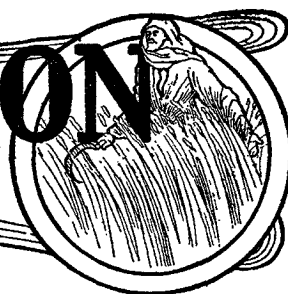


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If I Could Know

If I could know
Life's every step, and view its winding way,
There would be no surprises for each day;
I would not lean so heavily on his might
If all the paths I tread were in the light;
And so I could not learn his gracious love,
Nor could He lead me to His home above.

If I could know
Whate'er befalls the way I fain would choose,
How much of discipline my life would lose;
And e'en the angels in the courts above
Have borne the test to trust God's sovereign love.
My self-will on the altar is my need,
That I may hinder not where He would lead.

But this I know:
He leads through pastures green to waters still,
Where every want my fainting soul may fill;
E'en through death's shadow I need have no fear,
For still the mighty One is ever near.
He who is wisdom chooses best for me,
That I may dwell with Him, eternally.

—Worthie Harris Holden.

Can We Do It?

It must be that all who are reading the *Review and Herald*, and thus watching the movements of our missionaries in foreign fields, are stirred with the appeals coming to us from week to week for more workers and means with which to carry on the work.

The whole world has for some time been plunged in blood, but this country has escaped, and those who have been inclined to sleep have rested easy, trusting that peace will be maintained in the United States for years to come. The happenings of the last few days have unsettled the strongest men and women, and the Scripture has already been literally fulfilled that men's hearts have failed them for fear of what is coming on the earth. Prophecy is being fulfilled and we are brought face to face with the signs of the last days so long looked for by aged pilgrims. It seems we are about to be plunged into the terrible conditions foretold by prophets of old, when nearly everything will seem to be out of its natural order.

The time has come for the Lord to finish his work in the earth, and those who are not prepared to move out in the providential openings of God to finish the work, are liable to be left behind, and not be able to walk again with the people of God who are traveling rapidly, towards the celestial city. Let it not be said of us that we are sleeping by the way, that we are weary of the work which God has given us to do, but after putting on the armor let us press on and gain the victor's crown.

During the first quarter of this year, the Foreign Mission Board would be pleased to receive \$2.60 each from the membership

of every church. Is this too much? Is it more than we are able to pay? If by a little forethought and careful figuring during these weeks we could secure \$2.60 each to put in to the foreign mission funds, which will bring us at the end of the quarter, March 31, with the request of the Foreign Mission Board answered, we will all feel in our hearts that we have accomplished our purpose, and it will bring to us a blessing. Efforts will be made in every conference to pay this entire amount to foreign missions during the quarter, which is \$2.60 for each member enrolled on the church books. The urgency of the times and the nearness of the coming of the Lord should arouse every Seventh-day Adventist to give of his surplus means, and should cause those who are not in possession of much of this world's goods to sacrifice in order that they may receive the crown of victory. Let us pray and work to the end of doing our best to accomplish the task set for us before the thirty-first day of March.

S. E. WIGHT.

Idleness the Curse of Humanity

Our time belongs to God. Every moment is his, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to his glory. Of no talent he has given will he require a more strict account than of our time.

The value of time is beyond computation. Christ regarded every moment as precious, and it is thus that we should regard it. Life is too short to be trifled away. We have but a few days of probation in which to prepare for eternity. We have no time to waste, no time to devote to selfish pleasure, no time for the indulgence of sin. It is now that we are to form characters for the future, immortal life. It is now that we are to prepare for the searching judgment.

The human family have scarcely begun to live when they begin to die, and the world's incessant labor ends in nothingness unless a true knowledge in regard to eternal life is gained. The man who appreciates time as his working day will fit himself for a mansion and for a life that is immortal. It is well that he was born.

We are admonished to redeem the time. But time squandered can never be recovered. We cannot call back even one moment. The only way in which we can redeem our time is by making the most of that which remains, by being coworkers with God in his great plan of redemption.

In him who does this, a transformation of character takes place. He becomes a son of God, a member of the royal family, a child of the heavenly king. He is fitted to be the companion of the angels.

DONATIONS OF MONEY NOT ENOUGH

Now is our time to labor for the salvation of our fellow men. There are some who think that if they give money to the cause of Christ, this is all they are required to do. The precious time in which they might do personal service for him passes unimproved. But it is the privilege and duty of all who have health and strength, to render to God active service. All are

to labor in winning souls to Christ. Donations of money cannot take the place of this.

Every moment is freighted with eternal consequences. We are to stand as minute men, ready for service at a moment's notice. The opportunity that is now ours to speak to some needy soul the word of life may never offer again. God may say to that one, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee," and through our neglect he may not be ready. In the great judgment day, how shall we render our account to God?

Life is too solemn to be absorbed in temporal and earthly matters, in a treadmill of care and anxiety for the things that are but an atom in comparison with the things of eternal interest. Yet God has called us to serve him in the temporal affairs of life. Diligence in this work is as much a part of true religion as is devotion. The Bible gives no indorsement to idleness. It is the greatest curse that afflicts our world. Every man and woman who is truly converted will be a diligent worker.

LIFE'S WASTED MOMENTS

Upon the right improvement of our time depends our success in acquiring knowledge and mental culture. The cultivation of the intellect need not be prevented by poverty, humble origin, or unfavorable surroundings. Only let the moments be treasured. A few moments here and a few there, that might be frittered away in aimless talk; the morning hours so often wasted in bed; the time spent in traveling on trains or railway cars, or waiting at the station; the moments of waiting for meals, waiting for those who are tardy in keeping an appointment,—if a book were kept at hand, and these fragments of time were improved in study, reading, or careful thought, what might not be accomplished! A resolute purpose, persistent industry, and careful economy of time, will enable men to acquire knowledge and mental discipline which will qualify them for almost any position of influence and usefulness.

The life of Christ from his earliest years was a life of earnest activity. He lived not to please himself. He was the Son of the infinite God, yet he worked at the carpenter's trade with his father Joseph. His trade was significant. He had come into the world as the character builder, and as such all his work was perfect. Into all his secular labor he brought the same perfection as into the characters he was transforming by his divine power. He is our pattern. . . .

SHIFTLESS, LAZY DRONES

Parents cannot commit a greater sin than by allowing their children to have nothing to do. The children soon learn to love idleness, and they grow up shiftless, useless men and women. When they are old enough to earn their living, and find employment, they work in a lazy, droning way, yet expect to be paid as much as if they were faithful. There is a world-wide difference between this class of workers and those who realize that they must be faithful stewards.

Indolent, careless habits indulged in secular work will be brought into the religious life and will unfit one to do any efficient service for God. Many who through diligent labor might have been a blessing to the world, have been ruined through idleness. Lack of employment and of steadfast purpose opens the door to a thousand temptations. Evil companions and vicious habits deprave mind and soul, and the result is ruin for this life and for the life to come.

DO IT WITH THY MIGHT

Whatever the line of work in which we engage, the Word of God teaches us to be "not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," "knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."
—Mrs. E. G. White.

The Advancement of the Educational Spirit

The growth of the educational work of Seventh-day Adventists depends upon increasing, in the mind of every believer, the knowledge of its importance to our message and a sense of his own responsibility thereto; and this growth will be in direct proportion to his increase of knowledge and his sense of responsibility. The spirit of prophecy says, "The work that lies nearest the members of our churches is to care for our children and youth." This is said in direct connection with instruction regarding the duty of the church to educate every child within its fold. This responsibility is not placed alone upon parents, where it first belongs, but also upon every member of the church.

Now it is manifest that many church members do not appreciate the wonderful opportunity presented in the education of our children and youth, else it might be true in all our conferences, as it was this last school year in two or three, that in every church where there were six children in the elementary grades, a school was conducted. If all our church members could be brought to value Christian education as a means of restoring "the image of God in the soul," we should have at least double the number of youth in our academies and colleges throughout the world. This would mean at least twice as many workers for the homeland and for heathen lands as our schools are now sending out. It would keep our young men and women from becoming possessed of the spirit of worldly pleasure and commercial ambition, and from engaging in the vocations of the world. Our schools are ordained of God to save our youth by restoring his image in their lives; and if the children are saved, the fathers and mothers are most likely to be saved also.

These considerations demand a great campaign for Christian education. There should be created in the church throughout the world a true and sincere educational spirit. Every member should be brought to see his duty and his relation to this feature of the work of the church. Every parent should be awakened to perform his full duty for his children. The children and youth should be encouraged and taught to do their part in providing ways and means for their own education. This campaign should be a call for the education of every child of every church, and for providing the means for his education—competent teachers and suitable school rooms and school equipment. It should lead those parents who are so situated that they cannot send their children to one of our schools, to avail themselves of the advantages of the Fireside Correspondence School, which at least offers work in Bible for every child from the youngest to the oldest.

All this is not a theory of a possibility, but is a very brief statement of an absolute responsibility. The responsibility to organize and conduct such a campaign rests primarily upon the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments of the General and North American Division Conferences, and secondarily, upon every one connected with these departments, such as secretaries, superintendents, leaders, and teachers of any grade in our schools.

Such a campaign was organized at the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Convention held at St. Helena, Cal., in June, 1915, and since then has been conducted with some degree of enthusiasm. At that time plans were laid for Educational Sabbaths, for obtaining a record of the Christian experience and educational standing of every one of our children above five years of age, and resolutions were adopted looking to the publication of educational campaign literature, and other means of arousing the church to a sense of its obligations and opportunities in these matters.

Much has been done in conducting the campaign thus planned, but much more remains to be done to make it effective. Each Educational and Missionary Volunteer worker must feel that upon him, by virtue of his relation to the work of our young people, rests an obligation to speak, to write, and above all

to pray; to agitate and to educate by every means at his command, however feeble his efforts may seem to him. If our two thousand and more Educational and Missionary Volunteer workers felt the burden of this campaign as a fire within their bones, as Jeremiah felt his message, there would be a great awakening of the educational spirit in the church. As such workers we must pray for it and work for it until the church of God is possessed of it.—*Frederick Griggs, in March Educator.*

Eternity Stretches Before Us

My heart is often burdened because so many who might work are doing nothing. They are the sport of Satan's temptations. Every church member who has a knowledge of the truth is expected to work while the day lasts; for the night cometh, wherein no man can work. Ere long we shall understand what the night means. The spirit of God is being grieved away from the earth. The nations are angry with one another. Widespread preparations are being made for war. The night is at hand. Let the church arouse and go forth to do her appointed work. Every believer, educated or uneducated, can bear the message.

Eternity stretches before us. The curtain is about to be lifted. What are we thinking of that we cling to our selfish love of ease, while all around us souls are perishing? Have our hearts been utterly calous? Can we not see and understand that we have a work to do in behalf of others? My brethren and sisters, are you among those who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not? Is it in vain that God has given you knowledge of his will? Is it in vain that he has sent you warning after warning of the nearness of the end? Do you believe that God's judgments are hanging over the inhabitants of the earth? How then can you sit at ease careless and indifferent?

Every day that passes brings us nearer the end. Does it bring us also nearer to God? Are we watching unto prayer? Those with whom we associate day by day need our help, our guidance. They may be in such a condition of mind that a word in season will be sent home by the Holy Spirit as a nail in a sure place. Tomorrow some of these souls may be where we can never reach them again. What is our influence over these fellow travelers? What effort do we make to win them to Christ?—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, pp. 26, 27.

We are on the very verge of the time of trouble, and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of are before us. A power from beneath is leading men to war against heaven. Human beings have confederated with satanic agencies to make void the law of God. The inhabitants of the world are fast becoming as the inhabitants of the world in Noah's day, who were swept away by the flood, and as the inhabitants of Sodom, who were consumed by fire from heaven. The powers of Satan are at work to keep the mind diverted from eternal realities. The enemy has arranged matters to suit his own purposes. Worldly business, sports, the fashion of the day—these things occupy the minds of men and women. Amusements and unprofitable reading spoil the judgment. In the broad road that leads to eternal ruin there walks a long procession. The world, filled with violence, reveling, and drunkenness, is converting the church.

Intense earnestness should now take possession of us. Our slumbering energies should be aroused to untiring effort. Consecrated workers should go forth into the field clearing the King's highway, and gaining victories in new places. My brother, my sister, is it nothing to you to know that every day souls are going down into the grave unwarned, unsaved, ignorant of their need of eternal life and of the atonement made for them by the Saviour? Is it nothing to you that soon the world is to meet Jehovah over his broken law? Heavenly angels marvel that those who for so many years have had the light, have not carried the torch of truth into the dark places of the earth.—*Id.*, pp. 43, 44.

Kentucky Conference

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News Items

Elder O. A. Dow and wife have now located in Covington and will carry forward the work in that city.

Brother J. P. Salmon, of Livia, Ky., writes a very encouraging letter and sends in mission offerings for the first quarter of the year. Others would do well to follow his example.

Brother D. E. H. Lindsey writes from Hopkinsville that he is succeeding nicely selling "Shadow of the Bottle." He reports quite an interest in his work.

Elder J. M. Campbell, who has been holding a series of meetings in Lexington, reports a good interest.

Brother James Hickman has been assisting Brother Harrison the past week in Warren County.

Sister Harrison, the church school teacher in Bowling Green, reports her pupils doing nicely.

Elder J. H. Lawrence has gone to Owensboro to hold a revival meeting in that city for the colored people. We hope that he may have a large attendance.

Brother Howard, of Irvington, sends in a remittance and adds that the work is moving forward in Irvington.

Sister Neafus, of Irvington, sends in an order for some of our good papers.

Sister Lizzie Campbell, of Powder Mills, writes that they are planning to carry on a campaign with the Harvest Ingathering this month.

The good old *Review* should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home throughout the conference. If you want to be informed as to what is being done in giving the message, send in your order to the Kentucky Tract Society for the *Review*.

Brother Milton Jones, one of our magazine workers in Louisville, has ordered a good supply of papers.

Brother B. E. Wagner, of Lexington, is making a delivery at this writing.

Brother Andy Schroader, who is selling "Bible Readings" in Franklin County, writes that he is of good courage.

Sister Ada Fort, one of our *Watchman* agents at Louisville, has ordered a supply of the March number of *The Watchman*.

Brother Jesse Miller has gone to Anderson County to spend a few days with Brother Wheeler before the institute.

Sister Ewald, of Louisville, has ordered a supply of *Signs* to be used by the young people's society in Louisville.

Brother Williams, our conference secretary, made a business trip to Russellville the past week.

Mrs. T. A. Potter called at the office the past week and made a settlement with the tract society.

Brother J. O. Wheeler has been on the sick list the past few days. We trust he will soon be well again.

Brother B. W. Brown spent a few days in Berrien Springs, Mich., the past week. He also stopped in Louisville for a few days looking after conference affairs.

The Kentucky Tract Society is offering a great bargain on a few kinds of books, on which they are overstocked. The following is a list which will hold good as long as the books last. First come, first served. Quite a number of "Daniel and Revelation" full morocco; regular price \$5.50, now \$1.75 per copy. "Past, Present and Future" full leather; regular price \$4.50, now \$1.00 per copy.

Every Seventh-day Adventist throughout the conference should make a desperate effort to pay \$2.60 this quarter on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. It can be done! Let us all rally to the work and raise our full quota for missions for the first quarter.

Obituary

KINDRED.—Huston Kindred was born Nov. 23, 1873, at Locust Branch, Ky., and died Jan. 19, 1917, at his home at Panola, Ky. His wife and six children, besides two brothers and one sister, remain to mourn his loss. While they grieve over his sudden departure, it is not as those who have no hope. He accepted the message of present truth in 1905 and was a staunch and faithful member until the day of his death. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

W. H. WHITE.

Tennessee River Conference

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News Items

Elder Elliott and Brother Wade returned to Nashville Sunday morning, February eighteen, from the institute, which had just closed at Springville, Tenn., a few days before. They report some good meetings there. The church took an active interest in the colporteurs' drills, and also in the home missionary institute which was conducted by Elder Keate. On Sabbath a very interesting meeting was held, and pledges for foreign missions were secured, amounting to more than \$50. A number pledged produce from the farm; others will set a hen or will give Sabbath eggs, etc.

Brother W. D. Ward, of Springville, Tenn., has sold his place, and is preparing to move to Graysville, Tenn. We regret very much to have Brother Ward leave our conference, for his help was much appreciated in the church. Brother Ward has also been a faithful church treasurer for the past two years. He will visit Nashville en route to his new home.

Elder Bellinger writes that Sister Bellinger is very ill at this time, and that he was unable to attend the Memphis institute. We are sorry to learn of this and hope that she will be improved in health soon.

Brother Randall Johnson, of Jackson, was in Memphis a few days this week to attend the missionary institute that is being conducted in the No. 2 church there. Brother Johnson writes that a number of his people in Jackson are ill with la grippe and that much suffering is prevalent. Our colored people are much affected by the high cost of foodstuffs, and many are unable to obtain the necessities of life because of this. Surely prophecy tells us that we are living in the last days.

A home missionary institute for the churches near Nashville will be held in this city beginning Sunday, March 4, and continuing for several days. Elder Elliott will lead out in the meetings, and Elder Wight and Elder Keate, of the union conference, will probably be with us. The meetings in the mornings and afternoons will be held in the Publishing House chapel, and the night meetings will be held in the Memorial church on the corner of 5th and Fatherland Street. The following churches have been asked to send their church elders to the meeting: Ashland City, Bon Aqua, Madison, Cedar Grove, Lawrenceburg, Goodlettsville, Fountain Head, and Nashville. If there are others of the leaders in these churches who would

like to attend, we will of course be glad to have them. Elder Denslow will locate all those who may attend the meeting.

The Nashville young people's society has been having some very good programs of late, and the interest among the young people is good. Recently a temperance program was given, and very interesting talks were given on the beneficial results of prohibition. Dr. Farnsworth, of this city, gave a talk on the effect of alcohol on the human system, telling of experiments which show that alcohol has a tendency to weaken and destroy the muscles of the body and to affect the mind in a similar way. His talk was enjoyed by all. Mr. McConaughy gave a talk on "Some Recent Victories," and national prohibition was mentioned as being a very desirable thing, and very necessary in order to preserve the dignity and standing of the nation.

Since the publication of our offer to renew all subscriptions to the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER, many new subscriptions have come in. The special offer has now expired, and hereafter all subscriptions will be at the rate of 50 cents a year. There are a number whose subscriptions have expired, and the papers will be discontinued.

We have just received word from the Review and Herald announcing the publication of a new book entitled "The World War." This will be the same size and style as the "World's Crisis" series, 25 cents in the paper binding and 50 cents for the cloth. It is an intensely interesting little book on the present war crisis, telling of the acute situation at this time. It is written in a clear way so that it will appeal to the outside world. Elder Daniells has recently given some lectures to very large audiences in the East in which the same subject was dealt with, and he is in a position to speak authoritatively on this most important subject.

The tract society has a few Bibles which will be sold much below cost in order to move them from the shelves. If your Bible is worn, and you need a new one, write the office for further information and you will receive a letter giving the prices of those that might be left.

We have just received word from Brother H. G. Miller, of the Iowa Conference, that he will be on his way to Tennessee before long to take up the colporteur work. We will be glad to welcome him to our conference.

Brother Keele writes that his son has arrived and that he is preparing to turn over to him all his farm cares, so that he and Mrs. Keele may be released for active work. Brother Keele speaks of working the cities with our magazines and truth-filled literature.

Mrs. B. A. Philpott, of Murfreesboro, has lately moved into town and taken up active work with "Bible Footlights." She reports many interesting experiences and states that she enjoys her work very much. She expects to continue her work until the entire city has been canvassed for this good book.

The Institute

After being asked to take charge of the colporteur work in this conference, I visited the churches at Fountain Head, Hustburg, and Jackson and found several interested in the colporteur work. Our institute was held at Springville February 6-15. Among those present were Brethren W. J. Keele, R. H. Hazelton, E. O. Stahl, M. Hixson, and G. T. Tripp. Four of the students from Hazel Academy came over and spent three days with us. Those assisting in the institute were M. W. Shidler, union field secretary; Elder R. I. Keate, home missionary secretary of the Southern Union Conference; Elder W. R. Elliott and the writer, from the local conference.

Elders Keate and Elliott gave some very interesting Bible studies each forenoon. Meetings were held each evening for the public. There was a good attendance, and much interest was manifested.

Brethren Keele and Hazelton are our stand-bys. They have

been in the book work for many years. They returned to their respective territories determined to do their best in placing our truth-filled books in the homes of the people.

Brother Tripp comes from Wisconsin. He is at present connected with the Fountain Head School, but expects soon to locate in Clarksville, where he and his wife will engage in selling our literature.

Brother Stahl is teaching the church school at Springville. After the close of school he will join our ranks and help to warn the people of the soon coming of our Saviour.

Brother Hixson, who was compelled to cease his work last year because of rheumatism, is so far recovered that he plans to again take up the work. Brother Hixson made the highest average per hour of books delivered of any man in the field last year.

There are several students from Hazel Academy, Fountain Head, and other places who plan to enter the colporteur work as soon as their schools close.

We are receiving letters from persons in the North and West, asking for territory in our conference. The prospects for the colporteur work are bright, and we hope to make this the banner year for book sales.

Any one desirous of heeding the call to help finish the work in this generation should seriously consider the book work. We would be glad to correspond with any interested brethren or sisters. All correspondence should be addressed to us at the office.

W. D. WADE.

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.

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Intercession

"I can of mine own self do nothing," was the cry of our Saviour, and why? He was in the world, having to meet trials, rebuffs, and all the temptations which the wicked one brings against the human family; and he had to meet them in the same way that you and I must meet them — in the strength of the Lord. He knew that his only hope of victory was in the Father's strength; therefore he was often in earnest prayer. This communion with the Father so fortified the soul of our Saviour that the Devil "found nothing in him." So it must be with all of his followers — we can hope to gain life's victories and do the work of the Lord only by following in his steps; for he said, "I have left you an example."

Realizing the weakness of all flesh, the Saviour prayed earnestly to the Father to make his disciples perfect overcomers, even to the end of the world. John 17: 9, 15, 20. Oh, blessed thought! "He ever liveth to make intercession for us."

Even though we have the Saviour as our intercessor, we are in need of earnest, personal communion with God "that we enter not into temptation," for "the flesh is weak." Matt. 26: 41. Through Christ's merit "we are to come boldly to the

throne of grace." Heb. 4: 16. And in giving the last message of mercy to the world in this generation, we need much wisdom that we may do it in God's way; so he says through the apostle James, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, . . . and it shall be given him." Jas. 1: 5. In this connection, I wish to quote to the colporteurs a few words from Mrs. E. G. White, on the importance of prayer.

"Humble, fervent prayer would do more in the circulation of our books than all the expensive embellishments in the world. If the workers will turn their attention to that which is living and real; if they will pray for, believe for, and trust in the Holy Spirit, his power will be poured upon them in strong, heavenly currents, and right and lasting impressions will be made upon the human heart. Then pray and work and work and pray, and the Lord will work with you." "Testimonies for the Church." Vol. VI, p. 319.

We are not to forget our colaborers who are struggling against the enemy and seeking to do the work which God has given them (Jas. 5: 16), for by their success the truth we love is sent swiftly.

As we near the end the work seems to widen, until the laborers are rather scarce for the great work which must soon be finished. So the Saviour admonished us to pray to the Lord "that he would send forth laborers into the harvest." Luke 10: 2. Brethren, surely we should set our hearts and faces Zionward!

I earnestly request that each of our people set apart the early morning hour for united prayer that God will prosper the workers in the field, as he has never done before. I hope that the colporteurs of Louisiana will mention each of the fellow colporteurs of this State by name at the throne of grace. Pray that we may have just the strength, grace, wisdom, and tact that we need to reach and impress the people with the message-filled books. Pray definitely that each one may reach his goal, and that we may reach the goal set by the conference. There is grave danger that the enemy of souls will hinder this work, by causing some to be late in starting in, telling them that they can catch up at the last, and then cutting them short at the close of the year. Then the finances are low and they drop out. Let us put in time!

Already good reports are coming in from some, showing that they are on their way to reach the goal, not by jumps, but steadily. I hope to soon receive good reports from all.

G. B. BOSWELL.

The Schoolhouse Meeting at Perkins

On the fifth of January we began a series of meetings in the schoolhouse at Perkins. These meetings were nightly and continued until the eighteenth of February.

Perkins is the name of a flag station on the K. C. S. Railroad, eighteen miles northwest of Lake Charles and about four miles southeast of DeQuincy, which has the nearest postoffice for Perkins.

The schoolhouse in which the meetings were held is an up-to-date and very commodious building. The school director was very kind to let us have the free use of the building to hold meetings when we chose, as long as we did not conflict with the school work.

We had a few Seventh-day Adventists there before we began the meetings, and they, by their good missionary work, had prepared the field for the preaching of the Word. The people of the place are rather independent, for they are farmers and railroad-tie makers and piling makers. They work by the piece and can work when it pleases them.

But one great drawback to the meetings was bad weather. It seemed to us exceptionally bad. We had much more rainy weather than pleasant, and some of the time it was quite cold, for we had the coldest weather of the winter during these meetings. Another drawback was sickness. Several families had

sick ones to care for, and their attendance at the meetings was in this way broken.

Nevertheless, the attendance the greater part of the time was better than we had expected it would be, and was a source of encouragement.

We are glad to say that we have seen some good results from the meetings. It is not our intention to overestimate the results nor to represent them to be greater than they are. It will take time to tell just what the results are. We continually worked and prayed that we might have success. A large number of tracts and Present Truth Series were given away and about thirty dollars' worth of books left in the homes of the people. Most of our "Songs for the Message" were also sold to the people at the close of the meetings at a reduced price on account of their damaged condition. The people seemed eager to get them that they might not forget the advent songs they had learned.

The turpentine foreman with his wife accepted the call of the message they heard and firmly resolved to keep the Sabbath. But unfortunately they were compelled to move away before the whole message could be presented.

The negroes of the turpentine works requested me to preach to them, so I gave them two discourses one afternoon, and some of them said they were going to follow their boss in the keeping of the Sabbath.

At the close of the meetings nineteen signed a covenant to keep the commandments of God and have the testimony and faith of Jesus. There were others that had signified their intention to keep the Sabbath who were not present at the closing meetings.

I am sorry to say that the evil one succeeded in stirring up some bitter opposition before the meetings were over on account of the straightness of the message. But I think it discouraged none of the sincere ones. Having been studying of late the experiences of the apostle Paul in his missionary work they were prepared for it.

We are glad to report that we were treated very kindly during these meetings, not only in the hospitable home of Brother Perkins, but by most every one in the vicinity of the station. Some will remember that Brother Perkins was baptized at our camp-meeting last summer. He is a true Seventh-day Adventist, studying every spare moment he has to learn more of the present truth that he might be a means of helping to save those with whom he associates.

We feel very thankful to the Lord for having had the privilege of holding these meetings. Let us pray, dear brethren, that these people to whom the message has come in Perkins may allow their hearts to be like the good ground of the parable.

Baptismal service was deferred until after we hold a series of meetings at DeQuincy. It is our plan to go there next.

O. F. FRANK.

All things connected with time have an end. It has been truly said by Bonar that "when we are gone, our homes will not be vacant. The crowds will swell the cities as when we were there. Earth liveth on and on amid the change, with us or without us to the end. That end—ah, would that it were come! All things press forward to it and cry out, 'Delay not,' for hope deferred has sickened the sad heart, and men are asking, 'Will it ever come?'" Yes, it will come. The curtains of the heavens will be flung back, and Christ will appear. "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence." The ages have waited for him. The time is at hand. "Get ready! Get ready! Get ready!"

ELIZA H. MORTON.

Make a rule, and pray God to help you keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night, without being able to say, "I have made one human being, at least, a little wiser, a little happier, or a little better this day."—Charles Kingsley.

Mississippi Conference

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News Items

The conference committee held their annual audit Monday, February 19, at Jackson. Many important matters were taken up in connection with our work, and definite plans were laid for the advancement of the cause in the State during 1917. Those present at this meeting, from outside of Jackson, were Elders S. E. Wight and R. E. Burke, and Brethren G. H. Curtis, G. Z. Clark, J. D. McEachern, and L. V. Crawford.

Lou Jennie McElroy and Emily Billups are now located at Tutwiler, and we have just received their first reports. They did very well considering the bad weather. They hope to be able to put in full time this week, and if possible take \$200 worth of orders each. Let us all remember these faithful workers in our prayers.

Brother Taylor writes that they are very nicely located at Winona, and he is now in the canvassing field. In seventeen hours he took \$32.50 worth of orders and sold \$5.50 worth of helps.

Elders King and Barnes were in Jackson Monday, the nineteenth, to attend the mission committee meeting, which was held in connection with the conference committee.

Sister Dora Wilson is back at her work in Hattiesburg after a short visit with her aged mother, who lives near Clarksdale. She reports her mother's health very good considering her age.

Elder King is now holding meetings in Yazoo City and reports quite an interest being manifested there.

An Important Prediction

The Christian's hope is as an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entereth into that which is within the veil, whither Christ, the forerunner, is for us entered. We have an individual work to do to prepare for the great events that are just before us. The youth should seek God more earnestly. The tempest is coming, and we must get ready for its fury, by having repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will arise to shake terribly the earth. We shall see troubles on all sides. Thousands of ships will be hurled into the depths of the sea. Navies will go down, and human lives will be sacrificed by millions. Fires will break out unexpectedly, and no human effort will be able to quench them. The palaces of earth will be swept away in the fury of the flames. Disaster by rail will become more and more frequent; confusion, collision, and death without a moment's warning will occur on the great lines of travel. The end is near; probation is closing. Oh, let us seek God while he may be found, and call upon him while he is near! The prophet says: "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Signs of the Times*, April 21, 1890.

One kind, and only one kind, of religious truth is sure to reach all classes of persons helpfully; and that is the truth of Jesus Christ's power to meet every human need."

"A Paper a Day"

A little note with the above heading appeared in the March *Ladies' Home Journal*, and may give us some idea of what could be accomplished by just taking care of and using the magazines and papers we get each week:

"Could you use a little money in your school or other public institution, if you had it? Well, here's how to get it:

"Every one knows that paper is so scarce and high in price that old newspapers and magazines have a real cash value. The trouble has been for the individual to save enough alone to make it worth while to try to sell them. Why not, then, have all the school children in your town bring to school once a week all available old newspapers and magazines, and then arrange with a waste paper dealer to buy the weekly collections? In Washington alone more than \$2,500 was made for the school playground fund in a few weeks in this way, and the end is not yet. Just think — an army of 20,000,000 children marches to school every day, and millions of newspapers are printed daily. Six ten-page newspapers weigh a pound, so that if each child contributed a paper a day there would be saved more than 3,000,000 pounds of paper a day, worth, at half a cent a pound, \$15,000. Why not get your share of this money for some good cause? All this plan needs for complete success in any newspaper community is some one to start it. It offers an easy step toward that economy which America must learn to practise. To show you how to save and market old paper, the United States Department of Commerce has published a free bulletin."

During the Harvest Ingathering Campaign a few weeks ago, the young people in certain sections gathered old magazines, as these bring a higher price than newspapers, and sold them, giving the money to this fund. Over two tons were gathered and sold in one city during the campaign, bringing in nearly fifty dollars.

Of course the figures given in the quotation are large, because they are taking into account all the school children, but even considering only the few who are attending Seventh-day Adventist schools, it would be a surprise to most people to see how much money could be raised in this way, if such a paper-gathering campaign were started.

We are still raising funds for foreign missions, and we are all anxious to do what we can to help on our dormitory fund. Why can not we in the Southern Union Conference take advantage of this means of raising money to apply on one of these funds? The children would take a real interest in gathering papers and magazines, and we would be surprised to know how many dollars are thrown away when we waste or burn old magazines. Why not give the children a chance to help on the new dormitory fund too?

L. S.

Yiddish Magazine Ready

The "World on Fire" number of the Yiddish magazine is ready. Although delayed because of our being dependent upon an outside house for the composition, the magazine now comes forth with a strong message for the Jews, profusely illustrated and attractive. One page lists in English all of the leading articles, thus making it easy for any one to handle it. The last edition of the magazine was exhausted long before the end of the quarter, and some of our larger churches in eastern cities where there are thousands of Jewish people were unable to get any. A number of these have now worked up large club orders to begin with the first quarter's number. In view of the increasing interest in the magazine and its work, we shall print larger editions and make efforts to bring out succeeding numbers without delays. Our churches and magazine workers everywhere will want to have a part in the circulation of this "World on Fire" number of the Jewish *Gospel Messenger*. Orders should be sent at once to your tract society. Five to fifty copies 5 cents each; 50 or more, 4 cents each. Retail for 10 cents. Quantity rates one cent higher in Canada.

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending Feb. 17, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
U Bracy	BS	82	59	\$44 45	\$	\$44 45	\$26 45
R L Etheredge	BF	16			1 20	1 20	56 00
J E Foley	BR	15					61 50
C A Stewart	D&R	7	17	49 25		49 25	
Bibles							4 90

Totals (Agts. 4). 120 76 \$93 70 \$1 20 \$94 90 \$148 85

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

B E Wagner	BR	41	14	\$49 00	\$1 25	\$50 25	\$
J O Wheeler	BR	18			9 00	9 00	87 00
A Schroader	BR	36	9	31 50		31 50	
F L Harrison	BR	37	13	46 50		46 50	
D E H Lindsey	SB	21	42	10 50		10 50	3 50
H Ford	BF	29	30	47 00		47 00	
A Ramey	BR						61 90
Miscellaneous	D&R	14	7	33 60	50	34 10	

Totals (Agts. 6). 196 115 \$218 10 \$10 75 \$228 85 \$152 40

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Floyd Booth	BR	3		\$	\$	\$	\$10 00
Emily Billups	HM	15	5	12 50	1 30	13 80	
Perthia Hampton	BF	30	5	10 00	2 75	12 75	3 50
L J McElroy	PPF, D&R	59	22	55 00	4 75	62 45	40 00
Virgil Smith	BR	30	20	70 00	4 80	74 80	
E A Taylor	BR	17	9	32 50	5 50	38 00	
J L Waller	D&R	50					46 00
Bibles				1 85		1 85	5 55

Totals (Agts. 7). 204 61 \$181 85 \$21 80 \$203 65 \$105 05

G'd Totals (A. 17) 520 252 \$493 65 \$33 75 \$527 40 \$406 30

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference	857	\$628 70	\$116 15	\$744 85
Kentucky Conference	1116	1482 20	32 60	1514 80
Louisiana Conference	106	89 00	27 70	116 70
Mississippi Conference	435	432 85	43 75	476 60
Tenn. River Conference	244	267 05	16 10	283 15

Totals 2758 \$2899 80 \$236 30 \$3136 10

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending Feb. 17, 1917

Agent	No.	Value
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE		
Milton Jones	350	\$35 00
S. R. Ritchie	87	8 70
Hornung	50	5 00
Miscellaneous	50	5 00
Totals	537	\$53 70

Two Books Wanted

Edith Oliver, a student of the Oakwood Manual Training School, is desirous of purchasing a copy of "Desire of Ages," and one of "Acts of the Apostles" for use in her work during the school year. Because of lack of funds, she is unable to purchase the books brand new. Any one desiring to send her these books or offer them at greatly reduced prices, please communicate with her at Huntsville, Ala., Box 414.

*Two weeks.

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News Items

Brother G. H. Curtis went direct from the Southern Junior College board meeting, which was held February 12 at Collegedale, to Jackson, Miss., to audit the books of the Mississippi Conference and Tract Society for the past year. He is now in New Orleans auditing the books in the Louisiana Conference office.

Elder S. E. Wight also spent a few days in New Orleans last week and attended the dedication of the church at Shreveport, La.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood has been spending the week just past in South Carolina in the interests of the new dormitory. He has visited Columbia, Charleston, Greenville, and Spartanburg.

"WIN ONE" CAMPAIGN

A call to service. A great campaign is on for the finishing of the work. Will you enlist?

"Were every one of you a living missionary, the message for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people and nation and tongue."

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.

"Our worst temptations we usually expect to conquer a little later on in life."

100,000 — A New Goal — 100,000

We talk in terms of hundreds of thousands and millions nowadays. We give nearly a million a year to missions; we just circulated over 1,000,000 copies of the *Harvest Ingathering Signs*; sales of our literature amounted to more than \$2,000,000 a year. And it is well. We will be doing things on a far greater scale before we get the whole world to talking about the message.

Is it not reasonable to expect that our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs*, with the splendid soul-winning record, will have a large part in this closing work? Think what a stir we might make in the United States and Canada if 1,000,000 copies of the *Signs* found their way into as many homes every week! Even this might be realized if we set ourselves to the task. But for the present let us talk and pray and work for a circulation of 100,000 for the *Signs* by July 1. What do you say?



It has been suggested that an individual goal of five be adopted. At first thought this may seem too high, but consider the low cost under the new rates. Five copies to one person cost but \$4.00 a year, or \$1.00 a quarter, or 8 cents a week. "Sacrifice" is hardly the word to use in this connection, is it?

WAYS OF USING

The following result-producing ways of circulating the *Signs* are recommended: Personal delivery to friends and neighbors; reading racks; mail delivery; furnishing names to publishers (five or more, 85 cents each); clubs to tent companies; taking subscriptions.

It is hoped that every conference worker, church officer, and individual member will take hold of this commendable effort in a big, strong way. Come on friends, let's get behind it.

Special Announcement for the "Present Truth" War Special No. 5, "The World on Fire" Issue. Ready to Mail February 20

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This number is fresh from the pens of the editors. It has the latest facts, and is up to date in every feature. It carries the burning message of the hour. Its contents will set our message-filled people on fire in enthusiastic efforts in letting the world know what is the meaning of this present world struggle.

Our efforts in the past have been largely consumed in creating an interest, but just now the interest is intense, for the world is demanding the meaning of these things, and the possible ending of the world is being impressed upon the minds of thousands in all walks of life. Our golden opportunity has come, for even the indifferent, money-mad men of the past are now ready to listen and to read. This is the hour when it is imperative for every believer to be an active and true message bearer.

The War Special will be indeed *Present Truth* and a strong factor in guiding millions to the full gospel message for this time. It will be furnished at the regular *Present Truth* prices: 25 copies, 20 cents; 50 copies, 35 cents; 100 copies 60 cents; 1,000 copies, \$5. Send all orders for Extra No. 5 to the Tennessee River Tract Society, 322 Jackson Building, Nashville, Tenn. Order a good supply for free distribution in your neighborhood or city.