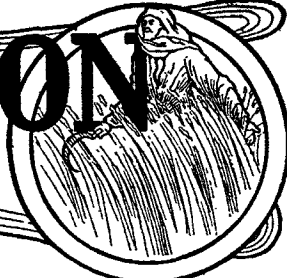


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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Home Missionary Work

There's a message that we know
To all tribes and lands must go.
Myriads for the truth are crying,
Many heathen souls are dying;
But we rest the truth denying,
Lulled to sleep by subtle foe.

Men are working every day,
Toiling hard along life's way,
Never thinking of the dawning
Of the light of heaven's morning,
Never give their neighbors warning —
Tithes and offerings never pay.

In the fields the standing grain
Nodding heads in summer rain;
Few the reapers that are working,
Many men the trials are shirking;
Fear the foes that may be lurking,
Fear the heat and toil and pain.

God's a work for you to do
And the laborers are few,
Help us, brother, in the field,
Earnestly the sickle wield;
Gird thyself with sword and shield,
Fight for right and foes pursue.

There's a duty you alone
Can fulfil at your own home;
Heathen do not always stay
In the land so far away
Where the palms and bamboos sway
In the torrid Afric zone.

Look for them beside your door,
In their hearts your message pour.
Tell them of the coming King,
Let your voice his message ring,
In your heart his praises sing,
He will guide you evermore.

Give or sell a book or tract,
In the depot place a rack;
Stir yourself, the time is near!
Do not worry, fret, or fear —
There's no time for doubt or tear.
Push the battle, foes attack.

Be a worker in the hive,
For the high attainment strive.
Every drone's an added weight
Carried by his toiling mate;
Do not suffer such a fate,
Be a worker, be alive.

When life's race on earth is run
And the battle's lost or won,
When before our Master standing
On the river's shining landing
With heaven's choir an anthem chanting
We will hear him say, "Well done."

—J. W. Mace, in *Lake Union Herald*.

Free—A Set of the Testimonies or "The Captivity and Restoration of Israel." How to Obtain Them

The girls' dormitory of the Southern Junior College is to be ready for the opening of school next September. The necessary funds are now being raised. One of the important means of doing this is the plan for every member to sell at least two "Christ's Object Lessons" and ten *Watchman*, and turn the proceeds over to this fund. The papers can be sold or used as the Harvest Ingathering papers, to solicit funds. Usually the best results are obtained in soliciting funds, as often more is received for the paper than merely the selling price. The fact that this money is being raised for an industrial school where young men and women not able to pay their way can get an education is a strong point in obtaining funds. This fact, if presented, will help greatly in reaching the desired goal. As an aid in soliciting, a dime coin book will be furnished each

one desiring it. On the front of this book will be a picture of the school plans, and on the inside will be twenty apaces for dimes to be filled in.

As an incentive to greater effort, the following valuable premiums are being offered. Those who fill the coin cards twelve times, or raise twenty-four dollars, in this special campaign will receive a full set of the Testimonies bound in cloth; Those who fill the card six times, or raise twelve dollars, will receive a copy of Sister White's last book, "The Captivity and Restoration of Israel," bound in red leather. The amount of work required to win these valuable premiums is not large, and it is a rare opportunity by which many of our people can get the Testimonies. Certainly all should have them. All money to be applied on this premium offer must be reported immediately

at the close of the campaign period and must be the work of one individual. Every member should enlist in this effort. Our young people need this school. The cause needs the young people. The whitened harvest fields are sending a Macedonian cry! Let us all put forth our best efforts to supply this crying need.

The "Christ's Object Lessons" can be secured right away. A canvass for the book will be furnished, so do go to work at once. May 12 to 26 is the special period set for the campaign.

The coin cards will be numbered consecutively, and a record of each person who gets a card and the results from each one will be kept. An addressed postal card will be furnished the church on which to report immediately at the close of each of the two weeks of the special effort just what the results have been to date. Each member should report on the Sabbath just what he has accomplished the past week, and a summary of these reports should be sent in immediately following on the card furnished. We desire to know at the close of each week given to this special effort just what has been done during the week.

My brethren, do pray and work earnestly for this great enterprise.

R. I. KEATE.

An Interesting Letter from Elder Daniells

The following extracts are from a personal letter from Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference, written at Seoul, Korea, February 18. As they contain an account of the progress our work is making in the lands visited by Elder Daniells, and particularly of the publishing work, they will be interesting to the readers of the WORKER. The obstacles encountered in these difficult fields with their numerous languages and meager facilities should make our difficulties appear of minor importance. Elder Daniells says:

"We are having many interesting experiences over here in these Far Eastern lands. Our first general meeting was held at Manila, in the Philippine Islands. Fortunately, we had opportunity to spend a fortnight or more in looking around, before the opening of the meeting, and this gave us opportunity to meet with many of the churches in the various provinces in the Tagalog field, round about Manila. We found our brethren and sisters ready for organization, so encouraged them to go forward in the formation of a local conference, the first to be formed here in Asia. The new organization is to be known as the Central-Southern Luzon Conference, and embraces the territory where the Tagalog-speaking Filipinos live chiefly. Brother L. V. Finster has been elected president, and on the committee are several of our Filipino brethren, who are developing into good leaders among their people.

"You would have been especially interested in the development of the publishing work in the Philippines. Last summer, and again a week or two before our arrival, Brother Weeks had been drilling the corps of bookmen that has been developed under the leadership of Brethren Finster, Lanier, and Stewart. There are about twenty-five colporteurs in all. Some of them have had three years of successful experience in the field. It was in the Philippines, you remember, that our brethren set up an old job press in the basement of their home, and later in a stable shed, and began publishing subscription books with these meager facilities. And, best of all, editions of considerable size were completely sold by the faithful canvassers, and interests were aroused that have since developed, through strong tent-meeting efforts, into vigorous churches. There is a great future, we believe, before our book work in the Philippines, considering the limited territory they have to work, and the many language areas which make advancement difficult. During the recent institute, that which was spoken in the English language had to be translated into four languages — the Tagalog, the Pampangan, the Ilocano, and the Panayan-Visayan — in order to be intelligible to our force of canvassers.

"The excellent little printing plant that has since developed in a suburb of Manila through the appropriation made by the Mission Board, supplemented by a most generous contribution from the Pacific Press; is now ready to turn out work sufficient to meet the growing demands of our book work in that field. At present, Brother C. N. Woodward is in charge.

"We spent some days in Hong Kong and Canton, en route to Shanghai, where we were a fortnight before going on to our Japan general meeting, at Tokyo headquarters. The publishing work in Japan cannot be said to be in its infancy in one sense, it having covered a period of nearly twenty years; but we have not yet begun serious work in that land in the preparation and distribution of subscription books. Their magazine work was strengthened at our recent meeting, making it possible for their twenty colporteurs to do good work during the next few months; and this is only preparatory to a very strong effort, beginning some time early next year, if not late this fall, for the circulation of a suitable subscription book in the Japanese. It is astonishing to see the many book shops all through the many cities of Japan. The people read as freely and as universally, it seems, as they do in the States. Over ninety-eight per cent of the children of school age are in school. For more than twenty years compulsory school laws have been in force, and this has produced a nation of readers.

"Here in Korea the reading public is not so large, yet even here we hope to see an important work accomplished, by persevering effort, through the distribution of our literature. We have a well equipped office at headquarters. It is not quite as well equipped as is the Tokyo office, as there our brethren have installed a Miehle press; but we are able to handle with acceptance all ordinary work in the three offices I have mentioned — Manila, Tokyo, and Seoul. Our Shanghai plant, of course, is modern in its equipment. The publishing work in the Far East promises to assume large proportions.

"We had an excellent meeting in Japan, and we have just closed a good conference here at Seoul with our Korean brethren and sisters. You will be pleased to learn that the Korean mission field has been organized into a local conference, with a full complement of officers and committees. Our only lack is an experienced book man, and the committee here has made application for one to come out soon. The membership of this conference is 860. Elder Butterfield is in charge.

"We leave tomorrow morning for Manchuria and Central China. Our Shanghai council meeting holds from April 5 to 25. May 1, I sail per s.s. 'Korea Maru' for San Francisco."

R. L. PIERCE.

Fourteen Mistakes

It is a great mistake to set up our own standard of right and wrong, and judge people accordingly.

To measure the enjoyment of others by our own.

To expect uniformity of opinion in this world.

To look for judgment and experience in youth.

To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike.

Not to yield to immaterial trifles.

To look for perfection in our action.

To worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied.

Not to alleviate all that needs alleviation, as far as lies in our power.

Not to make allowances for the infirmities of others.

To consider everything impossible that we cannot perform.

To believe only what our finite minds can grasp.

To expect to be able to understand everything.

The greatest mistake is to live for time alone, when any moment may launch us into eternity.—*Anon.*

"We all need mercy; therefore if we would receive it, we must give it."

A Few Statistics

From week to week the WORKER brings cheering reports from the field of the various lines of work being conducted which give us joy and courage as we see the cause of God making advancement. While the work of God is not measured in dollars and cents, yet it occurs to us that perhaps a report of progress being made as shown by statistical reports that are gathered from time to time might be of interest to our readers. For this purpose we have prepared a few statements which will, we believe, present in a material way something of what the Lord is doing for his people in the Southland. These reports are based on returns received from various conferences up to Jan. 1, 1917.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT, JANUARY 1, 1917

Conference	Membership	Gain in 3 years	Bapt. 1916
Alabama	655	205	67
Kentucky	718	292	78
Louisiana	523	136	35
Mississippi	391	80	47
Tennessee River	887	188	103
Totals	3174	901	330

The above report indicates the membership in each conference at the present time and the gain in membership that has come in the last three years. It is cheering to note that over 900 believers have been added to our membership in the past three years. The total baptisms for 1916 were 330, while in the past three years 1,225 persons have been baptised in the union. During the year 1916 there has been quite a large removal of our membership to other places on account of financial conditions, and this has reduced our gain. Since the year 1910 our membership has increased 1,620, of which 900 was in the last three years as stated above. There are 105 church organizations in the union, of which 54 have permanent houses of worship. The total Sabbath school membership is 3,617.

Year	TITHE
1910	\$30822.96
1911	34011.44
1912	34839.92
1913	35683.02
1914	38582.19
1915	38534.66
1916	40968.43
Total	\$253442.62

The above report as given shows the increase in tithe for the past seven years. It is interesting to note that every year has shown an increase except the year 1915, which recorded a very small decrease.

The rate per capita for this period is reduced from \$17.23 in 1910 to \$12.62 in 1915. However, the year 1916 shows a slight increase, the rate being \$12.90. This showing leads us to wonder if we are as faithful in giving to the Lord his own as we should be.

Year	OFFERINGS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS
1914	\$15709.50
1915	16352.87
1916	18412.06
Total	\$50474.43

We have given only the offerings for the past three years in this report, showing a gradual increase in the donations that are going from this field for the work in foreign lands, over \$50,000 having been given in the last three years. In the year 1910 our people contributed \$6,885.05 to this fund, which has steadily increased year by year since that time.

There has also been until the last year a steady increase in the amount per capita, which is indeed commendable. A large part of the increase has come through the Sabbath school offerings, which, beginning with the year 1910, were \$2,328.01, while in 1916 our Sabbath schools contributed \$9,883.57.

There has also been a greater effort put forth in the Harvest Ingathering campaign from year to year as follows:

1914	\$1728.12
1915	2750.76
1916	4261.74

The total Sabbath school contributions for the past seven years amount to \$43,606.18, with a grand total of all amounts to foreign missions for this period of \$91,435.18. We are sure all are grateful to the Lord for the privilege of having so large an amount sent from this field for the work in foreign lands.

Year	TOTAL FUNDS	Amount	PerCapita
1910	\$40484.26	\$25.26	
1912	54942.83	27.29	
1914	68560.67	24.81	
1916	72555.13	23.76	

Of equal interest is a record of total funds raised by the membership in the union and the rate per capita as shown above. We have given the amount raised each two years for comparison, and it will be noticed that there is a steady increase in the total contributions, and not withstanding a more rapid increase in membership in recent years, the rate per capita has been but little reduced and compares favorably with other fields and with the denomination as a whole. The grand total of all funds contributed for the last seven years is \$402,306.68.

Probably the most striking evidence of growth is seen in the report of book sales by our faithful colporteurs as indicated in the following report:

Year	BOOK SALES
1909	\$30452.93
1911	39238.40
1913	40842.41
1915	55063.97
1916	61122.44

This report is also given for each two years, showing that there has been a splendid increase in this line of work. The grand total of sales for the past eight years is \$351,134.28. Surely the blessing of heaven has been upon this important agency for proclaiming the third angel's message to the Southland. Much more of interest from this field could be given if space permitted.

Brother H. E. Rogers, in his report to the North American Division Conference, stated that since the year 1913, 483 missionaries have been sent out from this country to foreign missions, and that the total offerings to missions in the last four years have been \$2,591,380.68. Of this amount considerably more than one-half has been given during the past two years.

Brother Rogers states further, "Thus there has been contributed by the membership of this Division during the past four years for the special work of foreign missions over two and a half million dollars. Surely this is one of the marvels of modern missions. No such record of giving for such purpose is to be found anywhere else, but no one has been impoverished by this giving, nor has it resulted in approaching the limit or goal necessary in order to carry the gospel message to all parts of the world. Even greater opportunities and difficulties are before this people."

Shall we not put forth greater efforts than ever before that this work may be finished and that speedily?

G. H. CURTIS.

Alabama Conference

Predicted

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Ps. 110: 3.

There have been times in the past when God has, in a marvelous manner, manifested his power, and men who during such a time offered their service willingly were greatly blessed, and much was accomplished for the cause of righteousness. This was especially true of God's people right after Pentecost, when "under their labors were added to the church chosen men, who receiving the truth, consecrated their lives to the work of giving to others the hope that filled their hearts with joy. They could not be restrained or intimidated by threats. The Lord spoke through them and as they went from place to place the poor had the gospel preached to them and miracles of divine grace were wrought.

"So mightily can God work when men *give themselves up* to the control of his spirit." "Acts of the Apostles," pp. 48, 49.

We are told that "the promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or race." It is promised to Christ's followers to the end, for we read again, "But near the close of earth's harvest a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain, and it is for this added power that Christians are to send their petitions to the Lord of harvest, 'in the time of the latter rain.' In response, 'the Lord shall make bright clouds and give them showers of rain.' 'He will cause to come down . . . the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain.'" Id., page 49.

But only will this come to the members of God's church today, and only will they be ready for the time of reaping, as they have a living, vital connection with him who is the source of all spiritual growth and power.

Now the Psalmist tells us of a special time when God's people will be a *willing people*. He predicts that this is to come in the day of his power, and from the events now transpiring throughout the world, we are led to believe beyond question that we have reached "the day of God's power," "the day of his preparation," the time when we are to look for the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. Then, at such a time as this it has been predicted that the Lord's people will be a willing people. Willing for what? Let the servant of the Lord answer, "There is a picture representing a bullock standing between a plow and an altar, with the inscription 'Ready for Either'—ready to toil in the furrow, or be offered on the altar of sacrifice. This is the position of the true child of God—willing to go where duty calls, and deny self, to sacrifice for the Redeemer's cause." "Gospel Workers" (new edition), p. 294. Dear reader, is this your position? Are you *willing* to do or suffer for Christ, or do you respond simply from a sense of duty?

Let us note the scripture mentioned above in the American Standard Version. It reads thus, "Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy power." The margin says, "are freewill offerings." This is a wonderful statement, a prediction that should receive our attention, for that day has arrived when God calls us to offer our lives a freewill offering, "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." But, you say, does this mean me? A further statement from the Lord's servant will answer your question.

"Every one in whose heart Christ abides, every one who will show forth his love to the world, is a *worker* together with God for the blessing of humanity." "Acts of the Apostles," p. 13.

And again, "Every *worker* who follows the example of Christ will be prepared to receive and use the power that God has

promised to his church for the ripening of earth's harvest." Id., page 56.

My dear fellow man, Christ offered himself *willingly* to save a lost world. That takes in you and me. Then may God help us, in this, the day of his power, to offer ourselves likewise, that we may be used of him to "Help Somebody Today" along the upward way.

J. F. WRIGHT.

News Items

The Mobile church continues to send in subscriptions for our periodicals. The last was for the *Review* and *Signs Weekly* to be sent to Sister J. F. Parker.

Brother B. D. Clark forwards from the Silverhill church an order for five *Liberty* magazines. We are glad to see these magazines being used.

Brother R. E. Chapman, of Troy, is doing some practical missionary work. He sends in a yearly subscription for the *Signs Weekly* to be sent to his neighbor.

Our people are beginning to realize more and more the necessity of taking the *Review*. One good brother writes, "Brother Godsmark, I do need the *Review* so much. I know I should read it, but it seems as though I have not been able to pay for it. I must take it, even if I have to sell my chickens to pay the subscription price."

Sister Jennie E. Washam sent in a club of five subscriptions to the weekly *Signs of the Times*. We pray that the Lord will bless the weekly visits of the *Signs* to these homes and that these precious souls may be brought nearer to the Lord as a result.

Brother J. W. Tillman subscribes for the *Signs Weekly* for a year and also sends in a subscription for one of his neighbors. This kind of missionary work counts. The *Signs* is winning friends everywhere it is read.

Brother Quinnie Tew dropped into the office Monday, April 2, and we spent a few pleasant hours talking with him regarding the work he is doing in the western part of Jefferson County. Brother Tew is of good courage and is doing splendid work.

Sister Katie Miller obtained a supply of the new books, "The Christian Sabbath," "The World's Crisis," and "The Shadow of the Bottle" for use in the neighborhood of the Elkwood church. These small books are especially adapted for our home workers and do a great deal of good wherever used.

The Oakwood Manual Training School is doing progressive work in every way. One splendid "symptom" is shown in the following paragraph in a letter from Brother C. S. Corkham, assistant manager, "Kindly send us one hundred copies of the April *Watchman* for our church work."

Elder A. L. Miller believes in circulating the *Present Truth*, and while away from the office recently sent in an order for several sets of them to be sent out to interested persons.

We call attention to the splendid colporteur's report given in this week's *WORKER*, amounting to \$582.55. In this report Brother T. M. Woodruff has the best showing, with \$114.50 worth of orders in 47 hours. Several reports have been delayed in reaching us, otherwise the week would have run over \$600. This gives for the Alabama colporteurs a total value of \$2,256.05 to date for 1917. By referring to the reports for the same month of 1916 we find that the total value was \$860.90. In 1916 the number of hours to this date was 1,781, and in 1917 to date the number of hours put in was 1,955. By comparing these figures we see that the increase in hours has been but a small per cent, but the value of orders has been very nearly trebled. The prospects are very bright for the colporteur work in Alabama. Who will join us?

Kentucky Conference

What Are We Doing for Missions?

I think it is fully understood by our people throughout the conference that it has been the plan for each member to assist with his means to send the last message to all parts of the earth. We as a people believe that when the message has gone to all the world then the end will come. The plan adopted by the General Conference and concurred in by our conference is to pay twenty cents a week per capita for missions. I feel sure that this small amount can be raised. Let us each ask ourselves, What have I been doing to raise this important fund? Last year we did not reach the mark of twenty cents per capita in this conference; and we are very anxious that when the present year shall have closed we will be able to say that we have the full amount raised, and even more. Now, brethren, shall we not all determine that by God's help we will do our duty toward God and his work? Remember the Mission Board looks to us for funds to support the missionaries who have left home and friends and gone to fields beyond, and if it were your son or daughter, I feel sure you would be anxious to know that they were supported. Some mothers' sons and daughters have gone, and let us determine that we will do our part to support them. Some of our people can give a great deal more than twenty cents per week. Let all do what they can, and we will see the largest offering for missions this year that has ever been raised in the conference. What will you do? I hear you say, "We will raise our full quota per capita and rejoice with those who have the work in charge," and at last we shall receive a crown because we have been faithful to God. B. W. BROWN.

News Items

Please take notice that the Kentucky Conference and Tract Society have moved their office from Bowling Green to 2014 West Walnut Street, Louisville, Ky. All mail intended for the office or conference president should be addressed as above.

Brother James Hickman, after getting his family located in Louisville, has gone to assist Brother W. H. White as he starts out selling "Bible Readings."

We are glad to report a new Sabbath-keeper at Elizabethtown.

Elder J. H. Lawrence, who has been conducting a series of meetings at Owensboro, has just closed an eight days' debate with a Baptist minister. He reports a victory for the truth.

Brother B. E. Wagner writes from Lexington that he is of good courage and is pushing the work forward in that county.

Mrs. A. T. Bom, of Henderson, made a visit to Hopkinsville, Ky., and spent last Sabbath there.

Elder O. A. Dow reports the addition of a new member to the Covington church last Sabbath. He states that they are very busy holding Bible readings and cottage meetings.

Mrs. F. F. Harrison, of the Covington church, underwent an operation last week. At last report she was doing nicely.

Word just received from Sister A. Minton, of the Hartford church, brings an encouraging report of the work the brethren are doing in that place.

Mrs. Rose Hammond sent in a remittance for tithe last week and stated that they are going to give a certain amount for missions of each of the different crops that they raise this year.

Brother H. H. Ramey, of Davisville, sends in an order to the tract society for literature.

Brother Fred Keitts, of Lexington, writes that the work is progressing nicely in the colored church in that place.

Mrs. Rose Lindsey sends in her report and states that they

are kept busy meeting the people who are interested in the truth in Hopkinsville.

Mrs. J. M. Hill, of the Bowling Green church, has been very ill, but at last report she was improving somewhat.

Brother A. R. Tyrer, elder of the Lexington church, writes that the company in that place are of good courage and expect to take in some new members soon.

Brother A. E. Hallsted, of the Grove church, writes that the work is moving forward in that place and that they are expecting to do more missionary work during the coming quarter than ever before.

Sister Elizabeth Faulkner, of the Lexington colored church, ordered a good supply of tracts the past week to use in missionary work in Lexington.

Louisiana Conference

News Items

Writing from De Quincy, Elder Frank says, "The prospects have encouraged me, and I think we will see some good results from this series of meetings."

Five more Missionary Volunteer fruit trees have borne their fruit with a full yield — those belonging to Harry Bryan, Walter McLennan (age 4 years), and Gordon Mann, of Shreveport; and Gerald Wilson and Evelyn Abbott, of New Orleans. This means five dollars more raised by the junior members for the support of "our missionary."

The Shreveport No. 1 church reports their offerings for missions for the past quarter more than double the amount of the corresponding quarter of last year, and their thirteenth Sabbath offering, \$15.85, the largest they have ever had.

Splendid reports are being received from the canvassing field, as will be seen by the weekly reports appearing in this issue. The total amount of orders taken during the week averages over three dollars an hour, while the best report averages a little above four dollars an hour for the entire week. The lowest figure appearing on the reports is an average of \$2.93 an hour for the week, which is sent in by one of "the boys" who has passed his seventy-second year. The Lord helps and strengthens those who place themselves on the altar of service and sacrifice.

The sum of \$182 was the amount due from the New Orleans church No. 1 on the twenty-cent-a-week funds for the first quarter. This amount was fully reached, and more, by the offerings on the last Sabbath of the quarter.

Brother Boswell writes, "God has blessed us in a very marked way in our work this week. We were in an unfavorable territory (Brother Wilson is working with him) a part of the week, and were able to put in but four days, still the Lord has done great things for us. We have many rich experiences and evidences of God's overshadowing love and care."

Our banner report, from Brother Hubbell, was accompanied by the following:

"Enclosed you will find the report of my week's work, which I am grateful to report is the best I have had since I began work. Many precious experiences have been mine, for which I thank God. Truly the dear Heavenly Father sends his angels on before to open the doors and hearts of the people to receive his messengers. In all my years in this message I have never seen the people so eager to hear the message of a soon-coming Lord as at present, and I am fully persuaded that God is swinging open the doors of opportunity to his faithful servants for the last time, and that this great crisis is the prelude to the final act of the dreadful drama and the close of probation. My daily prayer is that God may help us to waste no more time on ourselves but hasten to our neighbors with the glorious news of the breaking dawn.

Tennessee River Conference

Bon Aqua

Sabbath, March 31, was a good day for the Bon Aqua church. It was the quarterly meeting day, and for the first time in three months all the members came together to enjoy the service.

They are scattered so far over the country, living as they do, several miles apart, that it is very hard for them to meet together every Sabbath. For this reason they have organized three Sabbath schools, known as Bon Aqua, Nails Creek, and Beaver Dam Sabbath schools. During the quarter they meet separately, but every quarterly meeting occasion they all meet in some central place and enjoy a feast together. On these occasions they bring their dinner along, and at the noon hour they spread it in some convenient place, and everybody is welcome to help himself. It was my good fortune to be with them in such a meeting last Sabbath, and as usual they had provided an abundance for the needs of all.

The Sabbath school superintendent had arranged a splendid program for the occasion, and the parts were all very well rendered by different ones. At the close of the program they had a review of the lessons for the quarter by Elder Martin, which was both instructive and very interesting. He drew out several beautiful lessons in the course of the review.

At the close of the Sabbath school the ladies spread the table and we were all invited to dinner. There was an abundance of good wholesome food for all, and every one seemed to enjoy it.

After dinner we held the quarterly meeting. The writer spoke for a few minutes, and then Elder Martin gave a very impressive talk, and we separated for the ordinance of humility, after which the congregation partook of the emblems. It was a very solemn service, and as we all thought of the times we are living in, and of the dreadful scenes being enacted in the world today, we could but wonder how much longer we would be permitted to enjoy such seasons of refreshing together.

We held two services on Sunday, and at both services I spoke on the importance of the home missionary work and told them of the plan to organize every church for service, and of our desire to enlist every member in the work of the Lord.

At the close of the last service the church was organized into a home missionary society, and a secretary was elected for it. A junior society was also organized, and officers were elected for it. The individual reports were then passed out, and each one reported what he had done during the quarter. These were taken up at the close of the service, and it was seen that almost every one had been doing something. I feel sure we will see some good reports coming from this church in the future.

The churches throughout the field are taking a very active interest in home missionary work, and some good reports are coming in. Surely we are in the finishing of the work, and our great Leader is calling his people into line.

The colporteur work is also prospering, and several are just entering the work now. Others will enter it in the near future. Several young men and young ladies are planning to sell enough books to earn a scholarship to Hazel this year.

We are very much in need of a tent for the colored work in Jackson this summer. Our colored brethren are endeavoring to raise the money to buy it, but they are poor, and it is quite an undertaking for them! Are there not a number of our people who will come to their assistance with a contribution for this purpose? If so, please send your contribution to Brother Bruce at the office, telling him what it is for.

Brethren, remember every department of the work in your prayers.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

"Be true to the best you know."

Mississippi Conference

News Items

Brother Staton returned to the office Friday after having spent a week with Brother Walter Edmonds, who has just entered the colporteur work. He reports very good success.

Several have availed themselves of the opportunity of securing a number of copies of the new book, "The World War," to distribute among their friends and neighbors. This not only helps to spread the message, but is also an excellent way of raising money for missions. Let our people who have not already ordered, place their order at once and obtain the blessing that the Lord has for those who work for him.

A letter from Brother A. L. Hamm states that he is located at Leland, in Washington County. He enclosed his report for one week, which reads, 44 hours, 61 orders, total \$303.75. This certainly is a good report, and should be an encouragement to those who are contemplating entering this line of work. If we see a need of this kind of work being done, let us remember that in the Lord's work a need is a call to service.

Elder Buhalts and Brother Marshall were in Laurel Thursday, the twenty-ninth, looking after a church building which the believers in Laurel wish to purchase.

Elder King is holding a series of meetings in Greenwood at the present time. He reports a good interest. Two have already taken their stand for the truth.

The Jackson Sabbath school made a good record the past quarter in the way of donations. At the beginning of the quarter a goal of \$75 was set. This was about \$25 more than they had raised in any previous quarter. In order for them to reach this goal it was necessary to raise over \$33 on the thirteenth Sabbath. When the collection was taken and counted it was found that it amounted to over \$40, seven dollars over the goal. This shows what can be done in the way of raising money for missions when we all pull together.

Brother Virgil Smith has gone to Sunflower County to work for a fall delivery. We will expect some more large reports from him.

We have received reports from three of our colporteurs which total over \$700. Let us remember these faithful workers in our prayers.

Why Eat Meat?

Have you ever desired literature in a convenient form to hand to some one which would tell clearly and concisely our views upon vegetarianism? Such a document will be found in *May Life and Health*.

This number of *Life and Health* not only presents the reasons favoring vegetarianism, but it also tells the reader what foods are best adapted to give adequate nutrition to the system, and gives suggestions as to what selections to make for a well balanced bill of fare.

The truths in this number of *Life and Health* are essential for all. The publication of a number dealing with this question is timely, because many people who are grappling with the high-cost-of-living problem would welcome a publication of this kind which not only shows the better way of living, but the more economical way. Will you be one who helps bring this light to "the other man"? A single copy costs 10 cents. Rates in bulk:

- 5 to 40 copies, 5 cents each
- 50 or more copies, 4 cents each
- 500 or more copies, 3½ cents each
- 1000 or more copies, 3 cents each

All orders should be sent to your conference tract society.

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending March 31, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
T R BattleBF	52	30	\$52 50	\$ 60	\$53 10	\$51 50
U BracyGC,BF	41	16	51 00	4 60	55 60	
B D CrawfordBR	30	1	3 50	2 50	6 00	
R L EtheredgeBF	21	19	42 50		42 50	
L E FoleyBR	30	13	46 50		46 50	
Hugh JonesHM	40	24	62 00		62 00	
F M ReiberBR	33	7	28 50		28 50	9 00
C A Stewart*D&R	38	29	111 00	2 05	113 03	22 50
T M WoodruffBR	47	31	114 50		114 50	
Q TewHM	27	11	30 50		30 50	
Bibles			15 80		15 80	
R L EtheredgeBF	46	8	14 50		14 50	4 50
Totals (Agts. 10)	405	189	\$572 80	\$9 75	\$582 55	\$87 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
F L HarrisonBR	41	22	\$81 00		\$81 00	
Lee PageCK	28	25	46 50		46 50	
Flora PageCK	16	17	29 50		29 50	
A SchroaderBR	36	14	50 00		50 00	
Totals (Agts. 4)	121	78	\$207 00		\$207 00	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
F W SchmehlBR	39	31	\$116 50		\$116 50	
T S SlighBR	23	17	67 50		67 50	
J B HardyBR	31	23	89 00		89 00	
M B WilsonBR	42	27	107 50		107 50	
M S HubbellBR	44	48	183 00		183 00	
G B BoswellBR	41	29	116 50		116 50	
Bibles			14 50		14 50	
Totals (Agts. 6)	220	175	\$694 50		\$694 50	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE†						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
GeorgieAndersonCK	9	6	\$12 00	\$ 1 25	\$13 25	\$
Susie BeasleyHM	35	47	119 00	11 25	130 25	
Floyd BoothBR	12	5	15 00	1 00	16 00	
EmilyBillupsHM,PG	12	12	42 00	60	42 60	
PerthiaHamptonBF	47			7 40	7 40	27 80
AAJohnsonPPF,D&R	50	56	139 50	3 45	142 95	
Hattie JacobHM	13	27	79 50	1 40	80 90	
Mattie LeeHM	8	2	5 00	1 00	6 00	
LJMcElroyD&R,HM	12	10	39 00	1 00	40 00	
Virgil SmithBR	20	10	35 00	2 60	37 60	
E B StowallPPF	14	8	20 00	5 00	25 00	
Annie WattsHM	25	19	39 00		39 00	
Totals (Agts. 12)	257	202	\$545 00	\$35 95	\$580 95	\$27 80

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
J R AllenBR	6	4	\$14 00	\$ 25	\$14 25	\$
Barnes BroilesBR	31	8	29 00	4 05	33 05	
R HazeltonBR	30	6	22 00		22 00	
W J KeeleD&R	31	8	33 00	3 00	36 00	
Mrs PhilpottBF	18	5	7 50	7 70	15 20	10 50
Earl StrawhumBR	13	6	22 00	25	22 25	
G P TrippBR	31	8	32 00	8 00	40 00	
Totals (Agts. 7)	160	45	\$159 50	\$23 25	\$182 75	\$10 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
EmilyBillups PG,HM	48	61	\$203 00	\$ 6 55	\$210 05	\$
WalterEdmonds BR	31	14	49 00	3 00	52 00	
A L HammD&R	44	61	301 50	2 25	303 75	
AAJohnson PPF,D&R	41	40	103 50	6 20	109 70	2 50
Mattie LeeHM	20	7	17 50	3 70	21 20	
L J McElroyD&R	48	57	192 00	5 20	198 20	
E B StowallPPF	35	20	51 50	3 75	55 25	
E A Taylor*BR	78	57	204 50	8 40	212 90	
J L WallerD&R						55 00
Totals (Agts. 9)	345	317	\$1123 00	\$40 05	\$1163 05	\$57 50
G'dTotals(A. 36)	1508	1006	\$3301 80	\$109 00	\$3410 80	\$183 30

Summary to Date				
	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	1955	\$2117 25	\$138 80	\$2256 05
Kentucky Conference . .	2285	3010 00	149 01	3159 01
Louisiana Conference . .	961	2241 80	35 60	2277 40
Mississippi Conference .	2240	4223 85	262 10	4485 95
Tenn. River Conference	925	972 55	85 85	1058 40
Totals	8366	\$12565 45	\$671 36	\$13236 81

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending March 31, 1917

Agent	No.	Value
ALABAMA CONFERENCE		
B. D. Crawford	75	\$7 50
Hugh Jones	1	10
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE†		
G. T. Young	20	2 00
Lydia Johnson	400	40 00
Grace Holt	1000	100 00
C. E. Allen	100	10 00
Milton Jones	75	7 50
Anna Hornung	50	5 00
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE‡		
Mrs. A. H. Kelley	1235	123 50
Sadie Klindt	470	47 00
Fannie Leary	50	5 00
Susie Campbell	50	5 00
Irregulars	860	86 00
Totals	4386	\$438 60

Wanted for Missionary Work

For distribution among needy poor by our Christian Help Band, any clothing of all sizes and for both sexes will be greatly appreciated. Mrs. Eva Robie, leader. Send to Elder W. P. McLennan, 2756 Virginia Ave., Shreveport, La. Any literature will also be gratefully accepted.

"Trouble seems to have more than a thousand avenues through which to reach the heart."

A Handy Help

Have you one of those little five-cent maps showing the route of Paul's three missionary journeys and his trip to Rome? It is only six by four inches in size, but it is plain. You can carry it in your Bible, open the Book to the verse you are studying, and consult your map without losing the place. Every teacher and every pupil needs one. Suppose you order for yourself and your pupils. Hundreds have done so; why not you?

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Home Missionary Department

“Win One” Campaign News

Sister J. W. Reynolds, of the Sheffield church, writes, “We all have the missionary spirit now, and we intend to do some real active work. I have been out with *The Watchman Magazine* several times, and so far have been very successful. We are going to try some of your plans, for we are sure they will help us along a great deal. As soon as the water falls so I can get some willows, I am going to make some baskets and will send you a sample as soon as they are finished.” Sister Reynolds makes some very pretty, fancy, little baskets. She is going to make some to be sold for missionary money.

Sabbath and Sunday, March 24 and 25, the writer conducted a home missionary institute in the Birmingham colored church. It was a very profitable meeting. Money was raised to purchase a thousand of the *Present Truth* with which to do systematic house-to-house work. Six promised to become regular salesmen for *The Watchman*. These were in addition to the three regular magazine workers that are there. A number of small books were sold, and one brother expects to get one of the new Home Circle Library prospectuses to work for these books. The church is at work earning money for missions by selling our literature.

R. I. KEATE.

News Items

Elder R. I. Keate is now in Louisiana visiting some of the churches with Elder C. N. Sanders and conducting home missionary institutes.

Brother M. W. Shidler went from Huntsville to the Southern Junior College at Ooltewah, where he and Brother Dillen are holding a colporteurs' institute with the students who are interested in this line of work.

Friday, March 30, Elder S. E. Wight returned from a short trip South, stopping at Ooltewah, Tenn., and Huntsville and Sheffield, Ala.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood is spending the week in North Carolina in the interests of the new dormitory. He sends in some very encouraging reports, which show that the Lord is going before him in this work.

**Home Missionary Report of the Birmingham Church
 For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916**

The membership report was sixty-four. The different columns show the work of each division of the missionary society.

	Young	Junior	Senior	Total
Letters written	473	2	503	978
Letters received	359	2	313	674
Missionary visits	778		2063	2846
Bible readings and cottage meetings	64	27	463	554
Subscriptions taken	17		139	156
Papers and magazines sold	508	15	744	1267
Papers mailed, lent, given away	1760	101	8149	10010
Books sold	57	21	317	395
Books lent or given away	32	15	593	640
Tracts sold	18	9	47	74
Tracts lent or given away	189	31	1719	1939
Hours of Christian help work	1507½		4094½	5602
Articles of clothing given away	158	12	800	970
Meals provided	398	8	1552	1958
Treatments given	85		423	508
Signers of temperance pledge	5		25	30

Adding all the items of literature together, we have a total of 14,325, or an average of about 224 per member for the year, or about nineteen pieces per month. The hours of Christian help work average over one hour and thirty-six minutes per week. Missionary visits average forty-four per member, or nearly four per month.

The financial statement shows \$86.43 spent for home missionary work and a cash balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917, of \$10.55.

For Greater Efficiency

The stereopticon department of the Nashville Book Company is being reorganized under the name of the “Central Stereopticon Exchange.” Men of long experience are connecting with it, both in the business office and in the manufacturing department.

Send for 128-page catalogue of stereopticon slides and supplies. Large introduction cut in prices for April and May. For particulars address Stereopticon Slide Exchange, Battle Creek, Mich.

Southern Junior College

News Notes from Collegedale

Mr. D. W. Dillen, of Graysville, Tenn., and Brother M. W. Shidler, of Nashville, Tenn., are visiting the Southern Junior College in the interests of the colporteur work this week. They expect to conduct a ten days' institute for the students of the school. Quite a number of students are interested in this line of work and are definitely planning on selling our books this summer.

Mr. G. H. Ward, of Stapleton, Ala., arrived at the Southern Junior College the first of last week. Mr. Ward expects to work on the farm and on the buildings to work up credit for next year.

Mr. Thomas Huxtable, who has been nursing in Ooltewah for some little time past, has returned to Collegedale and is working on our new store.

Elder W. H. Branson spent a few hours between trains at Collegedale last Friday. Elder Branson was on his way home from Huntsville.

Professor A. N. Atteberry made a business trip to Huntsville Ala., last Wednesday. He returned Thursday morning and reports that he bought a team of mules, which will help us materially in the work.

Work is being pushed rapidly on the new commissary. Mr. Gorich and his crew of boys are busily engaged in working on it. Because of the rainy weather and the delay in the shipment of some shingles, the work on the building has not gone forward as rapidly as we had hoped for. It is thought that at the end of next week it will be nearly completed.

“Show me a man who makes no mistakes, and I will show you a man who doesn't do things.”