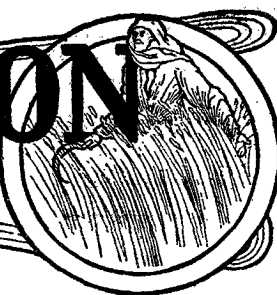


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Sabbath, July 14

Sabbath, July 14, has been set apart by the General Conference for the midsummer foreign mission offering, and by the North American Division Conference as a day of fasting and prayer.

The North American Division Committee asks that our people spend this day in fasting and prayer for our work and workers throughout the world and for the speedy arrival of peace in the earth, that the work of God be not hindered by the terrible conditions brought on by the war. The success of this day will depend upon the faithfulness of this people. Should we pass by this request unnoticed and spend the day in eating and drinking or the way we usually do, it will reveal to heaven that our interest in the work is slight. May it be that that day will find all Seventh-day Adventists earnestly engaged in prayer. We should take for our example the experience of the people of God who were in Babylon at the time Mordecai sent word throughout the kingdom. They gave themselves up entirely to supplicating the throne of God, and God heard the prayers of that people and answered them, and today God will hear our prayers and answer them in behalf of our work in the earth.

It is true we have many offerings during the year, and expenses are much higher than ever before, but the Lord's work

in the earth must go forward. We have understood that in the last days times would be hard, and God's people would suffer extremely because of the existing conditions. When we see the wealth of people in a moment destroyed by earthquake, flood, and wind storms, we begin to feel that the war district is not the only place where hardships have to be endured. It is terrible to see whole communities left without a home, crops destroyed, and villages almost wiped out, as has been the case in many parts of the United States in the last four or five weeks, and still the storms increase.

All these indicate that the Lord is withdrawing his Spirit from the earth, and should lead every believer in the second coming of Christ to consecrate a larger portion of his earnings to the giving of the message. Our foreign fields suffer today for the lack of men and money, and we are being called upon for greater sacrifices in order that the great message of truth may speedily go to the dark portions of the earth.

If we can keep this offering in mind, the Lord will certainly open the way for each individual to do something substantial for missions that day. May it be that in the Southern Union, Sabbath, July 14, may be the banner day for foreign mission offerings.

S. E. WIGHT.



The Southern Field

Will God Fulfil His Word Concerning the South?



God will certainly fulfil his word concerning the South when there is practical faith exercised in what he has said. Elder Andrews often said nearly half a century ago that when this work closed God would not go out through the back door. God proposes to magnify his name, and whatever he has said will be fulfilled when individuals believe it and work in harmony with his will. If the history of our people could be written and we could see the wonderful working of God, some most remarkable things would be presented before our minds in a forceful way.

About seventy years ago before we had one periodical on the subject of present truth, the Lord said that the rays of light by the printed page would encircle this earth. The first little paper was printed, and the cause has gradually increased like the rising of the sun, until today it has found its way into every nation on the face of this earth.

It was about twenty-two years ago that the school in Australia held in the suburbs of Melbourne was closed. At the closing of the school, Sister White said that the time would come in the near future when the truth would be as extensively preached in China as in the United States of America. At that time we had only one missionary in China, old Father La Rue, over sixty years of age. He was in Hong Kong and did not labor

at all for the Chinese, but simply distributed books to the English-speaking people. Today a most wonderful change has taken place. There is no place on the earth where the truth is going more rapidly than in China.

It was the same in the State of Maine. The conference in Maine about ten years ago was very poor, the members hardly exceeding three hundred. They had a debt on the meeting house in Portland of \$8,000. The brethren were all very poor and some contemplated selling the meeting house to pay the mortgage on it, but the Lord had said that the truth would be proclaimed in Maine, and it would be one of the most prosperous conferences during the Loud Cry. Especially would the work go with power in the cities of the State of Maine. Nothing could look more improbable than the fulfilling of this testimony, but there were a few who believed what the Lord had said and did everything in their power to help bring about the fulfilment of the testimony.

Beginning in 1911 our brethren and sisters took hold to distribute literature in the State of Maine, and during the three years following there was about \$10,000 worth of literature distributed in that State. One of the most discouraging cities as far as our work was concerned was Portland, the birthplace of the message. The brethren roused up and determined to

clear their meeting house of debt. Some \$2,000 of the money was raised by selling books and magazines. Fifteen hundred books worth \$1.50 each and one thousand *Bible Training School* magazines were purchased for the church and sold by the brethren, and in fourteen months the entire debt of \$8,000 was paid. The tide turned and over one hundred embraced the truth in the city of Portland in a few months, and at the present time there is no State in the country where there is more of a genuine interest than in the State of Maine. Individuals are embracing the truth in every portion of the State. Reading matter was distributed, and our brethren were encouraged to believe that God would work. The interest has spread from one city to another, until at the present time there is a general call for workers in every part of the State.

And so it has been at different times during the past seventy years. Some have believed and acted out their faith, and God has cooperated and given his blessing. When our brethren in the South rise up en masse and carry out what God has said in the Testimonies concerning the work here we will see the salvation of God go from State to State in an incredibly short time, and there will be seen a manifestation of the power of God such as never has been seen in the past. God has spoken great things concerning the South. The educational work is only one of God's agencies to carry forward his work.

A site has been purchased at Ooltewah, and our brethren are laboring for the upbuilding of that institution. It only requires faith and action on the part of the people to see accomplished all that God has said. It does not take God a great while to work when he finds individuals he can trust with his blessing;—those who will cooperate with him. Faith is not sight; it is simply believing what God has said. Every part of the message should be carried forward and message-filled literature scattered everywhere like the leaves of autumn. We must not stop because we are poor, for God can take the smallest effort and bring the greatest results.

Mordacai who sat in the gate of the palace in Shushan believed in the testimony of Jeremiah given in the twenty-ninth chapter, and upon this Mordecai based his faith. He would give no countenance to Haman, who was of the royal family of the Amalekites. He believed God had spoken, and when certain individuals had planned to take the life of the king, believing the prophecy which said that all should pray for the king, he earnestly prayed and held fast. His faith exposed the plan laid to take Ahashuerus' life, and that very circumstance was the cause of the turning of the tide and saving the thousands of his people that lived throughout the Persian Empire.

It has always been thus. There has come a crisis, and in that crisis some individuals have believed God. They have put forth superhuman strength, for God united with them in the carrying forward of the work. They have earnestly prayed for God's blessing and have acted out their faith, and God in some miraculous way has cooperated with them to the accomplishment of his own purpose in the proclamation of his message. So it will be in the South. God longs to work for his people far more than we are willing to cooperate with him. We wait to see, and by our eyesight limit our faith. God has taught us very clearly in the spirit of prophecy the agencies by which he will accomplish his work here. When we do all we can, it is then that God unites the infinite with the finite, and wonders are accomplished.

So it will be here in the Southern field. We call upon our brethren all through the field to arise in the strength of the Lord and do all in their power, distribute the printed page, and give God an opportunity to work for us. And he will second every such effort. We speak from past experience, having had over threescore years experience in the truth of the third angel's message. Never in a single instance has God failed when his people cooperate with him.

The time of trouble is upon us. We have not seen the end of the trouble yet. It will try every man's soul, and our attention should not be diverted from the great work that God has called us to do, but it should so control our interest and connect us with his work that we shall know nothing but the advancement of the truth of the third angel's message. When this is done on the part of God's people, not only will the Ooltewah school be established, but other schools as feeders to that school will also be established in different parts of the South.

Now is the time to arise and build.

S. N. HASKELL.

A Shout above the Din of the Battle

You have all heard the story of the fellow at the log rolling "who when every back was bent and each was straining at the handspike to the utmost, one shirker always seemed to have enough breath to continually shout, 'Heave 'er up, boys.'" There don't seem to be many of that class among our Southern Union colporteur army, but each has been so busy that he has had no time for aught else than the work he has had in hand; hence you have not heard much from us of late, but have been interested from week to week in our continually growing reports.

Last week we accomplished the largest week's work this season, and probably the largest in the history of the union. It was our "big week," and every one went to work with might and main. Each was too busy to glance back to see whether the rest were coming or not, and consequently with only incomplete returns we have a report of 3,145 hours, and approximately \$6,750 worth of books sold, besides nearly \$1,800 worth delivered. This makes an average of 42 hours, \$90 in sales, and \$24 worth of books delivered for each participant. This is splendid when we take into consideration that there were at least a dozen at work who are little more than children. It is plain evidence that the Lord has "set his hand the second time to recover the remnant of Israel," and that he is soon to "finish his work and cut it short in righteousness."

Books are being sold at a more rapid rate today than at any time before in the history of our work, and there never was a time when it took closer financing for the people to make all ends meet, but still the books go. The gaps in our colporteur ranks are being fast filled up, but still there is room. Come join the army while you may.

In a few weeks we will give you a statement of the work for the first six months of the year. You will be surprised and pleased at the remarkable progress of the work. Watch for it.

M. W. SHIDLER.

Southern Junior College

News Notes from Collegedale

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Arkebauer left Collegedale Thursday morning. They expect to go to Dayton, Tenn., where they will be engaged in a tent effort.

Work is being pushed on the new building as fast as possible. Brother Shreve has a large force of boys, and every one seems to be of good courage with the work.

Mr. Glen Curtis, of Atlanta, Ga., returned to Collegedale last Sunday. He was accompanied by his cousin, Mr. Nicola. Both boys expect to work here this summer on the farm and on the building.

Mr. H. H. McGilvrey, of Welsh, La., is a recent arrival at Collegedale. Just at present he is engaged in building fence.

Mr. Bennie Wood, of Hammond, La., returned home last Wednesday.

The following telegram was received from Mr. J. R. Perkins: "140 hours gives us \$745. Beat that." Mr. Perkins and Mr. Hugh Moomaugh are student colporteurs working in the Louisiana Conference.

With the Men Behind the Books

Loading a Car of Books

A few days ago a carload of books was shipped by the Southern Publishing Association to its Fort Worth (Texas) Branch. The accompanying picture shows the Publishing House truck with a load of books on the way to the car. This car consisted of 125 cases, containing 21,900 bound volumes, with a value of \$33,030.50. The books weighed 35,715 pounds, or nearly eighteen tons. Among the larger items were 32 cases of "Bible Readings," 26 cases of "Practical Guide to Health," and 10 cases of "Daniel and Revelation."

An Interesting Experience

In this connection, the following extract from a letter written by Brother Abegg, manager of the Fort Worth Branch, will be of interest:

"Last Sunday about one o'clock an official of one of the largest railroads entering Fort Worth came in, and asked about Seventh-day Adventists and their belief. He and his wife had

held at his home in Dallas, he had rounded up nineteen.

"The carload of books was all unloaded last night, and the books are now in our wareroom. It makes it a bit crowded, but it will not be long until they will be going out fast, and pretty fast too, I imagine from some of the reports that are coming in."

Three Hundred Thousand Sold in Ten Weeks

The sale of 300,000 copies of "The World War" in ten weeks by our three publishing houses is the record of this new book. Something over one million copies of the World's Crisis Series have now been sold.

A New High Water Mark

The canvassing summary of the Southern Union Conference for May amounted to \$14,981.95,—just \$18.05 short of being fifteen thousand dollars. This is the largest report ever made



just come from church, and some one out there referred him to our office. We talked for five and a half hours, and at the end he purchased the following: 'Daniel and Revelation,' 'Armageddon,' 'The World War,' 'The Return of Jesus,' 'The Other Side of Death,' 'The Vatican and the War,' A Prophetic Chart (50 cents), 'Steps to Christ,' and 'The Christian Sabbath,' and then asked if there was anything else that he should have. On Monday night, Brother Corwin (Bible worker) held a study with him and his family. His wife and two sons also seem very much interested in the truth. He stated that they stopped going to their church for about two years, as there was so little gospel preached. From the study we had last Sunday, he said that it was very clear we were right. Brother Corwin will have another study with them tomorrow night. He feels they will take their stand for the truth. Really it is marvelous the way people are becoming interested in the truth we hold. As I told you some time ago, we have made it a special effort to interest all who come to the office in the 'Crisis' books, and it is surprising the interest we find manifested in the various subjects these books present. Of course it takes up more or less of our time, but somehow I feel it is time well spent. Whenever we can sell the entire set, we feel that we have placed the vital parts of the message in the hands of that man or woman or that family.

"The traveling man of whom I wrote you is still taking readings of Brother Corwin, and at the last study, which was

in this Union. The figures by conferences are as follows:

Alabama	\$1,915.85
Kentucky	3,030.85
Louisiana	1,611.20
Mississippi	6,402.70
Tennessee River	2,021.35

Totals\$14,981.95

In addition to the above, \$2,852.40 worth of books were delivered. Thus it can be seen that the book work in the good old Southern Union is going forward by leaps and bounds, and the end is not yet.

That Big Week

In this issue will be found the report of the Big Week for June. This shows what can be accomplished when our workers make up their minds to it. What is more, in this instance such short notice was given that it is all the more surprising that practically \$6,750 worth of orders were taken during that one week. In writing of the Big Week in Kentucky, as well as of their work in general, Brother Hickman says:

"Surely we can hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees. I certainly smiled when I read about the presses having to be fanned by electric fans to keep them from getting too hot, and I am passing on this word to our colporteurs.

"Our Big Week special was a little surprise to us and I am fearful our reports are not going to reach your expectations. Brother White's little girl died and was buried last Sunday, so he was not in the field this week, and some of our boys were delivering, while Brother Clark had finished his delivery and gone home. Brother Felia Pierce, the boy who has been making our big record, was unable to work last week because his feet were sore; so there were three of our best workers absent from the field. However, I think our report will not be so bad. But we hope this coming week will be our big week, as every one of our workers as far as I know will be in the field. Brother Pierce wrote us that he ran across a family up in the mountains who were keeping the Sabbath as a result of "Bible Footlights" and "Daniel and Revelation" sold them by our faithful colporteurs. *Financial figures look good, but souls saved look better.*

"I am rejoicing with you that the work is going forward as never before. We hope to reach \$4,000 in orders this month by the help of the Lord. May the Lord bless these many books that you are printing down there at Nashville."

Another Big Week, July 8-14

In a circular letter by Brother Shidler, and following quite a detailed report of the good work done during the Big Week in June, he writes as follows in regard to a Big Week in July:

"This special effort has resulted so favorably that we have decided to give it another trial, and have chosen the second week in July as the date for our next Big Week. Another feature that will be of particular interest to you is that the Publishing House is going to award prizes to those who put in the best time and make the largest sales record. The prizes will be as follows:

TIME AND SALES PRIZES

"First prize for time,—Choice of any book they publish in the best binding with name printed in gold on front cover.

"First prize for sales record,—Same as above.

"Second prize for time,—Subscription edition, 'Captivity and Restoration of Israel,' cloth binding.

"Second prize for sales record,—Same as above.

"Prize for conference making the highest hourly average for all colporteurs for week,—A pennant to be made by the Publishing House artist containing the names and reports of those who helped to make the record, which will be on display at their camp-meeting, at institutes, etc.

"Prize for conference making highest sales record,—Same as above.

"Now, colporteurs, here's something to get in trim for. The fellow and the conference that will win are the ones that do the best work between now and then. This campaign is to begin Sunday morning, July 8, and close Friday afternoon, July 13. We would like to include Saturday night's report in this, but we want you to get your reports in the mail Friday night, if possible. Your reports were so slow coming in this time that we have not been able to learn the result till near the close of the week following, and this report will be late getting back to you.

"Count only what time you are actually in the field at work. Time spent going to and from territory should not be included. May the Lord help you to do valiantly, and further demonstrate what can be accomplished by the help of the Almighty. So 'work and pray, and pray and work, and the Lord will work with you.'"

By every colporteur being in the field, and working full time, no doubt some new records will be established for this Union. However good this may be, the souls saved, as Brother Hickman has so well expressed it, will be "better." As workers we should also keep in mind that it is "not by might, nor by power" that the work is to be accomplished, but rather "by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts."

R. L. PIERCE.

Success in the Book Work

After being off on a long canvass in southeastern California and Arizona since February 18, I send you a brief line to tell you how God has wonderfully blessed. I just finished the last of my long delivery (since May 1) today, and shall now go to that Edenic spot of earth, Loma Linda Sanitarium, for a much needed rest, after a long period of hard work. Pray that many may be won for Christ's kingdom as a result of all these good books being sold. I have sold mainly "Great Controversy," "Ministry of Healing," "Practical Guide to Health," a few "World War," and some of "His Glorious Appearing" in foreign tongues.

I have found some friends I shall expect to meet in God's kingdom. It must be so; God's words cannot fail. Isa. 55:11; Ps. 126:6; Eccles. 11:1, 3. I have been upheld by the prayers of God's dear children, that I should not fail or break down till this work is done. It is a marvel how God does regard prayer. Ps. 65:2; 102:17. My faith has been strengthened in prayer as never before, as I have seen its practical workings in united prayers for a definite object.

I have placed many "Great Controversy" in the hands of Indians, also Spanish-speaking people. It will not all be in vain. It is a marvel how this heaven-sent torchlight of truth, "Great Controversy," takes hold of these people. All honor and praise be to the dear Saviour for it all. WALTER HARPER.

Kentucky Conference

News Items

Brethren Wagner and Harrison have had some good deliveries the past week.

Our student colporteurs are doing good work and are of good courage.

Brother Hickman spent a day or two in the office but is out again on the "firing line" helping Brethren Owen and Shearer this week.

It is gratifying to note the good work which is being done in the "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign, but there are many who have not yet had a part in it. Surely every one will want a share in the blessing which will come to those who take part in this work of helping our school at Ooltewah.

Brother Felia Pierce sends in his report of \$150.50 and writes: "I have had some good experiences this week. I found a family who are keeping the Sabbath. They have 'Bible Footlights,' and 'Daniel and Revelation.' I took their order for a 'Bible Readings.'" This reminds us of the prophecy of Jer. 16:16 and of Isaiah 56 and Ecclesiastes 11."

Elder W. E. Videto has arrived in Louisville. He and Brother Davis will conduct the tent effort at this place. Brother F. E. Coffman, of Lexington, will act as tent-master and assist in other ways. Every one who is interested in the progress of the message in this State please pray earnestly for the success of the evangelistic efforts of this summer.

July 14 has been set as a day of fasting and prayer. Grave perils surround God's people and we should seek earnestly for divine guidance and protection. This is also the date of the midsummer offering, and as we are a long way behind in our mission offerings I urge you as brethren and sisters to do your best to help us make up these offerings.

R. I. KEATE.

"When all known wrongs are righted, we may believe that God will answer our petitions."

"The man who always does the little well, is ready to do the big better."

Alabama Conference

Midsummer Offering. A Day of Fasting and Prayer

The time set for the midsummer offering by the North American Division Conference for this year is July 14, the second Sabbath of the month. This offering comes only once a year, in the midsummer, at a time when all can give something and many can give goodly sums to the cause of God. The midsummer offering is for foreign missions and is credited on the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

The offering this year is of more than ordinary importance. It comes upon the day set for fasting and prayer for our work. God's people anciently often had seasons of prayer and fasting. In the days of Mordecai there was a special three days fast for the Jews at Shushan. A crisis had come. By national decree all the Jews throughout the whole realm of the Persian Empire were to be put to death on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar. Dark indeed was the future then for the people of God. But through earnestly seeking the Lord by fasting and prayer, favor with the king was obtained, and the threatened death was turned into a gracious deliverance. Deliverance came through an earnest seeking of the Lord by fasting and prayer.

We today have come to a crisis. We are in the days when the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth and the gospel work is closing. We are in the days of intensity among the nations. Soon some of our own people may be conscripted and be called upon to endure tests of faith which we but little realize. Is it not opportune that we set apart July 14 as a day for prayer and fasting? We hope none will fail to observe this day and make it a day of consecration, a day of heart-searching, a day of fasting and prayer. Who knows but what God will bring deliverance to our own people and to the sinner as in the days of Esther?

While we are remembering our own because of the conscription, let us not forget those in the bondage of sin. Do not forget that one way to remember the lost in foreign fields is to make a large midsummer offering. This will be a splendid time to make up the deficit on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. We hope those who can will make large contributions. The Lord says we should make our offerings according as God has prospered us.

May the fourteenth of July be a most blessed day to us all and to the cause of God.

A. L. MILLER.

News Items

Brother D. A. Fisher sends in an order for the Borden Springs church for sixteen "World War" paper, and 200 *Present Truth* No. 5. The Borden Springs church is actively engaged in home missionary work, and the orders are coming in frequently from that church.

Brother O. P. Ivie promised to sell ten "Christ's Object Lessons" for the dormitory fund, and in his last letter to the office he stated that five copies had already been sold. This is certainly splendid and shows constant effort with good results.

Brother J. F. Dennis orders ten copies of "The Return of Jesus" to be used in Montgomery. These twenty-five cent books are winning their way rapidly.

Much good can be accomplished by correspondence, and this mode of missionary work is open to many who stay at home. A recent letter of inquiry addressed to this office begins as follows: "Dear Friends: In answer to the questions contained in a letter which I received from you at a very recent date, I will say that I do belong to the church of Jesus Christ. I was baptized at Bhalá, Africa, near the head of the Nile River in 1897. I am a savage by birth. I am certainly interested in

the third angel's message. I would like to ask information of you in regard to the following questions." The questions which followed displayed a deep interest in Bible study and opened the way to recommend "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" and "Daniel and Revelation."

Elder T. B. Buckner, in writing regarding the mission tent meeting being held in Talladega, states they are having good attendance, about two hundred being present Sunday night.

Louisiana Conference

News Items

A recent letter from R. Roberts, of Shreveport, says: "Our cooking class is doing fine, and all of our women are learning to cook hygienically."

Last week Brother H. H. McGilvery spent a few days in New Orleans, en route to Ooltewah, Tenn., where he plans to attend school the coming year.

Brethren R. R. Coble and Cliff Field are back in Louisiana again and have entered the book work. They are making their headquarters at Jonesboro, Jackson Parish.

Sister Ione Smith has opened a summer school at Hammond, with an enrolment of twenty-two, with prospects of an increased attendance very soon.

A. R. Bell reports four new members who have taken their stand in Hammond. He was in New Orleans a few days ago, bringing his wife for medical attention.

F. W. Schmehl, one of our faithful colporteurs, recently found a colored man who from a study of the Bible has been keeping the Sabbath for twenty-five years. He was naturally interested in learning of others of like belief on that point of faith.

Midsummer Offering

Sabbath, July 14, is the time appointed for our midsummer offering. This day has been set apart as a day of fasting and prayer,—a time for fasting and prayer that God will hold the winds of war till the work of this message is completed, and that he will open our hearts to respond to the call. Please read Isa. 25:6-11, endeavoring to observe that day in harmony with the plan outlined, and it will be a joyous occasion for all. Let us remember that fasting, prayer, and giving go hand in hand.

Our missionaries are dependent on the gifts from the home land. The mission treasury at this time is without funds, and suffering will come to the faithful workers in distant lands if the offering July 14 is not a liberal one.

Brethren and sisters, is not this an opportune time for us to transfer some more of our means to the heavenly treasury? The perils of the last days are upon us, and we know not how soon all we possess may be swept from us, but we know that safety encircles all that is transferred to the heavenly garner.

For the country the slogan has been, "Buy a liberty bond," and the nation has rallied and overreached the call. July 14 is the day to exchange some of our currency into the gold of heaven, thus reaping a hundred fold here, and in the glad hereafter a crown of everlasting life. Begin now to plan to do your part in making this the largest midsummer offering ever given by our people. Make this the missionary rally day, that the last message may speed on till it has done its work. Then the Master, who gave all for us, is coming to take the faithful ones where they will meet the results of the treasures now being transferred.

C. N. SANDERS.

When we cease to learn we cease to be interesting.—*John Lancaster Spaulding.*

The Money Trees

The cold weather failed to hinder the bearing of fruit on the junior volunteer money trees, and the dry weather does not affect them. Three names are added to those whose first crop—one dollar—is harvested,—Ernest Thompson, of Hammond; and Iola and Vern Ezell, of Fullerton.

One faithful producer, Evelyn Abbott, of New Orleans, is trying to fill her tree each quarter. Little Horton McLennan, of Shreveport, has already filled his tree twice. If all the trees sent out (eighty) yield like these, the seniors of the young people's volunteer society will have but little to do in reaching the financial goal of \$192. We call on the seniors to do their part that we may pass beyond last year's record of nearly \$300.

The nation's justifiable call through the Red Cross is, "Give or go." The Master's call is to help send the third angel's message to all the world in this generation. If you cannot go, plan to save and give. The harvest time is fast drawing to a close; now is the time to work. MRS. C. N. SANDERS.

FOR RENT. A forty-six acre farm near Roseland, La., twenty acres cultivated and about eighteen acres in pasture. Fair buildings. About twelve acres is good cotton land, seven of which is very good for cotton, as it is now planted to velvet beans. The sooner some one can come, the better it will be, as the owner on account of ill health is not able to do the farm work. Should one of the family be able to teach school, there would be opportunity for a select school. Any one interested should address Mr. W. H. Noyes at Roseland, La.

Tennessee River Conference

News Items

A nice order for books and tracts has been received from Sister Lillie Harlan of Darks Mill, Tenn. Sister Harlan is a member of the Nashville No. 2 church, although isolated from that church body. We are always glad to hear from our isolated members, and it is an inspiration to see the missionary zeal manifested by many.

Brother Chalmer Chastain reports the following interesting experience that will appeal to almost any one. It shows how our workers do not rely on their own strength, but through prayer pave their way to success. The experience is quoted from his letter of the tenth as follows:

"I came near a place where a man owned about fifteen hundred acres of land. I went to one of the 'darkies' first, and he told me he would like to have the book, but his employer did not want them to order anything from any agent. He said that if I would see his boss and it was all right with him, he would take the book.

"The first thing I did was to make a bee-line for the man's house about one mile away. I knew that in my own strength I could do nothing, so I stopped and prayed. I came to his father's house first and took an order from a brother of his who was unmarried. Then I went on to the other place and stopped and prayed again for help. I met the man and took his order. He told me I could work anywhere on his place and said that when I came back to deliver the books he would see that I got my money if the men did not have it. I took almost \$30 worth of orders there. The Lord has said that we will have success if we follow his instructions." Manual, page 72.

Brother Wade is spending this week (June 11-16) with Brother Wheeler, and the two have gone to Brownsville, where they will endeavor to take a large number of orders. Brother Wheeler writes requesting that we remember these workers in our prayers, that the Lord will give them success.

Mrs. J. G. Haggard, of Waynesboro, Tenn., is a visitor in Nashville for a few days.

Mr James Holland, an acquaintance of Elder Elliott, and formerly of Camden, Tenn., was in the office a few moments last Monday. He is making his home in Leeville, Tenn. Mr. Holland is very much impressed with our truth, and has extended a very cordial invitation to Elder Elliott to visit him.

Brother and Sister Keele have gone to Dyer, Tenn., where they will begin their delivery. They write that they are very sorry that they will not be able to unite their efforts with the others in favor of the "thousand dollar" week.

Elder Elliott is not feeling well at this time and is spending a few days at home securing much needed rest. We hope he will recover his former good health and strength.

Mr. Barnes Broiles is working for Brother Matthews, of Portland, Tenn. His friends may address him at this place. Brother Pound writes that they are expecting to begin their effort within a few days. A chautauqua has just opened in Paducah, and this will detract for the time being.

Mayfield

Twenty-one years ago I entered the book work, and aside from two years that I spent caring for my dear old mother I have been at work ever since and have placed thousands of our precious books in the homes of the people. Mrs. Miller and I came here to Mayfield in March, and we surely find plenty to do. While Mayfield is a thriving little town of about nine thousand people, yet it is not so favorable for our books as other fields where I have canvassed. I think of all the places in which we have labored none were so steeped in Russellism as this place, and those who believe this doctrine want nothing else.

This place has been thoroughly canvassed for several of our standard books such as "Daniel and Revelation" "Bible Footlights," "Story of Daniel," and perhaps "Bible Readings." We are doing real well, nevertheless, are having some good experiences, and are glad our good books are in the homes.

I might relate an experience or two. At one nice Christian home they asked me a number of questions about the Bible, and after I had explained my book and answered their questions they gave me an order for "Coming King" and asked me to have prayer with them, which was indeed a privilege. I was invited back to visit them. We plan to go tomorrow, and my wife may hold readings with them.

At two other houses where they at first refused to give me an order, on seeing me a few hours later both ordered my book, "Coming King." At another home, after failing to take an order from the woman our conversation turned to the law of God. I very briefly and earnestly presented the Sabbath to her. As I bade her good morning I offered her "Elihu on the Sabbath." She gladly accepted it. A few minutes later her husband came in. He picked up the tract, read a portion of it, learned from his wife the object of my call, and my appearance, and started out to hunt me. About an hour later, five blocks from his home, we met at the Baptist church and I took his order. I am sure that the Lord had a hand in this and helped him to find me. What a blessed privilege it is to minister to hungry souls and feed the sheep that are shepherdless.

Dear brethren and sisters, we are nearly home, so let us all be earnest in service and faithfully and loyally press forward in the work of the Lord.

H. G. MILLER.

"Doctrines are of use only as they are practised. Men may go to perdition with their heads full of truth. To hold the truth and fight for it is one thing. To be sanctified through it is another."

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending June 16, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
T R BattleBF	80	71	\$160 55	\$16 50	\$177 05	\$16 00
G W BrownBF	54	1	1 50	6 00	7 50	1 00
A Clark*US	138	124	293 00	21 10	314 10	
R J CookBF	30	29	67 00		67 00	
B D CrawfordBR	43			10 75	10 75	10 75
H L Edwards*BR	48	21	66 50	1 00	67 50	
J E FoleyBR	40	14	49 00		49 00	3 50
J C HollandBR	56	38	144 00	1 90	145 90	
H W Jones*HM	92	22	53 50	1 30	54 80	5 00
G W PowersBF	37	62	155 00	2 00	157 00	
F M ReiberBR	54	13	48 50	35	48 85	
Q TewHM	59	29	79 50	95	80 45	
E F WatersBF	45	21	43 50	1 30	44 80	
N H WatersBR	51	16	58 00	2 00	60 00	3 50
M E WhatleyHM	30	17	45 00		45 00	5 00
T M WoodruffBR	54	16	58 00	2 10	60 10	
Bibles			29 60		29 60	3 50
Miscellaneous			133 50		133 50	

Totals (Agts. 16) 911 494\$1485 65 \$67 25\$1552 90 \$48 25

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

GeorgiaAndersonCK	18	17	\$35 00	\$ 3 75	\$38 75	\$
Emily Billups . . . PG	5	6	20 50	1 20	21 70	54 25
Drue BowenBR	47	35	131 50	7 25	138 75	
HenryBalsbaughBR	31	10	35 00	1 00	36 00	3 50
Floyd BoothBR	50	39	140 50	3 40	143 90	
Susie BeasleyHM	26	37	92 50	6 50	99 00	
A I HammD&R	53	70	333 00	6 70	339 70	
PerthiaHamptonHM	49	59	215 00	9 45	224 45	
AAJohnsonD&R,PPF	48	55	166 00	6 20	172 20	1 00
Mattie LeeHM	23	22	56 00	2 75	58 75	
LouJMcElroyD&R,PPF	5	9	27 00	1 10	28 10	46 00
E B StowallPPF	32	18	45 00	25	45 25	
Virgil SmithBR	45			3 60	3 60	141 50
E A TaylorBR	63	44	155 00	4 20	159 20	
Miscellaneous				275 50	275 50	
Bibles			15 10		15 10	32 80

Totals (Agts. 14) 495 421\$1467 10 \$332 85\$1799 95 \$279 05

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

F W SchmehlBR	48	28	\$108 00	\$	\$108 00	\$
M S Hubbell†BR	159	12	44 00		44 00	302 50
E P Campbell				3 00	3 00	
M B WilsonBR	31	18	68 00		68 00	
J HarzmanBF	32	24	39 00	2 95	41 95	15 00
Bibles			14 60		14 60	
J Reba Perkins† } Hugh Moomaugh }			745 00		745 00	

Totals (Agts. 7). 270 82\$1018 60 \$5 95\$1024 55 \$315 70

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Andy Schroader BR	40	15	\$53 50	\$	\$53 50	\$ 3 50
W H WhiteBR	30	25	88 50		88 50	88 50
B E WagnerBR	48	40	143 00	2 00	145 00	
C B ShererBR	30	9	31 50	1 50	33 00	
ArthurFOWensD&R	35	21	78 50	2 00	80 50	
J H ClarkBF	98	135	433 00		433 00	324 00
George Tatman BR	30	2	7 00	9 00	16 00	
John BrownlieBR	46	15	54 50	4 25	58 75	
Elsie TatmanBR	39	22	83 00	4 50	87 50	
R J HyattBF	65	13	23 50	5 75	29 25	
Jesse E Miller D&R	25	6	23 00	2 25	25 25	11 50
I E BradleyBF	8					9 50
F L HarrisonBR	80	2	9 00	23 10	32 10	383 50
Lee PageBR	44	31	108 50		108 50	
Bibles	7		24 15		24 15	

Totals (Agts. 14) 618 343\$1160 65 \$54 35\$1215 00 \$820 50

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Jesse AllenBR	46	23	\$83 50	\$19 75	\$103 25	\$12 25
ChalmerChastainBR	50	34	128 00	7 00	135 00	10 50
R H HazeltonBR	37	12	47 00		47 00	85
M HixsonBR	45	18	68 00	22 00	90 00	9 75
Mr&MrsHowardBR	32	29	105 50		105 50	32 50
Mrs E R Jones* BF	28	24	67 00		67 00	3 50
Mae Keele	6			3 75	3 75	12 75
W J KeeleD&R	41	2	8 00	4 50	12 50	126 75
H G MillerCK	50	14	22 00		22 00	4 50
Mrs Miller	10	4		3 00	3 00	2 25
Cleve SmithD&R	46	18	70 00		70 00	
G P TrippBR	34	5	17 50		17 50	1 50
W D WadeD&R	47	43	187 50		187 50	50
M WheelerD&R	47	36	162 00		162 00	12 00
Milton YoungBF	9	18	31 25		31 25	1 50
Mrs McKinney*BF	20	21	44 00		44 00	
Marguerite Strawhum	14	12		3 00	3 00	5 25
Virginia Reed	28	31		7 75	7 75	15 00
Ellen Morgan	17	10		2 75	2 25	4 75
Myrtle Mather	10					3 75
Gladys Lambert	28	33		8 75	8 75	10 75
Atherton Colbert	18			2 25	2 25	8 50
Eleanor Elliott	30	48		12 00	12 00	8 50
Florence Frisby*	18	35		8 25	8 25	14 50

Totals (Agts. 24) 711 470\$1041 25 \$104 75\$1146 00 \$302 10

G'dTotals(A.75)3145 1810\$6173 25 \$565 15\$6738 40\$1767 40

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	6439	\$7989 80	\$ 391 40	\$8381 20
Kentucky Conference . .	6523	10424 50	427 96	10852 46
Louisiana Conference . .	2975	7144 40	64 75	7209 15
Mississippi Conference .	6680	17487 30	1067 07	18554 37
Tenn. River Conference	4662	5210 10	668 65	5878 75

Totals 27279 \$48256 10 \$2619 83 \$50875 93

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Ps. 68:11.

"No power but truth — steadfast, pure truth — can keep us loyal to God."

† Three Weeks. * Two weeks. ‡ Reported by telegram.

When the Lord gives us a work to do, let us not stop to inquire into the reasonableness of the command, or the probable results of our efforts to obey it. . . . We need greater faith.—Vol. VI, p. 466.

"Am I a Christian when everything seems to go dead wrong and friends seem to misunderstand me?"

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Special Notice to Elders

The letter written to ministers in the United States by Mr. Herbert Hoover, a copy of which appears in this issue, is of great importance, and in the churches where there is no minister present, the elder should present this on Sabbath, June 30.

Mr. Hoover is appointed by President Wilson to assist the people of the United States in conserving the food supply. He represents the government, and his instructions should be carried out. It is hoped that every one will pay special heed to it on Sabbath and thus show ourselves willing to cooperate with the government.

S. E. WIGHT.

Copy of Letter to Ministers in the United States

June 18, 1917.

My Dear Doctor ———:

In the great national food crisis which confronts us, a crisis so great that the President himself has taken it up, I ask for your personal interest and assistance. As a minister of God, a leader of the people, and a lover of liberty and your fellow men, your cooperation is earnestly desired and greatly needed.

In such a time as this, the people turn naturally to the church. It will be a calamity to the nation and to the churches if the chosen ministers neglect to exercise their proper leadership in the great cause of feeding a world in need.

For the world is in want of food. The wheat crop of 1916 was short. The crop of 1917 will be shorter still, while the demands of armies and the waste of war require enlarged consumption. Thus with increased need and diminished supply, the world stock of food has reached a point lower than was ever known before in modern times.

From Canada and the United States the Allies are asking five hundred and fifty million bushels of wheat this year; yet unless special measures are taken the prospect is that both together will be able to give them only three hundred million. But if wise and sufficient measures are adopted, and then backed up by patriotic good will of our people, there will be food enough for ourselves and for our Allies as well.

The present excessive cost of food is not justified. There is no corresponding shortage of supply in America. Nevertheless, the situation is very serious. The duty is laid upon us to raise not only food enough for ourselves, but so much more to send

abroad that in spite of the submarines enough may reach France and England to keep them supplied. Unless we can feed both our own people and the men who are fighting for us across the water, the great cause which we have joined will be lost.

To meet the needs of war and of the world, we must produce generously, give freely to our Allies, ourselves eat as much but no more than we need, and especially save the waste. Lasting disgrace will fall upon us if lack of self-restraint should prevent us from taking our proper part in this great conflict against the doctrine of "Might makes right."

The waste in food amounts at least to fifty dollars a year for every family in America. The waste of a single ounce of food each day in every home means a yearly waste of nearly 500 million pounds of food. The waste of a single slice of bread each day in every home means the daily waste of a million loaves of bread. The thousand million dollars of needless waste which thus takes place yearly in the households of America can and should be stopped.

The ways of thrifty living are not new. In order to practise them we need do little more than return to the frugal habits of earlier days. To purchase wisely; to lose nothing for lack of proper care; to serve no more than hunger demands; to serve again the unused portion; to preserve in time of plenty against the lean months ahead; to save wheat for France and England by eating more corn ourselves, because they do not bake at home, and corn bread is unknown; these are some of the means of helping to save the waste and win the war. I suggest then in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture, to which, as well as to the County Agricultural Agents, the Home Demonstration Agents in the cities, and the State Agricultural College, inquiry may profitably be made for printed and written advice about saving food.

Will you join in the good work of saving more food for the women and children of Belgium, the orphans of France, the men in the trenches who are fighting our battles, and for the people of the United States? I ask that you preach on the Conservation of Food on Saturday, June 30. I am asking those who will hold services on Sunday, July 1, to do the same on that day.

The women of America have never failed to answer such a call as comes to them now. The saving of food is within their sphere. Without food conservation we cannot win the war. The woman who conserves the food supply of America and her Allies renders a high service to her country and to all humanity as well. In very truth, the outcome of the world war is in the hands of the women no less than in the hands of the men.

Will you also furnish in advance an abstract or copy of your sermon to the newspaper editors of your locality, to whom I am writing to ask special consideration for it.

Again I ask for your cooperation. Let us work together in whole-hearted response to the patriotic duty to which we are called. Let us make it the purpose and the motto of every household in America to **SAVE THE WASTE AND WIN THE WAR.**

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) HERBERT HOOVER.

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Think all you speak, but speak not all you think.—*Delareme.*

"The sole of all improvement is the improvement of the soul."