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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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## The Water That's Past

Listen to the water-mill through the livelong day,  
How the clanking of the wheels wears the hours away!  
Languidly the autumn wind stirs the green wood leaves:  
From the fields the reapers sing, binding up the sheaves.  
And a proverb haunts my mind, as a spell is cast —  
"The mill will never grind with the water that has passed."

Work while yet the daylight shines, man of strength and will;  
Never does the streamlet glide useless by the mill.  
Wait not till tomorrow's sun beams upon the way;  
All that thou canst call thy own lies in thy today.  
Power, intellect, and health may not, can not last;  
"The mill will never grind with the water that has passed."

Oh, the wasted hours of life that have drifted by!  
Oh, the good we might have done, lost without a sigh!  
Love that we might once have saved by a single word;  
Thoughts conceived, but never pen'd perishing unheard.  
Take the proverb to thine heart, take! Oh, hold it fast!  
"The mill will never grind with the water that is passed."

## The Southern Field

### Operating Under Difficulties

No doubt many of our readers will be interested to learn of some of the difficulties under which we are operating here at Collegedale. I shall not attempt to mention them all lest you conclude that I am pessimistic.

One of our chief troubles is to get a comfortable place for the boys to live. The most embarrassing question I have to answer when a new boy comes is, "Where am I going to room?" I answer it by saying, "I do not know for sure, but you may sleep here or there, (wherever I have a place vacant), until you get acquainted, and then we can both tell better where you will want to room." I employ this method to relieve the embarrassment until he is here for a few days, and then he is so touched by the spirit of sacrifice which surrounds him on every hand that he is willing and glad to put up with anything that is best for all concerned.

It was a touching scene last winter as I would visit the different little shacks and tents during the study periods, and find two, three, and four boys hovering around a little wood stove preparing their lessons for the next day. The boys dormitory, merely a shack, furnished shelter for twelve boys besides leaving us an assembly room. The only heat in this building for these twelve boys was furnished by a little three dollar sheet iron stove. On cold, wintry nights, as thirty of us gathered in there for worship, we realized what it meant to operate under difficulties. But the spirit of the Master came in on such occasions and we rejoiced that we could have a part in starting such an institution as this. This difficulty will be largely removed if money can be raised this summer to complete the girls' dormitory, as that will give us, in addition to our present quarters for boys, the large building used for a girls' dormitory this year.

I suppose I should mention our class rooms, as we did encounter a few difficulties in the holding of classes this year.

Our four main class rooms were on the second floor of the old commissary building. The rooms were separated by rough board partitions with cracks so large that you could see what was going on in the next room, and, of course, hear voices as plainly as if all were in the same room. We soon became accustomed to this, however, and our worst difficulty was in keeping warm when cold weather came. By wearing our overcoats and having a stove in each room we succeeded in getting through all right. We are hoping and praying that money will come in this summer so that we will not have to repeat this experience next year.

Now I will leave out the minor difficulties which are common in the starting of an institution of this kind, and a percentage of which are good for us any way, and speak of one which has confronted us and is still confronting us in a very material way.

We have eighteen milch cows in our dairy department, most of which are Jerseys, but we are greatly handicapped by not having a place to keep them. We have been keeping them in sort of a shed-barn which leaks and on the whole is very unsanitary. You see, this is the point; if we had a good dairy barn in connection with a couple of good silos we could grow and take care of all our own feed and in that way furnish students with milk at a very low rate. Under the present conditions, we are forced to buy quite a portion of our milk feed. Consequently we have to charge more for our milk. On the other hand, I do not think it is quite right for us to ask our students to use milk handled under the present conditions. The danger is too great. A good sanitary dairy, large enough for twenty-five cows can be built in this country for, or in the neighborhood of, one thousand dollars. Since we have nine nice young heifers coming on, it would not be advisable to build a smaller barn.

We are hoping that some one will be glad to make this investment and that soon we can have a model dairy.

J. S. MARSHALL.

## Southern Junior College

### News, Notes from Collegedale

Arthur Williams, of Graysville, spent a day or two visiting with Professor Atteberry and family at the Southern Junior College.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williams, of Miami, Fla., visited relatives at the Southern Junior College the latter part of last week. Brother Williams occupied the church services last Sabbath and gave a very stirring talk on the "Reasons why I believed that the end of the world is near."

Mrs. A. J. Haysmer left last Monday to visit friends in Michigan. She has been staying at Professor Atteberry's a few days.

Thirty of the students were vaccinated with the typhoid serum last Sunday evening. Doctor Webb of Ooltewah had charge of this work. This is taken simply as a means of prevention.

Through the generosity of the Jacksonville church, the school has become the possessor of a fine bell. It is mounted on top of the girls dormitory and is a great aid in the work of the school. The distance between the cottages on the farm has caused more or less irregularity which is greatly corrected by the bell.

Mr. J. M. Swofford, of Huntsville, visited his son, Duffie, at the Southern Junior College Thursday. He is on his way to the South Carolina camp-meeting.

Miss Dora Giles and her brother, Clarence, are recent arrivals at the school.

Miss Amy Coble, of Chattanooga, and Mrs. George Coble, of Graysville, visited at the Southern Junior College several days this week. Mr. Zader Coble accompanied them back to Graysville where he will work the rest of the summer.

Three of our boys were drawn for the first call of the army the United States is now raising by draft. Mr. J. L. Cooper, Mr. A. B. Chinnis, and J. C. Holland are the three. Mr. Holland is canvassing at present in Hartselle, Ala.

Miss Adeline McNet and Miss Spaulding visited friends at the Southern Junior College Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Curtis, of Nashville, spent Sabbath and Sunday at the College. Mr. Curtis gave us an encouraging report of the work as it is going in the field at the Friday evening vesper service.

### A Frenchman's Dream about the Germans

Upon returning from a camp-meeting tour, Brother J. L. McConaughy, circulation manager of *The Watchman Magazine*, related to our Publishing House employees an experience which the veteran circulation manager of the denomination, Brother D. W. Reavis, had while he was attending a camp-meeting in one of the great farming states of the Northwest. This experience is so interesting and suggestive that we feel it is worth passing on to the readers of the WORKER. Briefly told the story runs as follows:

"A prosperous French farmer who was attending this camp-meeting, called Brother Reavis aside one day and said he wanted to have a talk with him. They therefore repaired to a secluded spot and our Brother Frenchman told of a dream he had had which impressed him so much that he could not keep it out of his mind.

"He said he dreamed he lived in a city which had a large German population, and near the city was a dense forest. While entering through this forest one day he came upon a German a Frenchman fighting. As he started to interfere, he was

informed there was an uprising among the Germans and for him to flee for his life. As he turned and ran he was closely followed. After having several narrow escapes, as are often experienced in dreams but which we will not take time to relate here, he found himself in the crevice of some large rocks and began praying for the Lord to protect him. As he prayed an angel appeared and handed him a sack of fire-arms and told him to return to the city, and if attacked, to protect himself and shoot down his enemies. He replied that he did not believe in killing people, but the angel told him to do as he was instructed. He accordingly swung the sack over his shoulder and started toward the city.

"He had gone but a few paces, however, when he was confronted by a company of German soldiers with their bayonets drawn. He turned to run, and lo, there was another company behind him. He then looked to the right and saw a company there, and the same at the left. Finding himself entirely surrounded, he decided to shoot as the angel had instructed him. He therefore put his hand in the sack and drew out a pistol. Not wishing to see anyone killed he closed his eyes, and turning his head the other way he started to pull the trigger. Just then some one snatched the pistol out of his hand. He at once pulled another one from his sack, but with the same result. He continued this until every fire-arm was gone and the sack empty. During all of this time he had kept his eyes closed. As he opened them, he saw that the Germans were sitting around on the ground, each reading a book into which his fire-arms had been transformed. This was his dream.

"Brother Reavis asked him if there were any Germans around his home and he replied that there were many. It did not take Brother Reavis very long to tell this brother that he believed the Lord wanted him to sell some of our books. The man stated that he had never sold books in his life, and that he could not do it. But Brother Reavis insisted that he felt sure that was the interpretation of the dream.

"The next day there was a special literature sale at one of the meetings. One of the brethren asked how many would take 500 copies of "The World War." Brother Reavis jumped to his feet in an instant and said he believed he knew of at least one man in the congregation who would take a thousand. It was not long until this French farmer raised his hand. He not only purchased the thousand "World War," but also a liberal supply of a number of other books, and paid the cash for all of them. He loaded these into his automobile as he started home, and three weeks afterward wrote to Brother Reavis that he had sold all of these books and had ordered another supply. He stated in his letter that some of the people fairly 'snatched' the books out of his hands, and that now he understood why the Lord had impressed that dream upon his mind so strongly."

According to the latest reports, the Review and Herald, the Pacific Press, and the Southern Publishing Association have already printed 518,000 copies of "The World War,"—over a half million. However, the best part of it is that these books and others of the "Crisis" series are being sold very largely by those who have had no experience in the canvassing work and who have thought that they could not sell our literature. It is the work of the colporteur to sell the large books, leaving the smaller publications to be handled by the lay members of our churches who are to "rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers" for the finishing of "the work of God in this earth."

Some feel that the experience of this French farmer is but a fulfilment of Joel's prophecy,—"Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions;" but be that as it may, is it not time that many of us were getting a new vision of this work? Is not this experience and the one of the Arkansas colporteur who secured \$853.95 worth of orders in one week, an object lesson by which God designs to give his people a clearer

vision of the possibilities before them when they humble themselves under his mighty hand and permit his Spirit to work through them in a special way. Let us not forget that often—

"God moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform."

And when the Lord calls may we recognize his voice, and be able to say, as did Paul, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

R. I. PIERCE.

## Kentucky Conference

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### News Items

Monday, July 16, I left Richmond for Ford, where I spent three days, but held only two meetings as one night it rained hard. At the close of the last meeting we had a good testimony service. All signed the "Win One" pledge. Brother John L. Vermillion decided to enter the canvassing work to earn a scholarship. He planned to start by Monday, July 23, which would give him eight weeks in which to get it. Brother Hatton Ford also expected to go back into the field at that time. Brother C. W. Vermillion and Brother Coleman Kindred are seriously considering taking up the canvassing work again soon. Sister Pearl Vermillion will accept a church school.

Brother Hatton Ford is planning for his family to go to camp-meeting and he hopes to go. Brother C. W. Vermillion also expects to attend. Several others want to and are considering plans for doing so.

Those who were not taking the WORKER agreed to take it on the five cent a month plan. Eight more "Christ's Object Lessons" were ordered. The church expects to go to work with the Present Truth Series.

From Ford I went to Brassfield where I stopped for a short time to see Sister Nellie Evans. She subscribed for the Review and the WORKER. From this place, Brother R. W. Harris took me in his buggy to Panola where we stopped to see Sister Mary Kindred and her family, and then Brother Harris, his son Kenneth, and I, started on a walk of about seven miles to Locust Branch. Brother Harris had his horse along and we took turns riding it. I felt very thankful to Brother Harris for his help in getting to the Locust Branch church. I saw every member of the above mentioned churches.

We spent from Thursday till Sunday morning at Locust Branch. We had good meetings, with some outside interest, though the rain kept others away. Sabbath, after a talk on "Individual Responsibility," all present signed the "Win One" pledge and a supply of *Present Truth* was ordered.

Brother Alex Perry is ready to go canvassing again and is only waiting for Brother Hickman to go with him.

Elder O. A. Dow stopped at this place on his way to Polleyton and baptized seven children of the believers.

We believe these meetings were a real help to these churches. As there were some things in Louisville that were demanding my attention, I returned after holding a service at Panola in Sister Mary Kindred's home, Sunday night.

R. I. KEATE.

Home Missionary secretaries, and isolated members: If your Home Missionary report has not been sent in yet, please sent it in without delay.

We are expecting this camp-meeting to be the best we have ever had. There will be no business connected with it and we will have a lot of good help. Brethren and sisters, you need this meeting, so do not fail to attend.

How is this for an individual missionary report for the quarter?

Papers sold — 100; papers given away — 3,000; books lent or given away — 105; tracts lent or given away — 25.

Brother J. W. Ratliff, of Ashland, sent it in.

I left Covington June 14, in company with Brother John Thompson. My wife is in charge of the Covington church work. She reports that one lady has taken her position for the commandments, while others are interested.

We went to the Locust Branch Church and after spending Sabbath, baptized seven young people. We then went to Polleyton in Whitley County, but finding very adverse conditions, we have answered a call from Garfield, Ky., and will pitch a tent there. At Polleyton we left one, Sister Latt Jones, keeping the Sabbath. However her husband seemed deeply stirred the morning we left, and we hope to see both of them in the Message. Pray for us as we work in these difficult fields.

O. A. Dow.

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### Laurel

After holding a series of meetings here in Laurel we erected the tent at Tucker, just outside of Laurel, and have been holding the attention of the country people for a radius of several miles. The interest has been good from the first and the large tent is filled every night. The same ones are attending regularly. Last Sunday we held an all day meeting, with dinner on the ground. It seemed just like a camp-meeting. Our friends and brethren from Laurel came out also, and four preaching services were held, giving the people an opportunity to ask questions etc. That night sixteen raised their hands desiring to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. From the family connections of these sixteen we expect more to come in, and there are others on the point of deciding for the truth.

We have supplied one young man with a prospectus for "Bible Readings," and another one will take "Daniel and Revelation" and there are others we are working with to get them out in the work as soon as they are ready.

We are surely living in the time of the latter rain, when the Lord will do a quick work on the earth. I am making an effort to get every one that comes into the truth, to work for the Lord, for this is what is needed to keep them alive.

We ask the prayers of all the praying people, that God will bless and help us here, that many souls will be born into the kingdom.

R. E. BURKE.

### Notice

All parties sending articles to the WORKER should send them to the Southern Union office and the same will be forwarded. Complying with this will save delay, as matter addressed direct to the WORKER is sent to this office before being printed.

We expect Elder I. H. Evans and Elder Andross at the camp-meeting. Do not fail to be there.

### An Encouraging Report from Laurel

Although I was not permitted to be in school last winter, and those who finished at Hazel with me are one year ahead of me, I feel well paid. Sister Burke has now sent for the tenth Reading Course certificate for me. It has been worth one year in school to me, to read these books. I have framed my certificates, and prize them very highly. I was showing them to a friend, who is acquainted with the truth, but who has been holding back on account of smoking. He could not see that it did him any harm. He wanted to read the books, so Brother Burke kindly loaned him some. "Great Controversy" was the first one he read. He read it in less than a week. When he brought it home he said, "I tell you that is a fine book, and it has just about converted me on the smoking business." I said, "Good, I hope it has." He loves the truth, and I am praying the Lord will help him to give up smoking. These books are not only good for our young people, but those of the world as well. Some of the new Sabbath-keepers here are reading them.

Our work here is very encouraging. One lady who has been studying with me since last winter, has stepped out firmly for the Sabbath. Her husband opposed her at first, and was very cool toward me, but he has now changed and lets her go to Sabbath school. She talks the truth to all her neighbors. They tell her she will go crazy if she doesn't quit studying the Bible, but she tells them if she goes crazy by reading her Bible she will go crazy doing what the Lord told her to do.

It is so strange people are afraid of life itself. The devil rejoices over such remarks as: "O, I am afraid to study the Bible for fear I will go crazy." Poor souls. May the Lord lead them to realize with David that it is a lamp to give light to their dark path of sin.

Another lady who has been having great trials in her home, because she keeps the Sabbath, told her husband his opposition would do no good, for she was going to keep the Sabbath as long as she lived, and the only way he could stop her would be to take her life. She told that when she first heard the truth, she would get up at night to pray for the Lord to show her the right way. She was sewing on Friday afternoon when the Holy Spirit said to her, "Do up your work and keep God's Sabbath." She obeyed. She has always been a Christian, and she said if the Sabbath was not right it would not have been impressed upon her the way it was. She, with about fifteen others, plans to spend Sunday in the country where Brother Burke is holding the effort.

The end is near. We must be faithful in the discharge of the God-given duty of carrying this last warning message to the world. One lady said to me, "It was the firmness with which you told the truth to me that impressed me to accept it. You told it as though you believed it, and had no doubt about it." We must have it a part of us. Live it, act it, talk it, pray for it to go to those who know it not.

LILLIE HARP.

### To the Missionary Volunteers

Last year we reached our goal, and you will be glad to know that we have reached it for this year with the exception of one point, and we still have five months to gain that.

About thirty-four Reading Course certificates have been issued and three of us have read the full course. We have four Standard of Attainment certificates, and several more are studying for the fall examination. I hope all who have signed the Bible Year pledge will fulfill their promise and be able to send in their names at the close of the year, and receive a blessing for studying the Word of God.

After having given this work all the attention I could through correspondence for the past two and one-half years, I am resigning, and W. H. Denton will take my place.

I wish all of you every success in the Lord's work.

MRS. R. E. BURKE.

## Tennessee River Conference

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### Sabbath Schools Set New Mark

Perhaps a few words with reference to the progress made by the Sabbath Schools of this conference during the last quarter would be of interest to each member. Nearly all our secretaries were very prompt in sending in their reports this time, but not all, and thus the report mailed out to the superintendents was incomplete. All reports are now in however, and once more we have reason for rejoicing, as the past quarter has been one of progress in all features of this branch of the work. While we have been unable to make personal visits to learn the condition of each school, yet the reports clearly indicate that the increased activity of the last few months has resulted in a larger membership, a higher average attendance, and a large increase in mission offerings. Our Sabbath school membership now stands at 1026, with an average attendance of 804 or about 80 per cent. \$1003.76 was given in offerings during the quarter, which was \$64.81 above the record breaking mark of the preceding one. This is more than \$300 above what was given during the corresponding period of last year.

We believe that this progress is due, not so much to human effort as to the fact that the Lord is working mightily upon the hearts of his people, causing them to be willing in this time of need and opportunity. We also believe that we are yet to experience still greater blessings through the agency of the Sabbath school, as we have just begun to realize its great possibilities. Rightly conducted it is a weekly spiritual banquet, a school of training for Christian service, and an answer to the appeals from Macedonia. Think what a factor the Sabbath school is toward the finishing of the work of the Lord, and there is ample room and opportunity for every person to have some part in it.

We trust none will weary in well doing, but rather, by renewing our efforts, press onward to higher ground.

MRS. I. C. POUND, Sabbath School Secretary.

### Memphis

July 14 was indeed a day of refreshing to the Memphis church. We had looked forward to this Sabbath, which had been set apart for fasting and prayer and were expecting a great blessing.

Our heavenly Father heard the many earnest petitions which had been offered for days and even weeks for loved ones or for interested persons. Then too, some were struggling to get the victory over some special weakness. The Holy Spirit came very near and watered our hearts. Eight dear souls expressed a desire to affiliate with the people of God, and more than sixty young people and older ones, who wished to reconsecrate their hearts to the Lord, came forward.

We were glad to have with us Eld. W. R. Elliott who spoke in the afternoon.

One interesting feature of our work is the Sabbath school where nearly all of our mission funds are raised. Having received \$240 this second quarter we have reached our quota for the first six months. We have a good live school, working for the conversion of souls. Our superintendent, Sr. D. P. Wood, has been reelected for another six months, while Bro. Parrott is superintendent of the Primary department.

The tithe is increasing gradually, the gain for six months being \$500 over the same period of last year.

There is a good interest in the city and a number of people are keeping the Sabbath. We hope that our brethren and sisters will remember us in prayer.

BEULAH COTHREN.

### Obituary

GENTRY:—Little Wilbur Roy Gentry, two-year-old son of Brother and Sister W. M. Gentry of Leach, Tenn., fell asleep in Jesus, June 29, 1917. Being a very affectionate child, he was loved by both relative and friends. A father, mother, and brother mourn his loss. We trust the hope of seeing him again in the first resurrection will be a strength and comfort to all, causing a closer walk with God.

JESSIE ROSEL.

## Louisiana Conference

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### A Visit to Hobart

It was my privilege to visit the Hobart church and hold a few meetings with them July 18 to 22. The elder, Brother L. B. Spear, and I visited some who have not been regular in their attendance for some time. The old story was again made apparent that absenting themselves from meeting with their brethren soon becomes a fixed habit.

Those who attend church are alive to the situation in the world, and believe that it is an opportunity for them to help spread the message, and thus finish the work and bring the coming of our blessed Lord. They expressed themselves as being of good courage.

A business meeting was held on Sunday, and steps were taken to strengthen the church even though some should have to be dropped. It was clearly settled that the church had not carried out Matt. 18:15-18, and they would not drop any till they had met the requirements as laid down in God's word.

The officers are doing faithful work, and endeavoring to bring up the work along all lines, and especially on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. They have the cooperation of the church. Brother Spear has the confidence of his brethren and sisters and is working hard to build up the church.

At our last meeting Sunday evening, the church was full. There was a goodly number from the outside who gave close attention to the word spoken.

C. N. Sanders.

### The Value of a Good Name

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold." Prov. 22:1.

The human race, generally, is very ambitious for notoriety. The savage wishes to have a name of great cunning, daring, fierceness, bravery, etc. This desire seems to enter more or less into those of greater civilization. Some people covet the name of a great financier, statesman, general, doctor, author, or educator. This seems to be well, for they are needed. The fame of the world's great ones is spoken of from the platform and pulpit, is read of from books and papers, and is sung about in beautiful lays, until the world has almost decided that a *great* name is the one principal goal to be reached. Our Father, looking down upon the pride and ambition of man, does not say that a *great*

name is to be desired, (1 Cor. 1:26) but, "A *good* name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

I was very much impressed recently with the importance of a good name, while I was delivering the orders which Brother A. B. Cheek took before his death. I would tell the people that Mr. Cheek who took the order had died, and I was sent to deliver the book. Nearly all of the people would express their regret that he had not lived to meet them again. Almost invariably they would tell how they enjoyed his explanation of the book, and how they liked to hear him talk of Bible truths. Even the poor negroes would say, "I believe he was a good man." Men with whom he spent the night, spoke of the good Bible lessons which they had studied together, and how they longed for him to deliver the book so that they might get him to stay with them over night again, and explain the Scriptures for them.

From almost all classes I would hear these words, "Well, I believe the old gentleman was a Christian." After I had heard these good words spoken in commendation of the departed brother, and had seen the wistful looks on the faces of the people who longed to meet the godly colporteur again, I remarked to the auto driver, who was helping me, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." This driver is a wicked man, but he said that he wanted to sell our books.

I can now more fully see why the Lord calls canvassing for our good books, "missionary work of the highest order," and why he has "ordained the canvassing work" as a means of reaching the people with this closing message. I can see more plainly than ever that we should "be as careful in selecting men for the canvassing work as for the ministry." Surely, it should be done "from a missionary standpoint." The people long remember the godly "book agent," and they see the book much as they remember how he did. They become anxious to read the truths which caused his life to shine out in love and hope to them.

We are experiencing a severe drought in most of our field in Louisiana, but we have men in this work who are seeking the good name, rather than silver and gold, so they are manfully braving the difficulties. They speak of the distress, and perplexity among the people, but tell how the dear people seem to be moved by the message presented in the good books, until, even in the face of drying crops, they will give the order. I wish to quote a few words from one of our faithful workers, which is a fair sample of others, to let you see how they meet difficulties in the faith and love of the Master worker:

"I thank God for the report I am able to hand in, for I presume that you also realize that the great drought is becoming quite serious. Crops are burning up. . . . Farmers are cutting down their corn, as it is past making. (July 8, 1917.) . . . People are certainly distressed to see these perplexities coming upon them. . . . I shall go forth, trusting that God will soon answer our prayers (for rain), for he is always merciful to them that fear him."

He reports 45 hours, 33 orders, \$122.50, Bibles \$24.15.

Although all of our men are meeting conditions like this, their orders generally run in value from \$100 to \$402.50, per week. The weather is so distressingly hot that some of our dear men are sick. Let us earnestly pray for God's blessings on them, for they are God's heroes.

"Moses became great because he used his talents to do the work of God and an increase of talents was given him. He became eloquent, patient, self-reliant, and competent to do the greatest work ever intrusted to mortal man. This is the effect upon character whenever men give themselves to God with the whole soul, and listen to his commandments that they may obey them."—Mrs. E. G. White.

May God help us to choose the "good name" and make Christ our example in service and sacrifice; that we may reign with him.

G. B. BOSWELL.

## Report of the Louisiana Sabbath Schools for Quarter Ending June 30, 1916, and June 30, 1917

		Mem.	Ave.	Total	Off.	13th	Av.	Per
Alexandria	1916	18	16	\$19 83	\$ 2 83	\$ 1 10		
	1917	14	12	16 84	4 65	1 20		
Arcadia	1916	20	17	2 40	60	12		
	1917	Discontinued because of removals.						
Deridder	1916	15	10	7 25	25	58		
	1917	19	17	11 67	2 10	61		
Evangeline	1916	15	7	4 30	1 30	29		
	1917	Discontinued because of removals.						
Hobart	1916	24	19	25 00	3 52	1 04		
	1917	26	23	19 53	5 20	75		
Hammond	1916	26	21	30 31	6 40	1 16		
	1917	21	16	38 33	8 11	1 82		
Hammond No. 2	1916	Recently organized.						
	1917	32	21	4 95	1 25	15		
Lake Charles	1916	34	24	19 31	3 79	57		
	1917	26	18	25 57	11 80	98		
Lena Station	1916	11	8	3 56	1 00	32		
	1917	10	6	2 44	58	24		
Mansfield	1916	21	17	22 87	3 30	1 09		
	1917	11	8	24 70	2 75	2 24		
Natalbany	1916	9	8	76		08		
	1917	Discontinued.						
Natalbany No. 2	1916	10	7	70		07		
	1917	Members attend Hammond No. 2.						
New Orleans	1916	7	65	144 08	36 55	1 97		
	1917	89	71	151 09	31 33	1 81		
New Orleans No. 2	1916	100	70	24 72	4 00	24		
	1917	95	63	50 12	8 81	53		
Newellton No. 2	1916	14	11	1 40		38		
	1917	14	7	5 40	1 00	38		
Ringgold	1916	14	11	5 35	1 40	38		
	1917	15	13	24 67	12 39	1 64		
Shreveport	1916	58	40	50 34	15 67	87		
	1917	35	30	69 15	17 67	1 97		
Shreveport No. 2	1916	34	18	15 11	1 56	44		
	1917	23	23	22 73	4 01	98		
Sugartown	1916	21	17	6 60	1 54	31		
	1917	13	10	7 62	2 03	58		
Welsh	1916	29	17	13 92	1 00	48		
	1917	22	18	31 04	5 49	1 41		
DeQuincy	1917	19	17	7 03	2 89	37		
Home Department	1916	51	51	40 89	7 85	80		
	1917	46	46	31 20	7 75	67		
Total 2nd quarter	1916	597	454	\$438 70	\$92 40	\$ 74		
	1917	557	441	552 78	130 79	99		

Loss in Membership . 40

Gain in offerings . . . \$119 08 \$38 39 \$ 25

Gain in offerings over first quarter of 1917, \$17.41.

One new school has been added to the family of Sabbath schools in our conference. As a result of Elder Frank's work at DeQuincy, a school of nineteen members was organized during the quarter. At the close of the quarter a good report was received from this school. The secretary writes, "We are getting along very nicely with our newly organized classes." The loss in membership is due to the fact that a large number of our constituency have moved to other parts. While from our view-point this might seem unfortunate, we trust that our loss has been gain to those parts of the vineyard to which they have gone.

Schools and isolated ones, in view of the nearness of the end and the solemn times in which we are living, shall we not endeavor to make the third quarter of 1917, the banner

quarter, not only in gifts to missions, but every branch of the Sabbath school work. Only a little more sacrificing and the work will be finished, and we will be privileged to enjoy the fruit of our toil.

EMMA L. MORROW, Secretary.

## Alabama Conference

### Conference Directory

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### News Items

Sister Beulah Fogg, of Elkmont, is enthusiastically engaged in handling "World War." She ordered a dozen copies and, writing about her experience in selling them says, "I sold the books in a few moments at a Fourth of July celebration. Please mail another dozen by return mail." We have yet to learn of a single instance where a person has failed in selling these small twenty-five-cent books.

Sister E. F. Dickey, of St. Stephens, highly appreciates both the *Signs Weekly* and the *Signs Magazine* and asks that her name be placed on the mailing list for another year. At the same time she orders several of the new twenty-five-cent books.

The time for camp-meeting is drawing near. We trust that all are not only praying for this meeting, but are planning to come. The time and place is Sept. 20-30. Birmingham, Ala. We are expecting the very best of help this year. Eld. I. H. Evans, president of the North American Division Conference, and Eld. E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference are expecting to be with us. Plan to come.

Brother J. R. Varner, of Thomaston, enjoys selling *The Watchman* and recently ordered 20 copies to be sent to his address immediately.

Sister Caroline Barnwell, of Flomation, sends her testimony for Sabbath July 14, stating: "I thank God that he has spared me so that I can work for him. I am still of good courage and desire and ask an interest in your prayers, that I may continue in God's work and prove faithful unto the end. My prayer now is that I may be able to meet with you at the camp-meeting at Birmingham."

Brother J. A. Williams, writing from Albany, gives a good report of the Decatur church also of some interesting experiences he has had with the Present Truth Series. He states that they have had no difficulty in disposing of their "Christ's Object Lessons" and *The Watchman* for the school.

We are glad to report that Brother Bracy will now be enabled to put in more time in the field, inasmuch as his wife is recovering from her recent illness. He says he is of good courage and enjoying many rich experiences.

Accompanying a remittance of tithe and Sabbath school offerings from the members in Citronelle, a notice is received that the Sabbath school has again been started at that place, with about 18 members including the children, with a splendid prospect for growth. Brother Gardiner is superintendent, Brother C. R. Waldron, assistant, and Miss Etna Gardiner, secretary.

"A great deal of pain can be saved others if you dispense a little kindness, which costs you nothing."

"The wise man gives and forgives; the fool gets and forgets."

## Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending July 21, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
T R Battle . . . . .BF	38	22	\$50 70	\$12 50	\$63 20	\$
U Bracy . . . . .BF	37	3	5 50	6 35	11 95	22 50
G W Brown . . . . .BR	24	1	3 50	7 50	11 00	4 70
A Clark . . . . .USP	60	47	109 00	1 00	110 00	12 00
R J Cook . . . . .BF	32	1	1 50	7 40	8 90	3 50
H L Edwards . . . . .BR	36	17	59 00		59 00	10 00
R L Etheredge . . . . .BF	5	5	9 50		9 50	
J E Foley . . . . .BR	33	4	18 00		18 00	
J C Holland . . . . .BR	41	13	47 50	3 25	50 75	4 50
G W Powers . . . . .BF	7	6	9 00		9 00	5 00
F M Reiber . . . . .BR	53	9	35 50	35	35 85	67 50
Q Tew . . . . .HM	26	9	27 50		27 50	
N H Waters . . . . .BR	39	17	61 50	2 40	63 90	
T M Woodruff . . . . .BR	15	6	14 00		14 00	
Bibles . . . . .			9 75		9 75	5 90

Totals (Agts. 14) 446 160 \$461 45 \$40 75 \$502 20 \$135 60

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Arthur Owens D&R	40		\$	\$ 1 25	\$	\$171 25
C B Sherer . . . . .BR	40			15 25		172 75
I E Bradley . . . . .BF	22	32	30 50	10 30	40 80	
Lee Page . . . . .BR	12	8	28 00		28 00	
Jesse Miller . . . . .D&R	45	12	46 00	10 50	56 50	2 25
R J Hyatt . . . . .BF		14	21 50	4 95	26 45	29 10
J H Clark . . . . .BF	53	76	215 50		215 50	
Felia Pierce . . . . .BR	44	33	121 50		121 50	
F L Harrison . . . . .BR	44	19	68 00	12 75	80 75	10 00
Lindsey Cooper CK	5	4	8 00		8 00	
W H White . . . . .BR	20			3 25		99 00

Totals (Agts. 11) 325 198 \$539 00 \$58 25 \$577 50 \$484 35

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
J B Hardy . . . . .BR	23	27	\$107 50	\$ 75	\$108 25	\$
R R Coble . . . . .BR	34	24	97 00		97 00	16 00
F W Schmehl . . . . .BR	38	23	90 50		90 50	
G B Boswell* . . . . .BR	8					44 50
Bibles . . . . .			23 15		23 15	7 70

Totals (Agts. 4) 103 74 \$318 15 \$ 75 \$318 90 \$68 20

## MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Drue Bowen . . . . .BR	37	28	\$114 00	\$ 6 85	\$120 85	\$
Emily Billups PG, HM	41	7	28 50	1 50	30 00	5 00
Henry Balsbaugh BR	15	2	6 00	3 00	9 00	48 00
Annie Finley . . . . .PPF	40	28	71 50	1 75	73 25	
Perthia Hampton BF	22	20	61 00	6 25	67 25	
A L Hamm . . . . .D&R	8	6	25 00	4 25	29 25	
Lou J McElroy D&R	41	5	27 50	1 45	28 95	12 25
Beauford Staton WW	40			17 50	17 50	
E A Taylor . . . . .BR	30	4	15 00	2 75	17 75	53 00
Annie B Watts . . . . .PPF	47	31	82 00	2 80	84 80	
J L Waller . . . . .D&R	54	32	113 00	2 30	115 30	

Totals (Agts. 11) 375 163 \$543 50 \$50 40 \$593 90 \$118 25

## TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Joseph E Dye . . . . .MH	5	1	\$ 3 00	\$	\$ 3 00	\$
R H Hazelton . . . . .BR	36	12	47 00	75	47 75	1 35
M Hixson . . . . .BR	6	1	3 50	4 50	8 00	3 00
R Y Howard . . . . .BR	35	12	42 00		42 00	26 25
W J Keele . . . . .D&R	23	7	33 50	4 50	38 00	66 50
H G Miller . . . . .CK	32	10	15 00	2 00	17 00	37 25
Mollie Miller . . . . .	4	2		1 50	1 50	1 50
Cleve Smith . . . . .D&R	40	8	32 00	3 50	35 50	
Gladys Lambert . . . . .	34			46 25	46 25	
Virginia Reed . . . . .	34			63 00	63 00	
Bibles . . . . .			21 88		21 88	9 25

Totals (Agts. 10) 249 53 \$197 88 \$126 00 \$323 88 \$145 10

G'd Totals (A. 50) 1498 648 \$2038 10 \$276 15 \$2294 50 \$942 25

## Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	8989	\$11905 40	\$ 588 55	\$12493 65
Kentucky Conference . .	8827	14411 50	742 51	15126 29
Louisiana Conference . .	4067	9953 70	70 10	10023 80
Mississippi Conference .	8822	23191 25	1295 77	24487 02
Tenn. River Conference	6738	8470 55	1268 70	9739 25

Totals . . . . . 37443 \$67932 40 \$3965 63 \$71869 98

## Another "Signs" Story

"Good morning." The young man who entered the office was well dressed and seemed pleased to have reached the place. He had come from Kansas City, Kan., and at once inquired if we had the *Signs of the Times Magazine*. At the same time he took from his pocket a little slip on which he had written "Christian Science" pamphlet and "Thoughts on Revelation" — publications he wished to get.

We surmised that in some way he had come in touch with our literature, made his acquaintance, and were glad to hear the little story he told of how his interest was aroused.

"About two years ago," he said, "I bought a copy of the *Signs of the Times Magazine* from a girl in Kansas City, Kan., who was working for a scholarship. I took it to my room and threw it up on a shelf. After about a year I took it down one day and found that it pictured exactly the things that were taking place, and I got interested.

"After I had read that copy I sent it to my mother and did not keep the address. I kept watching for a chance to get another copy, and one day it happened that a copy of the weekly

*Signs* came through the mail to a man who lived at this same place before, but had left. I got that paper and read it, and soon after had a chance to buy another copy of the magazine on the street." From this he learned the address of the branch office of the Pacific Press Publishing Association in Kansas City, Mo., and had made one trip over before.

On this last trip he purchased the two pamphlets mentioned, a copy of the last *Signs Magazine* and "World War," and told us quite enthusiastically he was planning to take all this literature with him to his people, whom he expects to visit in another State soon.

It is truly an inspiration to meet people who have thus become interested in the truth, and to note the eagerness with which they are planning to tell it to others. Surely these things should influence our people in a time like this to scatter the seeds of truth as never before.

J. R. FERREN.

Kansas City, Mo.

\* Orders taken by A. B. Cheek.



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### Camp-Meeting Dates

Kentucky, Louisville .....Sept. 6-16  
Tennessee, Nashville .....Sept. 13-23  
Alabama, Birmingham .....Sept. 20-30  
Mississippi, Jackson .....Sept. 27-Oct. 7

### News Items

Sunday, July 22, Elder S. E. Wight left the Ontario camp-meeting which was held in Toronto, for Washington, D. C. where he was called to a special meeting of the North American Division Conference Committee.

The book sales in this union to date equal the total sales for last year, so all the sales from this on will be a clear gain over last year.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Curtis left Huntsville, Ala. Friday the twentieth for Ooltewah, where they spent Sabbath, returning to Nashville Sunday morning. Mr. Curtis reports excellent progress at Collegedale. The crops are good, and the new dormitory presents quite a commanding appearance as it nears completion. There are one hundred busy people at the school farm this summer.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood is now in College View, Neb., attending the Y. P. M. V. and Normal Council which will hold till August 8.

The August 16 issue of this paper will be a Young People's Missionary Volunteer Special.

### 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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### 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."

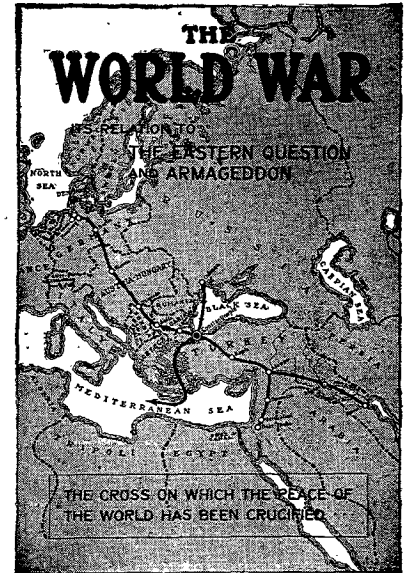
This map illustrates "the cross on which the peace of the world has been crucified." This is explained in the book. These questions are presented in the light of Bible prophecies, which are made very clear, and it takes away that feeling of uncertainty which is the cause of so much anxiety to many.

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.

### Protetantism Without a Protest

Do popular church lectures, special paid music, bazaars, dinners, and other forms of entertainment constitute Protestantism? Why do men prefer the Sunday paper, the club, and the recreation park to a pew in church? Why have some churches closed their doors? It is because there is no longer any protest in Protestantism. Professor Price means all he says in his August contribution to the *Signs Magazine*. True, it will make some wince, but honest people will say, "He is right." But it won't do any good in your neighborhood unless it is circulated.



"Trouble is the easiest thing to find; don't look for it."