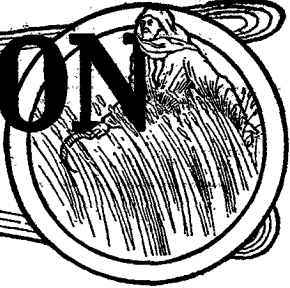


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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What Time Is It?

It is time to be brave. It is time to be true.
It is time to be finding the things you can do.
It is time to put by the dream and the sigh,
And work for the cause that is holy and high.
It is time to be kind. It is time to be sweet,
To be scattering roses for somebody's feet.
It is time to be sowing. It is time to be growing.
It is time for the flowers of life to be blowing.

—Selected.

The Larger Things

In the prayer of Moses, as recorded in the nineteenth Psalm, note is specially taken of the brevity of human life. The summing up of that phase of the Psalm is: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." I think that if we would more often consider how short our time is here below, many things would be different. But the lesson is hard to learn. One has truly said, "Every man thinks that every man is mortal, excepting himself." This accounts for much that we see in this world. If men could realize how frail they are, how different would be their attitude and their calculations.

We remember the man in the parable who was greatly prospered. He knew not what to do with his goods, and therefore he set about to build larger barns and storehouses. But in that very night of self-congratulation and prosperity, the Almighty said: "This night thy soul shall be required of thee." He had not thought of that. He had not thought of the souls of his fellow men, nor their needs. He had not thought of the future life, nor laid any plans regarding it. He thought only of himself.

Others in this world have been and are like this rich man whose heart could not learn wisdom. Still others are busy with the minor things of life. Little things take such a form in their minds that the great things are almost, if not entirely, eclipsed. Consuming ambitions, envies and jealousies, gossiping, criticisms, and evil surmising, and the like, all veil the heavenly light, and the mind shrinks to the proportions of the things it dwells upon. Truly has Alexander Campbell said: "Some men's minds toy with worlds, others' with atoms." If the mind habitually dwells upon trifling, and the wrong, or unprofitable things, it finally loses its power to grasp the things of higher worth. This is why so many people live in a state of mind that is so unattractive.

But if we will look above, if we will recognize that our lives are but a vapor that appears for a little time, how small will appear the little trifles that would crowd out the higher and the greater things. Who is there with vision illuminated that cares to spend his time envying the talents or achievements of others? Who is there that sees things as they are that desires to labor for self-exaltation, or overmastery? If others have attainments that eclipse ours, let us recognize the fact that one of the greatest of God's servants has said: "A man can receive nothing except it be given him of heaven." Would it pay to spend our time envying something that came from heaven? God forbid. When

a person comes to have the spirit of John the Baptist, where he can say from the heart, concerning his fellow, "He must increase, but I must decrease," he will himself be on the way to true greatness. But whoever spends his time envying another, or trying to pull him down, will only keep shrinking to smaller and smaller proportions.

It is the same with those who yield to small things in holding grudges and little spites against their fellow men. How often have we seen people in the approach of death make confessions and ask forgiveness, for the reason that they were then standing before something greater, and could then view the small things as they were. If we would with the eye of faith look unto Jesus, and consider his wonderful humility for only a few minutes each day, we never could be unforgiving. If we would think vastly more of eternity and the land where trials will all be past and conflicts over, we would be partakers of the great calm that surrounds the throne of God, and would not so soon be ruffled. If we could get our eyes upon the better country I am sure that this world would assume its right proportions to our minds.

Please read carefully the following lines, entitled "The Span of Life," by Margaret E. Sangster, and see if they do not echo and reecho the thoughts of God to our souls:

"Life is too brief

Between the budding and the falling leaf;
Between the seed time and the golden sheaf,
For hate and spite.

We have no time for malice and for greed;
Therefore with love make beautiful the deed;
Fast speeds the night.

"Life is too swift

Between the blossoms and the white snow's drift,
Between the silence and the lark's uplift,
For bitter words.

In kindness and in gentleness our speech
Must carry messages of hope, and reach
The sweetest chords.

"Life is too great

Between the infant's and the man's estate,
Between the clashing of earth's strife and fate,
For petty things.

Lo! we shall yet who creep with cumbered feet
Walk glorious over heaven's golden street,
Or soar on wings!"

Dear friends, life's little day will soon be over, and how will the evening find us? Were we to live the allotted time of man, we would soon be at the end of the race, but we have the assurance that Jesus will come in our day, and thus our time will be that much shorter in which to prepare. May the Spirit of God impress these things upon our minds, and may the great things, and the things of beauty, and of joy, and peace, and of the blest eternity, occupy our minds even here where many other things hold sway. Life is, indeed, too brief for anything else.—*W. A. Gosmer.*

Tennessee River Conference

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A Visit to Goodlettsville and Springfield

It was my privilege to spend Sabbath, January 27, with the Haran church, on the mountain in the Alden neighborhood. It had been some time since I had visited them, and it was a pleasure to spend a few days with them again. I found them all of good courage, faithful to the message, and doing what they could to get the truth before their neighbors. There is some interest in the community. I was able to remain with them until Tuesday morning, and while there spoke to them five times. The burden of my message was the importance of personal service. A home missionary society was organized, and Sister Robert Ashton was chosen leader. Brother Scott Alden is the church elder, and will take hold of the work with Sister Ashton in an effort to organize the church and set every one to work. He has been doing some canvassing in the community and promises to do more in the future.

While here I presented the needs of the foreign fields and the importance of doing all we can to raise our quota of twenty cents a week for these fields. Several pledges were taken, and others said they would do all they could.

I learned on my arrival at Brother Haughsted's, that Miss Beulah Robertson, who is a member of the Haran church, had experienced a very serious and painful accident about a week before. She was in the Ridgetop Sanitarium in training for a nurse, and while giving treatment to a patient she discovered that her clothing was in flames, and before they could be extinguished she was quite severely burned about the limbs and body, and on her left hand. I visited her while in that vicinity and found her of good courage. She told me how it happened, and said she suffered considerably but was trusting God through it all. She expects to be able to leave her bed in about three weeks.

On Tuesday morning Brother Robert Ashton and I drove over to Springfield, where I had the pleasure of a visit in the home of Sister McClanahan. I found her of good courage and determined to be found with the faithful waiting ones at the return of her Lord. She and her daughters are the only Sabbath-keepers in Springfield. She is able to attend services in Nashville occasionally. She told me that I was the first conference president to visit her for several years.

I found Springfield to be a thriving city of five thousand inhabitants, located in the midst of a rich tobacco section. It is said to ship more tobacco than any other city in all the country, even surpassing Clarksville in this respect. I believe that one or two colporteurs would do well canvassing Springfield and the territory near, and now seems an opportune time to enter this section. The city of Clarksville and the territory near it could also be worked advantageously just at this time. Tobacco is bringing the highest price now that it has brought for years, and the farmers are reaping a good share of the profits. Who will enter these fields and work them faithfully with the message-filled books?

W. R. ELLIOTT.

"Do thou thy work; it shall succeed
 In thine or in another's day;
 And if denied the victor's meed,
 Thou shalt not miss the toiler's pay."

Experiences in Burma

[The following interesting account of Brother and Sister C. F. Lowry's trip to Burma was received by Elder Elliott in a letter from Brother Lowry a few days ago. We are printing it in the WORKER, as we know their many friends in this field will appreciate this word from these workers.]

During our voyage from Seattle to Japan we crossed the day-line and dropped out Friday, August 18, and began keeping the Sabbath as the sun went down Thursday evening. I will say here though that it has not bothered us about the Sabbath. Brother Parrot wanted me to tell him about that for sure.

Today is Sabbath, December the second, and we had our first Week of Prayer reading. It is dark here now, and I suppose that you are getting ready to go to Sabbath school. We are twelve hours ahead of you.

I think it will be a long time until we forget the day we sailed away from Seattle. We were there three days, and our people were very good to us. There was a tent meeting in progress while we were there, and we met a great many of our people. The day our boat left there was a big crowd of them down to see us off. All the visitors were cleared off the boat about twelve o'clock, and soon the "Awa" without a sound or a jar began to move slowly away from the dock, and in a very few minutes we could see our friends no more. The next morning when we got up we were on the North Pacific, and there was no land to be seen in any direction. Two days later we sighted the snow-capped mountains of Alaska, which made us begin to realize that a person can get cold in August. We really suffered from the cold for several days. On Friday morning, fifteen days after we left Seattle, we came in sight of islands off the coast of Japan. Many of them were very beautiful, and even the more rugged ones looked good to us. We landed about three o'clock that same afternoon and had our first introduction to Eastern customs. I cannot take time to tell you all we saw, but will simply say to you that we were in a different world from anything we had ever seen before. Late that evening we took a rickshaw ride through the city of Yokohama. We saw many things of interest, and the little Japs seemed to take great pleasure in pulling us around and showing us the many different things of interest. I was the only big man in the crowd, and the little fellow that pulled me wanted five cents, two and one-half cents extra, because of my size. It was worth the price to see him smile when I gave it to him. The next morning, Sabbath, we went to Tokyo and out to the headquarters of our mission. Of all the things we saw in Japan, that was the most interesting to us. We have a nice compound with the publishing house, school, and homes for foreign and native workers. We went to the Sabbath school, and for the first time had the privilege of looking into the bright shining faces of those who have been brought to Christ as a result of the little we have been giving to the Sabbath school for so long. As I looked into those happy faces, the only regret that I had was the fact that I have not been able to give more. Right here I want to encourage all in the Tennessee River Conference to give and pray for missions. Some of you will never have the privilege of seeing the fruits of your giving in this world, but it will not be long, if you are faithful, until you will see them in the kingdom of God.

We went back to Yokohama that evening and spent the night with Brother Herboltzheimer, and the next morning we took the train for Kobe, where we were to get our boat for China. This was a nice trip, and our party had one section of the observation car on the rear of the train, so we had a good chance to see the country. The distance is about four hundred miles I think, and we made the most of it during the daylight. Japan is a very beautiful country. Valley and plain, hill and mountain, look like a well-kept garden. Almost every available spot is under cultivation. At Kobe we got on board the "Iyo," and the next day and night we spent sailing through the inland

Sea. It was certainly a beautiful sight as we wound our way around among the islands. Our next stop was at Moji, Japan, where we stayed two days to take coal. After we left Japan it took three days to reach China, and we landed again on Friday about three o'clock. Brother Woodward met us, and we went out to our compound, where we spent a very pleasant Sabbath. The headquarters of the Division as you know are at Shanghai. They were having a committee meeting, and as we looked over the large China party there, we had quite a crowd. We were certainly glad that we had the privilege of spending the Sabbath again with our people. Sunday morning we went on board the ship and sailed down the river and were soon out at sea once more. As we went down the river we passed a United States of America man-of-war, and I think the stars and stripes looked about as good to me as they ever did before. We made one more stop in China. We stayed nearly two days at Hong Kong, one of the most beautiful coast cities in the world. It is on a mountain side, and is a grand sight at night when all the lights are on. We were out in the middle of the harbor and could get a good view of it. We met some of our people at this place too. Isn't it good to know that there are very few places on this earth where you can go but where you can find some of our people. In China as in Japan I think I can say that the thing of greatest interest to me is the way our work is going. We sailed out of Hong Kong into a rough sea, and many times the water would roll over the top deck of our boat. A few times it came into our rooms until some of the passengers said their trunks floated. Five days later and about one o'clock at night we sailed into the quiet harbor of Singapore. The next morning as we pulled up to the docks we were greeted by a number of our workers. We had never met any of the workers at Singapore, but that seemed to make no difference. We received a warm welcome there as well as at all other places where we had stopped. In fact, we had met the superintendent of that field, Pastor Detamore, in Shanghai attending the committee meeting, and as we thought we were going to have to stay in Singapore four months before we could get permission to disembark for Burma, he was planning to get us so tied up in the work that we could never get to finish our journey. However, when we reached Singapore I went to see the American consul, and he advised that we go right along, as he had heard nothing of the law that had been passed forbidding Americans to go into India and Burma without special permission from the government. So our stay in Singapore was about seven hours instead of four months. We found there was only one chance in four weeks to go to Rangoon, and if we missed the boat that day we would have to stay there at least a month. We were very busy getting things ready so we could take the boat that day, and had the captain not been kind enough to wait an hour for us we would have been left. We were glad to meet the workers of the Malaysian mission and to see the way in which God is blessing the work in that field. It was here that we left the rest of our party, Brother and Sister Kime and Sister Mead. One young man and his wife, Brother and Sister Hilliard, who were going to China, were left behind in Japan.

Our boat was very small and the weather was stormy, so in some ways the trip up here was not so pleasant as it had been when we were all together on the larger boats. However, after a rolling, tumbling, tossing, twisting, heaving voyage of three days, when we got out of our bunks on the morning of the eighteenth of September we noticed that the boat was plying through the water smoothly. On looking out of our port hole we discovered that the water was yellow. This indicated that we were nearing the mouth of the mighty Tharrawady River, and I thought of Noah when the dove came back with a leaf in its mouth. Soon we sighted land and dropped anchor to wait for the tide to come in so we could go over the sand bar and into the mouth of the river. We did not wait

long though, and soon we were winding our way up the Rangoon branch of the river. It took some time for all the officers and doctors to come aboard to examine the crew and passengers and give us permission to go ashore. We had wired ahead what day we would reach Rangoon, but some way the dates got mixed and they were not expecting us until three days later, so there was no one to meet us. It took us until four o'clock to get our baggage through the custom houses, and then we set out to find some of our people. It took us about two hours to find one of the workers, and by that time it was dark. It might be interesting to tell you in this connection that the law that was passed to prevent Americans coming into India or Burma without special permission, which we were told about before we left home, reached Rangoon and was published in the daily papers just three days after we landed. Well, we were glad to get here, and now I will tell you something about Burma.

(To be continued.)

Obituary

WHEELER.—Mary E. Cole was born in Coldwater, Mich., Mar. 7, 1874. Forty-six years ago she was married to Baldwin Wheeler, who, with two sons, survives her. Eighteen years ago she accepted the message, uniting with the Tennessee Conference church, of which she remained a member until her death, which occurred Jan. 17, 1917. The writer officiated at the funeral services. I. C. POUND.

Temperance "Instructor"

A copy of the new 1917 *Instructor* Temperance Annual has just reached the office. Its coming is a reminder of our new privileges and duties in behalf of temperance during the present year.

While there has been a reduction in the number of pages, the contents have been so carefully selected and perfectly condensed, that the issue has been improved in force and power rather than injured. In this instance, necessity seems to have resulted in a decided improvement. We therefore have a better number this year, while the prices remain the same as before.

News Notes from Collegedale

The hearts of the students at the college were made glad Friday afternoon when Professor and Mrs. Wood stepped off the local. They spent Sabbath with us, and their former students were delighted to renew their acquaintance. Professor Wood occupied the hour for services on Sabbath and gave an interesting account of the life of the apostle John. He drew many helpful lessons from the experiences of the apostle whom Jesus loved. Professor and Mrs. Wood left Sunday morning for Washington, D. C.

Brother W. H. Gorich is working hard on the plans and specifications for the new buildings. He reports progress in the drawing of plans and the making of the estimates. He expects Sister Gorich to join him on the farm next week.

Another tent house has been constructed. It is located just west of Professor Atteberry's tent house and will be occupied by Naomi Anderson.

Brother Clifford Dart, of Oklahoma City, spent a few hours on the college farm last Wednesday. He seemed very favorably impressed with our new location.

Preparations are being made for the examinations that will mark the close of the first semester. These will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, February 7, 8, and 9.

We have an abundant supply of school catalogues for this year. Should any of the readers of the *SOUTHERN UNION WORKER* desire one, we will be glad to send one if they will drop us a post card.

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Religious Liberty Offering

Sabbath, February 24, is the day set by the North American Division Conference for the Religious Liberty offering. A special program has been prepared for the occasion. This program is in the February issue of the *Church Officers' Gazette*, page 3. Look the program over, to have it well in mind beforehand to see how to carry out the program in the most effective way. Call special attention to this offering Sabbath, February 17, so all can come prepared to make an offering and not be taken by surprise.

We call your attention to the need of a liberal donation. Last year we could not send the *Liberty Magazine* to State officials because of lack of funds. This year we would like to send *Liberty* to the Governor and his staff, the supreme judges, associate justices, and State legislators. Whether or not we will be able to do this will depend upon the offering given Sabbath, February 24, as a Religious Liberty offering is taken only once a year.

Congress for the past five or six years has been continuously besieged by different organizations for Sunday legislation and also legislation that would curtail the freedom of the press. Different State legislatures are also being pressed for the enactment of Sunday laws.

Not only should we be informed as to the meaning of these things, but the judges of the land, and especially the chief justices, should understand the purpose and aim of religious legislation. Nothing is better calculated to make known to them the real meaning of religious legislation than *Liberty*.

Many of our judges are kind and tender-hearted men and have a mind to judge rightly when truth is known. So we appeal for a liberal offering Sabbath, February 24. We hope none will give less than twenty-five cents.

We also appeal to you to get as many subscriptions for *Liberty* as you can. Single subscriptions 35 cents a year. In club rates, four or more to separate addresses 25 cents each.

A. L. MILLER.

Have you seen the Bible Facts Cards printed by the Southern Publishing Association? They are just what you want to use in your missionary work. They answer tersely and convincingly many of the questions you must meet. There are sixteen kinds in the series. Here are some of the subjects:

- "Facts about the Coming of Jesus Christ."
- "Facts about the Approaching Millennium."
- "Origin of the Doctrine of the Natural Immortality of the Soul."
- "Facts about the Earth and Its Future."
- "What Seventh-day Adventists Believe."
- "The New Testament Mode of Baptism."

You can obtain one hundred of these assorted cards for twenty-five cents. Order from your tract society.

"It is better to let God hold us than to try to hold on to him."

Louisiana Conference

News Items

The following word comes from Elder Frank, who is at present holding meetings in De Quincy:

"As to the meetings here, I am glad to say they are being well attended, and already several have begun keeping the Sabbath. I have the brightest hopes that quite a number more will take hold. The Lord is richly blessing, and I am grateful for the success he is giving."

The following names have been sent in representing the children in the Sugartown Sabbath school who could repeat all of the memory verses for the past quarter:

	Age
Lena Johnson	11
Lela Johnson	10
Willis Johnson	8
Jewel Johnson	6
Louise Harzman	11
Willie May Bush	5

Twenty-two members of the New Orleans Sabbath school hold perfect attendance cards for the past quarter.

Referring to the quarterly report for Sabbath schools, it will be seen that the Welsh Sabbath school gave the largest donations to missions per member, \$2.33 for the quarter, or an average of 18 cents a member each week. The New Orleans Sabbath school stands next, being only a fraction of a cent behind. On the yearly report the New Orleans Sabbath school is in the lead, having given an average of over 15 cents per member each week. Next is the Alexandria Sabbath school averaging a fraction less than 11 cents per member, the Welsh and Mansfield Sabbath schools coming in next with a trifle under 8½ cents a member.

Are you aware that "The Old Eastern Question Is Dead"? This is the topic of a stirring article by Dr. Magan in the March number of the *Watchman Magazine*. Do not fail to read it.

Report of Sabbath Schools for Quarter Ending December 31, 1916

	Ave. Memb.	13th Att.	Gifts to Sab.	Miss.	Ave. per Memb.
Alexandria	13	10	\$5.91	\$16.44	\$1.26
Cleora	5	5			
De Ridder	11	9	.66	7.98	.72
Evangeline	9	5		2.95	.22
Fullerton	16	14	2.82	15.68	.98
Hammond	29	20	13.56	33.13	1.10
Hobart	19	14	2.15	15.38	.81
Lena Station	10	10	2.77	5.29	.53
Lake Charles	25	22	3.13	21.53	.86
Mansfield	17	15	1.27	19.38	1.14
New Orleans No. 1	89	83	86.10	204.15	2.29
New Orleans No. 2	96	55	5.72	33.56	.35
Natalbany No. 2	8	4		1.09	.13
Ringgold	17	15	10.29	25.59	1.51
Shreveport No. 1	42	30	11.36	49.05	1.17
Shreveport No. 2	31	18	4.00	20.44	.66
Sugartown	13	12	2.52	8.53	.65
Welsh	16	15	16.02	37.29	2.33
Home Department	52	52	12.85	38.04	.73

Totals 518 408 \$181.13 \$555.50 \$1.08

MRS. EMMA L. MORROW, Secretary.

**Report of Sabbath Schools for Year Ending
December 31, 1916**

	Ave. Memb.	Ave. Att.	13th Sab.	Gifts to Miss.	Ave. per Memb.
Alexandria	12	11	\$17.60	\$67.15	\$5.60
Cleora	5	5	.32	.82	.16
De Ridder	15	9	1.21	33.86	2.92
Evangeline	12	5	2.80	14.33	1.19
Hobart	20	16	8.16	69.55	3.48
Fullerton	17	15	4.66	27.18	1.60
Hammond	28	21	25.05	107.27	3.83
Lena Station	10	9	6.77	16.73	1.67
Lake Charles	29	21	14.15	79.25	3.73
Mansfield	20	16	7.87	87.12	4.35
New Orleans No. 1	78	70	186.95	626.73	8.03
New Orleans No. 2	101	68	22.31	122.78	1.11
Natalbany No. 2	10	5		3.89	.38
Ringgold	15	12	18.09	52.86	3.62
Shreveport No. 1	48	32	47.26	182.11	3.77
Shreveport No. 2	34	20	22.31	122.78	3.31
Sugartown	17	14	6.21	27.45	1.61
Welsh	22	15	32.55	96.77	4.39
Home Department	52	52	63.22	176.03	3.38
Totals	545	446	\$475.91	\$1869.19	\$3.42
Gain over 1915	55	69	\$187.05	\$430.14	\$1.33

MRS. EMMA L. MORROW, *Secretary.*

no offering for more than \$5, but I got four of that amount.

Before going out I studied the paper, and the instruction leaflet and then got three cards signed up and went to work. And now I feel glad. "Duty done is the soul's fireside."

Why will not others who have not yet engaged in this line of work get a blessing too? Maybe when this reaches you it will be too late to do anything toward raising our fund for missions for 1916. But it is a good time to begin raising funds for the 1917 goal. If you think it is too late to work with the Harvest Ingathering papers, then plan by the Lord's help to engage in some other line of missionary work, for we have been taught that work is the life of spirituality, and this year plan it so you will not miss the blessing there is in the Harvest Ingathering work for you. Plan that the third angel's message will not miss the help you can bring it in this way. Let us do everything we can for the message, brethren. It must soon be finished, and it is our privilege to help finish the work of God in the earth and then go home to be with Jesus in the mansions he is preparing for us.

O. F. FRANK.

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Colporteurs' Institute

The time set for the Kentucky institute is February 26 to March 6. This important meeting will be held in Lexington. It is expected that we will have good help from the union in the way of instructors, and I am sure every colporteur in the conference should attend this meeting. There is a great work before us as workers, and when we think of the great multitude in our State who have never heard this message, it should cause us to dedicate our lives anew to God and his service. I feel sure there are many men and women in our churches today who have heard God's call to join the band of colporteurs. You have put off the work to which God has been calling you, saying, I expect to take up the work another year. Now, let me advise you at this time to listen to that still small voice that speaks to you and decide as you read this article that you will attend the institute and put in the year 1917 selling the printed page.

At the present time we see how willing the men in Europe are to give their service to their country. Will we be as willing to give ourselves into God's hands to be used by him? All our powers should be dedicated to the Lord; he will hold us responsible for the work we could do and yet refuse to do when he calls us. Eternity alone will show the good that has been accomplished by our faithful colporteurs. Many people are rejoicing in the truth today because some one left his home and friends and carried to them books containing the message. If ever there was a time when we as a people should place ourselves upon God's altar to be used by him, it is today. Will you who have heard God's call to go out and sell books or magazines respond to the call at once? The year 1917 should be our banner year for placing our literature in the homes of the people throughout our State.

If you are ready to join the band of colporteurs in the Kentucky Conference, write to Brother James Hickman, or send a letter to the tract society and you will receive a reply at once. Who will say, "Here am I, Lord; send me"?

B. W. BROWN.

The Harvest Ingathering Work

The Harvest Ingathering work is a good work. God has blessed me, and I believe he blesses all who engage in it.

I am sure the Lord has guided our brethren in this plan to raise money for the spread of the third angel's message. The people who examine the Harvest Ingathering paper and read it carefully will receive a favorable impression concerning the work Seventh-day Adventists are doing, and they will without doubt want to learn more about our work. When some colporteur comes along with some of our books they will invest; or when some preacher comes to their parts to hold a series of meetings they will go to hear him. If the colporteur and preacher do not come, then they will look up the directories again and will order some of our truth-filled literature of the tract society nearest them. Great will be the blessing to the cause in a financial way if our people get out and give just a little of their time in faithful service in this Harvest Ingathering effort.

Perhaps the greatest blessing of all is the blessing that comes to the church member who gets out and works faithfully for a time with the Harvest Ingathering papers. He first gets a blessing in carefully reading over the paper and the instruction leaflet. And then as he consecrates himself to the Lord and prays earnestly for the wisdom necessary to meet the people tactfully, and walks out on the promises of God, simply doing as well as he can, there comes a joy and satisfaction that can properly be called the richest of blessings. May God give this kind of blessing to many more of our people. We all need it, brethren.

I have no remarkable experience to relate, but will relate the one I have had, trusting it will be a source of encouragement to some one.

I had ordered fifty papers with which to work during the week of prayer. I soon disposed of them, and then having a little more time I could devote to it, I ordered fifty more. I must have given about thirty hours to the work among the people. I visited the business men of our little city principally. To them I gave out all my papers and collected \$70.45. I got

News Items

Brother Charles E. Allen, who has been visiting in Indiana, has returned to Louisville. His little boy had the measles while they were on their trip, but is much improved.

Brother F. F. Harrison writes that he is of good courage, and that as a result of the Bible readings he has been holding, two or three will be baptized and unite with the church soon.

William Winston, of Owensboro, writes that the work is progressing there and that they are planning for a strong revival effort with Elder Lawrence in charge. It would be well for each reader of the WORKER to pray for the success of this meeting.

Brother B. E. Wagner, of Lexington, writes that he finds a good many wealthy people in that part of the State, and he is glad to be able to put the printed page in so many homes.

Mrs. Dora Shoemaker sends in the statistical report of the Grove church, and states that Brother Jacobs and family visited their church last Sabbath.

Miss Genevieve Robert writes from Ford, where she is conducting the church school, that her school work is moving along nicely.

Brother C. W. Vermillion, of Ford, made a trip to Alabama the past week.

The Kentucky Conference Committee met in Bowling Green January 23. Those present from outside the city were: Elders S. E. Wight and O. A. Dow, and Brethren S. D. Bossing and C. W. Vermillion. Plans were laid for an aggressive campaign during the summer.

Brother D. E. Lindsey writes from Hopkinsville that the city seems to be ripe for holding a series of meetings in that place.

Mrs. William Bom, of the Henderson church, writes an encouraging letter and sends in a good remittance for that church.

Elder W. H. White has returned to Covington after a few days at Martha.

We are sorry to announce the death of Huston Kindred, of Panola, who passed away January 20.

Elder J. H. Lawrence has been making plans to go to Owensboro to hold a revival effort.

Brother F. S. Keitts, of Lexington, writes that the work is progressing there, but that Brother Campbell, who has recently come to our State, has been sick with tonsillitis.

Brother S. G. Grimes made the office a pleasant call the past week and ordered some of our good papers.

A letter just received from Brother W. H. Shoemaker states that he is of good courage. He sends a remittance for our periodicals.

Brother Godley reports the work in the colored church at Bowling Green progressing nicely.

Brother J. O. Wheeler, who has been working in Anderson County, reports splendid success. He states that with the present price of corn and tobacco he thinks he will have little trouble in delivering all the books that have been ordered.

Brother Andy Schroader writes that he is of good courage. He is now canvassing Franklin County.

Hatton Ford reports a good delivery and sends in a remittance to the office.

Brother J. Bryant, of Smiths Grove, sent in a remittance for missions the past week.

Sister Elizabeth Faulkner, of the Lexington colored church, sends in a remittance and adds that they are planning to work the city systematically this year.

Brother C. B. Sherer, of Denmark, Ky., has left the canvassing field and started to school.

Elder O. A. Dow spent a few days in Louisville the past week. He expects to visit the grove church next week.

We have received a call for a pamphlet written by Mrs. E. G. White, entitled "From Eden to Eden." If anybody

has a copy of this pamphlet, the Kentucky Tract Society would be glad to know who you are.

Brother Jesse Müller, one of the faithful canvassers, is taking a few weeks' vacation but expects to be in the field again after the institute. The conference committee decided to hold the institute in Lexington February 26 to March 6. It is none too early for you to begin to lay your plans to attend this meeting.

Brother Charles Romines, one of the pioneer canvassers in the State of Kentucky, has just returned to his home in Missouri.

In a statement issued by Robert Lansing, secretary of state, he says, regarding President Wilson's peace note, "The sending of this note will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war." In this connection read the article, "Will America Enter the War?" by C. B. Haynes in the *Watchman Magazine* for March.

Mississippi Conference

Conference Directory

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News Items

Brother C. B. Caldwell, secretary of the Louisiana Conference, stopped over a day in Jackson on his return home from the Bookmen's Convention. We greatly appreciated his visit.

Brother Staton and Elder Buhalts left Thursday morning for Greenwood, where the colored institute is to be held. They are expecting a good attendance of colporteurs at that meeting.

Brother E. A. Taylor and family are visiting friends in Jackson since Brother Taylor returned from the Bookmen's Convention. They expect soon to leave for Montgomery County, where they will be located for the summer.

Brother Virgil Smith left this week for Copiah County, where he will take orders for a spring delivery.

Brother Waller has been ill the past week and has been unable to leave for Lawrence County, where he has his delivery to finish. We hope he will soon be back to his usual health.

Money is still coming in on the Harvest Ingathering fund, and we hope that our people throughout the State will keep up this effort, as it will be a splendid help on our mission funds for 1917.

Brother Elmer Chastain expects soon to be located in Madison County.

It Produces Results

"I am not a Seventh-day Adventist, but am a firm believer as a result of being a subscriber to your magazine for the past two years. May the Lord assist you in your good work is my prayer." From a letter recently received at the *Signs* office.

The March *Signs Magazine* will exert a most favorable influence in the homes of your neighbors if—if it gets there. Here are the titles of the big features for March: "Sin's Last Orgy," "Antics of Modern Pew Fillers," "The Paradox of Peace," "Neither in nor out of Purgatory," "Labor's Warning to Wealth," "Europe's Deliberate Hara-Kiri," "Bankrupting the World."

Striking, aren't they? So are the articles. If you can't sell it or afford to give it away, will you not encourage some one else to do so?

An Important Matter

The *Liberty Magazine* for the first quarter of 1917 contains the decision of the supreme court of Oklahoma, granting full religious liberty to our people. It also contains the arguments which were made before that court, setting forth our views upon religious liberty. This is the first decision of a supreme court which has recognized our religious rights under the constitution to work or carry on merchandising on Sunday. This important decision ought to be placed in the hands of every judge and lawyer in the country.

Almost all of our conferences have only a limited amount of religious liberty funds on hand, and so are unable to send this special issue to all of these prominent men of the legal profession. Let all our people plan to give a liberal offering on Religious Liberty Day, the fourth Sabbath in February, so that the conferences can do this important work. Can not some of the churches, home missionary societies, and young people's societies undertake this work locally? The Review and Herald has the names and addresses of all these men in every State, and will mail this special number of *Liberty* to individual addresses at five cents per copy.

The *Liberty Magazine* is doing a wonderful amount of good in molding public sentiment and breaking down legal barriers and prejudice. Now as never before is our opportunity to work. Now is the time to become a subscriber for *Liberty*, as the special club rates are offered, enabling subscribers to secure a yearly *Liberty Magazine* subscription at twenty-five cents.

C. S. LONGACRE.

Atlanta Dairy Farm for Sale at a Bargain

There has been donated to the Southern Junior College, our new central training school for the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences, a good dairy farm in the edge of Atlanta, Ga. This farm is to be sold and the proceeds used in building up the new school. The farm is described as follows: twenty-two and one-half acres, twelve acres of which are good bottom land, about five acres up-land in small grain, and the rest in beautiful pine grove. Good three-room house, barn, well, splendid stream of running water. Twenty-minute walk to car line, church school, and Curtis Sanitarium. A most healthful location. Just the thing for a family desiring to have church and church school privileges and yet live in the country. Suitable for dairy or general farming. Price \$4,850.

EVERY DOLLAR GOES TO THE SCHOOL.
THE MONEY IS NEEDED NOW.

Write the Southeastern Union Conference, 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga., for particulars. W. H. BRANSON.

Sleeping-Cars Go Astray

Sleeping-cars for three cities became mixed up at Harrisburg, Pa., the other day, and the passengers awoke to find themselves many miles from their destination. The Pittsburg-Wilkesbarre car was attached to a train for Philadelphia, and the Pittsburg-Philadelphia car was put on a train for Sunbury, while a Pittsburg-Washington car was sent to Philadelphia. Rush orders were sent out, and the cars were sent speeding in the right direction on later trains. It makes all the difference in the world what road is taken to reach the desired destination. It is all-important to take the right road in the journey of life if the desired destination is to be reached. "Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." Matt. 7:13.—*Christian Herald*.

"You can never give orders unless you have learned to take them."

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Jan. 27, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
TurnerBattleHM,BF		1	\$ 3 00	\$	\$ 3 00	\$
U Bracy*BS,BF	58	13	9 35		9 35	16 00
Mrs Dillard*HM	23	4	10 00		10 00	
H L EdwardsBR	17	1	3 00		3 00	7 00
R L Etheredge* BF	53	37	55 50		55 50	6 00
J E Foley*BR	73	34	121 00	70	121 70	
Mrs Freeman Misc	5	8	6 95		6 95	6 95
L H Perley*D&R	64	5	17 50	22 15	39 65	9 00
Q Tew*BR	42	19	68 50		68 50	
Bibles						8 85
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Totals (Agts. 9).	335	122	\$294 80	\$22 85	\$317 65	\$53 80

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
H FordBF	63	31	\$45 50	\$ 7 35	\$52 85	\$99 50
C KeithCK	16	7	17 00		17 00	
B E WagnerBR	26	10	37 00		37 00	
J O WheelerBR	35	11	40 50	75	41 25	
LindseySB	35	81	20 25		20 25	
A SchroaderBR	37	10	35 00		35 00	
F L HarrisonBR	40	11	40 00		40 00	
Bibles			10 10		10 10	
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Totals (Agts. 7).	252	161	\$245 35	\$ 8 10	\$253 45	\$99 50

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
R H Hazelton†	116	40	\$145 00	\$ 5 30	\$150 30	
W J Keele	14			3 75	3 75	
Clinton Buchanan.	22	12	3 90		3 90	
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Totals (Agts. 3).	152	52	\$148 90	\$ 9 05	\$157 95	
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G'dTotals(A. 19)	739	335	\$689 05	\$40 00	\$729 05	\$153 30

Summary to Date			
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference..	\$435 00	\$110 10	\$149 90
Kentucky Conference .	849 10	15 85	155 50
Louisiana Conference .	15 00	17 25	25 00
Tenn. River Conference	214 90	9 90	
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Totals	\$1514 00	\$153 10	\$330 40

FOR SALE: Fifty acres of land, with new house, barn, concrete cistern, good spring, concrete cave with potato house above; located twenty-five miles from Chattanooga, and six miles from Trenton, Ga., county seat and railroad town; within a quarter of a mile of Seventh-day Adventist church and school, and near rural mail route. Fifteen acres are under cultivation and the remainder is in woods pasture. There are two hundred fruit trees in bearing, including apple, peach, pear, plum, and cherry, also grape vineyard and various small fruits. Excellent fruit and truck farm. \$1,000 cash. Reason for selling is that I may go as a self-supporting missionary to a South American field. Address E. W. Graves, Long Island, Ala.

For Exchange

Brother H. M. Walen, of Fountain Head, has an extra copy of "Testimonies for the Church" Vol. II in the cloth binding, which he desires to exchange for a copy of Volume III. Any one willing to make this transfer please communicate with Brother Walen at the above address.

* Two weeks. † Three weeks.

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Colporteurs' Institutes

Tennessee River ConferenceFeb. 6-15
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News Items

The Southern Union Conference has now moved into its new quarters, 2006 24th Ave., N., and all mail for the conference or any of its departments should be addressed here. Do not confuse this with the Tennessee River Tract Society and Conference address, which is 322 Jackson Bldg., Nashville, Tenn., as the offices are now separate.

Prof. and Mrs. Lynn H. Wood left Nashville Friday morning, January 26, for Ooltewah, Tenn., for a visit to the Southern Junior College, where they were cordially welcomed and entertained. They left Sunday for Washington, D. C., to attend the school constituency meeting to be held there.

Elder S. E. Wight left Nashville Saturday night, January 27, to attend the school constituency meeting in Washington in response to the request from Elder Evans that he be present.

It was voted by the Southern Union Conference Committee at its recent session in Nashville during the Bookmen's Convention that the Educational Department get out a ribbon bookmark on which is printed the local conference goal and the result attained in 1916, to be given to all those finishing the 1916 Bible Year, in addition to the William Miller Bible Card. This will be done as soon as the returns are all in.

Brother G. H. Curtis spent a day or two in Bowling Green this week.

Brethren M. W. Shidler and G. B. Boswell are in the midst of the colporteurs' institute being held at Shreveport, La.

A letter from Brother Davis was received at the office this week saying they had arrived safely in Washington and were enjoying the convention being held there, after which they will go direct to Canada.

We were pleased to welcome to our office last week a brother from Alabama who had been keeping the Sabbath with his family for two years, but who had never attended a Seventh-day Adventist meeting, nor come in touch with any of our people.

Some literature was given him about eight years ago, and he has now passed this on to another family that is much interested. This shows the good a paper or tract may do when put in the hands of honest-hearted people who are searching for truth. This is a line of work that nearly all can help in, and who can tell what the results will be? The slogan of the Home Missionary Department for 1917 is "Win one." What a mighty work would be done this year if every Seventh-day Adventist would win one soul to Christ, and how quickly the message would go if all would work to this end! Let us join the army of home missionary workers.

Notice to Church Elders. Religious Liberty Day, Sabbath, February 24

An excellent program has been prepared by the Religious Liberty Department at Washington, D. C., to be rendered on the fourth Sabbath, Home Missionary Day, February 24. Do not overlook this program, for it is interesting and instructive and we are sure will be enjoyed by all.

The special offering to be taken on this day is the only source of revenue the Religious Liberty Department has for carrying on its line of work. The local field keeps all the money obtained on Religious Liberty Day for the work in its own field. This is a good time to give opportunity for all to subscribe for the *Liberty Magazine* at the club rate of 25 cents a year to individual addresses. The following paragraph quoted from a letter just received from Elder C. S. Longacre will show something of the need at this time.

"The activities of our enemies were never more subtle and determined than they are today. Another Sunday bill was introduced in Congress day before yesterday. Five Sunday measures are now pending before Congress. One has been up for passage nine times, but we have held it in check each time. Reports from the field are coming in that Sunday bills are being introduced in nearly every State legislature this year. So each conference has a battle to fight, and the religious liberty fund which is raised on the fourth Sabbath in February is the only source we have with which to meet the necessary expense involved."

We trust you will not lay the program by when you receive it, but that you will work up an enthusiastic program for your church for this day, and give all a chance to help while there is opportunity to accomplish something.

The True Missionary Spirit

How prone we are to say we "can't afford it" when it is proposed that we have a part in some missionary enterprise that calls for a sacrifice of means. The following letter, just received from one of our sisters, indicates the ideal missionary spirit.

"Enclosed you will find \$1 for which please send the *Signs* to the following names. I sold a cake last evening for \$1, so will send the *Signs* to two of my friends."

That sister will probably make another cake or two when she realizes fully that the publishers of the *Signs* are now offering our good missionary journal in its sixteen-page size for eighty cents a year in clubs of five or more. Or, perhaps she will wish to take advantage of the 85-cent rate which provides for yearly subscriptions to separate names and addresses when five or more are ordered at the same time. You can count on her having a part in the effort that is now being made to increase the circulation of the *Signs* to 100,000.

The nations are calling for peace. "Saying Peace when There Is no Peace," by G. B. Thompson, is alone worth the price of the March *Watchman Magazine*.