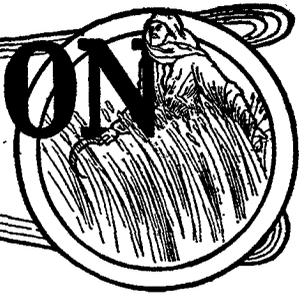




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“My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work.”

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Life's Scars

They say the world is round, and yet
I often think it square,
So many little hurts we get
From corners here and there.
But one great truth in life I've found,
While journeying to the West,
The only folks who really wound
Are those we love the best.

The man you thoroughly despise
Can rouse your wrath, 'tis true;
Annoyance in your heart will rise
At things most strangers do;
But those are only passing ills,
This rule all lives will prove;
The rankling wound which aches and thrills
Is dealt by hands we love.

The choicest garb, the sweetest grace,
Are oft to strangers shown;
The careless mein, the frowning face,
Are given to our own.
We flatter those we scarcely know,
We please the fleeting guest,
And deal full many a thoughtless blow
To those who love us best.

Love does not grow on every tree,
Nor true hearts yearly bloom.
Alas for those who only see
This but across a tomb!
But soon or late the fact grows plain
To all through sorrow's test;
The only folks who give us pain
Are those we love the best.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Preparedness

Much is said these days about preparedness, or the state of being prepared. We hear of it in politics, in business, and in nearly all walks of life. Day after day the student prepares his lessons for the next day; the housewife prepares for tomorrow's breakfast; and the farmer prepares for next year's crops. And so, all through life, preparedness is essential. I have a most unpleasant remembrance of a bright fellow student, whose usual answer to his teacher was, "Unprepared." The habit followed him throughout his short life.

Solomon's slothful man was not necessarily weak or lacking in intelligence; he simply did not prepare for future needs. One great difference between the savage and the civilized man is this very thing.

But it is not only man who makes preparation; God himself prepares for the future. Before creating man, he prepared this

earth and all the beautiful things in it to be a suitable home for him. He even went so far as to prepare a way of escape should man fall under temptation. And he is still preparing. Some of the most precious promises in the Bible tell of the home he is preparing for his children. John 14: 1-3; 1 Cor. 2: 9; Rev. 21: 1, 2.

The Lord also prepares for individuals. While Paul was praying, the Lord prepared Ananias to give him encouragement. When Elijah was in great need, in time of drought, the Lord had in readiness a godly woman who provided him with food and shelter. And we ourselves have seen how a long train of circumstances has been arranged to meet some crisis in our lives. Before great national and religious crises, it is evident that God prepared such men as Elijah, Luther, and Lincoln to meet the issue.

But the subject of preparedness more intimately affects us in our preparation for life, both now and to come. No one can overestimate the importance of a thorough preparation for life. John the Baptist, the greatest of prophets, was thirty years preparing for only a few months of active service. The same was true of the Lord himself, and surely no one who knows his teachings, can say it was not time well spent.

David Brainerd and Henry Martyn are examples in modern times, of men who, although they died at about thirty years of age, had made such thorough preparation and worked so energetically, that they accomplished more than many others who lived their full threescore and ten years.

A well-rounded education is one of the best preparations for a life of usefulness. Moses and Paul stand out as two of the best-educated men of the Bible, and although they lived so long ago, probably modern civilization owes to these two men as much as to many others.

Much that is called genius is careful preparation. In a public address, one of our great statesmen referred, with a blaze of oratory, to the Stars and Stripes. Afterward a personal friend congratulated him on such a fine impromptu speech, but was told by the orator that the address had been carefully thought out some years before and committed to memory.

Times of crisis in our lives really show us what we are, what our life training has been. Those who are prepared to meet the test, we call great.

Nor should we regard life as composed of two periods, one of preparation and the other of service. Service is a part of preparation; it shows us our need and fits us for better service. And our service begun here will be continued hereafter, for "His servants shall serve him."

After all, the greatest preparation is heart preparation. 1 Sam. 7: 3. Without this all other preparation is of no final value. Heart preparation is as much more valuable than any other preparation as the life to come is of greater importance than the present.—*Youth's Instructor*.

“Every day that passes brings us nearer the end. Does it bring us also near to God?”

Efficiency Rules

Stop talking. Learn to speak only in such a way that you and your friends will somehow profit thereby.

Stop worrying. When you can handle the present as well as God will handle the future, you will laugh at your worries.

Stop wishing. A wish is a confession of weakness. Want what you want hard enough to get it, or else feel superior to the need.

Stop criticizing. Only an ass wastes energy in braying.

Stop hesitating. It is the plunger who goes to the bottom of things. And whether gold or mud is at the bottom, the man who has found it rests.

Stop imitating. A real ruby is worth more than an artificial diamond.

Stop idling. Either work or play, sleep or travel; in short, make even your rest period a thing of ambition, volition, system.

Stop hurrying. When you teach your brain to outrun your body, your body will stay quiet.

Sit up straight, walk with your chest out, look every man in the eye, and declare yourself as good as the best. Humility is not hump-shoulderedness.

Go to the open window and take a dozen huge breaths, deeply, slowly, stretching your legs and arms at the same time, and feeling the purified blood leap through your veins and arteries. Do this whenever you have a headache or a grouch.

Read books that build, not the mush in the six "best sellers." Read the writings of men who produced food for the minds of real men. And of all literature of action, biography is best. You can judge the progress of your neighbor on the achievement path by the heroes whose lives he studies.

Eliminate idlers from your acquaintance. This includes all who enjoy play more than work.

Lose yourself in your work. Come early and stay late. Use every spare moment in developing methods, first to work better and then faster. If there is a man higher up in the same business, devote an evening a week studying how he got there.

Analyze your average day, and find how many hours a week you waste. Then consider that your time outside of working hours is worth twice as much, because that belongs to you, while the other is only your employer's. Thus, if you earn ten dollars a day, every hour outside the office routine is worth at least three dollars — too much to squander.

Picture yourself in absolute command of the place you aspire to, in permanent possession of the thing you want, with every ambition satisfied and every aspiration met. Failure is a fool's name for lack of grit; not being a fool, you will not talk of failure.

Face to the front, unceasingly and unqualifiedly. Consider that the past never was, except in the lessons it has brought. No man regrets while he marches on.

Attack the hardest job in sight. Do this first. A little reflection will show what it is — probably a slipshod habit or ugly propensity or chronic weakness that needs handling without gloves. The man of might is he who was merciless to himself.

If you have done all these things, and whatever else occurs in the doing, then look for a chance to help somebody who is down, lift a burden that has grown too heavy, whisper a word of love and sympathy to the lonely, the forlorn, the misunderstood. For the sad and poor and helpless can most appreciate, and will most bless, the prompt and generous nature of the man who acts.—C. E. Purinton.

"How to Sell Magazines"

is the title of a sixteen-page booklet issued by the Pacific Press Publishing Association. This booklet contains helpful matter and suggestions designed especially for magazine workers. A copy will be mailed free of charge by writing the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, Cal.

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News Items

Our colporteurs are certainly doing good work this year. For the first three months we had a gain over the same period of last year, of \$1,256.50 in orders. We already have orders for the first two weeks of April amounting to over \$2,000. Let us remember these faithful workers in our prayers.

Elder Buhalts spent Sabbath, the seventh, with the Hatley and Pine Grove churches. He reports very good meetings with these churches.

Brother Marshall made a trip to Brandon Monday, the ninth.

Brother Staton returned Thursday, April 12, after making a trip among our colored workers. On this trip he visited Sister Billups and Sister McElroy, at Tutwiler, Sister Watts and Sister Beasley at Jonestown, and stopped over and made a short visit with the believers at Greenwood. He also spent a day with Brother Taylor at Winona.

Brother P. D. Stampley sent in a check for \$100 tithe last week.

Report of Tithe and Foreign Mission Offerings for First Quarter 1917

CONFERENCE

Churches	Tithe	Missions	Per Member Per Week
Cedar Creek	\$ 9.25	\$.79	\$.002
Conference	648.06	47.99	.10
Ellisville	192.35	19.51	.08
Hatley	93.95	7.22	.02
Jackson	239.53	102.03	.18
Meridian	26.80	45.26	.16
Pine Grove	12.63	7.33	.04
Vicksburg	40.77	8.21	.10½
Totals	\$1263.34	\$238.34	

MISSION

Brookhaven	\$ 43.25	\$11.07	\$.04
Ellisville	2.45	8.17	.09
Greenville	39.13	5.26	.01½
Greenwood	27.79	.00	.00
Hattiesburg	34.42	9.42	.06
Jackson	35.10	3.18	.00½
Mission	121.70	27.44	.16
Meridian	16.95	2.13	.01
Natchez	18.15	5.70	.02½
Vicksburg	5.85	.00	.00
Yazoo City	41.01	9.00	.02½
Totals	\$385.80	\$81.37	

Amount of mission funds due for first quarter	\$836.55
Amount received from mission and conference	319.71
Amount short April 1, 1917	\$516.84

The above report shows that at the beginning of the second

quarter of this year we were short on our twenty cents a week for the white and fifteen cents a week for the colored, \$516.84. This is more than any of us would like to see. I feel that we should endeavor to reduce this shortage before the close of another quarter, and if it is possible — and I believe it is — we should make it up entirely by July 1.

One of the best ways of raising mission funds is through the Sabbath school, and especially the thirteenth Sabbath offerings. I was glancing over the reports of the Sabbath school secretary the other day, and I noticed that one colored Sabbath school with a membership of thirty-two, had raised for the thirteenth Sabbath offering \$15.41. Of course this does not reach the goal of \$1 per member, but it is almost fifty cents per member, and I consider it good for our colored people. There was another report that I could not speak so highly of. It was the report of a white school of twenty-four members which raised the sum of sixty-three cents on the thirteenth Sabbath, or a little over two and one-half cents per member.

Now I feel that if we all put our hands to the wheel and not only encourage others to give, but give ourselves, we can and will make up this shortage by July 1. Let us all pray and work to that end.

The title column of this report is very encouraging. The conference title shows a gain of \$858.54 over the same period of last year, while the mission has a gain of \$124.35.

We certainly appreciate this nice gain in the tithe, and I think that our people are beginning to realize that there is a blessing in rendering unto God his own. In these hard times let none of us rob God in tithes and offerings, and bring on the curse that is recorded in Mal. 3: 9, but rather let us be faithful and receive the blessings of the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth verses.

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News Items

Brother J. C. Self, of Elkwood, was very anxious to obtain advance copies of the new book "The World War" and sent in a written order for ten copies before they were off the press. Now that these books can be obtained, they are being spread like wildfire all through the Alabama Conference.

"WANTED"! Volunteers to help distribute 1,000 copies of "The World War" in the Alabama Conference during the month of May. This low figure is placed so that there will be no difficulty in reaching it. Send in your name and address, telling how many copies you will dispose of during the month. Ten copies in the paper binding will cost \$1.25 cash. Each one is expected to pay the postage. However, fifteen cents will cover the postage on ten copies to any point in this conference. Send \$1.40 for ten copies and begin work immediately. One thousand "World War" in Alabama and western Florida during the month of May!

Sister Lucinda Jobst, of Birmingham, was so interested in the announcement of the May *Life and Health* that she has ordered a supply of them for distribution among her friends. This is a splendid time and opportunity to place the principles of health reform before those not of our faith. The high cost of meat and animal products is causing the people to look toward a vegetarian diet, and *Life and Health* shows the way.

Brother T. L. Guthrie writes from Cardiff, asking for Sabbath School Quarterlies to be sent for use in their Sabbath school at that place. This being the second supply sent to Cardiff, it shows that this school is increasing in numbers and interest. May the Lord bless the little company who are trying to hold up the light of truth there.

Sister H. E. Egleston, of Magnolia Springs, did not cease working with the Harvest Ingathering papers at the close of the year, but has continued both in season and out of season until this time. Her solicitor's card shows earnest work. Only one individual of all those who signed their names gave less than ten cents, while a large number gave more, the average being sufficient to bring a goodly amount into the treasury to be applied on the Harvest Ingathering fund.

A number in the Birmingham church are working with the *Present Truth*. Some work in the large office buildings among the business men, while others work in the residence section. Sabbath, April 7, it was suggested that now is the best time to distribute *Present Truth* No. 5, "The World on Fire," and in a few moments \$10 was raised to purchase two thousand of these papers. The order was telegraphed to the publishers, and the next Sabbath the papers were distributed to the members. This is only a beginning for Birmingham, and it has been suggested that at least ten thousand of these papers should be distributed in the city.

Brother O. P. Ivie has found some honest-hearted souls in his locality who are really interested in the truth. He hopes by the Lord's help to bring them to the Saviour in the near future.

Once an individual experiences the joy of having a part in the colporteur work, it is hard for him to forget the blessings and the good experiences which accompany this work. Brother R. M. McAllister, of Pensacola, inquires regarding "Daniel and Revelation" and "Coming King." As he cannot put in full time, he wants to know if he can work occasionally. Every honest-hearted believer should do what he can in the distribution of our literature, and we trust that Brother McAllister will obtain a large number of orders for these books in Pensacola during his spare moments.

Several visitors were present at the Sabbath services in the Birmingham church April 14. Among them were Sister C. B. Norrell, of Clanton; Brother Q. Tew, of Cardiff; Brother I. Henderson and daughter Nellie, of Woodlawn, and recently from Gadsden, also several others from the city, some of whom have been prevented from attending regularly on account of the inclement weather. Brother M. L. Wilson occupied the hour, speaking feelingly of the colporteur work.

We were pleased to welcome Elder J. F. Wright as he passed through Birmingham recently on his way to Mobile. From all appearances his health is much better than it has been, and we expect to see many good reports in the *WORKER* from him this summer.

The Lord is moving upon the hearts of even the children to take an active part in the spreading of the message. This is well illustrated by a recent meeting which the junior society conducted in Birmingham. The senior young people's society invited the juniors to take charge of the meeting Sabbath, April 14, and the children enthusiastically rendered an excellent program under the direction of Sister Hibbins, the leader. At the close of the meeting *Present Truth* No. 5 was presented, and every one present, including the members of both societies, took a supply of the papers. The little tots took five each, those older ten and fifteen copies each. Over two hundred of these extras were given out in just a few moments.

The Borden Springs church school has just closed, and although the school year has been short, yet we are pleased to say that the children under Miss Lula Rogers have done excellent work. Miss Rogers plans to attend the summer normal at Ooltewah, Tenn.

Louise Kline, age seven, and Clarence Kelley, age eight, are experiencing wonderful success in the sale of our literature. Louise has disposed of a number of our twenty-five-cent books such as "World's Crisis," "Vatican and the War," and "Armageddon." Clarence does not hesitate to enter even the large skyscrapers with *The Watchman*, and his mother, Sister Kelley, expects him to dispose of 400 of the May *Watchman* without any difficulty. Perhaps Sister Kelley may help him a little, but this is only for his encouragement. What these children can do, others can do, and if the parents and leaders will encourage these young people the Lord will use them in a wonderful way, as he has promised to do.

The following letter well illustrates the impression our literature is making upon the minds of many who are not members of our church. It was written by a minister of some other denomination.

"Alabama Tract Society: I like the *Watchman Magazine* all right. This is not the first time I have ordered from you, and I expect to continually use your literature. I love the Adventist faith. Enclosed find fifty cents, for which send me two copies of your book 'Christian Sabbath.' Also send me some tracts, and I will pay you in the next order."

Brother C. A. Wilson, who is laboring in Pensacola, sends in a quantity order for the twenty-five-cent books, "The Other Side of Death" and "The World War."

Elder T. B. Buckner ordered one hundred *Watchman* and one hundred *Signs Magazines* for use in Montgomery. Our mission churches are taking hold of the magazine work en-

thusiastically, using it as a means or raising their quota for foreign missions.

The readers of the *WORKER* will remember the name of Brother B. D. Crawford, who last year spent some time working with our large books. Brother Crawford is now in Birmingham and is working temporarily among the transient people with the *Watchman* and twenty-five-cent books. He is having good success in his work.

Brother T. M. Woodruff in writing about his recent work, states that he has had to go from house to house between showers and for variety cuts across fields and through the briar patches. He finds the people and when necessary crosses back and forth over the streams. Did you notice his last week's report? It shows what can be done in Alabama, even though the rainy spring weather is here.

Brother H. W. Jones is working in territory which is very familiar to him, he having been in that part of the State years ago. He writes, "The times demand that we make all possible haste to get the truth before the people." This is the spirit that is required in any branch of the Lord's work, and the colporteur is playing an active part in the closing work of the third angel's message.

The Borden Springs Sabbath school is rejoicing over the fact that they are doing so well in their offerings to missions. Sister F. M. Reiber, the church treasurer, writes that their goal for the next quarter will be \$30, which is an increase of \$5 over the mark they set for last quarter. During the month of March this Sabbath school raised \$11.77. The officers and members are to be congratulated because of this good showing.

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God Is with Us

"The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." Ps. 46: 11.

I feel that this text is realized in our field this spring by each of the faithful colporteurs, in their daily experiences. The world is in great perplexity and distress, but we can say, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46: 1. As we go in and out among the people they talk of the war troubles, high cost of living, and other perplexities, still "the Lord of hosts is with us."

The price of our books was advanced the first of the year, but God sends his angels before us and impresses the dear people that they must secure the good books to learn the great truths therein contained. So we are surpassing any record made in this conference, as far as I have any knowledge.

I believe that I have not heard one word of murmuring or complaint from any of our colporteurs thus far this year. All who are engaged in this grand work speak of joy in service, and praise God for his manifold blessings to them.

"Many are God's promises to those who minister to his afflicted ones. . . . While much of the fruit of their labor is not apparent in this life, God's workers have his sure promise of ultimate success. . . . Those who labor for the good of others are working in union with heavenly angels. . . . Often our merciful Father encourages his children and strengthens their faith by permitting them here to see the evidence

of the power of his grace upon the hearts and lives of those for whom they labor." "Gospel Workers," pp. 514, 515.

A few extracts from the letters of the colporteurs show joy in service. M. S. Hubbell, of Shreveport, writes:

"I am very grateful to God for these evidences of his love and prospering hand. One place where I gave an exhibition to two sisters, who seemed to be very much interested, but decided not to take the book, I was informed that the next neighbors were Jews. But when I visited the 'Jews' I found them to be Roman Catholics. After a little talk, I got the order for 'Bible Readings' in the half morocco binding. I went on my way rejoicing to the next door, where I found some more 'Jews,' of the Roman Catholic faith. They already had a copy of 'Bible Readings' in the old edition. They thought it was a good book, and said they would get one of the new editions as soon as the husband secured employment. So the angels of God go on before his earnest servants. To him be all the glory."

Brother Hubbell put in 40 hours in four days, and took orders to the value of \$160. The remaining day that week it rained very hard, so he worked for the Anti-Saloon League for \$5.

Brother J. B. Hardy, who is on his sixty-ninth year, speaks of his joy in the Master's service, and in conclusion speaks as follows of an experience with two traveling men whom he canvassed:

"I had told the oculist that I was in Bible and Christian literature work, so in conversation he told the other man that I was a solicitor also. I told them to wait just a few minutes; that I had something,—the best thing in the world. So I ran to my buggy and got my prospectus and gave them a careful canvass. They didn't say a word, but let me finish my canvass. . . . The oculist gave me an order for 'Bible Readings' in the best binding. He said that it was a fine book, and that he wanted it for his mother-in-law, who lives in Columbia, La. The other man said he was too busy to read. 'The one shall be taken and the other left.' Pray that this man may find and accept the truth."

Brother Hardy "is not afraid of their faces," but canvasses the high and the low, the rich and the poor.

Brother F. W. Schmehl lives in a town where the railroads going and coming give free passes to ministers, so there are many ministers living there. He has many experiences with them. Of one experience he says:

"I want to give you an experience that I had with a minister. I came to the home, and the owner invited me in. I was introduced to Elder W. L. Webster, of Holsey, La. He was visiting Brother Barber. I showed them the prospectus, and Elder Webster said, 'I have that book; have had it twelve years. . . . It is a Seventh-day Adventist book, and teaches the Sabbath question.' He turned to Brother Barber and said, 'Do you know about the Sabbath?' He answered, 'Of course. Don't we keep the Sabbath?' Elder Webster answered, 'No, we don't keep the Sabbath; we keep the first day of the week, and they keep the true Sabbath.' I sat and listened while they talked, and Webster explained the whole Sabbath question. Then turning to me he said, 'Am I right?' I told him he was, and asked him why he would not obey God's commandment, knowing all. He answered that he had never firmly taken his stand. I then showed him where he stood, knowing the truth. He asked me to pray for him, and asked that others in the conference pray for him. I asked the two brethren to kneel with me in prayer, and when I left, Elder Webster was in tears. I secured the young minister's order, for he too wished to know

the truth of this message. Oh! that we might push forward in this great work and be real soul-winners for Christ."

Brother Schmehl goes above \$100 almost every week.

Brother M. B. Wilson, who has entered the work this spring, speaks of courage and faith in the Master's service. He is taking orders from some who have known him from boyhood. Some of these people have read "Bible Readings," and when they see his book is the same they give the order.

Another who is canvassing tells of an experience with a poor widow.

"I had gone until in the afternoon through a prosperous part of the country without an order. I had been doing well, \$29.50 worth the day before, so I could not account for the seeming failure. Nearly every one all the day belonged to the Cole family. So did the widow. But she revealed the secret as I talked with her. The Coles had owned the church and all. They fell out and changed to the 'round dance.' The poor widow was troubled that her boys and girls had no religious meetings to attend, and seemed to be an Adventist firm and true, not Seventh-day Adventist, and perhaps knows nothing about us, but as I gave her the canvass and talked of the social, financial, and political conditions fulfilling prophecy, the tears came to her eyes. She said that she would strive to get the book. As I left we knelt in prayer for God's blessings and I left her in tears."

G. B. BOSWELL.

Report of Tithe and Twenty-Cent-a-Week Funds Received from Churches for First Quarter of 1917

Church	Harvest		Missions	Sabbath	20-cent-	Amount Due	Amount Short
	Tithe	Ingathering		School	a-week Funds		
Alexandria	\$29 64	\$2 45	\$1.00	\$14.22	\$17.67	\$26 00	\$ 8 33
Arcadia			25 00		25 00	54 60	29 60
Conference	150.73	7.24	5.80	58.63	71.67	96.20	24.53
Hammond	38.41			46.35	46.35	54.60	8.25
Hobart	59.95	2.90		17.61	20.51	135.20	114.69
Lake Arthur	20.90			3.26	3.26	23.40	20.14
Lake Charles	115.73	1.00	6.52	16.65	24.17	65.00	40.83
Lena Station	11.25			3.45	3.45	33.80	30.35
New Orleans	410.00	6.15	29.26	155.00	190.41	182.00	*8.41
Ringgold				24.35	24.35	20.80	*3.55
Shreveport	208.60	8.91	16.66	62.89	88.46	119.60	31.14
Sugartown	30.01		1.80	16.87	18.67	36.40	17.73
Welsh	253.77	.25		4.79	5.04	117.00	111.96
Totals	\$1328.99	\$28.90	\$86.04	\$424.07	\$539.01	\$964.60	Net \$425.59
MISSION DEPARTMENT BASED ON FIFTEEN CENTS PER WEEK							
Mission	\$ 2.40	\$	\$	\$ 3.01	\$ 3.01	\$ 17.55	\$ 14 54
New Orleans	156.26	4 75	1.48	50.65	56.88	195.00	138.12
Newellton	5.50	2.00		1.85	3.85	25.35	21.50
Shreveport	69.00	3.40		31.52	34.92	58.50	23.58
Totals	\$233.16	\$10.15	\$1.48	\$87.03	\$98.66	\$296.40	\$197.74

Tennessee River Conference

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News Items

Brother E. C. Widgery, who has been in the city for some time assisting his brother with his work, took the train Sunday morning, April 15, for Oshawa, Ontario, where he will canvass for some of our good books. Brother Widgery was formerly

* Over amount due.

a canvasser in this conference, though more lately he has been connected with the Alabama Conference.

Brother Wade visited Brother Keele and wife, Sabbath, April 14. He will remain in the western part of the State until after the institute at Hazel, Ky., May first.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Daniel, husband of one of our faithful church members here in the city. Mr. Daniel was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was for some years identified with all good and patriotic causes. His funeral was held April 15.

Brother Elliott spent the week ending April 14 with the church at Hustburg, Tenn., and reports some good meetings there despite the muddy roads. The attendance was quite good at most of the meetings, and Brother Rooker was much encouraged at the outlook.

The new book, "The World War," by Elder Daniells, is now

ready for circulation, and all orders will be shipped promptly. Sample copies have been sent to all church elders, conference workers, and colporteurs. Prices, in quantities, 12½ cents each, transportation extra.

Mrs. Frank Artress and Mrs. C. N. Martin, of the Bon Aqua church, were visitors in Nashville for a few days last week. We were indeed glad to have them at the office for a little visit.

Elder Eastman stopped at the conference office for a little chat on his way to Huntsville to attend the Spring Council of the North American Division Conference. We were glad to have him with us for a while.

B. H. Broiles and W. E. Templeton, who are located in Hickman County, Kentucky, write that they are now having good success, and despite bad weather are able to do quite well with the books. These two young men were quite successful last year in Madison County, Tennessee.

Earl Strawhum, who was working in Lauderdale County, Tennessee, has returned to Memphis.

Elder Bellinger writes of his visit at the Leach church and states that they had some good meetings. He sends the sad news of the death of Grandmother Fry, one of the faithful members of that church. An obituary notice will doubtless appear later. Elder Bellinger officiated at the funeral services.

Elder Longacre will speak at the Central High School at Gallatin, Tenn., April twenty-second in the interests of Religious Liberty. Arrangements have been made for a large attendance of the people of that town. Mr. Baskerville, a prominent attorney, will be present and introduce the speaker of the evening. A goodly number from Nashville are planning on attending this meeting. It is planned for the Watchman quartet to render several selections.

We feel sure that the readers of this little paper will be interested in the report of the work in Memphis that Elder Wood has sent in and which appeared in the last issue. The members there are working hard to raise sufficient funds for a new church building.

Elder Sydney Scott was in Nashville one day passing from St Louis to his home in Memphis, Tenn. He reports the work moving in the West.

We're Marching Onward

It is a pleasure to us to report the progress that is being made by the Sabbath schools of our conference. At this writing four of our schools are yet to be heard from, but already the offerings are considerably more than that given during any preceding quarter in the history of our conference. During the last quarter of 1916 our schools set a new mark by giving the sum of \$691, but when all reports are in for the first quarter of this year it will amount to \$900. We are leaving the trenches in which we have been hidden so long and are getting in line for the final assault that will carry the everlasting gospel into the last strongholds of the enemy. The Sabbath schools of our land are getting enthusiastic over the idea, and we confidently expect to pass the \$1,000 mark as our contribution toward it for the quarter ending June 30. The excellent work that some of our schools are doing cannot help but inspire others with a desire to carry more of the responsibility that rests upon us. A spirit of earnestness and zeal is awakening and bringing into action the forces that have heretofore been dormant.

We know that every member in each school who has in any way contributed to the success attained feels joy in that he has had some part in advancing this important branch of the Lord's work. The time in which we live demands that the latent power of every member from the youngest to the oldest be aroused and marshaled into service.

There are possibilities before our Sabbath schools that even now are just beginning to dawn upon our minds. A number of schools in this field are thrilling with new life and activity,

having a new vision of the blessings to be gained by devising ways and means whereby each member is caused to feel a personal interest in the work done by his class and school.

How encouraging it is to find letters accompanying the reports with the words, "But we are going to do better this time." Shall we not each strive to make advancement each succeeding quarter until we reach our goal.

Blessed will be the servant whom his Lord when he cometh will find so doing.

Mrs. I. C. POUND.

Report of Sabbath Schools for Quarter Ending March 31, 1917

S. S.	Year	Mem.	Att.	13th Sab.	Total	Per Mem.	Gain
Nashville	1916	170	156	\$113 04	\$254 84	\$1 50	\$
	1917	153	122	93 66	262 90	1 71	8 06
North Nashville	1916	45	39	7 57	26 87	59	
	1917	54	45	17 12	44 64	83	17 77
Nashville No. 2	1916	74	68	12 02	22 58	30	
	1917	100	88	50 00	92 25	92	69 67
Paducah	1916	18	15	2 59	16 56	92	
	1917	25	23	16 00	35 33	1 41	18 77
Bon Aqua	1916	14	9		3 20	23	
	1917	11	9		2 82	26	* 38
Cedar Grove	1916	28	17		14 25	51	
	1917			No Report			
Fountain Head	1916	35	32	6 40	16 34	47	
	1917	40	37	7 60	18 25	46	1 91
Lane	1916	13	10		6 69	51	
	1917	13	7	36	3 30	25	*3 39
Portland	1916	11	10		1 03	10	
	1917	18	9	2 16	4 13	34	3 10
Springville	1916			No Report			
	1917	41	20	3 19	18 19	44	
Home Dept.	1916			No Report			
	1917	6	6	46	2 53	42	

Total for Con-1916 880 730 \$212 01 \$668 87 \$ 76 \$
ference ... 1917 816 627 301 41 858 99 1 05 190 12

It will be noticed that four of our schools failed to get their reports to us in time, and this accounts for the decrease in membership. It is certainly encouraging to note that even without these reports an increase is shown in offerings amounting to \$190. During this quarter more was given to missions than during any quarter in the history of our conference.

The thirteenth Sabbath offering was also the largest ever given, and our hearts rejoice as we see the way in which a number of our schools are standing loyally by these special offerings.

I trust each Sabbath school officer will examine carefully not only the work his own school has done, but that of all the others as well. May it inspire us to nobler efforts in advancing the message at home and in foreign lands.

Some of the schools send word, "We are going to do better next quarter." What will yours do? May the Lord help each of us to do our best.

MRS. I. C. POUND.

* Loss.

Somebody

"Somebody did a splendid deed;
Somebody proved a friend in need;
Somebody sang a beautiful song;
Somebody smiled the whole day long;
Somebody thought, 'Tis sweet to live';
Somebody said, 'I'm glad to give';
Somebody fought a gallant fight;
Somebody lived to shield the right;
Was that somebody you?"

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending April 14, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Turner Battle . . . BF	45	45	\$83 50	\$3 95	\$87 45	\$
B D Crawford . . . BR	33	6	21 00	6 00	27 00	7 50
H L Edwards . . . BR	17	3	10 50	50	11 00	
R L Etheredge . . BF	20	18	33 50	3 00	36 50	
J E Foley BR	15	2	7 00	1 05	8 05	3 50
H W Jones HM	56	22	56 00	70	56 70	
G W Powers BF	38	26	47 00	4 45	51 45	
Q Tew HM	20					22 50
T M Woodruff . . BR	32	33	123 50		123 50	

Totals (Agts. 9). 276 155 \$382 00 \$19 65 \$401 65 \$33 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

J H Clark BF	49	64	\$158 00	\$	\$158 00	\$
R F Hickman . . . BR	28	16	60 00	3 25	63 25	55 00
F L Harrison . . . BR	50			22 65	22 65	278 50
B E Wagner BR	40	19	66 50	1 50	68 00	3 50
Alex Perry BR	25	10	35 00		35 00	
J Miller D&R	62	12	66 00	13 75	79 75	47 50
W H White BR	37	17	59 50	75	60 25	
J Hickman BR	11	10	36 00		36 00	
D E Lindsey SB	60	84	21 00		21 00	6 00
Mary Taylor BF	5	7	10 50		10 50	
Lee Page CK	21	17	33 50		33 50	10 00
Mrs Flora Page . . CK	3			2 45	2 45	13 00
Bibles						17 15
Miscellaneous . . . D&R	22			7 75	7 75	77 60

Totals (Agts. 12) 413 255 \$546 00 \$52 10 \$598 10 \$508 25

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE†

George Anderson . . CK	40	25	\$53 00	\$ 5 25	\$58 25	\$
Emily Billups HM	29	30	117 00	3 50	120 50	
Floyd Booth BR	37	22	84 00	3 50	87 50	
Susie Beasley HM	49	51	136 50	3 90	140 40	5 00
Walter Edmonds . . BR	37	26	102 00	1 65	103 65	
A L Hamm D&R	31	39	196 50	2 25	198 75	
AA Johnson PPF, D&R	41	29	77 50	3 60	81 10	
Hattie Jacob HM	2	4	12 00	25	12 25	
Mattie Lee HM	4	1	2 50	1 85	4 35	2 50
Lou J McElroy . . . D&R	29	39	137 00	3 45	140 45	
E B Stowall PPF	12	7	21 50	1 75	23 25	
Annie Watts HM	20					49 00
Rosa Willis PPF						7 50
Bibles			3 85		3 85	2 20

Totals (Agts. 13) 331 283 \$943 35 \$30 95 \$974 30 \$66 20

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

F W Schmehl BR	42	18	\$64 50	\$	\$64 50	\$10 50
J B Hardy* BR	49	22	86 50	50	87 00	7 00
M B Wilson BR	45	23	88 50		88 50	
G B Boswell BR	29	16	65 00		65 00	
T S Sligh BR	8	2	9 00		9 00	7 00
M S Hubbell BR	50	63	245 50		245 50	10 50
Bibles			9 70		9 70	

Totals (Agts. 6). 223 144 \$568 70 \$ 50 \$569 20 \$35 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Emily Billups PG, HM	41	58	\$235 80	\$ 3 25	\$239 05	\$
Floyd Booth BR	31	11	38 50		38 50	
Walter Edmonds . . BR	28	11	40 50	1 20	41 70	
P Hampton* BF, PPF	94	12	50 70	6 40	57 10	12 00
A L Hamm D&R	47	58	293 00	2 25	295 25	
AA Johnson PPF, D&R	31	21	65 50	1 00	66 50	2 50
Lou J McElroy . . . D&R	41	45	180 00	3 20	183 20	
E B Stowall PPF	28	20	56 50	5 50	62 00	
Virgil Smith BR, D&R	43	69	252 50	8 65	261 15	
E A Taylor BR	27	18	63 00	3 60	66 60	
J L Waller D&R	30	19	69 50	1 30	70 80	
Bibles			9 80		9 80	

Totals (Agts. 11) 441 342 \$1355 30 \$36 35 \$1391 65 \$14 50

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Barnes Broiles . . . BR	47	10	\$35 00	\$4 50	\$39 50	\$
W J Keele D&R	40	5	21 50	3 00	24 50	3 50
Frank Keller CK	42	19	28 50		28 50	
M Hixson BR	47	8	29 00	3 75	32 75	
R Hazelton BR	40					210 00
H G Miller BR	12	1	3 50	50	4 00	
Mrs Philpott BF	30	8	12 00	4 75	16 75	4 50
Mr G P Tripp BR	31	11	37 50	9 00	46 50	
W E Templeton . . . BR	43	2	7 00	6 10	13 10	

Totals (Agts. 9). 332 64 \$174 00 \$31 60 \$205 60 \$218 00

G'd Totals (A. 49) 2016 1243 \$3969 85 \$171 15 \$4141 00 \$875 45

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	2560	\$2951 95	\$179 75	\$3131 70
Kentucky Conference . .	3061	4279 00	208 86	4487 86
Louisiana Conference . .	1324	3206 50	36 10	3242 60
Mississippi Conference .	3012	6522 50	329 40	6851 90
Tenn. River Conference	1489	1247 55	157 50	1405 05

Totals 11446 \$18207 50 \$911 61 \$19119 11

“Brainstorms and Health”

The wonderful success of Christian Scientists is due to the fact that about four-fifths of the diseases known to civilized peoples have their origin in the mind. Who has not heard of, or perhaps seen, the physical effects of anger, hate, fear, joy, sorrow, love, etc? Dr. Thomason gives some valuable advice in this article. It will be worth dollars to some one who will pay but ten cents for a copy of the May *Signs Magazine*. Bear this issue in mind when considering the needs of your neighbor.

* Two weeks. † Week ending April 7.

Resolve

Build on resolve, and not upon regret,
The structure of thy future. Do not grope
Among the shadows of old sin, but let
Thine own soul's light shine on the path of hope
And dissipate the darkness. Waste no tears
Upon the blotted record of lost years,
But turn the leaf, and smile, oh, smile, to see
The fair white pages that remain to thee.

—Selected.

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News Items

Brother M. W. Shidler stopped at Nashville Wednesday and Thursday on his way to Hazel, Ky., where he expects to hold an institute.

Elder S. E. Wight reached Nashville Friday morning from the Huntsville council in company with the general men and other members of the North American Division Committee. Friday was spent in visiting the Publishing House, the Madison School and Sanitarium, and some of the interesting places in and about Nashville. We were glad to welcome these visitors to the South.

Brother S. N. Curtis, manager of the Kansas City branch of the International Publishing Association, made a short call in the city this past week.

Professor Wood and Brother G. H. Curtis, returned to Nashville after the close of the North American Division Council held at Huntsville.

Elder B. W. Brown, who has been president of the Kentucky Conference for the past seven years, has been called by the North American Division to take the presidency of the Georgia Conference. We know his many friends here will regret his leaving this union, but our loss will be gain for the Georgia Conference, and we wish him the continued blessing of heaven in his new field of labor.

A Good Plan

The Fresno, Cal., church has been doing splendid work for some time with the *Signs Weekly*. Another club of 625 copies has just been arranged for. In a recent missionary meeting fifty-six of the number present signified their willingness to be responsible for placing the *Signs* every week in the homes of a city block and follow up the interest with the view of securing subscriptions. THIS IS A GOOD PLAN. There is nothing so effective as personal work.

"The emphasis of the gospel is always on the individual life. God cares for man *personally*. 'He calleth his sheep by name.' We are not cogs in the wheel nor grains of sand on the shore. We are children, each one precious and dear to the father. We hear much today about the enthusiasm for humanity, but we are nowhere told that Christ was enthusiastic over humanity. He loved *men*."

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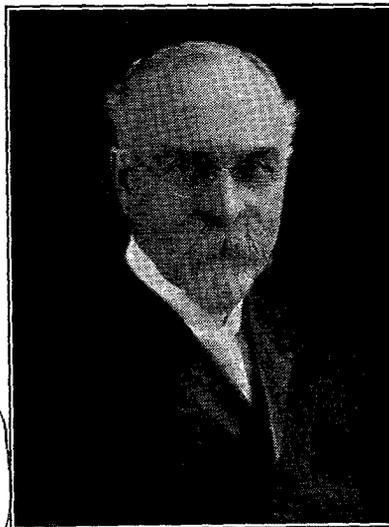
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A period to be remembered and planned for
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