle of October the sales of the book department of the Home Office amounted to as much as they did for the full twelve months of last year.

Mississippi

Some very encouraging reports, as well as many "repeat orders," have been reaching us from Mississippi. A letter from Brother Marshall, written some two or three weeks ago, gives some idea of the success of their deliveries at the beginning, and which seems to have increased as they have progressed. He writes:

"Our deliveries in Mississippi have started off very well. This morning I received one report from a colored worker, which shows that he delivered \$122 worth of books last week. Brother Staton has been helping a few of them, and he says that their deliveries are much better than he really expected. . . . Brother Waller leaves this week to start his \$2,700 delivery. I believe that Brother Waller will have a good delivery, as the crops in his county are good this year."

Alabama

Of the success of the work in Alabama, Brother M. L. Wilson writes as follows, notwithstanding the great damage that was done by the floods in the southern part of the State:

"It has been with more than usual interest that I have noted the progress of the work and the good reports mentioned in your letters. I too believe that we are having the best time for the circulation of our books and periodicals that we shall ever have. There are a few local conditions which are not so favorable on account of losses in crops by the floods, boll weevil, etc., but the world is ripe for the message, and conditions in general, both in the financial and spiritual world, are most favorable for the book work. The greatest need now is men who will answer the call and press into the openings of Providence.

"The southern part of the State has suffered very much. In fact, you would not think conditions could be so bad. Strong, hardy men are almost begging for work at sixty cents a day, while among the colored people the situation is still more distressing. Hundreds and thousands of them have left for the North and the East in order to secure work; and yet, under these conditions, our colporteurs have had reasonably good success in their work. In the northern and eastern parts of the State, our work has been all that we could expect it to be. One

of the boys delivered \$275 worth of books last week, and he sends in another report today for \$189, making \$464 in two weeks. We have two workers who have delivered more than enough books for their scholarships in two weeks, and still have another week's delivery to make. We are glad for such good results."

Louisiana and Tennessee

We are informed that in one month Louisiana delivered more books than she delivered during all of last year. This is indeed a remarkable record. Brother M. Wheeler, of the Tennessee River Conference, writes of two workers making an 85 per cent delivery each, and of the boys just rolling in the cash. He says there is nothing but courage to report from the Volunteer State.

A Mind to Work

A letter from one of our conference presidents, in which he refers to the "tremendous perplexities" which our publishing houses are having to face because of the high prices of materials, adds these encouraging words:

"The Lord can overrule everything to the glory of his name and to the advancement of his cause; so, although there will have to be some changes made or prices raised, yet I do not think that this will hinder the work. Our people are getting more and more into the condition that the children of Israel were in in the days of Nehemiah. The record says that the people 'had a mind to work.' This must be so, because both the times and the cause of God demand it."

Of late this perplexing question of greatly increased costs has been receiving some very careful consideration and study on the part of our publishing houses and leading brethren, of which we will endeavor to write more fully a little later.

Now the Time to Work

No doubt the present is as favorable a time as we will ever have for placing our books and magazines in the homes of the people. With cotton bringing close to twenty cents a pound, and other crops correspondingly high, a large amount of money is being placed in circulation among the farmers. Therefore, this fall and winter our colporteurs can reap a rich harvest if they will only put forth the effort. May the Lord help us to make the most of this opportunity. The lay members of our churches and the home workers can do well with the new fifty-per-cent prospectus. This prospectus contains samples of a number of our smaller books, including the "World's Crisis" series, upon which those selling them receive a commission of fifty per cent, or one half, the same as our regular colporteurs receive. The price of this prospectus is but fifty cents postpaid and may be obtained from your tract society. Now is the time to work. Not only are financial conditions favorable, but with the people's minds being directed to the prophecies by the war and other events now taking place, it is a comparatively easy matter to interest them in our books and papers. Never before has the literature of Seventh-day Adventists commanded the respect and attention that it does today. There are many who are anxiously inquiring, "What do these things mean?" Dear reader, do you not feel that it is not only your duty, *but your privilege as well*, to answer such inquiries by placing in the hands of those making them, the literature that will give them the *information they desire*? Let us therefore be faithful, putting in full time, and the Lord will give the increase, both in souls and financial returns.

R. L. PIERCE.

"Take this motto for the bitterest cup.
There is no failure save in giving up;
No real defeat so long as one still tries,
For seeming setbacks make the strong man wise.
There's no defeat, in truth, save from within,
Unless you're beaten there, you're bound to win."

Kentucky Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 4:30

Friday, November 3

West 5:01

News Items

Brother R. W. Harris, who has been located at Falmouth, Ky., for some time, has just completed his delivery and has returned to Ford, in order to place his children in school. Brother Harris made a splendid delivery and is of good courage.

Brother Alex Perry, of Hugh, Ky., states that his wife is very low at this writing, and makes an earnest appeal to the brethren for prayers in her behalf. Brother Perry is one of our faithful workers, and we feel that all will unite in prayer to God that his wife may be speedily restored to health, and that Brother Perry may soon be in the field again selling the printed page.

Brother C. O. Beck and mother, of Sand Hill, Ky., were in the office last week and reported the brethren of that church of good courage.

We are receiving orders almost every day for supplies of the Harvest Ingathering papers, and we feel sure that we are going to see great results from the earnest efforts being put forth by the brethren throughout the conference in this worthy cause.

We have just received a letter from Brother Jeff Hickman, stating that he has not been able to be out in the work for some days on account of his crippled limb. Our prayer is that the Lord will be with Brother Hickman during his sickness and that he will speedily recover so that he may be out on the firing line soon.

Last week was rather a hard one on the boys in the field, yet we received some very good reports. While it is true that it is unpleasant to travel about during rainy days, still if all the workers would take advantage of these days they would be more likely to find an opportunity to canvass the whole family, as they are often kept indoors by the rain. The Lord will surely bless if we will only put forth the effort.

Brother W. P. Ethington is doing a splendid work near his home with "Bible Footlights" and seems to be brimful of courage.

Brother Hatton Ford is again in the field and doing splendid work.

Those who have made pledges in the way of farm products can pay the same, if they wish, by forwarding anything they have in this line to the Kentucky Tract Society office, and we will be pleased to give them credit for it.

Elder Brown, who has been out in different parts of the field for the past week or so, reports from Davisville stating that the mud is ankle-deep in that part of the county, which makes navigation rather unpleasant. He expects to return to the office shortly after this extended journey throughout the conference.

God's Word Accomplishing Its Purpose

Isa. 55: 10, 11 tells us that God's word will not return to him void, and we know that this is so. I must tell about seeing this text fulfilled.

One of our colporteurs was at Hazard, Ky., canvassing in a coal mine district where he canvassed a miner's wife who said her husband would buy the book if he saw it. As the colporteur was leaving the house the husband come in and said upon going to the tool box to refill his lamp that some one had stolen his oil; therefore he had come home after supplies. The Lord says you can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. The devil actuated the thief, but it caused the sale of the "Daniel and Revelation" and the conversion of the man and his wife. This man is now carrying the good news through the sale of the same book, and is rejoicing in the truth.

Brother Dow has recently baptized four adults who were in harmony with all the truth through the study of a book sold by a colporteur last winter. The colporteur one day sold three books and became discouraged and went home. One of his customers found out soon that he had purchased a Seventh-day Adventist book and destroyed it. The second man read his half way through and became afraid to read it—afraid, I suppose, that it contained the truth. The third one read it through twice, but didn't want to accept the truth. He decided to move to his old home in Wayne County and fulfil all his duties as a deacon in the Baptist Church and conduct a Sunday school and prayer meeting, but he could not put the Sabbath question out of his mind, and the first day of the year, he, with his wife, decided to obey the Lord. Soon three of his relatives were Sabbath-keepers, and Brother Dow writes that two of the company want to canvass.

Brother Swartz reported at camp-meeting that four adults in his neighborhood had begun to observe the Sabbath through a book sold them last summer by Brother Ruhl. My camp-meeting report told of eighteen persons who were keeping the Sabbath as a result of recent book sales.

Upon my last trip to the eastern part of the State I saw my mother and three sisters baptized, also two others, who came into the truth through reading a "Daniel and Revelation." This, of course, did my soul good.

Some of these days the one hundred and forty-four thousand will be sealed and probation will close. But now while conditions are good is the time for all to rally to the work.

JAMES HICKMAN.

Alabama Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time
Friday, November 3

East 4:43

West 5:06

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

GOAL \$5.00 PER MEMBER
CONFERENCE
Birmingham

Elder R. I. Keate	Mrs. H. M. Keate
Mrs. H. M. Newsome	Mrs. Elford
Mrs. W. McClure	Mrs. T. J. Hoskins

Montgomery
J. F. Dennis

MISSION

Huntsville	Pensacola
Classie Powers	C. A. Wilson

News Items

Brother H. L. Edwards will be canvassing near Floralla the next few weeks, having temporarily moved from Ashford. We trust that Brother Edwards will do well in his new territory.

We were really surprised in reading the *Liberty Special* of the *Signs Weekly* for October 17, to see how its contents directly apply to the great issue now on in Alabama. If you have not seen this copy of the *Signs*, write the tract society office at once, sending five cents for a sample copy. We guarantee that you will be more than pleased; but better still, send twenty-five cents for ten copies. The subject of religious liberty is being agitated in every way, and the agitation should be met by the truth.

After finishing his delivery in Coneuch County, Brother Q.

Tew was transferred to the northern part of the State, and is now located at Cardiff, working in Jefferson County. Brother Tew is full of courage and expects to do a good work in his new field.

By the time this is published, Brethren J. Carl Holland and Norman H. Waters will have finished their work. We will be glad to give the final results of their deliveries as soon as possible. In a recent letter Brother Holland writes as follows: "We will soon have finished our delivery and be in school again. When I leave this county I can say that I have enjoyed my work very much this summer, and I know that I have been blessed of the Lord. Some time I hope to see some one saved in the kingdom as the result of the books which I have sold."

Believing that it will be of interest, we give the number of Harvest Ingathering papers which were ordered for the Alabama Conference for several years past: 1912, 2,341; 1913, 2,997; 1914, 4,970; 1915, 6,139; 1916 to date, October 24, 6,275. The Harvest Ingathering work is progressing nicely in Alabama.

Louisiana Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:06

Friday, November 3

West 5:30

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

GOAL \$5.00 PER MEMBER
CONFERENCE

Mrs. Roy Clevenger (Baton Rouge)

LAKE CHARLES

Mrs. J. T. Ezell (Fullerton)

NEW ORLEANS

Elder J. A. Morrow	Mrs. V. Ordieres
Mrs. Emma L. Morrow	Elder C. N. Sanders
Mrs. J. B. Collie	Mrs. C. N. Sanders

NEW ORLEANS No. 2

E. Z. Schmehl

News Items

Elder and Mrs. Sanders spent Sabbath, October 22, at Hammond, in the interest of the work.

Elder McLennan reports a splendid meeting with the Welsh church last Sabbath. After the preaching service, a consecration service was conducted. A lady who has known this truth for many years, but who failed to see the need of joining, decided to be baptized.

From C. B. Dunham comes a good order for one thousand of the *Review and Herald Extras* for distribution about Dunn. They are to be used in following up meetings that have been held there by the "Church of God" people.

Elder C. G. Manns went to Natalbany October twenty-first to render the company there assistance in getting started with their Harvest Ingathering work. On his return he ordered one hundred fifty Ingathering *Signs* for them.

Very substantial cooperation from the isolated members is being enjoyed in the gathering in of funds for the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital, nearly every mail bringing in additional "dollars." Remittances from the churches will be coming in at the close of the month.

Be sure to order more Harvest Ingathering *Signs* before your present supply is exhausted.

Tennessee River Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 4: 37

Friday, November 3

West 5: 05

News Items

A meeting of the Tennessee River Conference Committee was held at the Hazel School October 24, and a number of important actions were taken. The work in the conference was discussed, and Elder Elliott will probably have something to say in next week's WORKER in regard to a number of items.

Elder Dasent, pastor of the second church of this city, held a very interesting rally, Sunday, October 8, at which a number of prominent people were present. At the conclusion of the meeting reports were made by various workers who have been raising money for payment on the church building fund and the repair fund. The workers reported one hundred twenty dollars having been gathered in. One worker had secured \$13.75, and as a prize of a Bible had been announced, this was awarded to A. W. Grayhand. Among the speakers of the occasion were Dr. Hale and Mr. Taylor. Members of the Nashville church have done good work with the Harvest Ingathering papers under the able leadership of their pastor, Elder Dasent.

Brother Wm. J. Keele recently returned to Kenton, Tenn., his headquarters in the field, but is out again with the printed page. He expects to make a delivery in a few weeks. He writes that he enjoyed his visit home very much.

The Nashville young people's society is enthusiastically taking hold of the Harvest Ingathering work. Quite a number of the workers in the conference office and the Publishing House have been out with the papers. It is hoped that every young person reporting to the local society will raise at least five dollars, the goal per member.

Elder C. N. Martin, of the Bon Aqua church, visited Nashville last week and reports the work onward at Bon Aqua. He and Sister Martin have been quite busy with the church school which is being conducted at that place. They report an attendance of forty students, a number of which are not Adventists. He reports a good interest, and is hopeful of increasing his facilities in the near future. Just now there is an imperative need of a number of seats. Any one desiring to contribute to a fund to purchase the necessary equipment for this school may do so by sending their donations to Elder Martin, Bon Aqua, Tenn.

In the spring of the year Elder Elliott visited the Bon Aqua church and secured a number of promises from the brethren to donate a certain portion of their crops to the mission fund. Brother Martin expects to visit Nashville in the next two weeks with approximately fifty dollars worth of produce which is to be sold and the proceeds turned in to the mission funds. This is indeed a good work, and we hope that a number of churches in the conference will be able to make a report equally as good as this one.

A number of shipments have gone to our colporteurs in the last few days, and bills have been coming in from the Publishing House at the rate of about one hundred dollars a day. Monday morning we received two orders by wire for additional supplies for two of our men. This indicates that the deliveries are going better than expected, as in making up the orders the colporteurs usually make a twenty-five per cent allowance for lost orders. Brother Wheeler is very busy in the field assisting the workers in their deliveries, and reports that high prices are prevailing for cotton and the other crops which are found in the country. He writes that all the boys are of good courage and are making excellent deliveries.

Brother Jesse Allen, one of the students at Hazel Academy, has gone to Brownsville, Tenn., to make his delivery. He will be assisted by Brother Wheeler. The way he is sending in money indicates that his courage is good and that he is having success.

Colored Effort in Jackson

Early in the summer, Brother Johnson, who was at the time pastor of the colored church in Nashville, was asked to connect with the work in Jackson, with the idea of holding a tent effort in that city. Brother H. E. Alston was already there doing Bible work, and the committee felt that the time had come to make a stronger effort for the people of that place. The mission had no tent of its own, so the conference loaned them an old one, the only one that could be spared at that time. Early in the season Brother Johnson pitched it in a very desirable part of the city, advertised his meetings, and began. From the first the attendance was good, but after he had been there a few days, a wind storm struck the tent and wrecked the center piece so that it could not be used any longer. He at once telegraphed the office what had happened, and since Brother Charley Lowry had been called from this field to India, and because of this call we had been obliged to give up our plan for a tent effort in Memphis, we found that we could spare him the tent, and ordered it shipped to him at once. It reached him promptly, and he soon had it up and the meetings going again. Of course he had lost some of the people by the break in his meetings, but most of them were won back, and others came, so that soon he was getting good crowds once more. This tent, like the first one, was old, and Brother Johnson had been conducting his meetings for only a few days when the wind struck it and ripped many of the seams open. He sewed it up as best he could and went ahead, but soon the wind came again and once more it was badly ripped. This time he took it to a tent-maker in town who stitched it up for him, and he pitched it again. Of course all these breaks in the meeting were well nigh fatal to the interest, and Brother Johnson became quite discouraged but determined to keep at it, feeling that God would not have called him there if he had not had some people in that place who should be saved. He had made many friends in the city who stood by him, and when his meeting began they came back, and soon others came, until he was again getting good crowds.

Brother Alston was connected with the effort, and did good work preparing charts and diagrams, and visiting the people and holding Bible readings with them. Many of the best colored people of the city attended the lectures, and expressed themselves as well pleased with what they heard.

The last tent pitched was a fifty-foot circle, and many times it was well filled with a large and appreciative audience.

While Brother Johnson's effort has been productive of much good, it is a little too early yet to say just how many have accepted the truth. Some eighteen or twenty are keeping the Sabbath, and several others are very much interested. It is hoped that several of these will yet take their stand for the truth. This is a new field; our work has never been organized here, so we have no church. There is no place where we can invite the people to worship with us, except a rented hall, now that the tent has been taken down because of the cold weather. It is just a little hard to get people to step out under these conditions, but we hope to change all this soon. We hope to be

able to organize the believers into a company soon, and feel that something should be done at an early date to provide them with a suitable house in which to worship God. If this can be done, it will be a long step toward establishing the work in that place. A hall has been rented for the winter, and the meetings will be held there for a time, but surely the work in that city is not to be finished until the church members have a building of their own, dedicated to the service of God, to which they can invite their friends and neighbors to worship with them.

Let us remember the work and the workers there at the throne of grace, and pray that God's blessing may attend every effort made for the advancement of the truth.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

Report of Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund in the Tennessee River Conference. Thirty-nine Weeks Ending October 1, 1916

Church	CONFERENCE					
	Memb.	Amt.	Due.	Amt.	Pd.	Short Rate
Ashland City	9	\$70	20	\$45	17	\$25 03\$.13
Bon Aqua	26	202	80	30	67	172 13 .03
Cedar Grove	18	140	40	21	80	118 59 .03
Fountain Head	44	343	20	570	26	*227 06 .33
Goodlettsville	27	210	60	18	44	192 16 .03
Hazel	15	117	00	112	38	4 62 .19
Hustburg	12	93	60	17	92	75 68 .04
Jackson	18	140	40	82	21	58 19 .11
Lane	5	39	00	17	15	21 85 .08
Lawrenceburg	10	78	00	9	74	68 26 .02
Leach	38	296	40	34	82	261 58 .02
Madison	15	117	00	52	03	64 97 .09
Memphis	122	951	60	442	07	509 53 .09
Nashville	200	1560	00	997	49	562 51 .12
Paducah	14	109	20	47	11	62 09 .09
Springville	45	351	00	26	07	324 93 .02
Trezevant	12	93	60	10	38	83 22 .02
Conference	10	78	00	149	48	*71 48 .38
Totals	640	\$4992	00	\$2685	20	\$2306 80\$.10

Church	MISSION					
	Memb.	Amt.	Due.	Amt.	Pd.	Short Rate
Nashville	58	\$339	30	\$93	74	\$245 56\$.04
Memphis	35	204	75	61	88	142 87 .05
Jackson						*17 06
Hillcrest	31	181	35			181 35 .00
Totals	124	\$725	40	\$172	68	\$552 72\$.035

Grand Totals 764 \$5717 40 \$2857 88 \$2859 52 \$095

*Over twenty cents a week.

The following churches remitted too late to appear on this report, but will be given credit on the October report: Lane, Goodlettsville, Paducah, Ashland City, Jackson, Bon Aqua, and Lawrenceburg.

The above report shows the standing of our churches on the twenty-cent-a-week fund for thirty-nine weeks, or the first three quarters of this year, and is very interesting. The amount paid in by our churches for missions is \$2,857.88. The amount short is \$2,859.52, almost ten cents per member. This is not as it should be, and we hope that inasmuch as the Harvest Ingathering Campaign is now on, the churches which are in arrears will take advantage of the three months before the end of the year and raise their standing up to the twenty-cent mark. The calls for money to carry on the work in the mission fields have never been more urgent than they are now, and if this work is to continue it will mean that our churches will have to rally to the work and in every way seek to raise the standard. When the sacrifice of the workers who have gone to these fields

is considered, it should stir our hearts and cause us to be liberal in giving of our means and encouraging others to help in this needed work. The Lord can bless consecrated effort, and those who are not able to give of their means can with a little work raise five dollars through the sale of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs of the Times* which is now off the press. We shall be glad to hear from our churches and isolated members as to their interest and experiences with the Harvest Ingathering paper. We hope that the next published report will show a material change, and that the Tennessee River Conference will have paid in its twenty cents a week for missions.

F. C. BRUCE.

Mississippi Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 4: 57

Friday, November 3

West 5: 18

News Items

We have just received another check of \$3.50 from Sister McLeod on the Harvest Ingathering fund. This makes a total of \$19.80 sent in by her.

The Jackson school children went out a half day last week in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. In connection with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* they used the Present Truth Series No. 22 on the Eastern Question. They had very good success and are expecting to go out again.

Elder R. E. Burke baptized seven at Stamply on Sabbath, the fourteenth. This makes quite a little company that we have at this place now.

B. C. Marshall made a trip to Meridian last week to look after the repair of some property that has been donated to the conference.

On the fifteenth of October Brother Staton went out in Scott County to help Brother Roger Tinsley deliver his books. Brother Tinsley is having a very good delivery considering the crop conditions in that part of the State. From there he went to the northern part of the State where Brother Drew Bowen is delivering books. This is Brother Bowen's first experience in the colporteur work. He did not get to put in a great deal of time this year in the canvassing work, but is receiving good pay for the time that he put in. The people in this section have very poor crops on account of the storms and wet weather, but the Lord is greatly blessing him in his delivery, and he is of good courage. From there Brother Staton went over to what is known as the delta of this State. This is where our colored colporteurs are located. Those that he visited are making fine deliveries. Cotton is selling high and is bringing in a great deal of money in this section of the country. If we had had more workers in this part of the State this year we could have placed a great many more books in the homes of the people. The Lord is wonderfully blessing the workers and is going before them in a remarkable way.

Brother Roscoe Watkins called at the office Tuesday, the twenty-fourth. He is in Jackson spending a week with the Jackson church.

Elder N. B. King spent a few days in Meridian last week on his way to Hattiesburg. He has been laboring in Greenwood since camp-meeting. He states that they have organized a church there of eighteen members.

A letter from Marietta Menees states that she has passed the five-dollar goal in the Harvest Ingathering. I hope that we will soon hear from many more who have reached and passed this goal.

"You may glean knowledge by reading, but you must separate the chaff from the wheat by thinking."

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Oct. 21, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
B D Crawford .BR	33		\$	\$	\$	\$ 6 00
H L Edwards .BR	4	1	3 00	35	3 35	6 00
J E Foley .BR	22	14	42 00		42 00	
J C Holland .BR	30					82 00
F M Reiber .BR	36	3	10 00	1 40	11 40	15 00
Q Tew .BR	27	16	48 00	1 55	49 55	
N H Waters .BF	39			1 75	1 75	124 50
Bibles						2 40

Totals (Agts. 7) 191 34 \$103 00 \$ 5 05 \$108 05 \$235 90

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
F L Harrison .BR	30	16	\$50 00	\$ 1 00		\$51 00
A Schroader .BR	36	9	27 00			27 00
Hatton Ford .BF	77	92	104 00			104 00
A Grisham .BF	54	34	52 50	2 75	55 25	3 00
Jesse Miller .D&R	28	12	36 00			36 00
Alex Perry .BR	22	18	59 00			59 00
W. P. EthingtonBF	11	16	24 00			24 00
L Cooper .D&R	11	1	3 00			3 00
Bibles						5 00

Totals (Agts. 8) 269 198 \$360 50 \$ 3 75 \$364 25 \$ 3 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Drue Bowen .BR			\$	\$	\$	\$70 00
Emily Billups .HM	41	33	66 00		66 00	
Elmer Chastain BR	37					76 00
A L Hamm .D&R	48	13	42 00	8 15	50 15	128 00
AAJohnsonHM,D&R	39			1 00	1 00	86 00
L McElroy*HM,PPF	87			10 05	10 05	194 00
VirgilSmithBR,D&R	40			1 20	1 20	96 00
Roger Tinsley .BR	43					87 00
E A Taylor .BR	44					133 00
J L Waller .D&R				60	60	39 00
Fannie West .PPF	19					20 50
Bibles						22 25

Totals(Agts. 11) 398 46 \$108 00 \$21 00 \$129 00 \$951 75

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
A B Cheek	6					\$10 00
F W Schmehl	47					157 00
G B Boswell						5 00
Bibles						80 00

Totals (Agts. 3) 53 \$252 00

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Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference	\$9106 30	\$352 70	\$3400 85
Kentucky Conference	13910 40	531 35	7530 25
Louisiana Conference	8692 30	91 65	3409 22
Mississippi Conference	21315 52	1023 85	3524 10
Tenn. River Conference	9606 70	691 49	2306 30

Totals \$62631 22 \$2691 04 \$20170 72

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending Oct. 21, 1916

Agent	No.	Value
Lura Reed	135	\$13 50

A Fifty-per-cent Prospectus

A new prospectus for home workers has been prepared by the Southern Publishing Association, containing only books upon which a commission of fifty per cent can be allowed. It is not expected or desired that our regular colporteurs should use this, as their work is to sell the large books. It is intended, however, to be used by our ministers, Bible workers, home missionary workers, and others who are not engaged in regular colporteur work. The following in the list:

	Cloth	Board	Paper
Armageddon	\$.50	\$	\$.25
Best Stories from the Best Book	.75	.60	
Christ Our Saviour	.75	.60	
Gospel Primer	.50	.35	
Gospel Story	.50	.35	
King's Daughter	.75		
Making Home Happy	.75		
Man That Rum Made, The	.75		
Men of the Mountains, The	1.50	.75	
New Testament Primer	.50	.35	
Other Side of Death, The	.50	.25	
Shadow of the Bottle, The	.50	.25	
Steps to Christ	.75		
Tiger and Tom	.75		
Vatican and the War, The	.50	.25	
World's Crisis, The	.50	.25	

The price of this prospectus is only fifty cents, postpaid. All orders should be placed through your conference tract society.

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- "Origin of the Doctrine of the Natural Immortality of the Soul."
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News Items

Elder S. E. Wight and Brother G. H. Curtis have just returned from the Council at Washington, Brother Curtis arriving Friday night, October 20, and Elder Wight Sunday morning. They report extensive plans having been developed for the advancement of the work in this and other lands. Special consideration was given the work in the South, and the prospects for a greater work in this field are encouraging.

Tuesday, October 24, we were favored by the presence of Elder I. H. Evans and Brother J. J. Ireland, representing the North American Division Conference, Elders W. H. Branson and C. B. Stephenson, and Professors C. J. Boyd and A. N. Atteberry. These brethren were here at a special council in the interests of educational and other work.

Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell have just returned to Nashville from the Council at Washington, and will spend some time in the city.

Harvest Ingathering

A letter was sent out last week from the North American Division headquarters at Washington to every church elder and leader. This letter should be carefully studied and read at the public services. We all need encouragement just at this time in the securing of funds for foreign missions. The General Conference lacked about \$100,000 of having sufficient funds to answer the requests made from the mission fields. Every delay in mission appropriations will mean a loss to this denomination, for it is expected that the work will get harder and it will be more difficult to reach the people. This is the time of the harvest in which we are to gather both souls and money. Let us all do our best in the raising of foreign mission funds by the Harvest Ingathering plan. I am sure the people of the South will be pleased to know that the Harvest Ingathering number for 1917 is to be published at the Southern Publishing Association. The office is now making preparations for the publication of this paper.

S. E. WIGHT.

The source of nearly all the evil and unhappiness of this world is selfishness. We know it; but we still keep on being selfish. We see that the world might be made ideally beautiful if only all people would live unselfish lives; and yet we keep on being selfish.—*Minot J. Savage.*

Some Excellent Literature Cheap

The publishers of *The Watchman* have on hand a quantity of back numbers of *The Watchman* magazine which have accumulated during the past two years. In order to clear their shelves of these magazines they are offering them as long as they last at \$1 per hundred, postpaid. We think this is a splendid opportunity for our people to get some exceptionally good literature at an exceedingly low price for free distribution among their friends and neighbors. Most of these magazines have been issued since the European war and contain some very valuable and interesting matter.

Those desiring some of these magazines should order from their tract society at once. No doubt there are some of our ministers and other workers who will want a good supply to use in their work. These magazines contain the truth in *The Watchman's* own live and interesting style.

For Sale

The tract society office has for sale a Holman Teacher's Bible with linear, parallel texts of the versions commonly known as the King James Version and the Revised Version of the Old and New Testament. With these two translations of the Bible placed side by side, it is possible to enlarge your acquaintance with the texts, and it is widely confessed in the church, the school, and the home that familiarity with the revised texts is indispensable to an intelligent, thorough, and satisfactory interpretation and understanding of the sacred writings.

The type is small pica. There are marginal references, and appendix and pages for memorandum. It also has a new biblical atlas with index to match. The binding is genuine Levant, silk sewed. Price if taken at once is \$7.75. Who will be fortunate enough to secure this choice edition of God's Word?

Order of the Tennessee River Tract Society 2014, 23rd Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

Negro Mission Offering

This offering is to be taken Sabbath, November 18, in all the churches in North America for the benefit of the work among the colored people of the South. It is important that every church, whether white or colored, take a special interest in this day's offering.

S. E. Wight.

Notice

It is necessary to call the attention of the brethren and sisters in the Southern Union Conference to the fact that the Southern Junior College is already taxed to its limit to accommodate the students already on the grounds. We have an enrolment of nearly forty-five at present and more students have already made arrangements to come. When these are here our enrolment will be something like fifty. This is about all that we can comfortably care for without difficulty, unless we know in advance when the student is coming. Several students have come to us expecting to be provided for, without giving us notice in advance. In some instances this has caused inconvenience because of the school not being prepared to provide comfortable quarters immediately. We earnestly request our friends in the Southern Union Conference to be sure to make arrangements with the management of the school before they send their boys and girls. This especially applies to work students, as there are already enough students on the ground to do the ordinary work of the school. As soon as more work opens up we shall insert notices in our union conference papers informing our people as to the kind of work we can provide and also as to the quantity. Under no circumstances should any one come to the Southern Junior College this year without first writing and making arrangements before starting.

LEO THIEL.