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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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## With the Men Behind the Books

### Elder Daniells' New Book

In another column will be found an announcement of Elder Daniells' new book, "The World War: Its Relation to the Eastern Question and Armageddon." No doubt nearly all the readers of the WORKER have learned something of the unusual interest created by the theatre lecture courses on the war and the Eastern Question delivered by Elder Daniells in some of the larger cities of the East. In a few instances the crowds considerably exceeded the capacity of the theatres in which the lectures were given, and several hundred had to be turned away. We feel certain there will be a heavy demand for a book embodying these lectures, and which also at the same time presents an up-to-date survey of the present situation. Large orders are being received for the book in nearly every mail, and a deep interest has already been aroused. The following is from a tract society secretary:

"I am certainly glad to know that the Southern Publishing Association is to print the new book, 'The World War,' and that you expect to have finished books ready so soon. I believe this book will have a large sale. It deals with a subject in which the people are intensely interested, and it will need only a suggestion in order to sell it. We have people now waiting to take up the sale of this book, and I believe it will go ahead of any of the other books of its kind. I expect to place an order for quite a number of them."

### Sells Nine Copies from a Post Card

Several days ago the Tennessee River Tract Society mailed a number of postal cards containing an announcement of this new book. The following is the reply to one of them, which has been handed us by Brother Bruce:

"I received your card telling about Brother Daniells' little book, 'The World War.' I have been using this card and have taken quite a number of orders for the book to be delivered to some of the business men here. I have taken nine orders from the card. Please send me twelve of the paper covers by mail as soon as possible. One of the leading dentists here is very much interested in the second coming of Christ, and he was anxious for Brother Daniells' book. As soon as I called his attention to the card, he said, 'I want that book.'"

It should be borne in mind that these little books are expected to be sold by our home workers and other lay members, and not by our regular colporteurs. The work of "the men behind the books" is to handle our larger works. These little books, however,

afford many of our people who are now doing practically nothing to spread the message a splendid opportunity of going out and gaining some rich experiences in working for others. If one elderly sister can sell nine copies from a post card, surely almost any one can sell "The World War." It is now expected that the book will be ready about April 1.

### Doing Their Work

In "Manual for Canvassers" are these impressive and cheering words:

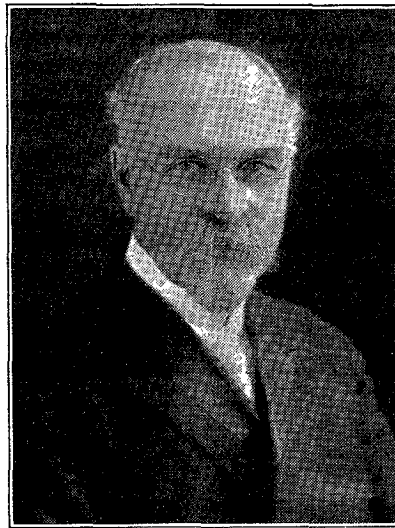
"It is true that some who buy the books will lay them on the shelf or place them on the parlor table, and seldom look at them. Still God has a care for his truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. . . . There are many, who, because of prejudice, will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes."

As time goes on, more and more evidences come to light of the great work which our books are accomplishing. In this connection the following sent us by a tract society secretary will be of interest:

"Several years ago a colporteur sold a 'Daniel and Revelation' to a woman. It was an edition dated 1881 and so was printed thirty-six years ago. It had been passed on to the son. A missionary society had been sending the man the Present Truth Series, but he wrote later that he did not read

them much. During the snow this winter, the man was looking among his books to find something to read and took down 'Daniel and Revelation.' In a letter he said, 'I read a little and became interested, and began to realize my condition, so I have read it all; and with the help of God I will never keep another Sunday. I kept last Sabbath and I think my wife is going to accept the blessed truth. We are here isolated from any of our kind, and of course it will be a temptation; but I cannot go on and on with the world. If you have any literature I would like something to read, and where can I subscribe for some good papers?' In closing he states, 'I am just a babe in the faith, and being alone I need all the help I can get. I will close, asking you all to pray for me that I may lay hold on eternal life and that the Lord may forgive me for not living up to what light I did have.'"

A similar experience occurred here at Nashville. A gentleman was talking one day to a friend about the war, and their conversation drifted onto the prophecies. After reaching his home, he went to his library to see what he could find on the subject, and his eye fell on "Daniel and Revelation." The book had



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been purchased a long time before, but it had simply lain there on the shelf without being read. He took it down and began reading. Later he found "Great Controversy," and read that, and the result is that he is now very much interested in the truth.

Many letters of inquiry have been received since the war has been going on. Some of them are almost pathetic in their appeal for light, and show the confidence which the writers have in our literature. As an illustration of this, we quote the following from a letter received from a gentleman in a Western State, whose mother had purchased a copy of "Bible Readings" a short time before from one of our faithful colporteurs. We will have space to quote only a part of the letter:

"What appeals to me most strongly in this book is that portion dealing with Bible prophecy in which you show quite clearly, I think, that the seventh seal has been opened and that we are now in the 'time of the end.' You bring up the fulfillments of Daniel's and John's prophecies in a logical sequence, and I rejoice to think that our dear Saviour's second advent will not be long delayed.

"I have a desire to know what the author of 'Bible Readings' thinks about the great war in Europe, and what relation it bears to the fulfilment of prophecy. This is why I am writing you. Will you please give this letter to him? I do not know his name or address, and I shall esteem a great favor if you will do this for me. If you publish a catalogue, please send me one."

### Strengthen Thy Stakes

As the church surveys the task allotted to her in the closing scenes of this world's struggle — the task of acquainting the whole world of Christ's return — she is oftentimes led to wonder how it is to be done. With as many souls in India yet to see the light of Christianity as there have been minutes since creation — and all these souls to see the truth in these last closing years of "this generation"— we are made to realize that it is not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." But God, knowing the condition that would exist today, sent words of prophetic encouragement to his believing people. Said he, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed, neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame." Isa. 54:2-4.

In the faith of God his church is to break forth in triumphant songs of courage and victory, and then is she to see the glory of the Master. But *we* have a work to do in the warfare. God could have performed *his* part years ago had we been ready with our part. Let us read that text again carefully. It says to "enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." If we will do this, there comes the wonderful promise, "Thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed, neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame." Then the trouble seems to be, not on God's part, but because *we have spared*, that we have contracted the place of our tent, that we have failed to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

By lengthening the cords is meant the extension of our efforts in foreign lands. "God's people have a mighty work before them, a work that must continually rise to greater prominence. Our efforts in missionary lines must become far more extensive. A more decided work than has been done must be done prior to the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's people

Surely the time is here when our books are being sought for and read. Letter after letter gives evidence of the interest which is being aroused in our literature by the war, while it is doubtful if the "men behind the books" ever had better success than they are having at the present time. In a little more than a month, over thirty names have been handed in as new recruits for the canvassing work in one conference alone, and from all indications 1917 will prove a banner year for the book work in the Southern Union. After attending the general institutes in this union, Brother Shidler writes that the individual goals that have been set by those present at these institutes have already surpassed the goals set by the conference presidents at the time of the convention. The goals, which totaled \$70,000, are exclusive of a number of workers who were unable to attend the institutes, besides the students who are expecting to enter the field as soon as the schools close. Brother Shidler further states:

"A spirit of intensity and determination seems to be taking possession of the workers, as well as an earnest seeking after God. The presence of God has been felt in almost Pentecostal power on certain occasions at our institutes, and the men have returned to their fields with a determination to 'fight to the finish.' It is indeed timely that such a spirit is laying hold of the workers, and we praise the Lord that he is so manifesting himself. We are expecting great things from him this year."

R. L. PIERCE.

are not to cease their labors until they shall encircle the world.

"The vineyard includes the whole world, and every part of it is to be worked. There are places which are now a moral wilderness, and these are to become as the garden of the Lord. The waste places of the earth are to be cultivated, that they may bud and blossom as the rose. New territories are to be worked by men inspired by the Holy Spirit. New churches must be established, new congregations organized. At this time there should be representatives of present truth in every city, and in the remote parts of the earth. The whole earth is to be illuminated with the glory of God's truth. The light is to shine to all lands and all peoples. And it is from those who have received the light that it is to shine forth. The day-star has risen upon us, and we are to flash its light upon the pathway of those in darkness." "Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 23, 24.

Now, in order to lengthen our cords as God has bidden, we must also strengthen the stakes that are to hold these cords. Again the spirit of prophecy plainly states, "A great work must be done all through the world, and let no one conclude that because the end is near, there is no need of special effort to build up the various institutions as the cause shall demand." Id., p. 440.

Some seem to think God is going to do all the work himself, and all we have to do is to stand by and watch. No! far from it. Listen, "When the Lord shall bid us make no further effort to build meeting-houses and establish schools, sanitariums, and publishing institutions, it will be time for us to fold our hands, and let the Lord close up the work; but now is our opportunity to show our zeal for God and our love for humanity.

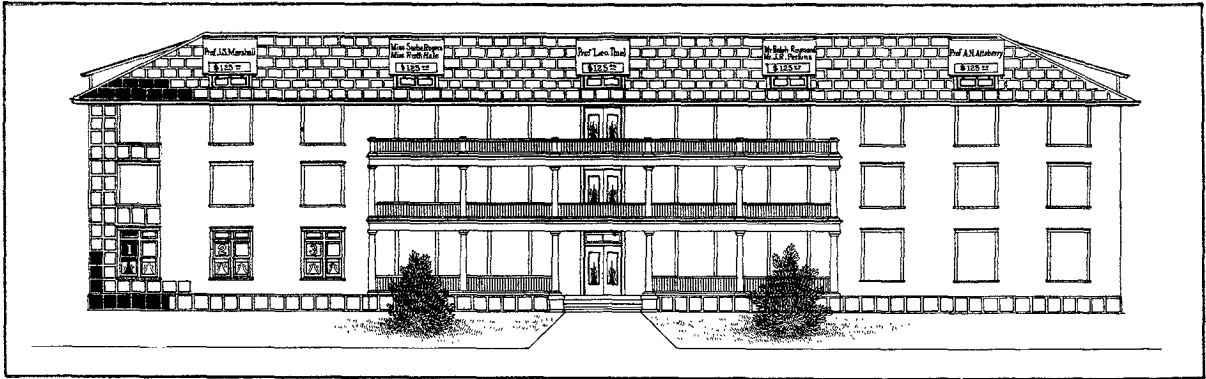
"We are to be partners in the work of God throughout the world; wherever there are souls to be saved, we are to lend our help, that many sons and daughters may be brought to God. The end is near, and for this reason, we are to make the most of every entrusted ability, and every agency that shall offer help to the work." Id., p. 440.

Some wonder at the growth of this wonderful message, saying, "Isn't it denying our faith in the soon coming of Christ to put up large institutions when the end is near?" Again I say, No, no. Rather it is showing our faith as nothing else can.

Listen again: "Since the Lord is soon coming, it is time to put out our money to the exchangers, time to put every dollar we can spare into the Lord's treasury, that institutions may be established for the education of workers, who shall be instructed as were those in the schools of the prophets." Id., p. 441.

The work has been hindered in the past, but now is the time when with songs of victory we are to break our vessels that our lights may shine and the glory of the Lord be made manifest. "While the angels hold the four winds, we are to work with all our capabilities. We must bear our message without delay. We must give evidence to the heavenly universe, and to men in this degenerate age, that our religion is a faith and a power

of which Christ is the author, and his Word the divine oracle. Human souls are hanging in the balance. They will either be subjects for the kingdom of God or slaves to the despotism of Satan. All are to have the privilege of laying hold of the hope set before them in the gospel; and how can they hear without a preacher? The human family is in need of a moral renovation, a preparation of character, that they may stand in God's presence. There are souls ready to perish because of the theoretical errors which are prevailing, and which are calculated to counterwork the gospel message. Who will now fully consecrate themselves to become laborers together with God?" Id., p. 21. LYNN H. WOOD.



| PLEDGES                               |           |
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| Board .....                           | \$1250.00 |
| School and faculty .....              | 2000.00   |
| Windows .....                         | 600.00    |
| Southeastern Union .....              | 911.00    |
| Southeastern Union(Conditional) ..... | 1000.00   |
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| Total .....                           | \$5761.00 |

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| 1. Mrs. C. D. Elford   | 3. Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Curtis |
| 2. Elder W. H. Branson |                              |

**Do Children Hold Out ?**

"It is well enough to teach children the gospel, but we should remember that they are not apt to hold out in religion." Such are the sentiments we sometimes hear. But we believe them mistaken. Of a hundred converts among children, taking them just as they come, with the spiritual care or neglect they on the average receive, we believe as large a per cent of them continue as of a hundred adults taken in the same way.

Children need help in order to endure. Do not old sinners when converted need the same? Is a man any more apt to hold out in religion for having long held out in sin? Are disobedience and ingratitude and hardness of heart a good school for permanence in righteousness? Not if we understand human nature.

"But children are easily influenced." We know it. And that is the very reason why they should be put under the full influence of Christianity at once. Do not leave them to be chilled by worldliness during all the formative years, and fondly hope they will thus learn to be strong in the right.—*Church and School.*

"The privilege of instant, unchallenged audience with the king of the universe, whenever one seeks him for such an audience, is only one of the many amazing privileges with which God enriches our lives."

**Southern Junior College**

**News Notes from Collegedale**

Mr. C. L. Belue, of Spartanburg, S. C., arrived at the Southern Junior College Thursday, March 8. Mr. Belue expects to enter the school immediately. His wife and mother and daughter are expected shortly after the first of the week.

Mr. Cecil Corkham and Prof. C. J. Boyd, of the Oakwood Manual Training School, of Huntsville, Ala., visited the Southern Junior College between trains Friday. They were up here to see Brother Gorich about the plans for the upbuilding of the Oakwood Manual Training School.

Miss Olive Holzkecht and Miss Hazel Lee Kelly, of Anniston, Ala., arrived at the Southern Junior College Friday, the ninth of March.

Brother W. H. Gorich left Monday for Huntsville, Ala., where he looked over the school site of the Oakwood Manual Training School. He was there planning with the management of the school as to the proposed new buildings of that institution.

Prof. A. N. Atteberry and Raymond Carlisle left for Graysville, Tenn., Wednesday. They expect to return in a day or two.

The music recital that was to have been held last Saturday night has been postponed until the evening of the seventeenth. A big rain storm came up shortly before time for the recital, so that the friends who expected to attend from the outside could not get here. We are expecting a large number of visitors to attend this, our first recital.

An interesting diversion from the usual routine was held last Sunday night in the chapel. Brother and Sister Magee kindly lent the school their Victrola, and an hour was spent in playing musical records. This was greatly enjoyed by all.

Misses Mayme and Bessie Marshall, of Apison, Tenn., spent a few hours visiting friends at the Southern Junior College, Sunday. Misses Mayme and Bessie were students at the college during the first semester.

"The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."

### Alabama and Kentucky Institutes

Since my last report to the WORKER institutes have been held for the colporteurs of the Alabama and Kentucky conferences. The second institute for Alabama, the one for the colored workers, is in progress. The two former institutes have been occasions long to be remembered because of the earnestness and determination of the workers, and the zeal they manifested as they entered upon the campaign for the season. The latter one is bidding fair to be a good meeting too.

The first institute was held at Borden Springs, Ala. As the company of our people who entertained those attending the meeting is located in the country, we were met at the train with vehicles of different types and sizes and conveyed the six miles over winding mountain roads that were almost impassable because of the persistent rains; but after relays of riding and walking, pushing and pulling, we arrived at the place and were greeted by a sight well worthy of our endeavor to reach. The country is of a mountainous nature, and the farm homes nestled among the pine covered hills present a beautiful vista. However, it called forth a hearty laugh from all as some of the men related the incidents of their journey to the place.

There were twelve who attended the institute who plan to join in the campaign this year, most of whom went direct to their fields at the close of the meeting. The Spirit of God was manifest in a marked manner from the beginning. Early in the meeting the colporteurs told their experiences incident to their acceptance of present truth and their entrance into the colporteur work, and again and again we were led to marvel at the plainly evident leading of the Spirit of God. All listened with intensity as Brother T. M. Woodruff, a veteran colporteur from Texas, who had come to canvass the county in which he was reared, vehemently narrated the account of the way in which God had led him into the fulness of the gospel light, and into this blessed work. Although he is above seventy years of age, he expects to put in full time in the field and be at the forefront of the battle. The recitation of these experiences seemed to bind the hearts of the workers together in a bond of mutual affection and Christian fellowship. Our faith in God and confidence in the message were strengthened, and a spirit to arise and quickly finish the work came upon all and abode with us throughout the meeting.

Elder Miller's Bible studies were well attended and much appreciated by all. At the night services he spoke on some of the foundation principles of the message, and several not of our faith expressed themselves very favorably. The morning studies which were held in conjunction with the church school were on God's call to service and our ambassadorship.

As the church school was being conducted in the church building, the institute was held in a vacant house at the foot of a pine ridge, which made an ideal spot for practical demonstrations in drill work. The presence of God that was felt during the different exercises at that place will ever make it seem a hallowed spot.

Considerable enthusiasm was manifested when the matter of the goals for the book work this year was mentioned, and the individual goals which they took exceeded by nearly \$2,000 the \$12,000 goal that had been set for the conference.

The Kentucky institute was held in Lexington, February 26 to March 5. It was indeed a season most refreshing. Every one seemed possessed with but one purpose in being present — to obtain more power for the accomplishing of greater service in the Lord's vineyard. As the company of believers in this place was quite small, rooms were provided at a very reasonable rate where the workers had the privilege of associating together and praying over the work. Thus, literally, we "were all with one accord in one place," and the descent of the Holy Spirit and the Pentecostal blessing were not lacking.

The morning Bible studies and devotional exercises con-

ducted by Elder Brown were deeply inspiring and heart-searching. The character of the workers, their high calling, their opportunities for service, and the great need of each "doing with his might what his hand finds to do," because of the solemnity of the hour, were vividly portrayed before us, and each seemed to sense in a special way his personal obligation, and pledged himself to more faithful service than he had yet rendered. The devotional meetings were the most impressive of the day. All the colporteurs were very ready to take part in them, and from the earnestness and zeal which they manifested we were made to feel as in the very presence of God.

There were fifteen in attendance at the institute who plan to put in steady time in the field, most of them beginning their work immediately. Their real character may well be determined from the fact that although Lexington is a city of many and varied attractions, all the colporteurs were present and on time at every meeting with but a single exception. When they came to setting their goals for the season their character as workmen was revealed in the fact that although they represented only about half of the workers Brother Hickman is expecting to have in the field this season, their combined goals reached about \$20,000, \$5,000 more than the goal that had been set for the whole conference. And when the class of workers is considered, together with the splendid crop conditions in the State of Kentucky, it would not be at all surprising to see them reach their mark.

There are five in attendance at the institute in Birmingham, and they are taking hold of the work well, and we shall be expecting some good work from them. We are justly proud of the class of colored workers we have in this union, and we are glad to see their number growing.

Brethren, do not forget to make special mention of the colporteur work in your prayers daily. The time is here when a mighty work is to be done for the finishing of the work, and the greater portion of it must be done through the printed page; for the vast majority of the people will never hear the message by the voice of the ministry. We are not doing a tithe of what might be done, the power to accomplish which the Lord is waiting to bestow upon those who will volunteer for service.

M. W. SHIDLER.

### Educational Sabbath — April 7

The first educational Sabbath in 1917 is set for April 7. It is highly fitting that a work of such vital importance and far-reaching influence as that of our schools should be specially considered in our churches twice a year. For this reason the North American Division Conference Committee, through the Department of Education, has set apart two Sabbaths for studying the principles of Christian education and praying for the prosperity of our schools. The first one, April 7, is devoted to the following four topics:

1. Questions and answers on why we conduct denominational schools, with emphasis on the elementary schools.
2. A symposium on "My Past Year in School," by students.
3. A symposium on "How I Secured an Education," by leading workers.
4. A reading on "All Can Obtain an Education," with illustrations drawn from the lives of successful men and women who had serious obstacles to overcome in securing an education.

Let every church member and every Sabbath-keeper rally to the services of this day, and pray for still greater progress in our educational work.

W. E. HOWELL.

Be fretless; be fussless; be tired and good-natured instead of tired and cross; remember that any one can stand what he likes, but only a philosopher can stand what he doesn't like; don't suffer ten deaths a week through fear, when you have to die only once; and, above all, get busy!—George L. Walton.

## Mississippi Conference

### Among the Churches

During the past week Brother Buhalts and the writer had the privilege of visiting some of our churches in the interest of the colporteur work and the twenty-cent-a-week fund. The writer was, really, looking for prospective colporteurs. We first visited the Meridian church. Brother Friberg met us at the station and took us to his home, where we had a pleasant visit with him and his family. I am glad to say that Brother Friberg is placing many of our good books and much of our other literature in the homes of the people in Meridian.

The next day being Sabbath, we met with the church. Brother Buhalts spoke on the opportunities we have at this time to work for God. All present promised to do more this year than ever before to help scatter the printed page, and to give more of their means to aid in finishing of the third angel's message.

On Sunday Brother Burke met us in Meridian, and in company with him we went to Quitman. There are two at Quitman who will soon enter the canvassing work. The brethren and sisters of this church feel that they should do more than ever before to help hasten the day when Jesus will come.

On my return I visited Brother Walter Edmonds, one of our colporteur boys. Since making his delivery Brother Walter has taken in a partner, and I am glad to say that his wife is very anxious for him to enter the work again. Just as soon as he can get a horse and buggy he will be out on the firing line again.

We have the promise of different ones entering the colporteur work in the near future. We really believe this will be the banner year for our book sales in this State. Let all the members of our churches pray earnestly for the colporteurs and for the finishing of the work.

J. R. STATON.

## Kentucky Conference

### News Items

Brother J. W. Wheeler, of Nicholasville, attended church at Lexington last Sabbath.

Mrs. Fannie Holtzclaw, of Stanford, sends in a remittance for tithe and states that she is of good courage.

Elder J. H. Lawrence reports the interest increasing at his meeting in Owensboro.

Brother B. E. Wagner led the canvassers the past week, taking \$100 worth of orders in three days.

Brother James Hickman assisted the canvassers in the eastern part of the State the past week. At the present writing he is at Elizabethtown assisting Brother and Sister Page.

Elder and Sister O. A. Dow report the work moving forward in Covington. They have found a number of people who are interested in the truth. They have also rented a hall in which to hold their meetings.

We are sorry to announce the death of Brother Alonzo Minton, which occurred March 10 at Hartford.

Miss Mary Wolfe, who has been teaching church school at Hartford, returned to her home in Mississippi.

The school at Irvington has closed, and Sister Holt will take up magazine work.

Elder J. M. Campbell reports several additions to the church in Lexington as a result of the meetings held in the colored church.

Brother P. A. Williams, of Powder Mills, is reported to be quite sick.

Brother D. R. Allman, of Richmond, writes an encouraging letter and states they are anxious to have some meetings held in that city for the colored people.

The church school at the Chestnut Street colored church is progressing nicely with Professor Peterson in charge of the work.

Elder B. W. Brown spent the past week with the churches in Louisville and Hartford. He reports the work moving along nicely in these places.

Andy Schroader is making his delivery this week in Franklin County preparatory to going to Hardin County, where he and Brother Page will be located for the summer.

Brother J. F. Lewis, of Meritsburg, is on the sick list at this writing. He sends in an order for some of our tracts.

Brother F. F. Harrison, of Ludlow, writes an encouraging letter and states his only aim in the world is to give the message to those who are in darkness. He is finding a number of people who are anxious to know the truth.

Miss Mattie Hill, who has been attending college at Berrien Springs, Mich., has returned to her home in Bowling Green.

Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Jacobs, of Stanford, are very anxious that a series of meetings be held in their city the coming summer.

E. A. Hallsted writes that the interest in the Grove church is good and that they are planning to do more aggressive work this year than ever before.

### Obituary

MINTON.— Brother Alonzo Minton was born Feb. 28, 1871, in Ohio County, Ky. He accepted present truth in the year 1899. Soon after learning the truth of the message he was called into the canvassing work, and for some years his life was spent in giving the message to the people through the printed page. Because of throat trouble he was advised to give up the canvassing work and went on a small farm, where he lived the truth and held Bible readings with his neighbors. Soon there were a number who were persuaded to accept the truth, and when a series of meetings was held a church was organized and he was elected elder. The last place he went was to Sabbath school. He was taken sick the following Tuesday, and on the next Sabbath morning, Mar. 10, 1917, he peacefully fell asleep. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn. A large company of friends and neighbors attended the funeral, which was conducted by the writer.

B. W. BROWN.

## Alabama Conference

### News Items

The members of the Mobile Sabbath school are enthusiastically observing the Morning Watch. Twenty-four Morning Watch Calendars have been sent to the members of that church, of which twenty are members of the Sabbath school. We are pleased to learn from Brother C. G. Meyer that the younger members of the Sabbath school are faithfully observing the Morning Watch.

Upon his return from the recent elders' meeting Brother O. P. Bolinger, of Lynn Haven, Fla., sends in a nice order for *Present Truth* to be sent to different addresses. This is the kind of work that counts.

For several weeks following the institute held in Borden Springs, Elder J. F. Wright was detained in Borden Springs, not having recovered sufficiently from an attack which came very near being pneumonia. However, he states that in the meantime he has been busily engaged in writing. We trust that Elder Wright will be out in the field again by the time this notice is printed.

The Borden Springs church is planning to paint their church building and have ordered new seats throughout. This will make a very pleasing change in the appearance of the building, and the members are to be complimented on the improvement.

Sister Katie Miller, the treasurer of the Elkwood church, writes that they have been quite actively engaged in home missionary work at Elkwood, and although the roads in that community have been quite difficult to travel, yet the church work is progressing.

Brother J. F. Dennis, of Montgomery, is a firm believer in the use of *Present Truth*. He has ordered a supply of No. 5 of the War Extra.

Since the price of the weekly *Signs* has been reduced to \$1 and its contents has been improved (if that is possible), our people are taking hold of the work enthusiastically, obtaining subscription lists for this excellent paper. One individual sent to the publishers a list of one hundred seventy-two names, another

a list of seventy-four, while one loyal worker has subscribed for a club of fifty to use in his personal work. A goal of one hundred thousand copies a week by July 1 has been fixed. This is a very easy matter to accomplish if all will join in the effort for a few days or a few weeks at the most. Think of the great work that could be accomplished if each member would personally subscribe for a club of five copies. This would mean only \$4 a year, or one dollar a quarter, which is just a little more than one cent a day. Certainly no one can complain of the high cost as a reason for not working. The following rates now apply: Single subscriptions \$1.00 a year; clubs of five or more to one address one year per copy 80 cents, to different addresses 85 cents.

## Home Missionary Department

We have just closed a series of five very interesting and profitable home missionary conventions in the State of Tennessee. The churches readily entered into the spirit of the "Win One Campaign." In most places all plans were completed for the churches to carry out the plans of the campaign. They were organized into bands, territory was assigned to each of these bands, and *The Present Truth* was ordered to begin work with. The importance of our small books and magazines as a means of giving the message was presented. Elder Elliott had a supply of small books and tracts in packages on hand, as well as some Bibles. The total sales of this class of literature during these meetings would exceed \$135. As no effort was made to sell any at the meeting held for the Memorial church in Nashville, this figure was the result of the sales in the other four meetings.

Some books were left to be shipped back from Springville, the place where the first meeting was held. Just following the meetings there, Brother Finch, who had been elected leader of the missionary society, decided he would try his hand at selling

our small books. In about one hour he sold fifteen, and the next day while hauling lumber he sold ten more. He has since sent in an order for two hundred of these books, and is now thinking of taking up the colporteur work.

At the close of one of the meetings in Memphis when Elder Elliott asked how many would like to take up the colporteur work, eleven signified their intention, and the date was set for an institute to be held there.

In the colored convention in Nashville twelve took up the selling of *The Watchman Magazine* with the promise to become regular salesmen for it.

The ladies of the Memphis church are earning about fifty dollars a week in doing various kinds of needle work. They have made a real "hit" with an apron, and are now getting more orders than they can fill. This money is being earned for the new church that they expect soon to build. In Birmingham the ladies are hard at work making quilts, dust caps, aprons, etc., to be sold for missions.

R. I. KEATE.

### Report of Home Missionary Work of the Southern Union Conference for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916

|                                     | Ala.     | Ky.      | La.     | Miss.   | Tenn.    | Total    |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Average membership                  | 654      | 713      | 510     | 401     | 821      | 3099     |
| Number reporting                    | 331      | 252      | 68      | 256     | 197      | 1104     |
| Letters written                     | 3121     | 1022     | 820     | 736     | 789      | 6488     |
| Letters received                    | 2065     | 606      | 671     | 481     | 590      | 4413     |
| Missionary visits                   | 9919     | 4584     | 2348    | 1759    | 3818     | 22428    |
| Bible readings and cottage meetings | 4192     | 2570     | 926     | 1036    | 1508     | 10232    |
| Subscriptions taken for periodicals | 560      | 179      | 51      | 239     | 165      | 1234     |
| Papers sold                         | 6814     | 11943    | 2691    | 1500    | 6624     | 29572    |
| Papers mailed, lent, given away     | 26757    | 12230    | 4979    | 3208    | 18548    | 65722    |
| Books sold                          | 1718     | 1228     | 397     | 436     | 575      | 4354     |
| Books lent or given away            | 1694     | 1530     | 430     | 299     | 728      | 4671     |
| Tracts sold                         | 968      | 832      | 669     | 34      | 657      | 3160     |
| Tracts lent or given away           | 7123     | 9017     | 3144    | 2006    | 10713    | 32003    |
| Hours of Christian help work        | 16466    | 3399     | 2047    | 2096    | 7710     | 31718    |
| Articles of clothing given away     | 2681     | 963      | 633     | 1086    | 1884     | 7247     |
| Meals provided                      | 4834     | 1227     | 715     | 964     | 970      | 8663     |
| Treatments given                    | 1731     | 542      | 259     | 419     | 488      | 3439     |
| Signers to the temperance pledge    | 124      | 63       | 24      | 3       |          | 214      |
| Offerings to home missionary work   | \$394.10 | \$121.54 | \$48.72 | \$50.64 | \$177.80 | \$792.80 |
| Number of conversions               | 59       | 35       | 16      | 6       | 21       | 137      |

The above report indicates that in this union conference we have averaged seven missionary visits per member in a year. In the same period we have taken two subscriptions for our papers for every five members. We have, by adding all the literature items except the subscriptions taken, averaged forty-five pieces per member, or less than one piece a week, and our offerings for home missionary work have averaged two cents per month. It is very evident that "not one-hundredth

part has been done or is being done by the members of the church that God requires of them." Brethren and sisters, if we ever expect to hear the "Well done" spoken to us we had better get to *doing* well. Adopt the goal of at least one soul for Christ in 1917. Order a set of the home missionary leaflets which will help you to learn how to work for souls, and then go to work in earnest to reach the standard set.

R. I. KEATE.

1213 N. 23rd St., Birmingham, Ala.

# Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending March 10, 1917

## ALABAMA CONFERENCE

| Book                     | Hrs.       | Ords.     | Value           | Helps | Total           | Deliv.         |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|
| H L Edwards .BR          | 14         | 9         | \$31 50         |       | \$31 50         | \$             |
| R L Etheredge .BF        | 30         | 8         | 16 00           |       | 16 00           |                |
| J E Foley* .BR           | 12         | 5         | 19 50           |       | 19 50           | 30 00          |
| Hugh W. Jones HM         | 26         | 8         | 18 00           |       | 18 00           |                |
| F M Reiber .BR           | 41         | 16        | 60 00           |       | 60 00           |                |
| Q Tew .BR, HM            | 33         | 6         | 15 00           |       | 15 00           | 33 75          |
| <b>Totals (Agts. 6).</b> | <b>156</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>\$160 00</b> |       | <b>\$160 00</b> | <b>\$63 75</b> |

## KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

|                          |            |            |                 |                |                 |                 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| B E Wagner .BR           | 32         | 28         | \$98 00         | \$ 2 50        | \$100 50        | \$              |
| F L Harrison .BR         | 77         | 28         | 99 75           | 1 00           | 100 75          | 139 25          |
| J O Wheller .BR          | 16         |            |                 | 9 50           | 9 50            | 36 00           |
| D E Lindsey .SB          | 31         | 81         | 20 25           |                | 20 25           |                 |
| E Hickman .CK            | 7          | 11         | 22 00           |                | 22 00           |                 |
| J Hickman .BR            | 14         |            |                 |                |                 | 61 50           |
| R F Hickman .BR          | 36         | 18         | 66 50           |                | 66 50           |                 |
| Bibles .                 |            |            | 5 00            |                | 5 00            |                 |
| <b>Totals (Agts. 7).</b> | <b>213</b> | <b>166</b> | <b>\$311 50</b> | <b>\$13 00</b> | <b>\$324 50</b> | <b>\$236 75</b> |

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

|                          |            |           |                 |              |                 |                |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| M S Hubbell .BR          | 32         | 15        | \$60 50         | \$           | \$60 50         | \$             |
| T S Sligh* .BR           | 54         | 12        | 44 00           | 50           | 44 50           | 3 50           |
| J B Hardy .BR            | 16         | 10        | 45 00           |              | 45 00           |                |
| F W Schmehl .BR          | 37         | 12        | 44 00           | 25           | 44 25           | 68 75          |
| M B Wilson .BR           | 27         | 48        | 81 50           |              | 81 50           |                |
| Bibles .                 |            |           | 13 00           |              | 13 00           |                |
| <b>Totals (Agts. 5).</b> | <b>166</b> | <b>97</b> | <b>\$288 00</b> | <b>\$ 75</b> | <b>\$288 75</b> | <b>\$72 25</b> |

## MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

|                     |    |    |         |         |         |  |
|---------------------|----|----|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Emily Billups .HM   | 23 | 5  | \$16 50 | \$ 1 70 | \$18 20 |  |
| AA Johnson PPF, D&R | 30 | 15 | 42 00   | 5 50    | 47 50   |  |
| Mattie Lee .HM      | 9  | 3  | 7 50    | 2 00    | 9 50    |  |
| L J McElroy .D&R    | 23 | 5  | 17 50   | 1 00    | 18 50   |  |
| Virgil Smith .BR    | 40 | 35 | 129 50  | 8 55    | 138 05  |  |
| E B Stowall .PPF    | 24 | 14 | 33 50   | 4 25    | 37 75   |  |
| E A Taylor GC, HM   | 45 | 30 | 103 00  | 5 15    | 108 15  |  |
| Rosa Willis .PPF    | 9  | 3  | 7 50    |         | 7 50    |  |
| Anna Watts .HM      | 19 | 13 | 32 50   | 2 10    | 34 60   |  |
| Bibles .            |    |    | 4 65    |         | 4 65    |  |

Totals (Agts. 9). 222 123 \$394 15 \$30 25 \$424 40

G'd Totals (A. 27) 757 438 \$1153 65 \$34 00 \$1187 65 \$372 75

## Summary to Date

|                          | Hours       | Orders           | Helps           | Total            |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Alabama Conference .     | 1088        | \$862 30         | \$116 50        | \$978 80         |
| Kentucky Conference .    | 1535        | 2048 20          | 66 55           | 2114 75          |
| Louisiana Conference .   | 373         | 536 00           | 28 45           | 564 45           |
| Mississippi Conference . | 1307        | 1920 35          | 141 35          | 2061 70          |
| Tenn. River Conference   | 420         | 444 55           | 27 65           | 472 20           |
| <b>Totals .</b>          | <b>4723</b> | <b>\$5811 40</b> | <b>\$380 50</b> | <b>\$6191 90</b> |

## Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending March 10, 1917

| Agent                       | No. | Value |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------|
| <b>ALABAMA CONFERENCE</b>   |     |       |
| Hugh W. Jones .             | 5   | \$ 50 |
| <b>KENTUCKY CONFERENCE†</b> |     |       |
| G. T. Young .               | 20  | 2 00  |
| D. S. Sutton .              | 50  | 5 00  |
| Milton Jones .              | 285 | 28 50 |
| A. Hornung .                | 50  | 5 00  |
| Ada Fort .                  | 50  | 5 00  |
| M. Reichenbach .            | 100 | 10 00 |
| M. Monahan .                | 50  | 5 00  |

## News Items

Brother G. H. Curtis is spending the week beginning Sunday, the eighteenth, in Bowling Green, Ky., auditing the books of the Kentucky Conference and its various departments.

After finishing the audit of the Southern Union Conference books, Brother S. E. McNeill, of the Division Conference, left Monday night, the twelfth, for Atlanta, Ga.

Do not fail to notice the report of the Fireside Correspondence School appearing in this issue of the WORKER. This is a summary of the work done for the year 1916, which is the banner year in the history of the school. Professor Griggs, in writing from Lucknow, India, recently said in speaking of the great need of Christian workers in all lands, that "our schools hold the key to the situation." After speaking of the work of our resident schools, he speaks of the fireside Correspondence School as follows:

"Another means of building up our educational interests and school attendance is the Correspondence School. We ought to have every boy and girl of school age taking some work in this school if they are not attending a residence school. We have work offered for children as well as for those older."

Some of our advanced teachers are now taking advantage of the work given by this school. The Fireside Correspondence School offers quite a number of subjects of college grade and is constantly adding to the list. If there is any subject you would like to take up by correspondence, write to the Fireside

\* Two weeks. †Month of February.

Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C., for information.

Two Sabbaths in 1917 have been set aside for the study of Christian education and prayer for the prosperity of our schools. The first one is April 7, and we know that all in the Southland will take a deep interest in the topics to be considered on this day. The Lord is going before us in our efforts to build up the educational work here, but it is going to take faith and prayer on our part to accomplish what God would have us accomplish. In this paper is a notice of this special day, with the suggestive program from Prof. W. E. Howell.

Brother R. I. Keate left Nashville March 16 for Birmingham, Ala., stopping on his way at the Sheffield church in northern Alabama, where he spent Sabbath and Sunday.

Brother O. R. Staines has severed his connection with the Nashville Health Food Factory, with which he has been connected for several months.

Brother M. W. Shidler has just completed a highly successful colporteurs' institute at Lexington, Ky. From letters received, we learn that this is considered by all present to be the most profitable institute ever held in that conference. Brother Shidler went from Lexington to Birmingham, Ala., to attend the colporteurs' institute in that city.

"The darkness of the evil one encloses those who neglect to pray."



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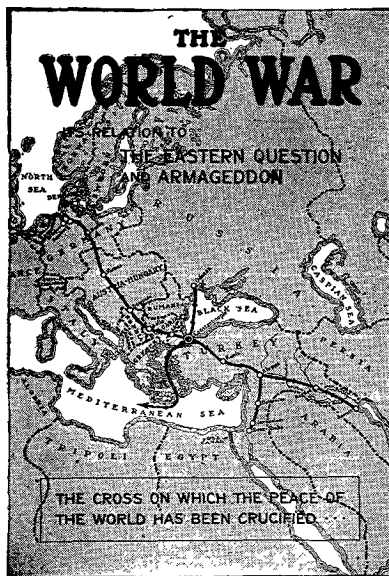
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### "The World War"

The accompanying is a cut of the front cover of Elder Daniells' new book, entitled "The World War; Its Relation to the Eastern Question and Armageddon."

Already large orders are being received for this book by the publishers, one mail alone bringing orders for 2,365 copies. There is every indication that the book is going to have a large sale, and there is also every reason why several thousand copies should be sold in every conference. The following from a local conference president is expressive of the interest that is being manifested in this book:

"Before I received your good letter, I was all enthused with the announcement in the *Review* about Elder Daniells' new book, 'The World War.' I am glad that you are



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awake over at the S. P. A. and will have this book ready for us so soon. We will give it a boost, you may be sure, and also 'The Return of Jesus.' We are not going to let the 'do-nothing little demon' get the start of us over here. We have heard about his counsel and expect to defeat it. As long as you furnish us with such good ammunition, we will use it to break down the stronghold of Lucifer's castle. I feel most deeply the great responsibility God has laid upon us, and with divine help I will seek to stir our people to action."

The following is the table of contents:

The World War  
The Cause and the Need  
The Great Nations Speak for Themselves  
The Eastern Question  
The Fate of the Ottoman Empire  
Armageddon  
The Present Outlook  
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Inasmuch as the Lord has said that the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers, I promise to devote some time regularly to home missionary work, for the purpose of winning souls to Christ, and to this end I will heartily cooperate with the plans laid by the church to accomplish its work; and in order to do my part in supplying the information and encouragement needed to bring this campaign to a successful issue, I promise to faithfully report the work I do.

### Will You Enlist?

The plan also calls for:

- Weekly reports from every member.
- Monthly reports from every church.
- Every church holding weekly missionary meetings and observing the Fourth Sabbath Missionary Service.
- Monthly reports from the conference showing what each church is doing, the same to be published in the WORKER.

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In her quiet and convincing manner, Miss Erickson reminds us, with well chosen illustrations and intensely interesting bits of biography, that God's mighty men in all ages were those who had been in "the school of God"—in the secret place with him alone. And in that solitude, hallowed with the divine Presence, men were and are equipped for the battle.

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