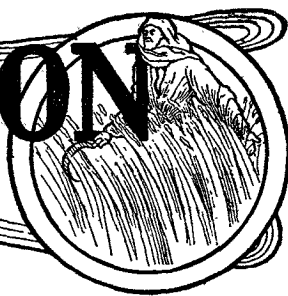


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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Learning to Spell

Has your life brought disappointments,
That seemed more than heart could bear?
Has the heavenward way seemed endless?
Has your heart oft felt despair?

Have the prayers that you have offered
In an agony of tears,
Seemed unheard because unanswered
Through the slowly passing years?

Has a friend that you have trusted
Proven false, untrue, unkind,
And your faith was almost shattered
In the rest of human kind?

Has your nest, as of the eagle,
Been stirred up and you cast out
To a world that's cold, unfriendly,
And your plans been turned about?

Listen! Change your mode of spelling.
Just discard the letter "d"
For an "H" in disappointment.
(It's as different as can be.)

He who sees from the beginning,
Who remembers we are dust,
Oft permits the fiery trials,
As to cleanse the gold He must.

Should our prayers be always answered,
It would sorrow doubtless send:
Should earth's friendships be sufficient,
We would not seek heaven's friend.

Should our nest be always feathered,
We would not seek homes above:
We need clouds as well as sunshine,
So fear not, "for God is love."

Change the "d" of disappointment,
To an "H," and all is well:
We ourselves would choose the trials,
After we learn how to spell.

—Rena L. Wharram.



The Southern Field

Need of Rural Schools in the Southern Field



The rural school idea is heaven-born. Much definite instruction has been given this people in regard to this work, and surely it is high time that we respond to the counsel God has given to us. In the Southern States there are hundreds of places where no other is so effective as the rural school method in reaching the people who should be won to the truth.

Strange contrasts are seen in this field. Many of our cities, towns, and communities are noted for their wealth, aristocracy, and grand educational systems, while in many rural districts poverty and illiteracy reign supreme.

In the former places the work is best carried forward by well trained evangelists, Bible workers, and colporteurs, who can present the truth in a concise manner that will arrest the attention of the educated and wealthy. Perhaps a few weeks or months will suffice to develop a strong church, which with a little training can stand alone while the workers pass on to the other fields.

In the latter sections it is much different. Greater and more continued efforts are required to give permanency to the work. Many of the people are very loyal to the church of their fathers.

They need the present truth. Their children need education. In the backwood districts schools are few and far between. Thousands in these neglected places long for help. It has been long delayed in coming. It is in such districts that rural schools should be established by Seventh-day Adventists where a few workers can be grouped together, have their homes, and conduct schools and carry on various lines of mission work that will result in the bringing of people into the truth. When churches are raised up as a result of their efforts, the workers are there to foster and care for them until some one can be trained from among their converts to bear this responsibility. And this is just what is being done in a few places. A few people have had the courage to make a beginning, and God is blessing their efforts.

The churches thus far that have been raised up by this class of workers are loyally supporting the conferences of which they are a part with their tithes and offerings. Some of these churches have furnished some good earnest workers from among those converted to the truth who have gone out and have done faithful service in the cause of God. These schools properly conducted

are a great blessing to the work, and we wish we might see one hundred of them in the South where now there is one.

We believe, however, that these rural schools should devote their energies to the people of the communities where they are located, striving in this way to reach the hearts of both children and parents. By families locating in some rural district where there are no public school privileges, and setting to work to gather in the children of the neighborhood, giving them an education, untold good may be done. Prejudice will be broken down, and doors will be thrown open on every hand for the teaching of the whole message of truth. Vast fields of opportunity will be discovered and churches can be raised up.

We invite families to come to this field and engage in this work. Our educational secretary will be pleased to cooperate with those who come, in the matter of finding a suitable location and in starting on right lines. No school should be started, however, without first having had counsel with the educational department of the union conference in whose territory it is to be located, thus securing their full cooperation. We feel that we cannot get too many of these schools so long as they work on right lines, confining their work to the community student idea, seeking thus to evangelize the neighborhood in which they are located, and leaving the work of educating and training the children of Seventh-day Adventists to the church schools and our larger academies and colleges established for that purpose.

We would be pleased to correspond with any who are interested in this special line of work, and we will endeavor to faithfully answer all questions concerning plans, locations, etc.

W. H. BRANSON.

When Is a Young Person a Christian?

[At the Detroit, Mich., Missionary Volunteer Convention, Elder B. L. Post presented the following article, which we are publishing in order that our young people may have the privilege of reading it.—Ed.]

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheep-fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." John 10: 1.

In the game of life, now so soon to close, to cheat is to lose. Would we, young or old, who play the game, be sure to win? We must move according to the rules of the game. In the plan of God for saving men, no double standard exists by which Christian experience is to be measured. Nowhere in God's revealed will to men can endorsement be found for the oft-made contention that to Christian youth some license must at times be given for the indulgence of self in worldly pleasure and folly. If we would play safely the game in which everything is staked, we must learn to differentiate between a supposed experience based on an intellectual assent to divine truth, and another experience whose beginnings are the same as the first, but which does not end until the whole life has been wholly surrendered to the Master for service. Of the first experience mentioned, the Wise Man has said: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things, God will bring thee into judgment." Eccles. 11:9. Of the latter experience John says: "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." 1 John 2: 14.

Many have been led to think that to feel the promptings and to be under conviction of the Spirit of God was evidence of a live Christian experience; but these are only steps leading up to a possible Christ life, and not the real thing itself. There are, of course, various grades in Christian experience, for, says Christ, "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." Mark 4: 28. Yet but one standard for all the

grades, and that standard, "Ye must be born again." "But Oh," says one, "can I, because I profess to be a Christian, never have a good time like my friends of the world? Must I never go to a show, or indulge in a bit of foolishness? Am I never to be allowed to read light literature, or to indulge a little vanity in dress? Must I always live for others, and never think of myself, for self's sake? Does my being a Christian mean that never again may I make provision for the indulgence of self, just a very, very, little bit? And straight from heaven to the questioner's heart comes the answer, "Ye must be born again." Of this necessary experience, one who writes with authority has said, "The Christian's life is not a modification or improvement of the old, but a transformation of nature. There is death to self and sin, and a new life altogether. Little by little, perhaps unconsciously to the receiver, impressions are made that tend to draw the soul to Christ. When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden, or beholds the light descend from the courts above. The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see, creates a new being in the image of God." "Desire of Ages," trade edition, pp. 191, 192.

But again we hear the plea for self-justification in the attempt to serve two masters, "Why there are lots of folks in the church who do not live up to the standard you have outlined, yes, and even some ministers and workers by this standard would be found 'weighed in the balance and found wanting.' Surely the things that I sometimes do, and my lapses from the straight way are no worse than what I have seen in the church elder and his wife; then there is the church school teacher, and even the superintendent of the church schools is not above reproach; and if all these and others, too, are credited with being good Christians, why, Oh why, make the way so hard for some of us young people?" And once more, and this time very softly, because what has been said is too often true, comes the answer from the Master's lips: "What is that to thee? Follow thou me. Ye must be born again."

And now, dear young people, we want to ask you some questions. Are you playing the game of life for pastime merely, or are you desirous of winning out when the last move has been made? If the latter is your purpose, then let each one count the cost, remembering that heaven has no bargain counter salvation to offer. You must pay the price. "Ye must be born again." Let us take inventory of our stock of Christian experience and deal truly with ourselves.

The condition of many of our youth has been described in the following terms. As you look upon the picture drawn, will you ask yourselves the question, Does this describe my experience? Says the writer, "I saw that unless there was an entire change in the young, a thorough conversion, they may despair of Heaven. From what has been shown me there is not more than half of the young who profess religion and the truth, who have been truly converted. If they had been converted, they would bear fruit to the glory of God. Many are leaning upon a supposed hope, without a true foundation. The fountain is not cleansed, therefore the streams proceeding from that fountain are not pure. Cleanse the fountain, and the streams will be pure. If the heart is right, your words, your dress, your acts, all will be right. True godliness is lacking. I would not dishonor my Master so much as to admit that a careless, trifling, prayerless person is a Christian. No, a Christian has victory over his besetments, over his passions. There is a remedy for the sick soul. That remedy is in Jesus. His grace is sufficient for the weakest, and the strongest must also have his grace or perish. I saw how this grace could be obtained. Go to your closet and

there alone plead with God. 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.' Be in earnest, be sincere. Do not leave your closet until you feel strong in God; then watch, and just as long as you watch and pray you can keep these evil besetments under, and the grace of God can and will appear in you. If you expect salvation you must pray. Take time. Be not hurried and careless in your prayers. Beg of God to work in you a thorough reformation.

"Know first that you have begun the Christian course. I know that many of you know not what religion is. You have felt some excitement, some emotions, but you have never seen sin in its enormity. You have never felt your undone condition and turned from your evil ways with bitter sorrow. You never have died to the world. You still love its pleasures; you love to engage in conversation on worldly matters: but when the truth of God is introduced, you have nothing to say. Why so silent? Why so talkative upon worldly things, and so silent upon the subject that should most concern you? If the professed Christian loves Jesus better than the world, he will love to speak of him. He came to their aid when they felt their lost and perishing condition. He removed their burden of guilt and sin, took away their sorrows and mourning, and turned the whole current of their affections. The things they once loved, they now hate, and the things they hated, they now love. Has this great change taken place in you? Be not deceived. I would never name the name of Christ, or I would give him my whole heart, my undivided affections. I saw that we should feel the deepest gratitude that Jesus will accept this offering.

"Jesus demands all. When we are brought to yield to his claims, and give up all, then, and not till then, will he throw around us his arms of mercy. But what do we give, when we give all? A sin-polluted soul to Jesus, to purify, to cleanse by his blood,

and save from death by his matchless love. And yet I saw that some thought it hard to give all. I am ashamed to hear it spoken of, ashamed to write it. Do we talk about self-denial? What did Christ give for us? When you think it hard that Christ requires all, go up to Mount Calvary and weep there over such a thought. Those who feel the constraining love of God ask not how little may be given, in order to obtain the heavenly reward; they ask not for the lowest standard, but aim at a perfect conformity to the will of their Redeemer.

"The young are often urged to do duty, to speak, or pray in meeting; urged to die to pride. Every step they are urged. Such religion is worth nothing. Let the carnal heart be changed, and it will not be such drudgery to serve God; and all that love of dress and pride of appearance will be gone. Every truly converted soul will carry the unmistakable marks that the carnal mind is subdued. I speak plainly. I do not think this will discourage a true Christian; and I do not want any of you to come up to the time of trouble without a well grounded hope in your Redeemer. Determine to know the worst of your case. Ascertain if you have an inheritance on high. Deal truly with your own soul. Do not neglect secret prayer, for it is the soul of religion. With earnest, fervent prayer plead for purity of soul. Plead as earnestly, as eagerly, as you would for your mortal life, were it at stake. Remain before God until unutterable longings are begotten within you for salvation, and the sweet evidence is obtained of pardoned sin. A supposed hope, and nothing more, will prove your ruin." "Spiritual Gifts," Vol. II, pp. 256-264.

And once more let it be remembered that good works and much zeal in the cause of God will never be accepted as a substitute for a changed heart. "Ye must be born again."

Growing Opportunities

The set of twenty-five cent books on topics of vital interest is growing steadily. The latest addition is "The Return of Jesus," which will give us a new book on this vital part of our message, really the objective of it. The set now comprises four on the war — "World's Crisis," "Armageddon," "Vatican and the War," "The World War;" three on doctrines — "The Other Side of Death," "The Christian Sabbath," "The Return of Jesus;" and one on temperance — "The Shadow of the Bottle." These books are just the thing to send to our relatives and friends who are not in the truth, to sell to our neighbors and others we may be able to reach, and to circulate in every possible way.

One minister takes two or three with him whenever he goes on a journey, and sells them on the way. When taking his ticket recently he laid one on the desk while the clerk was getting his change, and in a moment it was sold to the clerk. This minister's wife keeps some in her home and canvasses the callers.

Here are further illustrations of the readiness which the people manifest to buy these books:

"I ordered ten of 'The World War,' and the day they came I opened the package in the post office and sold six before I left the office. The merchant of the place bought one and sold it to one of his customers and came to me for another one. Another man who had bought one gave a friend standing near by a canvass for the book, and he came to me for a copy. Still another man took his book and stepped over to the blacksmith shop and gave a friend of his a canvass for the book, and as a result the blacksmith came to me for a copy. I sold the ten and could have sold more if I had had them with me. The book sells itself and should be sold in large numbers by all our people."

"Today I have been out among the residences with the new book, 'The World War,' and sold fifteen. It sells readily. One woman could not let me in, but she looked through the glass

door while I shouted out a canvass, and the book was sold."

"A little girl aged seven, and a boy aged eight are having wonderful success in the sale of our literature. Louise has disposed of a number of twenty-five cent books such as 'World's Crisis,' 'Vatican and the War,' and 'Armageddon.' What these children can do, others can do, and if the parents and teachers will encourage them the Lord will use them in a wonderful way."

"The 'World's Crisis' was sent to a man who had known something of the doctrine of Seventh-day Adventists, but at the time of receiving the book he was a stanch Presbyterian, and as he says, very prejudiced against the truth held by our people. He had been a Christian for years. After reading the 'World's Crisis,' in spite of prejudice he could not help seeing the truth. At once he went to the superintendent of the institution where he is employed, telling him of his convictions and intentions. At first the superintendent said perhaps he could work on Sundays, but later informed him that he could not allow that. He rests every Sabbath. His wife accepted the truth with him, and, as they express it, they were never so happy before. He wonders why he did not see this light before."

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

"A missionary leader decided he would try his hand at selling our small books. In about one hour he sold fifteen, and the next day while hauling lumber he sold ten more. He has since sent in an order for two hundred of these books, and is now thinking of taking up the colporteur work."

"A sister is making a tour of the large towns in her conference, selling 'The World's Crisis.' She has already disposed of 1,600,

and has ordered 500 more. She is doing a good work, one worthy of imitation."

"It seems good to be selling books again. I sold ten I had in less than twenty-four hours. I sold these in the passenger station of the Southern Railway before I left. 'The Other Side of Death' is a seller. I sold one to a passenger, one to a conductor of the Southern Railway, one to a traveling salesman, and one to a doctor. I will continue to push the sale of the small books and sow the good seed."

"I am enjoying my work immensely, and am having pleasant experiences as a result of selling 'Armageddon.' I have sold but sixteen, yet I praise God for the privilege of placing even that many before the public. My milkman (a young man) came along one morning, and I sold him a copy. Shortly after I inquired how he enjoyed it, and he said, 'Quite well, but I have little time to read it.' I said, 'Perhaps your people would like to read it.' He answered, 'I have not let them see it yet. I keep it in my room and read it there.' A few days later his brother came with the milk, and I sold one to him. I was anxious to know how the two brothers came out, so I repeated the question to him. He told me he was enjoying it very much, and that he took it right into the house for all to read. I am sending for twenty-four more copies of the book, 'Armageddon.' The Lord is helping me wonderfully in this work. This is the first book for which I have canvassed, and I like the work. I have orders for these and hope to send for more soon. I have sold forty-eight before this."

"A brother in the dairy business says, 'I have sold fifty or more 'Armageddon.' They sell easily. The only hindrance is that I am too busy. I have sold many of these among my customers but sell to others with equal freedom.'"

"One sister sold seventy-two 'Armageddon' in about five hours. She sold seventy-nine in one day and eighty another day. She has sold as high as forty 'Armageddon' in one hour."

"Recently while working in a State capital I received twenty-one orders in one day for 'World's Crisis' and 'The Shadow of the Bottle.' The people were much interested in the books, especially that part which speaks about the end of the world. Thinking men want to know what these things mean. Wherever one goes with our books he gets a hearing. A county official sent me word to come to see him, as he wanted one of those 'temperance books.' It took about half a minute to write out his order for 'Shadow of the Bottle.' A presiding elder here eagerly bought 'The Shadow of the Bottle,' as did also the local pastor. A lawyer who is reading *Liberty* magazine, when approached with 'World's Crisis,' laid hold of it saying, 'I read about that book in *Liberty*. What else have you? He was told that 'The Shadow of the Bottle' was a companion book. 'All right,' he said, 'I'll take them both.'"

"I saw the advertisement for 'World's Crisis' and decided that I would like to sell some, so I ordered two hundred. I started out one day at about 9 A. M. and worked till 4 P. M., canvassing the business houses, and sold nineteen books. I made it clear that it was not a charitable enterprise I was engaged in, but that I had something instructive and entertaining for them to read. I am sure that all who bought the books wished to read them."

"The proprietor of a cigar and fruit store wanted to know what kind of a book it was and said if it was an Adventist book he would take it. He was not a Christian, he said, and had no use for any of the churches in the town, for they did not help any one. But he had confidence in the Adventist people and liked their reading matter. I was surprised to hear him talk so. I had passed by his place and then retraced my steps to canvass him; and I may say that there was not a place I passed and returned to canvass but where I sold a book."

"I intend to keep on as steadily as I can until I sell every book. I realize that it is just the steady regular plodding that

will accomplish results. These books are as good as any sermon, and I have quite a congregation studying these truths. It is only the thought of sowing the good seed of truth and the good that it will do that will hold me steady to my purpose, for I dislike and dread to canvass as much as any one possibly can. I have placed 'World's Crisis' with the district judge, lawyers, merchants, doctors, dentists,—Catholics and Protestants—and eternity alone will reveal the good that these books will do."

What these members have done others can do. The country should be flooded with these books. Why not order a few and show them to your friends and neighbors? When you have sold them, order more.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

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News Items

How are you getting along with the "Win One" campaign? July 14 will be a very important day, as it will be observed by all our people throughout this country as a day of fasting and prayer. The perilous times in which we are living demand our whole-hearted service. This is also the time for the midsummer offering for missions.

Remember the date of the Kentucky camp-meeting in Louisville, September 6 to 16.

Send in your orders at once for the "Christ's Object Lessons" to be sold for the benefit of our school at Ooltewah.

Elder R. I. Keate spent Sunday and Monday at Lexington. The uniting of the Lexington colored churches was completed there last Sunday.

Elder Campbell has his tent pitched in a nice location and expects to start his meetings next Sunday night.

Brother G. A. Davis has returned from Michigan and reports Sister Davis making satisfactory recovery.

Brother F. E. Coffman has been called to Winchester on account of the serious accident which befell his brother.

Brethren Brownlie and Tatman spent the Sabbath at the Louisville church. Notice Brother Tatman's \$149 colporteur report in the paper.

Word has been received that Brother Alonzo Ramey and W. G. Michael will soon be in the canvassing field again.

Our deliveries have been exceedingly good of late. Brother R. F. Hickman's last two deliveries were 100 per cent.

Brother Page is delivering this week and lost only one order during the first day's work.

The six students have almost enough orders for their scholarships, and there are still nine weeks in which to canvass before the September deliveries.

The month of May was our banner month in sales up to that time, but the \$3,030 May report was far overreached by the June orders, besides nearly \$2,000 worth of books delivered. We expect the July totals to also show an increase.

We earnestly request the prayers of all the brethren and sisters throughout the State in behalf of our faithful colporteurs.

"Discouragement is the devil's visiting card, and if we receive his card, he will soon be coming in at the front door."

"Happiness really never was any good in this world but to give away."

All

Go ye into *all*, *all* the world, said the Lord,
'Tis thus it is written in his divine Word;
And we his command if faithful, must heed,
And warn *all* the world, and go with *all* speed.

Go ye to the world and tell it to *all*,
That Jehovah our God will redeem from the fall
The sons and the daughters of Adam and Eve,
And restore to his favor *all* those who believe.

Go ye unto *all*. At an infinite cost
Our glorious Redeemer would save *all* the lost;
And we, his disciples, if we would be true
And walk in his footsteps, must sacrifice too.

The Saviour went gladly to his baptism of blood,
And died there on Calvary, nailed fast to the wood:
With a heart full of love for men ruined in the fall,
He went meek like a lamb, and like a lamb died, for *all*.

O God! make us willing, with firm purpose of heart,
To go as did Jesus, and like him do our part;
To toil as he toiled, to save men from the fall;
To give as he gave. To give life? Aye, give *all*.

May there be no delaying, but wing thou our feet;
That the message may hasten make the messengers fleet.
In the highways and byways, wherever men call,
Help us *all* sound the message. He died to save *all*.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

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Faithfulness

I am just thinking as I write these lines how many there are of us to whom the Lord will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." No doubt each colporteur has seen the result of faithful work. When we use our time and talent to the glory of God, there is nothing in the world that can hinder our success.

Last week I was out with Brother Taylor. We drove to our territory Sunday evening and got to work very early Monday morning, put in twelve hours that day and took \$42.50 worth of orders and sold \$3.95 worth of helps. I stayed with Brother Taylor four days, and we did splendid work each day. I might say that we sold every help we had by Wednesday evening, and the people asked us for more of the helps. In one neighborhood we found five families who were First-day Adventists. They believe in the second coming of Christ and the destruction of the wicked just as we do. I asked them how they came to believe as they do, and they said it was by reading a little book on the destruction of the wicked by Uriah Smith. I was just thinking as I met these people of the great good our books are doing. I also asked myself the question, Have I been faithful to the Lord in this work? I hope each one who reads these lines will ask himself the same question. Can we waste our time and be unfaithful to the Lord in this work and then be saved? I am praying that these

people may see the Sabbath truth also. We placed "Bible Readings" in their homes, and I hope it will be the means of bringing more light to them.

I must take the space to tell just one more experience, as it shows what faithfulness will do. During our "Big Week" Brother Floyd Booth, one of our colored colporteurs, wanted to put in all the time he could, but on Friday he was many miles from home and was thinking how he could canvass and be at home when sundown came. While he was planning, a nice white man came along in a buggy and asked him to ride. The man asked him his business. Brother Booth showed him the book and took his order. The first house they came to was one in which a white family lived, so the man told him if he would go in there he would take an order, and he would wait for him. They passed several houses, and the man waited for him to canvass them. Brother Booth got an order at every place he stopped and had the pleasure of riding most of the way home. Such experiences as these make me want to be more faithful than ever.

I might say that during our "Big Week" some of our colporteurs made bigger records than they had ever made before.

Now, dear workers, can we waste our time and prove unfaithful, when the enemy of all souls is so busy? Let us step out on the promises of God and finish the work, then we can all go home to stay.

J. R. STATON.

Passing Their Goal

The question has often been asked, "Does it pay to set goals?" I firmly believe it does. Christ set a goal when he came to this earth, and he would let no one touch him until he had ascended to the Father and found that he had reached his goal. Every individual should set a goal, or, in other words, have a definite aim in life, and then strive to reach that aim.

At the beginning of this year the Jackson Sabbath school set a financial goal of \$150 to be reached by July 1. This looked rather high, and was, when you consider that only \$200 was raised during all of last year, but the people were willing to try to raise it. The first quarter they raised \$82, and long before the close of the second quarter they knew that their goal was going to be reached. \$95.17 was received the second quarter, making a total of \$177.17, or just \$27.17 over their goal, and only \$25 less than the amount raised during the entire year last year.

I think I can hear some say, "Well, they are all rich people at Jackson." This is a mistake, because the people of Jackson are not rich, and many of them make great sacrifices in order to give to the cause.

Let each one of our Sabbath schools set a goal this coming quarter, and see how much it will increase their offering for the quarter. MRS. B. C. MARSHALL, *Sabbath School Secretary*.

The "Signs" Changed His Mind

A few years ago one of our brethren was told by his neighbor that he did not know anything about the coming of the Lord, and that he did not want to know.

A few days ago this brother visited his old neighborhood, and called on his former friend. The neighbor informed our brother that some one had been sending him the *Signs* of late, and that he is convinced that we are right in the matter of present conditions being the fulfilment of prophecy.

Read your Bible. If you can read it with your soul as well as with your eyes, there shall come the Christ there walking in Palestine. At one word of prayer, as you bend over the illuminated page, there shall lift up the body-being of that Christ, and come down through the centuries, and be your helper at your side.—*Phillips Brooks*.

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News Items

One splendid sign of real interest in Mobile is shown in Brother C. G. Meyer's recent order: "We find that owing to the increase in the membership of our Sabbath school due to the tent effort held here, the first lot of twenty-five Quarterlies for the coming quarter is not sufficient, but we will need twenty-five more at the very earliest possible moment."

Our Sabbath schools are a very important branch of the Lord's work, and every church member should be a member of the Sabbath school.

Sister M. E. Fuller in writing from Long Island shows a high appreciation of the past lessons and says: "We are all of good courage in the Lord and have greatly enjoyed the Sabbath school lessons on the life of Paul."

Brother O. P. Bolinger, writing from Lynn Haven, tells of his daughter Clarice doing nicely with *The Watchman*. She has sold ten every day that she has gone out with the magazines.

Substantial orders for the little twenty-five cent books have been received from J. R. Varner, of Thomaston, and Sister Beulah Fogg, of Elkmont. A great deal of home missionary work is being done with the new books,—"World War," "Armageddon," and "Return of Jesus."

Louisiana Conference

Conference Directory

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Courage

"There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so will I be with thee: I will not leave thee, nor forsake thee." Josh. 1: 5.

Joshua was undertaking a great work. He was to meet with strangers. Many foes were before him. Trying circumstances would confront him on his way to the land of promise. Therefore, the Lord knew that his servant would need divine guidance, strength, and courage. The Lord admonished him to "be strong and of good courage."

We are called to be soldiers in the Lord's army against the enemy of souls,—the prince of darkness—so we also need the promise made to Joshua verified in our lives, especially in our experience as colporteurs. We must have it! The Saviour says, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." How this should cause our very being to brace with courage! Sometimes discouraging trials will arise, but God is ever near to help us. I gain great encouragement from the experience of Elijah, as given by the servant of the Lord, in "The Captivity and Restoration of Israel," pp. 173-175.

"If under trying circumstances, men of spiritual power, pressed beyond measure, become discouraged and despondent;

if at times they see nothing desirable in life, that they should choose it, this is nothing strange or new. Let all such remember that one of the greatest of the prophets fled for his life before the rage of an infuriated woman. A fugitive, weary and travel-worn, bitter disappointment crushed his spirits, and he asked that he might die. But it was when hope was gone, and his life-work seemed threatened with defeat, that he learned one of the most precious lessons of his life. In the hour of the greatest weakness he learned the need, and the possibility, of trusting God under circumstances the most forbidding.

"Those who, while spending their life energies in self-sacrificing labor, are tempted to give way to despondency and distrust, may gather courage from the experience of Elijah. God's watchful care, his love, his power, are especially manifest in behalf of his servants whose zeal is misunderstood and unappreciated; whose counsels and reproofs are slighted, and whose efforts toward reform are repaid with hatred and opposition.

"It is at the time of greatest weakness that Satan assails the soul with the greatest temptations. It was thus that he hoped to prevail over the son of God: for by this policy he had gained many victories over man.

"When we are encompassed with doubt, perplexed by circumstances, or afflicted by poverty or distress, Satan seeks to shake our confidence in Jehovah. It is then that he arrays before us our mistakes, and tempts us to distrust God, to question his love. He hopes to discourage the soul and break our hold on God.

"Those who, standing in the forefront of the conflict, are impelled by the Holy Spirit to do a special work, will frequently feel a reaction when the pressure is removed. Despondency may shake the most heroic faith, and weaken the most steadfast will. But God understands, and he still pities and loves. He reads the motives and purposes of the heart. To wait patiently, to trust when everything looks dark, is the lesson that the leaders in God's work need to learn. Heaven will not fail them in their day of adversity. Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness, and relies wholly on God.

"Not alone for men in responsible positions is the lesson of Elijah's experience in learning anew how to trust God in the hour of trial. He who was Elijah's strength is strong to uphold every struggling child of his, no matter how weak. Of every one he expects loyalty, and to every one he grants power according to the need. In his own strength, man is strengthless; but in the might of God he may be strong to overcome evil and to help others to overcome. Satan can never gain advantage of him who makes God his defense. 'Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength.'

"Fellow Christians, Satan knows your weakness; therefore cling to Jesus. Abiding in God's love, you may stand every test. The righteousness of Christ alone can give you power to stem the tide of evil that is sweeping over the world. Bring faith into your experience. Faith lightens every burden, relieves every weariness. Providences that are now mysterious you may solve by continued trust in God. Walk by faith in the path he marks out. Trials will come; but go forward. This will strengthen your faith, and fit you for service. The records of sacred history are written, not merely that we may read and wonder, but that the same faith which wrought in God's servants of old may work in us. In no less marked manner will the Lord work now, wherever there are hearts of faith to be channels of power."

Let us take courage, and hope in Christ. The victory is ours. God is in this work; he has ordained it, and I know he is able to carry it to a successful finish. If we do not triumph with it, God will use others, and we will not have the crown. Let us lay hold upon the Arm of power! Let us take fresh courage and press the battle to the gate.

G. B. BOSWELL.

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending June 30, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
T R Battle	BF	47 49	\$96 00	\$ 8 20	\$104 20	\$
U Bracy	BF	27 9	22 00	3 00	25 00	24 00
A Clark	USP	52 59	138 00	7 10	145 10	
R J Cook	BF	48 67	92 00	35	92 35	
B D Crawford	BR	19 1	11 00	2 50	13 50	11 00
H L Edwards	BR	28 9	32 50		32 50	
R L Etheredge	BF	17 11	21 00		21 00	
J E Foley	BR	18 6	22 00		22 00	4 50
J C Holland	BR	54 33	127 50	2 35	129 85	18 00
G W Powers	BF	7 8	14 50	1 40	15 90	
F M Reiber	BR	24 7	26 50	35	26 85	
Q Tew	HM	42 32	85 00	1 65	86 65	10 50
Norman Waters	BR	52 12	43 00	1 75	44 75	15 00
T M Woodruff	BR	40 9	31 50	2 45	33 95	
Miscellaneous			4 59	\$8	4 50	12 75
Bibles			4 25		4 25	
Totals (Agts. 14)		475 312	\$771 25	\$31 10	02 35	\$85 75

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Felia Pierce	BR	72. 31	\$110 50	\$	\$110 50	\$87 00
Andy Schroader	BR	31 10	37 00		37 00	
Elsie Tatman	BR	37 28	101 00	16 30	117 30	
F L Harrison	BR	41 26	93 00	1 50	94 50	
R F Hickman	BR	43 18	65 50	11 00	76 50	
I E Bradley	BF	3 4	7 00	1 10	8 10	
B E Wagner	BR	38 31	109 50	1 75	111 25	
Mary Taylor	BF	6		2 50	2 50	18 50
Alex Perry	BR	30				127 00
John Brownlie	BR	42 10	40 00	5 00	45 00	
Geo Tatman	BR	66 34	125 00	24 50	149 50	5 50
W P Ethington	BF	40				61 00
Jesse E Miller	D&R	30 13	40 50	14 75	55 25	
Arthur F Owens	BR	38 27	95 50	4 00	99 50	
R J Hyatt	BF	30 15	24 00	3 25	27 25	5 50
Totals (Agts. 15)		547 237	\$848 50	\$85 65	\$934 15	\$304 50

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
M B Wilson	BR	35 21	\$74 50		\$74 50	\$
F W Schmehl	BR	45 37	131 50		131 50	
R R Coble	BR	29 23	83 50		83 50	
Hugh Moomaugh	BR	34 101	402 50		402 50	
J Reba Perkins	BR	43 32	130 50		130 50	
M S Hubbell*	BR	57 18	74 00		74 50	89 00
Bibles			38 85		38 85	
Totals (Agts. 6)		243 232	\$935 35		\$935 35	\$89 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Drue Bowen	BR	41 27	\$101 50	\$ 7 40	\$108 90	
Perthia Hampton	HM	51 35	118 50	1 20	119 70	
AA Johnson	D&R, PPF	39 29	94 50	3 10	97 60	
Virgil Smith	BR	53		6 85	6 85	121 50
Beauford Staton	BR	30 2	7 00	8 10	15 10	
E A Taylor	BR	41 45	173 50	8 60	182 10	
J L Waller	D&R	48 20	71 00	25	71 25	
Bibles			9 20		9 20	9 25
Totals (Agts. 7)		303 158	\$575 20	\$35 50	\$610 70	\$130 75

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
Jesse Allen		48 53	\$211 50	\$	\$211 50	\$ 8 50
R Y Howard	BR	27 18	63 00	75	63 75	11 00
M Hixson	BR	33 9	35 50	13 75	49 25	7 00
Roy Graves	BR	47 212	77 50	75	78 25	
R H Hazelton	BR	37 15	55 50	1 50	57 00	
W J Keele	D&R	19 3	12 50	13 75	26 25	8 50
Mae Keele		13		10 75	10 75	8 00
H G Miller	CK	45 6	9 50	75	10 25	1 50
Cleve Smith	D&R	34				169 50
M Wheeler	D&R	20 20	79 00	2 25	81 25	3 50
Florence Frisby*		51 25	4 00	17 25	21 25	1 50
Grace Holt		12		3 75	3 75	
Virginia Reed		30		75	27 25	28 00
Gladys Lambert		27 3	75	24 50	25 25	1 50
Ellen Morgan		18 27	1 25	11 00	12 25	
Bibles			37 20		37 00	
Totals (Agts. 16)		461 391	\$587 95	\$128 00	\$715 95	\$220 50

G'd Totals (A. 58) 2029 1330 \$3718 25 \$280 25 \$3998 50 \$831 00

Summary to Date						
	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total		
Alabama Conference	7507	\$9707 30	\$ 457 80	\$10165 10		
Kentucky Conference	7540	12150 50	549 71	12700 21		
Louisiana Conference	3589	8660 25	66 50	8726 75		
Mississippi Conference	7327	18777 00	1135 57	19912 57		
Tenn. River Conference	5727	6873 05	922 65	7795 70		
Totals	31690	\$56168 10	\$3132 23	\$59300 33		

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending June 30, 1917

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value.	
Jones	275	\$27 50	
Gatton	200	20 00	
Michael	50	5 00	
Wingate	50	5 00	
Fort	50	5 00	
Miller	5	50	
Totals	630	\$ 63 00	

Don't Be a Bluffer

The word "bluffer" is here used to mean one who blindfolds, deceives, and misleads by evading an honest question as to who he is, or whom he represents, by pretending to be something that he is not, by pretending to know something that he does not really know. Man cannot bluff or deceive God, and it is low and wicked to try to bluff and mislead his fellow men.

Don't be a bluffer, but be frank and honest with all men. Don't be a Jacob, a supplanter and deceiver. Honesty is the best policy.

To say nothing of the wickedness of the practise, the following clipping will illustrate the disgusting cheapness of bluffing:

"A young lawyer just starting out thought bluffing a good

plan. Hearing a knock at his door one day, he said, 'Come in,' and then picking up the telephone receiver, said: 'Hello. Yes. Well, I cannot possibly say. Maybe within a week if you will call I may be able to take both cases, but just at present one is all I can handle, as I am very busy.' Then turning to the caller, he said, 'What can I do for you?' The man seemed confused, but finally said: 'Sir, I am from the telephone company. I just came up to connect the phone.'"

Don't be a bluffer. "Be sure your sin will find you out." Num. 32: 23.

A. L. MANOUS.

* Two weeks.

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Kentucky, LouisvilleSept. 6-16
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News Items

Elder S. E. Wight left Nashville Tuesday morning for the North. He expects to attend the latter part of the camp-meeting in Ontario, Canada, after spending a few days in New York.

Brother M. W. Shidler and family are spending the week at Fountain Heights, Tenn.

Brother G. H. Curtis left Nashville Friday for Huntsville, Ala., where he went to audit the books of the Oakwood School for the past year.

WANTED: A country home among Sabbath-keepers for a ten-year-old boy who is in good health and is bright and active. His mother is sick and his father is dead. Correspond with E. A. Lampman, 1709 Simkin St., Nashville, Tenn.

Names of Medical Workers Wanted

We desire the name of every Seventh-day Adventist doctor, nurse, treatment-room worker, and any others engaged in medical work, to place on our mailing list for matter of special interest to such workers. Just now we wish to send sample copies of the *Sanitarium Quarterly* to all who have not received it. This journal is now printed in this country, and is to be a departmental medium of communication, containing much matter that cannot well be published in our other papers.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF S. D. A.

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Will You Have a Vacation?

Whether you have a vacation or not the August number of *Life and Health* is full of information which will be useful to you. It gives valuable suggestions for hot weather diet; how to preserve one's health during the summer-time; and what to do in case of emergency, such as sunstroke, hemorrhage, drowning, etc. The cover design is especially attractive, being a water scene full of life. Those who circulate *Life and Health* do good service. Send orders to your conference tract society.

Southern Junior College

News Notes from Collegedale

Mrs. J. S. Marshall and Miss Grace Apple left Collegedale Thursday. Mrs. Marshall was called to her home in Munising, Mich., by the illness of her mother. Miss Apple accompanied her as far as Chicago. From there she goes to her home in Monroe, Ia. Both are expecting to return shortly before the opening of school.

Mr. Paul Wolfe, of Birmingham, Ala., is a recent arrival at Collegedale.

Mr. W. E. Abernathy, union conference auditor for the Southeastern Union Conference, closed his work at the Southern Junior College Tuesday. He took the Royal Palm for Atlanta Tuesday night.

Mr. A. B. Currier, of Orlando, Fla., accompanied by Mrs. Currier, Miss Corrine, and the baby, arrived at Collegedale Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Currier left Orlando Tuesday. Miss Corrine will remain and work for the school during the summer.

The Fourth of July was celebrated in a very quiet manner at the Southern Junior College. Every one worked at his usual tasks until eleven o'clock. At eleven o'clock work was stopped in all the departments, and students and teachers prepared themselves for a picnic. Miss Gray and the girls had prepared a splendid picnic dinner, which was served in the woods. The afternoon was spent in playing games and in other kinds of recreation. In the evening a musical program was given. Brother and Sister McGee very kindly loaned the school their Victrola, and this with piano selections and recitations afforded every one a very pleasant evening. All reported a good time.

Misses Claire Davis and Jessie Elliott arrived at the Southern Junior College last Thursday. They are canvassing for *The Watchman* and spent Sabbath with the students at Collegedale. They left for Chattanooga Monday, where they expect to work the coming week.

A letter from Charles Cramer informs us that he is doing very well with his work in Louisiana. He sent in a nice remittance for tithe and said he expected to be back to Collegedale shortly after the beginning of school.

In a recent letter from J. C. Holland he says that he and Norman Waters together have taken something over \$1,100 worth of orders thus far this summer. Both of them are of good courage and feel that the Lord is going before them in their work.

Mrs. F. T. Sevier left Monday for Atlanta, Ga.

A Canvass with a Moral

Agent: "It proves a wondrous aid to all, the foolish, wise, and prudent;
The choicest spectacles, that will adjust themselves to every candid student.
It proves a telescope to those who fain would view the stages
Of the world's great prophesying fig tree, whose omens mark the ages.
It proves an index to the times through which this world is racing;
A solution for the gravest problems it is facing.
Customer: "I'll have that, sir, regardless cost, pray tell me what you mean?"
Agent: "I refer to a subscription to *The Watchman Magazine*."
Moral: That's all you need to say; show the cover, and it's sold.
A scholarship is quickly earned, and your reward's two-fold.
K. K. REISWIG.