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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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Soon

Soon will the strife of battle cease,
And the weary toiler have time to rest,
And the olive branch of an endless peace,
Wave over the holy and the blest;
And the toils and fears of earth's dark years
Will be in the past, to be feared no more,
While the saved, mid the music of the spheres
Shall rest in gladness on heaven's bright shore.

'Tis a long, long race that saints have run —
Six thousand sad and weary years —
But the strife of ages will soon be done,
And rapture will take the place of tears;
And glory bright neath heaven's dome,
Will bathe the brows that are worn with care,
While the river of life from beneath the throne,
Will bless with its waters over there.

Oh the vales of Eden are pure and sweet,
And the harps of the blessed make music grand,
And the rest is long for the pilgrim feet,
That stand at last in the dear home land;
And loved ones, so widely sundered here,
Will stand united in endless day,
While every heartache, and every fear,
Shall vanish forever and pass away.

Riverside, Cal.

—*L. D. Santee.*



The Southern Field

True Education—A Three-Phase Work



The Wise Man has said that if a child is trained in the way he should go, he will not depart from it when he is old. Generally, the interpretation that is placed upon this remark is that the child should be trained along religious and spiritual lines so that when he becomes grown he will not forsake the faith which has been instilled into his being.

It seems, however, that this is entirely too narrow a view to take of education, or child-training. While it is true that religious training is one of the most essential parts of training, yet at the same time there are other elements of education which are also essential. The education that does not have for its purpose the training of the whole man is lacking. No matter how thorough the religious or spiritual training is, if a young person has not been trained to work, and if his mind is not disciplined, there is a serious lack in his education.

Education must be threefold in its scope. The mind, the hand, and the spirit must be trained. To accomplish the religious training it is necessary, of course, that the child be taught the truths as found in the Bible. He should also be instructed in the way the workings of Providence have been shown in the lives of men. Through the revelation of the Creator as shown in his created works, the spiritual side of the child can be cultivated. This is one of the reasons, I believe, that the Lord has said our schools should be in the country. By beholding we become changed. By seeing the hand of the Lord all about him, the student gains a new insight and is enabled to see the world and his relationship to it from a better perspective. One of the

surest ways for successful instruction along spiritual lines is through helping others. Hence our schools—where true education is given—should be strong missionary centers. If the desire for disinterested service is implanted, a splendid opportunity for spiritual growth is afforded.

No plan of education is complete that does not, in a thorough way, instruct its pupils in the use of their hands. The manual as well as the mental and spiritual sides of man must be trained. It is as necessary for one to be skilled in his manual facilities as it is for him to be an adept with his intellect. The boys should be taught to farm, to build, and to be able to make a living unassisted when they leave school. The girls should be thoroughly instructed in cooking, sewing, and in the work of home making. At this point a great many plans for education have been weak. The mind has been trained while nothing has been done to train the hand. They are equally important. No matter how thoroughly the spiritual and intellectual training is, yet if a student is not thoroughly instructed in working, there is an irreparable lack. I believe that the strongest intellectual and moral training is impossible where there is no attention paid to teaching students to work.

If the child is to go in the way he should when he is older, and if he is to become a thrifty and industrious citizen, this training must be implanted in him when he is young. Industry and thrift go hand in hand. Prodigality and idleness are never far distant. If we expect boys and girls to become thrifty and industrious men and women, we should do much to train them

in habits of thrift and industry during their school life.

Intellectual training should by no means be neglected. This does not mean simply the training a student gets in the study of books. If he is skilled in the use of tools, if he is able to use his hands intelligently, a great step has been taken to sharpen and make useful his mind. Of course there should be thorough instruction in history, Bible, grammar, and other subjects in which most of the instruction comes from between the covers of books. When the threefold nature of education is considered, and the balance between its three essentials are noted, there is seen a great symmetry.

We have just begun to understand in a feeble way what the threefold development of education will bring us. To maintain the correct balance between its three phases has been a problem indeed. Some schools have gone to one extreme, and some to another. When the correct balance is maintained then can we begin to see the beauties in true education, the purpose of which is to restore the image of God in the soul.

LEO THIEL.

Results

We are sometimes asked the question: "Well, how many Sabbath-keepers have you as a result of your labor there?"

We have to confess, "We have none."

"What! no Sabbath-keepers after living in a place two years?"

No, but listen, friends, the work goes slowly here. Everything is slow. People do not take to new ways readily. Where the majority cannot read or write, they live as their great-grandparents did. "The good old time religion that was good enough for father and was good enough for mother is good enough for me," is sung and lived as a principle. Still we are winning our way.

At first we were supposed to be Germans escaped from the war; then we were called Mormons, Catholics, etc., but when the people found that we were just ordinary, poor people, come among them to live and to be neighborly, helpful, and honest, they became very friendly, and now we count our friends far beyond the confines of our neighborhood. We have quietly set an example, and we see an improvement in the way of screens at doors and windows and more interest shown in sanitary surroundings. Some parents have given up tobacco, and only two of our forty-seven pupils enrolled use snuff at home. Of course snuff is not allowed at school, and the sentiment among the pupils against tobacco in any form is very strong.

We have given away our papers by the hundreds, and if you go to the homes, you will see strings of memory verse cards hung on the walls, and *Little Friends*, *Instructors*, and *Signs of the Times* laid around in convenient places, but never destroyed. Some of our neighbors eagerly accepted the last *Watchman*, *Signs Magazine*, and *Signs Weekly*.

One very intelligent man who sends five children to our school first became interested in present truth by reading the *Little Friend* that the children took home. He has been reading the *Signs of the Times* now for over a year, and not long ago, when he with his wife, seven children, and mother-in-law, spent the evening with us, he told us that he was convinced that the seventh day is the Sabbath and also that we have the truth on the state of the dead. He said he was "watching that Turk." He took home a tract on Spiritualism. We feel hopeful that in time this family will take a stand for God's truth.

One Friday afternoon the wife of this man sent for our younger daughter to come over to help her bake a cake. The husband came in and fixed the fire and warned his wife to hurry for the sun would soon be down and it would be Sabbath and she must not detain our girl too late.

MRS. W. W. BROWN.

With the Men Behind the Books

Past Records No Criterion

So many unprecedented reports are being received these days regarding our colporteur work, that it seems almost impossible to keep pace with the marvelous success which the Lord is giving to this work at the present time. The same story comes from all directions. Record after record is being broken by the onward march of our faithful colporteurs in their work of circulating the printed page containing the third angel's message. Up to this writing, the June summaries for the Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Unions have not been received; but it appears evident that to many they will prove a surprise. It is quite probable we shall be able to give them in next week's issue of the *WORKER*.

The Sale of "The World War"

Not only are our colporteurs smashing records, but many of the lay members in our churches are taking much more active part in circulating our literature than they have taken in the past. This will be seen from the following telegram received last week from the Review & Herald Publishing Association:

"'World War' sales to date 180,000 copies. Printing orders total 200,000. Ordered another carload of paper for this book. Camp-meeting sales, East Pennsylvania, 8,000; Massachusetts, 12,000; New Jersey, 17,000. Please wire us your record to date."

Including the sales of the Pacific Press Publishing Association and the Southern Publishing Association, upward of a half million copies of this book have been sold. As it has been in circulation approximately only three months, this is indeed remarkable. "The Vatican and the War," "Other Side of Death," "Return of Jesus," "Christian Sabbath," etc., are also increasing in sales, all of which only shows that our people are working.

The "Watchman" a Revelation

Of the July issue of *The Watchman Magazine*, 103,000 copies were printed. The entire edition was sold out by July 3. Since then orders have been received for several thousand more, which it was necessary to fill with the August number.

In this connection, the following experience of one of our lady magazine workers will doubtless be of interest. She writes as follows:

"About four o'clock, the third inst., I was canvassing a man on a street corner in Racine, (Wis.), when another man rushed up, and exclaimed, 'Hey, Bill, you going to buy one of those magazines?' I was a little offended at first, because I thought 'Bill' would change his mind, and I would lose my sale. The man, who proved to be a doctor, went on to say, however,—'Well, it's a mighty sensible thing to do. I bought one of those little books this morning from this same young lady, and I got more information and more inspiration from reading it than anything I've read for fifty years.' I asked him if he really meant it, or if he was just joking, and he continued, 'I really mean it. I am a doctor and do not have much time for reading, but the first two pages of that *Watchman* certainly were a revelation to me. That's all I have had time to read yet, but it's wonderful. It's religious, isn't it?'

"I told him it was a Seventh-day Adventist magazine. He said, 'I don't know who the Seventh-day Adventists are, but I know whenever I see a *Watchman*, I'll buy it.' And then he hurried away just as fast as he had been talking. Of course 'Bill' bought. They are going to have a tent effort there this summer, and I am hoping that 'Bill' and the Doctor will attend."

On the Fourth, this young lady sold 200 *Watchman*, at one time during the day selling fifteen copies in ten minutes. Remember that this was on the *Fourth of July*, and yet sometimes

"Our influence has no nights and keeps no Sabbaths."

we hear people say that holidays are poor days in which to canvass.

The Southeastern Union

The report of the Southeastern Union's Big Week has not yet reached us. However, the report of the Georgia Conference for that week amounted to \$2,940.20 in orders taken, and \$561.50 in deliveries. There were ten of their workers who went above the hundred dollar mark. The highest record was made by their new field secretary, Brother John D. Haynes, who secured \$445.50 worth of orders in fifty-eight hours.

The work in North Carolina is also forging ahead by leaps and bounds. The last letter received from their office shows that six of their men passed the hundred dollar mark for the same week, while twelve put in forty hours or more. This full time doubtless has much to do with the success of the work in that State.

Accompanying the sales report of our Atlanta Branch for the month of June, Brother Randall writes:

"First, the fact that our sales in June this year are \$1,970 ahead of any June sales in our history, should be noticed. All of our conferences show a gain over last year except North Carolina, which shows a small shortage, but they have rolled up a tremendous list of orders for fall delivery. With the exception of a small loss in Cumberland and North Carolina, the sales for June this year go ahead of the average for five years previous in all our conferences, and the totals give a gain for the union of *twenty-two per cent.*"

The gain in sales of the Atlanta Branch for the first six months of this year compared with the same months of last year, amounts to \$6,700, or forty per cent. We are sure that these substantial evidences of prosperity must be most gratifying to our faithful workers in that part of the field, as they are to us.

The Southern Union

In our own union some remarkable records are also being made. Alabama's report for June went over \$4,000, which is more than *double* their report for June of last year. One could almost see the smiles between the lines of Brother Wilson's letter.

But space will not permit further comment. However, watch for the Southern Union's report for June. It will be "mighty" interesting reading, for the figures will be "hot" instead of "cold."

"Not by Might, Nor by Power"

During the June Big Week in the Southwestern Union, one of Arkansas' colporteurs, Brother Ernest Hanson, worked eighty hours, and secured orders for "Daniel and the Revelation," as follows:

136 leather; 3 half; 14 cloth; value	\$810.50
Value of "Helps" sold	29.50
Value of Bible orders	13.95
Total for week	\$853.95

We are assured by the field and tract society secretaries of Arkansas that "this record was made in the selfsame week, and by one man." He was able to work eighty hours by getting in sixteen on Sunday and two the evening after the Sabbath, while the other five days he worked from eleven to thirteen hours each. From a personal letter written by Brother Hanson, we take the liberty to quote the following paragraph:

"I am only a common boy twenty-one years of age, and didn't get much of an education, but I am thankful I learned to love the Lord and his ways. Since learning this truth and message about two years ago, I have been trying to live up to what I believe is the truth. From the time I first heard this message, I have had a desire to give it to others, and I thank the Lord that he has provided a way by which I can, with his help, get this truth into the homes of the people."

Read again these simple words: "*I am only a common boy*

and didn't get much of an education, but I learned to love the Lord and his ways." And again, "*From the time I first heard this message I have had a desire to give it to others.*" Surely herein lies the secret of Brother Hanson's splendid success, for, it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" that this work is to be finished. He also writes:

"In 1916 I did my first canvassing in Southern California. It was only for a few weeks. My home being in Arkansas, I came home on a visit, during which time I was working in a crate factory. I soon got in touch with Brother Kirkham, and he came to see me and invited me to the institute. . . . My list for the Big Week in June contains orders from the best and some of the richest people in Lincoln County. In three week's time I have orders from twenty ministers. Three of these ordered "Daniel and Revelation," "Bible Readings," and "Captivity and Restoration of Israel." Two more ordered "Daniel and Revelation" and "Bible Readings" each. I took these orders from the catalogue, as I only had a prospectus for "Daniel and Revelation." Including my last week, the big one in July, I have taken orders for \$2,000 worth of books in three weeks. . . .

"I truly believe if any one will take one of our books that contains the truth that God wants this world to have, and go out, after asking God to lead him, with only a desire to save souls and to help finish this work, that one will meet with success. Oh, I wish I had a greater burden for souls. I wish I could put more vim and power into my work, so that I might get the truth to more people. I find myself in a slow, indifferent state at times, but I do pray that I may overcome and work as though I were working to save some loved one from a terrible disaster."

Brother Hanson's report of \$853.95 surpasses by over two hundred dollars the highest previous record ever made with our books in one week. We are indeed living in a time when the Lord is manifesting his power. And we should not forget that "spiritual power will work every hard field, warn every dark land. It knows no panics, floods, nor droughts. It makes molehills out of mountains of difficulties, and giants of the weakest men."

Let us thank God for the spiritual power there is in our colporteur work. All the praise, all the glory, and the honor belong to Christ, who, walking beside the colporteur, is the chief Worker.

R. L. PIERCE.

One Hundred Copies of "Present Truth" to Friends

A few weeks ago a lady came into our Kansas City office with a copy of a war extra of *Present Truth* entitled "Armageddon" and inquired if she could get a number of these to send away. In talking to her we learned she was a Baptist school teacher, and that through a conversation with one of our members who afterward sent her literature, she had become deeply interested in the subject of the second coming of Christ. We found out for her that she could get these and notified her.

Last Sunday she came in and paid for one hundred copies to be sent to her address. She will send these out to one hundred of her friends. She purchased a "World War," and telephoned our Seventh-day Adventist sister, thanking her again for her help, and learned when she could attend another Bible study. She also called in her Baptist friend whom she saw passing on the street and showed her the literature she had found.

Incidentally she remarked that she had come over to our office instead of going to her church picnic and was spending her fifty cents this way instead of for a picnic dinner.

Such incidents should encourage our people in their seed-sowing, in conversation and with literature. Thousands are now willing to read. Such enthusiasm as this will be shown by many in their eagerness to pass on the new-found truth to friends.

J. R. FERREN.

The Silent Hour

When the cold, gray dawn is breaking,
And the birds to song are waking,
When the morn is robed in beauty,
In the freshness of its flower,—
Then, before the fevered flurry,
Then before the care and worry,
Ere the labor of thy duty,
Give thy soul a silent hour!

Ere the stillness blest is broken,
Ere the teeming world hath spoken,
Through its thousand mouths ejecting
Woe and want — life's bitter-sour;
Ere earth's duties loom as giants,
Ere man's service claims alliance,
Lest thou be thine Aid neglecting,
Pray — within thy silent hour!

In the world is tribulation,
Hate, and strife, and vile temptation.
For its whirlwind of persistence
Hast thou strong, unswerving power?
Whispering demons will assail thee;
Till thy heart will almost fail thee!
Look above for thine assistance
In the morning's silent hour.

Mid the long day's sultry nooning
Comes the din's diurnal swooning;
When there is a moment's ceasing
Of the care that doth devour;
Seize it! though 'tis but a minute,
There is peace sublime within it!
From the dizzying daze releasing,
It shall be a silent hour.

After all the stress is finished,
And the tension is diminished,
When thy wounded soul is yearning
For some cool refreshing shower;
In thine ears the clang of clamor,
In thine eyes the glare and glamour,
Thou shalt find on upward turning,
Love's bright rainbow in that hour.

In the haven of His quiet
Lose the world and all its riot!
He hath love and joy and gladness,
Sunshine when the shadows lower;
So within the silent even,
Be thou lifted up to heaven,
And no shadowing of sadness
Shall molest thy silent hour!

Go thy way! Thy soul is stronger!
Thou canst strive and struggle longer
For that brief, yet glorious vision
Of thy Father's promised power.
But Love's essence cannot grant it
Save thou tellest him thou want it;
By thy call he is beside thee,—
Nearest in the silent hour!

—Llewellyn A. Wilcox.

Kentucky Conference

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News Items

"Win one."

We shall hope very soon to publish a list of those who have taken "Christ's Object Lessons" and *Watchman Magazines* to sell in behalf of the Southern Junior College, also the amounts received on this fund.

Elder Keate is visiting Elder O. A. Dow and Brother Thompson at Pollyton, where they are holding meetings, and will visit several of the churches and isolated members en route.

An isolated brother, eighty-one years old, sends in his subscription for the *Review*. He says: "There is not another Seventh-day Adventist in this part of the country." This brother realizes the value of the *Review and Herald*, and even at his age is willing to get out and work in order that he may have it.

The "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign is still on. Send in your funds promptly, and the report will be printed in the *WORKER* in an early issue.

Brother F. L. Harrison sends in the following interesting experience:

"After canvassing a man and woman and writing down their order, the man said, 'Have you seen anything of that Adventist scoundrel around selling their literature?' I had to laugh, and the lady said, 'Maybe he's the man.' I told them I was an Adventist. He said, 'I don't want the book.' But after talking with them a while he begged my pardon and said he was thinking about the Mormons. They both said they believed Saturday was the Sabbath, but if they kept one day it was all right. I kept their order."

Brother Alonzo Ramey sold a "Bible Readings," but the purchaser was scared out of reading it by a prejudiced neighbor. Another neighbor borrowed it and he, with four other adults of his home, is keeping the Sabbath as a result.

In one week Brother Pierce sold a "Bible Readings" to each of ten Baptist preachers.

Brother Clark, who has been sick the past four weeks, is in the field again.

Mrs. W. E. Videto is in Louisville visiting Elder Videto, who is engaged in the tent effort here this summer.

Remember the date of our camp-meeting, September, 6 to 16. We would like to see every member of the conference present at this important meeting.

A Reversal of Opinion

When, at the first of the year, the *Signs Magazine* was changed to its present size, some of our worker friends protested. Few seemed to favor the larger size page. But the tide is turning, and ever so many now think it is about right. Their customers like it; they are accustomed to its size because it is the same as the *Literary Digest*, the *Independent*, and many of the other leading periodicals which they read. The larger page gives opportunity for decoration, illustration, and display, which was impossible in the former small, dumpy looking form. This in large part accounts for the improved appearance of late.

"I like the magazine in its new form, and so do my customers," writes an Oklahoma worker.

"There are scores who have real ability, but who are rusting from inaction."

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News Items

Elder Buhalts left Thursday, the fifth, to visit several of the churches. He went first to Ellisville, and from there to Tucker's Crossing, where Elder Burke is holding an effort. He spent Sabbath in Meridian, going from there to Columbus. Sabbath, the fourteenth, he met with the two churches at Amory. He reports one new believer at Meridian, who expects to attend camp-meeting and be baptized.

Brother Staton and Brother Smith left Sunday morning, the eighth, for the Delta, where they will canvass during the Big Week.

Word was received from Sister Annie Watts that she is again able to be back in the canvassing field after an absence of two weeks. She also sent her order for two hundred helps.

We have just received a check for \$25 from Mrs. J. N. McLeod. This is for her mid-summer offering. I hope that all our people will remember this offering.

Brother H. W. Denton, who is holding Bible studies and cottage meetings in Jackson, reports three having taken a definite stand for the truth, and several others very much interested.

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News Items

Elder C. G. Manns, with a number of other members of the New Orleans No. 2 church, spent Sabbath, June 30, in Hammond, where a very impressive baptismal service was conducted, eleven uniting with their Lord in baptism. These were largely fruit of the effort put forth by A. R. Bell in that place. The meetings are continuing with a good interest.

Thursday night, July 5, the tent meetings at Algiers opened with a good attendance, Elder C. G. Manns and Brother R. Roberts conducting the effort. The following night a good representation from the New Orleans church No. 2 was present to assist.

Brother Coble writes: "I had such a good experience this week for what time I was out. One man told me when I began to show him the book that it would not be any use to try to sell him anything except something to eat, but the book had things in it that he wanted to know about. I took one man's order who never took any interest in the study of the Bible. He bought it on the strength of the prophetic section. I find that nearly every one is looking for the soon coming of the Lord, and that point is one of my best selling points.

"I used to go to canvassers' institutes and hear them tell

us to turn all objections into selling points, but I never could figure out how to turn a 'hard time' cry into a selling point until this week. I side right in with the people and tell them that I know we are having hard times, and that I believe we never will have any more easy times, and that is why I am bringing them this book, for it will tell them what all these things mean to us, that I believe that this is one of the signs of Christ's soon coming. That seems to stir them up and make them order when nothing else will."

By the time this reaches its readers Brother Boswell will have completed the delivery on the orders taken by Brother Cheek about Marion, La. Some of the orders are quite scattered and rather hard to locate, but he reports fairly good success.

Children of the Sugartown Sabbath school repeating all of the memory verses for the past quarter are: Lena Johnson, age 12; Lela Johnson, age 10; Willie Johnson, age 8; Jewel Johnson, age 7; Oscar Johnson, age 5; Louise Harzman, age 12; Willie May Bush, age 6; Myrtle Johnson, age 10; and Frankie Johnson, age 6. Of the New Orleans No. 1 Sabbath school there were Margaret Murra, William Speyer, Evelyn Abbott, Howard Thomas, and Dorothy Ulmer.

The following encouraging word comes from the treasurer of the Shreveport No. 1 church, reporting for the past six months: "We have had eleven additions to the church, seven of which were on profession of faith. The increase of our offerings to missions has been very gratifying, as has also been the tithe. For the first six months of 1916 our offerings to foreign missions amounted to \$68.41; for the first six months of this year, \$165.73. The tithe for the corresponding period of time was \$226.01 for 1916, and \$409.71 for 1917. Seven more names appear as tithe-payers this six months period.

Brother Hubbell wrote in a recent letter: "I have about seventy orders to deliver on the first of July. . . . and then with health and God's help I shall put in full time till September, when I hope to have another \$1,000 worth to deliver, and another by December 1."

The Hammond colored church school is having a good attendance, and is growing rapidly.

Brother Sligh has returned from his recent visit to St. Louis and Cleveland, Miss., and is again back in Shreveport at his book work.

Remember, when requesting change of address on your periodical subscriptions, kindly give both your old and new address, also the name of the periodical. This will save delay.

Obituary

HAZEL.—Richard B. Hazel was born in Bloomington, Ind., Mar. 25, 1858, and died in Shreveport, La., July 1, 1917. He united with the Seventh-day Adventist church here during the month of April, an invalid at the time. He was sick for eight months, and though deprived of so many blessings was always very patient. He leaves a wife, three sons, and three daughters to mourn. Interment took place in Bloomburg, Tex.

W. P. McLENNAN.

The Man Who Wins

"Some wait ever for the morrow;
 Present hours slip by;
 'So little can be done today—
 What's the use to try?'
 Notice he who grasps the moments,
 Every one that flies,
 Is the man in life's short contest
 Who obtains the prize."

"The strong, worthy life is the life of selection, not a weak surrender."

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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Camp-Meeting

The annual camp-meeting of the Tennessee River Conference will be held this year in the city of Nashville, September 13 to 23. All our people should plan to attend this meeting, for it is becoming very evident that we will not have the privilege of enjoying many more such gatherings in this world.

There are two of these meetings, however, somewhere in the future that I would like very much to attend, and I am sure you would. One is the meeting at which God pours out his Spirit on his people, and the other is the *last* one; and the only way I know for us to be sure to be at these, is for us to attend them all. For these and other reasons, brethren, you should lay your plans to attend this meeting from first to last. If it was necessary for the children of Israel to assemble before the Lord three times a year, how much more important is it for us to attend the annual gatherings of God's people when they come up to worship before the Lord in these closing years! So let us all plan to be there on time for the first service and remain through till the last one.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

Farms for Sale

Located in Henry County, Tenn., is a farm of 112 acres; 85 acres in cultivation and pasture, the remainder in timber. Forty-five acres are level, the remaining seventy-seven gently rolling. Corn, cotton, wheat, oats, sorghum, and hay grow well. The buildings consist of one seven-room frame dwelling, one three-room tenant house, modern stock barn, tool houses, poultry house, and other outbuildings. There are two wells of soft water on the place, also two bearing orchards. There are about two miles of new fence on the farm. This farm is three miles from Springville and three miles from Big Sandy, on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, one mile from a Seventh-day Adventist church and church school. When this place is sold a large portion of the selling price goes to the Southern Junior College and other worthy enterprises. Price \$3,500. Terms reasonable.

For further information correspond with W. D. Wade, 322 Jackson Bldg., Nashville, Tenn. S. E. WIGHT.

A farm of 178 acres has recently been given to the Tennessee River Conference to be sold and the proceeds used in the improvement of the school at Hazel, Ky. About fifty acres are in cultivation, the remainder being woodland, consisting principally of oak, poplar, beech, and magnolia, with now and then a pecan tree. Nearly all the woodland is thickly covered with switch cane, which makes an excellent winter pasture. The land is quite fertile, is easily cultivated, and produces fine crops of clover, corn, and other grains. There are two tenant houses on the place. The farm is located on a splendid road, more than half of which is an oiled pike, only fourteen miles from a splendid city market where good prices can be had for milk, butter, poultry, eggs, and other farm produce. The farm is well adapted to the raising of stock, or to dairying. The location is healthful, and there is an excellent opportunity in the neighborhood to do missionary work.

The farm is for sale, and we are in a position to make you a

price that will interest you, as the money is needed for the improvement of the Hazel School.

If you are interested and desire any further information regarding the farm, call at the office, or write the Tennessee River Conference, 322 Jackson Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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A Few Words from the Field

Earnest F. Waters writes, "I am of good courage. People are thirsting after righteousness. Pray for me."

Brother J. E. Foley, of Pensacola, says: "Enclosed you will find my report for last week. It is not large numerically, but it has been a week full of good experiences. The Lord heard and answered our prayers in my June delivery, and I will ask that you remember my July delivery, which is a third larger than the June one."

J. C. Holland writes: "The Lord is certainly blessing us in our work here. He has blessed me with \$585.50 worth of orders during the month of June. The people will buy books regardless of hard times, and it seems they are more anxious for the books than they were a year ago."

This word comes from Q. Tew: "I am of good courage. In fact my courage was never better. Pray for me that I may ever be faithful. I will deliver a few books the first of the week."

T. M. Woodruff says: "I am not discouraged and will do the best I can to put in full time. Pray that the Lord will direct me in all things."

Andral Clark writes: "By the help of God I will make use of every passing moment whether it rains or shines, for life's little day is short."

Sister N. C. Freeman, who has been working in Birmingham, tells of a very interesting experience with a gentleman who purchased a copy of "Armageddon." He says he would not take \$5 for it and is buying the other books of this series as fast as Sister Freeman can deliver them.

Brother J. F. Dennis, of Montgomery, orders fifty *Watchman* when sending in the church remittance this past month. The membership in Montgomery is small, but they are faithful workers.

Elder A. L. Miller has been detained at home by sickness for several days, but at this writing, July 10, he is able to be up and around though he still has some fever. We trust that Elder Miller will soon entirely recover and be at his post of duty once more.

Sisters Jessie Elliott and Claire Davis have been making a trip through the northern part of Alabama, earning scholarships by selling *The Watchman*. They have enjoyed their trip and are having good success. After spending a few days in Birmingham, they returned north, working the towns and cities between Birmingham and Memphis.

How many of our children have missionary gardens this year? We would be glad to learn the progress these enterprises are making. Encouraging reports come from Ucal Jones, of Long Island. His garden so far is doing well. Ucal gave \$5 last year to the tent fund, and this camp-meeting he will again have money of his own to give to some needy fund.

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending July 7, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
U BracyBF	10	9	\$18 00	\$	\$18 00	\$ 4 00
R J CookBF	42	9	19 50	2 00	21 50	8 25
H L Edwards . . .BR	37	6	21 00		21 00	36 50
J E FoleyBR	21	3	13 50	35	13 85	59 50
J C Holland . . .BR	56	33	123 50	2 70	126 20	9 00
G W Powers . . .BF	28	45	89 50	1 00	90 50	
F M ReiberBR	15				47 50	47 50
Q TewHM	20	2	5 00		16 00	16 00
N H Waters . . .BR	36	5	20 50		20 50	12 50
Bibles			3 45		3 45	
E F Waters						21 00
Totals (Agts. 9). 265 112 \$313 95 \$6 05 \$320 00 \$214 25						

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
Elsie Tatman . .BR	39	27	\$108 50	\$11 80	\$120 30	\$ 2 40	
John Brownlie .BR	43	23	80 50	16 35	96 85	4 75	
Lee PageCK	36			1 50	1 50	86 00	
Andy Schroader BR	42					155 00	
F L Harrison . .BR	30	23	81 50	5 25	86 75	9 50	
B E Wagner . . .BR	43	17	61 50	50	62 00	101 50	
Jesse E Miller D&R	45	15	61 50	8 95	70 45	8 25	
R J HyattBF		6	11 50	4 45	15 95	33 00	
Arthur F Owens BR	44	35	130 00	2 80	132 80		
Felia Pierce . . .BR	35	23	82 50		82 50		
J H ClarkBR	23	30	108 50	3 00	111 50		
W H WhiteBR	36	22	79 00	2 05	81 05	7 00	
George Tatman BR	8	4	14 00	1 00	15 00		
Totals (Agts. 13) 428 225 \$819 00 \$57 65 \$876 65 \$407 40							

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
Jesse Allen . . .BR	29	17	\$66 50	\$ 6 75	\$73 25	\$ 5 25
Chalmer Chastain*BR	82	100	272 00	14 50	286 50	
Joseph E Dye . . .	4	12	3 00		3 00	
R H Hazelton . .BR	31		46 50	1 60	48 10	
R Y Howard . . .BR	30	13	45 50	5 20	50 70	28 25
M HixsonBR	44	14	54 50	4 75	59 25	2 50
W J KeeleD&R	32	7	27 50	22 75	50 25	9 00
H G MillerCK	10		1 50		1 50	81 75
Mrs. Mollie Miller	6	4	3 00		3 00	1 50
Cleve Smith . . .D&R	22	6	21 00		21 00	7 00
G P TrippBR						63 00
Totals (Agts. 11) 290 173 \$541 00 \$55 55 \$596 55 \$198 25						

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
Emily Billups . .PG	56	20	\$74 00	\$ 3 45	\$77 45	\$12 00	
Drue Bowen . . .BR	45	25	96 00	4 20	100 20		
Susie Beasley .HM	29	44	112 00	3 90	115 90		
A L Hamm . . .D&R	31	34	162 75	5 55	168 30	3 50	
Perthia HamptonHM	34	19	68 50	6 25	74 75		
Lou J McElroyD&R	56	19	78 50	7 45	85 95	4 50	
J L WallerD&R	49	21	73 00	95	73 95		
Totals (Agts. 7). 300 182 \$664 75 \$31 75 \$696 50 \$20 00							
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
M B Wilson . . .BR	43	23	\$84 50	\$	\$84 50	\$
F W Schmehl . .BR	45	33	122 50		122 50	
R R CobleBR	51	37	141 50		141 50	
J Harzman . . .BF	14			1 10	1 10	22 00
G B Boswell† . .BR	47					157 50
Bibles			27 70		27 70	3 85
Totals (Agts. 5). 200 93 \$376 20 \$1 10 \$377 30 \$183 35						

Summary to Date				
	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	7772	\$10021 25	\$ 463 85	\$10485 10
Kentucky Conference . .	7968	12969 50	607 36	13576 86
Louisiana Conference . .	3789	9036 45	67 60	9104 05
Mississippi Conference .	7627	19441 75	1167 32	20609 07
Tenn. River Conference	6017	7414 05	978 20	8392 25
Totals	33173	\$58883 00	\$3284 33	\$62167 33

A Paying Investment

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest," says Franklin. And he is further credited with saying that "a dollar in the head is worth five in the pocket and fifty on the back; for the fifty on the back will wear out, and the five in the pocket will get out, but the one in the head grows brighter with use."

It is therefore a wise and paying investment to procure good books, read them carefully, and make the message they teach your own. You will then have stored away in your mind that which you cannot lose or any man take from you.

No better investment can be suggested than to procure the books in the 1917-18 Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses. These books are interesting, instructive, and inspiring. Enroll now as a member of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Circle by ordering a set of these books from your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary or from the tract society office. If you cannot buy all the books at one time, buy them in the order they come in the courses. It will be economy, however, to buy them at the combination club rate, as follows:

SENIOR READING COURSE No. 11

"Luther, the Leader"	\$.50
"Good Form and Social Ethics"75
"Life Sketches of Ellen G. White"	1.00
"Ventures Among the Arabs"	1.00
Club price, postpaid	\$2.75

JUNIOR READING COURSE No. 10

"Martin of Mansfield"	\$.60
"Fifty Missionary Heroes"	1.00
"Topsy-Turvy Land"65
"Elo the Eagle"	1.00
Club price, postpaid	\$2.35

PRIMARY READING COURSE No. 1

"Uncle Ben's Cloverfield," postpaid75
Courses are also given in German, Swedish, and Danish-Norwegian.	

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* Two weeks. † Orders taken by A. B. Cheek.

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Mississippi, JacksonSept. 27-Oct. 7

News Items

The future of the Nashville church school is assured, as will be seen from the following:

Elder W. R. Elliott and Mr. F. C. Bruce have each announced that a fine baby girl has come to stay at their homes, while a baby boy has been staying at Brother Harvey's for over a month. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Simkin are also the proud parents of a baby girl. Elder and Mrs. S. E. Wight have adopted a very lovable little girl a year old, and Elder and Mrs. Denslow, a little girl two and a half years old. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have also taken into their home by adoption a baby girl nine months old.

Are you planning on going to school somewhere this fall? If so, write to the Southern Junior College, Ooltewah, Tenn., or to Hazel Academy, Hazel, Ky., for calendars.

Brother G. H. Curtis is still at the Oakwood school completing his auditing work for the year. Mrs. Curtis, who has been spending the summer with her parents in Iowa, joined him at Huntsville last Wednesday.

Brother M. W. Shidler returned to the office last Thursday after spending a week at Fountain Head, Tenn.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood is in Nebraska, and it is not expected that he will return until after the Educational Council to be held there the first of August.

Set of Testimonies Wanted

The East Side Missionary Band of the Fatherland Street church desires to obtain a set of Testimonies at a very low rate. A second-hand set in either cloth or leather would be acceptable. Please communicate with Mrs. Eastman, 509 Fatherland St., Nashville, Tenn., stating the lowest price you can make. This will be quite a favor to the society. It is one of the strongest bands organized in the local church, and some one should respond to their desire to prepare themselves for a more diligent study of the Testimonies.

Canvasses for "World War"

This remarkable little book gives the meaning of the present world war from the standpoint of Bible prophecy. Today many are asking: "Are we driving toward Armageddon?" "What is Armageddon? and where is it?" "When do we reach it?" "What relation has the Eastern Question and the downfall of Turkey to Armageddon?" This book answers these and other questions concerning the future. It makes clear the solution of our world problems, and shows from the Bible what the one great remedy is for national and international difficulties. Price only 25c.

CANVASS No. 2

(If possible, obtain name before calling, by tactful inquiry at preceding house.)

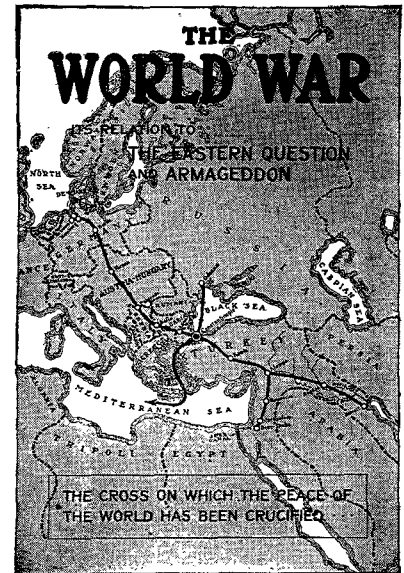
(At the door.) Good morning! Is this Mrs. ———? My name is ———. I have just called for a few minutes, Mrs. ———. (If not admitted at once, say) If I may step in for a moment or two, I will explain the object of my call.

(Inside.) I find that many are deeply stirred over the present situation in the world, especially since our own country is now involved in the great war; but I have found something which has helped me very much in understanding the real significance of these things, and I am sure you will be interested in it. It is a wonderful little book just off the press, and sells for only 25c. It is called (pointing) "The World War — Its Relation to the Eastern Question and Armageddon."

This map illustrates "the cross on which the peace of the world has been crucified." This is explained in the book. These questions are presented in the light of Bible prophecies, which are made very clear, and it takes away that feeling of uncertainty which is the cause of so much anxiety to many.

It does not magnify the horrid details, but shows the cardinal facts of the war, which are truly startling; and it gives us a view of the real cause and meaning (page 19) of this terrible catastrophe.

The light that is here thrown on the Eastern Question and the fate of the Ottoman empire, and on the great Armageddon of the Bible, is worth many times the cost of the book. The satisfaction of positive knowledge is worth a great deal to any thinking man or woman, and I am sure you will greatly appreciate this little volume. I have an extra copy for you (placing the book in her hands), and the price is only 25c.



The Has Been

I'd rather be a Could Be
If I couldn't be an Are,
For a Could Be is a May Be,
With a chance at touching Par;
I'd rather be a Has Been
Than a Might Have Been by far,
For a Might Have Been has never been,
But a Has was once an Are.

—Ladies Home Journal.