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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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## God Knows Best

"Whichever way the wind doth blow,  
Some heart is glad to have it so;  
Then blow it east or blow it west,  
The wind that blows, that wind is best.

"My little craft sails not alone;  
A thousand fleets from every zone  
Are out upon a thousand seas;  
What blows for one a favoring breeze  
Might dash another, with the shock  
Of doom, upon some hidden rock.  
And so I do not dare to pray  
For winds to waft me on my way,  
But leave it to a higher will  
To stay or speed me, trusting still  
That all is well, and sure that He  
Who launched my bark will sail with me  
Through storm and calm, and will not fail,  
Whatever breezes may prevail,  
To land me, every peril past,  
Within his sheltering port at last.

"Then, whatsoever wind doth blow,  
My heart is glad to have it so;  
And blow it east or blow it west,  
The wind that blows, that wind is best."

## A Time of Fasting and Prayer

September 1 and 2 have been set apart as days of fasting and prayer by the North American Division, and inasmuch as the Southern Union is in the Division, this call comes to every individual in this conference the same as in every other conference in North America.

It requires no argument to prove to loyal Seventh-day Adventists that we need at this time to enter heartily into a service of this character. Surely we are in the time of the end, and while we have been for some years, yet we have not until now felt the pressure of the day of trouble; the day when faces will gather paleness at the prospect of the future, but when those who understand the signs of the times may with all seriousness have peace and heart-felt thanks continually. The only way that the people of God will ever reach the goal is by consecration and deep-felt prayer to their heavenly Father for strength, and this opportunity should be eagerly grasped by every individual.

The success of these days of prayer will depend upon the faithfulness of each individual. This request if strictly followed will bring a blessing to the individual and a blessing to the world, and will more than likely hasten the coming of the Lord.

S. E. WIGHT.

## Universal Training and Service

In the closing days of the great struggle between the forces of good and evil — a very definite call to arms is to be expected. This will be true on the part of both generals. Universal training — universal service is the word. Have you heard the command of our great leader: "Come into line"? "Let the gospel message ring through our churches summoning them to universal action." Vol. VII, page 14.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Matt. 28: 19.  
"The Saviour's commission to the disciples included all the believers. It includes all believers in Christ to the end of time. It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of saving souls depends alone on the ordained minister. All to whom the heavenly inspiration has come, are put in trust with the gospel. All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow-men. For this work the church was established, and all who take upon themselves its sacred vows are thereby to be co-workers with Christ." "Desire of Ages," page 822.

"The church of Christ has been organized on earth for missionary purposes, and it is of the highest importance that every individual member of the church should be a sincere laborer together with God, filled with the Spirit, having the mind of Christ, perfected in sympathy with Christ, and therefore bending every energy, according to his entrusted ability, to the saving of souls. Christ requires that every one who would be called by his name, should make his work the first and highest consideration, and disinterestedly cooperate with heavenly intelligences in saving the perishing, for whom Christ has died." "An Appeal," page 28.

This responsibility is so clearly stated that it needs no comment. "In this closing work of the gospel there is a vast field to be occupied, and, more than ever before, the work is to enlist helpers from the common people." "Education," page 269.

We feel very gratified indeed for what has been accomplished during the past few years in the direction of training and enlisting the laity, but we feel that very much more must be done, and that right early.

This call to universal service is a call to consecration and this will lead to personal effective service.

"Consecrate yourselves wholly to the work of God. He is your strength, and he will be at your right hand, helping you to carry on his merciful designs. By personal labor reach those around you. Become acquainted with them. Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done. Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit. This work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you can do. To do it, you will need resolute, persevering faith, unwearied patience, and a deep love for souls." Vol. IX, page 41.

We must not stand idly by waiting for some great work. Take hold right where you are. Get acquainted with your neigh-

bors. Strive to win them by your practical sympathy. Let no one underestimate the value of little things in the work of winning souls. We call upon you, my brother, my sister, young or old, to enter his service and become a real soul winner for God.

F. W. PAAP.

### Some Ways in Which Tracts are Being Used

Tracts have been the means of saving many souls, not only in this message, but in earlier gospel work. They are still being used for that purpose and many members are having good success with them as the following experiences will show:

"I have received the tracts and must tell you the good they are doing. I gave some of them to one of my neighbors and they sat up till three o'clock in the morning reading them and comparing them with the Bible. I am so glad, and I know you will be happy to hear of this."

"About ten years ago while a woman was waiting at a station, she took a leaflet from a tract rack and read it to pass away the time. She was not a Christian at the time. Not very much was read, but what she read impressed itself upon her mind. In substance it was that the New Testament taught that the seventh day, commonly called Saturday, was the Sabbath; that Christ was crucified on the sixth day and rose the first day and that the Sabbath came between the two and therefore, of necessity, must be the seventh day. She said to herself that it was so, and that if she ever became a Christian she would keep the true Sabbath.

"About three years later sorrow came into her home and as a result she gave her heart to the Lord. She started to keep the Sabbath and has kept it ever since. Within the past six months, seven of her relatives have joined with her in the message."

"The tract, 'The Sabbath of the Bible,' was handed to my husband. I read it and was convinced of the truth. For two years I kept the Sabbath alone. I had been seeking to know God's will more perfectly for some time."

"In one of our small western cities lives a sister who is a semi-invalid, shut in. She has a bright little boy of five years, who said to her a few days ago, 'Mama, why don't we take all the tracts and give them to the neighbors? We know all about the Sabbath and will never forget it.' 'Well, son,' she said, 'I want certain tracts to go to certain people, and it takes some time.' 'Well, you sort the tracts, and tell me the neighbors you wish to have them, and I'll take them to them.'"

"For some weeks I have been distributing 'Family Bible Teacher' and other tracts to a number of families. One lady became so interested that she ordered tracts of me with which to do missionary work for others. She waits with interest for the weekly visits of the pages of truth as they have proved to be good for her soul. She bought 'Ministry of Healing' of me and says she appreciates this good book very much. This lady was much impressed with the tract 'Some One Cares for Your Soul,' and sent it to a friend who had lost his Christian experience."

"I have given away a large number of the 'Charlie Coulson' tracts, which tell of the conversion of a Jewish doctor, and have left them on the trains wherever I went. One day I started to give away my tracts as soon as my ticket was taken. The car was full, and as I reached the end, the trainman said to me, 'Keep right on going,' and opened the door to the next car. I offered him one, but he said, 'No, I picked one up the other day on the train. They are needed in the next car.' I passed on, and found the whole car full of Jews going to a Jewish convention. I gave all the tracts I had with me, and went to my seat for the rest and had just enough to give each one. I had intended making this journey the day before, but was prevented from doing so. If I had, I would have missed those Jews.

"When I went back the trainman said 'Did you have enough?' I answered, 'Yes', and he said, 'Good, they are all right.' His face showed how earnest he was, and I believe mine shone, for I was so happy."

"A brother left some tracts on the porch of a house, and the man and his wife read them eagerly, and as a result both of them were convicted of the truth and soon united with the church."

"Here is an extract from a letter received recently: 'Mrs. ——— has been leaving at my house for sometime "The Family Bible Teacher" and I have become deeply interested in them. No. 10 on the "Millennium" is just fine, therefore I want to continue the study. Enclosed find 25 cents for a copy of "Our Paradise Home," and send list of your publications: Hoping to be in the first resurrection, I remain, ———'

"The church to which this sister belongs has been having a campaign with the 'Family Bible Teacher,' and this is one instance of the results. I called up the sister who has been leaving the leaflets and she said she did not know that the family was at all interested."

This case should be an encouragement to those who do not see much interest manifested by those for whom they are working. Here is another similar case:

"A lady wrote to the publishing house asking for a complete catalogue, and saying that she had been reading some of their literature, had gloriously enjoyed it, and hoped that many others would feel the good in it as they read it. This letter was referred to the church near where the lady lives. A sister from that church had lent the lady a package of tracts. On account of bad weather, she did not go to call for them for over two weeks, and then stopped off for just a moment on her way to church. She told the lady she had called for the envelope, and asked if she would like another one. She said she would as she had enjoyed that so much. The sister who lent the tracts said, 'I was much encouraged to know of her interest, as you have written, for I had not learned from her that she was so deeply interested and I have hoped and prayed that some one might be led to study the message for this time. I shall go on distributing the tracts each week.'"

"One of our isolated brethren and his wife are determined that those living near them shall have a little of the message to read. They sent us an order for six tracts to be sent to each of one hundred persons living in their vicinity, and \$5 to pay for the tracts and mailing."

This is a plan many of our people could follow and thus get the truth into a number of homes.

"I accepted the message by reading tracts. They were lent to me and I accepted the truth without hearing a sermon."

"For some time one of our brethren has been in the habit of leaving tracts in the railway carriage while on his way to business. One morning on leaving the train, a gentleman accosted him, saying, 'Excuse me, but did you leave a little tract on the signs of Christ's coming in the train yesterday?' Our brother told him he did, upon which the gentleman expressed himself as deeply interested in the subject and requested more literature bearing on the same subject. Morning after morning they traveled together, both being engaged in business in the same district. Our brother was thus afforded the opportunity of passing on more literature and verbally bearing witness to the truth. The result is that this gentleman acknowledges the message for these times and is deeply impressed that he should render obedience to all the requirements of God."

While many of our people are making good use of tracts, large numbers of them are evidently doing nothing with them, as is plainly shown by the home-missionary reports, and tract society sales. The plan of lending them from house to house is an excellent one. A package containing one complete set all ready in the lending envelopes can be obtained for 25 cents, four sets for \$1, and twenty-five sets for \$5. The latter is the

most economical for a fair-sized church. All these packages contain more tracts than can be bought separately, and the envelopes can be used several times, just as long as they keep clean. This is an inexpensive way to do systematic work in any locality and is a very fruitful method of work.

The "King's Pocket League" plan of always carrying tracts in the pocket or handbag is another excellent way of using tracts. No soldier would go out when on duty without ammunition. The Christian soldier is always on duty and needs to carry his ammunition with him. Packages of assorted tracts can be obtained for this purpose. They are as follows: one on the second coming of Christ, one on the immortality question, one on the Sabbath, and one containing a miscellaneous assortment. The price of each package is 25 cents, four for \$1.

Keep your tract society busy with your orders for now is the time to scatter these tracts like the leaves of autumn.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

### "Coming to Our Doors"

The other day I was talking with an elderly sister about the opportunities for service on the part of some of our sisters who cannot leave their homes very often.

"Oh yes," she remarked, "they are coming to our very doors." And she went on to tell me of a vegetable man who calls at her door each week.

One morning he asked our sister about the treatment for pellagra. She gave him some copies of *Life and Health* in which suggestions were made regarding the diet of persons thus afflicted. This information was greatly appreciated. Later our sister made up a package of *Our Little Friend* for the man's children. Inside these papers she placed certain copies of the *Signs of the Times*—intended for the older members of the family. An interest was created. The vegetable man offered to carry some *Signs of the Times* to his neighbors. The interest grew and now our sister had to secure help in visiting and instructing the several interested families in the valley where the vegetable man lives. Results will doubtless follow such seed sowing. Let us show ourselves friendly to the tradespeople coming to our doors, speak the warning message kindly, and place some reading matter in their hands. Here is a mission for every mother in our ranks—at her own door.

Brother J. R. Ferren, manager of the Pacific Press Branch in Kansas City, wrote us the other day and stated that during and enthusiastic missionary meeting at the recent Colorado camp-meeting many orders were given for clubs of the *Signs of the Times*. Among the experiences related was one by Professor H. A. Morrison, who, with Mrs. Morrison, had recently taken a number of the *Signs of the Times* in the College View church club.

They had sent these to persons who had purchased "Bible Readings" from student colporteurs and followed with correspondence. One lady in answer to Sister Morrison's letter said she thought the *Signs of the Times* a wonderful paper. "I believe everything that the *Signs of the Times* teaches," she continued, "unless it is the Sabbath. I had always believed that Sunday was the Sabbath. Now I don't know. I want a chance to study. Where can I find a minister? I wish I knew who it was that brought me that good book 'Bible Readings.'"

"How wonderfully," adds Brother Ferren, "the various methods and agencies for reaching people fit together. The book, *The Signs*, a personal letter, open the way for the work of a minister if one can be secured. Thousands wait to be pointed heavenward by the simple lines of home missionary work in which everyone can have a part."

Dear reader, may I suggest to you a simple plan that hundreds of our people are adopting and by which they are reaching many with the message for the hour? Order a little club of the *Signs of the Times* sent to your address each week,—new and

bright and brimful of stirring articles on the meaning of current events. If you cannot give the circulation of these papers your personal attention, arrange for the publishers to mail the papers for a period of time to your friends and others. This is just the kind of work that is bringing *daily* inquiries and subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times* office from all over the land, and which doubtless, will finally result in many definite trophies for the kingdom.

ERNEST LLOYD.

## Louisiana Conference

### Conference Directory

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### Something New

Yes, and it is for the children. It will help to answer the pressing request from so many little lips, "Tell me a story, mother."

The Primary Reading Course is in the field. The new book contains forty-four live stories, with a picture on nearly every page, and it should be in every family where there are children old enough to understand a nature story.

There is something real good about it—the cost is not a "war price." When ordered through the tract society as a reading course book it is only seventy-five cents. The regular price is one dollar.

Six copies have already been sent to one church. Who will be the next to order? Your child needs the knowledge this book will give.

What child in Louisiana will be the one to have the first certificate in the Primary Reading Course? We want twenty-five names on the list to have certificates in the first Primary Course.

The senior and junior reading courses for the coming year are of special value. The world is flooded with literature, but time is too precious to read any but the best. Send for leaflets telling about these courses, or better still, order the junior set of four books at \$2.35 or the senior course of four books at \$2.75.

MRS. C. N. SANDERS.

The following names have been added to the list of Junior Fruit Raisers who have passed in their money-trees laden with fruit for the mission field: Ruth Reed, of Lena Station; Lawrence Hewitt and Lewis Hewitt, of Hammond; Gordon Mann, Pinkie Johnson, Barbara Kenyon, Walter McLennan, Horton McLennan, Joe Corrigan, Jewell Man and Ruby Roach, of Shreveport; and Cornelia Saxby of Lake Charles.

Remember August 25 is Missionary Volunteer Goal Dollar Day. We want to reach our goal of \$192. Don't let the children do it all.

Surely the angels of the Lord go before our workers and prepare the way for their favorable reception.

"When you hear of good in people—tell it.  
When you hear a tale of evil—quell it.  
Let the goodness have the light,  
Put evil out of sight,  
Make the world we live in bright  
Like to heaven above."

# The Annual Camp-meeting

of the

## Kentucky Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists Will be held in Louisville, September 6 to 16

Beautiful location. Plenty of excellent help. No business to detract from the spirituality of the meeting. Ten days,—one place, one mind, one accord.

### COME AND ENJOY A PENTECOST

We expect the following:

ELDER I. H. EVANS, president of the North American Division Conference.

ELDER CHAS. THOMPSON, president of the Northern Union Conference.

D. H. KRESS, M. D., medical missionary secretary of the Columbia Union Conference.

ELDER W. E. VIDETO, Bible teacher of the Madison Agricultural and Normal Institute.

ELDER S. E. WIGHT, president of the Southern Union Conference.

I. M. MARTIN, Southern Union Conference evangelist.

M. W. SHIDLER, field missionary secretary of the Southern Union Conference.

PROF. L. H. WOOD, secretary of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer and Educational

Departments of the Southern Union Conference.

All of our Kentucky laborers.

The meeting will be in a beautiful grove in Oakdale, a suburb of Louisville. At Fourth street take the car with the Third street sign in the front. Get off at Southern Heights and walk two blocks east to the camp.

All church officers should be there as every department of the work will receive special attention during the meeting.

Special programs have been arranged for the young people. There will be a young people's tent. All the young people should be there.

If you wish to consult a Seventh-day Adventist physician, come to camp-meeting. We hope to have Dr. Kress with us.

The conference church and all isolated members should be present. This is the only time in the year that the conference

church meets. At this meeting communion will be celebrated for these members only.

Every member should be present to receive the instruction and rich blessings which God has for us.

The dining tent will be run on the cafeteria plan — just pay for what you eat. Everything will be made as reasonable in price as is possible. Tents, cots, floors, etc. will be about the same price as in the past.

*Please order from the conference office your tents, cots, floor etc. at once, as we desire to be prepared to supply all your needs.*

Office address: 2014 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky.

The meeting will be held at the time of the Kentucky State Fair so you can get reduced rates.

Come and let us enjoy a good time together.

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### News Items

We are glad to note such expressions as this in letters from our people: "If the Lord wills, I expect to come to camp-meeting."

A beautiful place has been selected for the camp-meeting to be held in Louisville Sept. 6-16. There is shade enough for every tent.

The tent meetings under the direction of Elder Videto and Brother Davis, in Louisville, continue to be quite well attended. At a recent meeting in answer to the question, "Who have decided to keep the commandments of God?" eleven stood up.

Elder Dow and Brother Thompson write of the attendance of five hundred people at the tent there. True, many attend out of curiosity, but surely seed is being sown which must bear fruit to eternal life in some instances.

Elder Campbell tells of the good interest among the people of Lexington. At first Satan did his best to stop the meetings there, but work and prayer have accomplished much. We

must always remember that Satan is a vanquished foe.

Let every one pray for these brethren who are putting forth their best efforts in these meetings. This is a deciding time for many souls. Pray that their decisions may mean eternal life to them.

The evening after the Sabbath, Brother and Sister Davis went to Michigan with the body of their little boy who died Friday. Our heart-felt sympathy goes out to these sorrowing parents. We long more earnestly for the appearance of the great Life-Giver.

Brother B. E. Wagner, of Lexington, who has been in the colporteur work for some time has connected with the tent effort in Louisville.

Sister Wagner was a caller at the office last week having taken advantage of an opportunity to motor over from Lexington with friends.

Brother R. B. Rowe was wonderfully blessed of the Lord in being able to dispose of a hundred "World War" on the streets of Barbourville in about four or five hours. He says the people in that vicinity are greatly stirred over the events which are transpiring.

Watch for the big colporteur reports for this week. Several of them are hovering around three figures, and three have reached that mark.

These are days of intensity in the world about us. Even the colporteurs have caught the spirit to the extent of writing "rush" on their orders.

You need the camp-meeting. The camp-meeting needs you. So come. It will give you a new inspiration in helping to "Win One."

In your efforts to get to camp-meeting, do not forget that there is still work to be done in the "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign. Remember the students who will need accommodations at Ooltewah.

Prices of Tents

Tents, 12 x 14 .....	\$	\$3.00
Cots .....		.50
Double springs .....		.75 to 1.00
Stoves—two burners \$ .75, one burner, \$ .40.		
Floors .....		1.00

Report of Missionary Work in the Kentucky Conference

	Louis-ville	Lexing-ton	Coving-ton	Hender-son	Lexing-ton, Col.	Louis-ville, Col.	Conf.	Total
Membership .....	133	13	13		32	111	92	394
Number Reporting .....		13	13				15	41
Letters written .....	60	10	24	3	20	24	50	191
Letters received .....	24		9		4	12	47	96
Missionary visits .....	69	96	204		247	149	56	821
Bible read's or cot-tage meetings ...	49	30	104	1	163	166	32	545
Subscriptions .....	9	5	1					15
Papers sold .....	318		26	50		123	117	634
Papers mailed .....	377	2000	58		7	50	3177	5669
Books sold .....	413	5	4			37	5	464
Books lent .....	44	10	4	3	501	533	118	713
Tracts sold .....						1		1
Tracts lent .....	181		447	440		488	341	1877
Hours Christian help work .....	2281		14	81	32	22	8	2438
Clothing given .....	25	10	1	45	59	38	69	247
Meals provided .....	73		36	29	8	41	19	206
Treatments given ..					1	12		13
Signers temp. pledge ..						24		24
Offerings to home missions .....	\$1.84					\$1.39		\$3.23
Conversions .....		3				2		5

July Magazine Sales KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Agent	No.	Value
Williams .....	50	\$ 5 00
Fort .....	50	5 00
Jones .....	250	25 00
Gatton .....	50	5 00
Chapman .....	75	7 50
Miller .....	10	1 00
Graham .....	30	3 00
Carrico .....	50	5 00
Office .....	75	7 50
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>\$64 00</b>

Alabama Conference

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News Items

The general meeting of the Mission is August 24-28 at Talladega. This meeting will take the place of the regular camp-meeting. We intend to make the meeting very practical and spiritual. Good help is expected and we trust every church will be represented.

Elder Miller left the office Thursday August 9, expecting to visit Talladega, Sylacauga, and Anniston.

We have a few more "Object Lessons." Let each one sell one and they will all be out winning souls. If you do not wish to sell one, buy one for yourself.

M. L. Wilson returned Friday from an extended visit in the southern part of the state. He brings a cheering report from southern Alabama.

We will soon write you fully regarding the camp-meeting Sept. 20-30. Make every arrangement to come. You may never have another opportunity to attend an annual camp-meeting.

Colporteurs' Report for July

Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	T.Val.	Value
U Bracy .....	BF	76	41	\$ 81 70	\$10 85	\$ 92 55	\$ 26 50
T R Battle .....	BF	101	58	246 80	40 95	287 75	224 50
G W Brown .....	BF, BR	65	1	3 50	12 50	16 00	5 70
Robert Cook .....	BF	158	60	150 60	9 90	160 50	18 45
H L Edwards .....	BR	130	50	183 50	85	184 35	46 50
J E Foley .....	BR	115	33	126 50	1 85	128 35	59 50
J C Holland .....	BR	195	99	375 50	12 00	387 50	21 50
G W Powers .....	BF	118	202	456 00	4 90	460 90	12 00
F M Reiber .....	BR	103	22	86 00	1 05	87 05	115 00
Quinnie Tew .....	HM	120	43	116 50	1 20	117 70	16 00
N H Waters .....	BR	158	49	101 00	8 55	199 55	12 50
E F Waters .....	BF	22			4 20	4 20	33 50
J W Harrison .....	BR	78	50	187 00		187 00	
H W Jones .....	HM	52	9	22 50	2 00	24 50	
A Clark .....	USP	125	105	317 05	1 00	318 05	12 00
B D Crawford .....	Misc	38	5	17 50	40 00	57 50	3 50
T M Woodruff .....	BR	74	11	35 50	1 40	36 90	
R L Etheredge .....	BF	5	9	9 50		9 50	
Irregular .....		49	37	141 50	1 00	214 50	22 00
Miscellaneous .....		40		76 60		76 60	76 60
Bibles .....				34 20		34 20	5 90
<b>Totals .....</b>		<b>1822</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>\$2858 95</b>	<b>\$154 20</b>	<b>\$3012 15</b>	<b>\$713 75</b>
July 1916 .....		<b>1163</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>1116 95</b>	<b>57 70</b>	<b>1174 65</b>	<b>215 10</b>
<b>Gain 1917 .....</b>		<b>659</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>\$1742 00</b>	<b>\$96 50</b>	<b>\$1837 50</b>	<b>\$498 65</b>

NOTE — Still we are encouraged in this report with a sweeping gain over the same month last year. Gain is 161 per cent in orders and in deliveries 231 per cent. I am sure that our deliveries would have been still better had we received reports of all books delivered. We are thankful for this report and pray

to Him who giveth the increase to water the seed sown that they might bring forth fruits to his glory and the salvation of souls.

## Mississippi Conference

### Conference Directory

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### Reports of the Work in Mississippi

A few days ago a young law student came to unite with the Jackson Church. He lives some fifteen or twenty miles from Jackson. About two years ago, he read the "Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan." He had never heard a minister. The book brought him the whole truth. Some colporteurs at about that time passed through that section. May every colporteur realize that the book he sells may bring some one into the truth. Whether the weather is hot or the road muddy, or the houses far from the road, some honest soul may read the book he sells and find the truth.

August 3-6 I was at Tucker where Elder Burke has been holding a tent effort. On Sunday, nine were baptized and others are interested. Let us remember the work at Tucker.

On my way to Quitman, I met Brother Staton going to the same place. We found two or three brethren who are planning to begin canvassing soon.

Sabbath Aug. 11, I met with both the white and colored believers at Vicksburg. The white believers there reached 18½ cents per member last quarter on their twenty-cent-a-week fund.

Remember the camp-meeting, September 27 to October 7, at Jackson, and *plan to attend.* C. J. BUHALTS.

## Tennessee River Conference

### Conference Directory

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### News Items

Brother Bruce, our conference secretary, is making a short trip to Memphis, Covington, and Humboldt, in the interests of the canvassing work. He expects to put in several days of actual colporteur work in the field. He will be back in Nashville about the twenty-third of this month.

Elder Elliott is in the northern part of our conference visiting some of our isolated brethren with the idea of establishing a church there. There are several families of believers just across the river in Kentucky from Mound City, Ill. and a good missionary spirit is present.

Our colporteur work this week has been very encouraging. We have received reports from four of our brethren of more than a hundred dollars each, and others are nearly to that mark. Brother Wade is kept busy looking after the interests of the work in various places.

Roy and Cecil Graves and Lawrence Reese, three new col-

porteurs, started out to work near Middleton, Tenn., last week. Brother Earnest Stahl has also begun in the good work, and will canvass with Brother Hixson at Humboldt. We are glad to see Brother Parrott's name on our list of colporteurs again. He is a good worker and we look for some excellent reports from him.

### Our Camp-Meeting Sept. 13-23

The time of our annual camp-meeting is drawing near, and it is important that our people attend this annual feast. We should present as bold a front as possible to the enemy and our brethren and sisters should attend in large companies.

The time of meeting, as has been previously announced, is September 13-23. A beautiful grove about three miles from the center of the city has been selected as a location. Splendid car service to and from the city is available, and the cars that pass the camp-ground also pass the Union Depot, thus making a transfer of cars unnecessary.

A dining tent will be provided where meals can be purchased on the cafeteria plan at very reasonable rates. All should plan to take their meals at the dining tent so as to be at all of the meetings. We are promised some good help at our meeting this year. Elder Evans, and other general men will be present from Washington.

The grounds will be lighted by electricity, although every one should bring lamps, as no lights will be placed in the small living tents. Each family should bring water buckets and bedding. Ice will be sold at very reasonable rates. No coolers will be available this year, but there is an abundance of good pure water and every one will be enabled to have cold water by purchasing ice and using buckets.

Baggage will be transported to and from the grounds on the first and last days of the meeting *free of charge.* Thus, on Thursday, Sept. 13, all reaching the city on the trains up to 9 p. m. will have their trunks and other luggage carried to the grounds without cost. On other days of the meeting, however, a charge of 25 cents will be made.

Brother I. C. Pound will meet the trains on the first day of the meeting, and those who have baggage checks should give them to him at the depot. He will turn these checks over to the drayman, and baggage will be brought out the same day.

Tents will be for rent on the following basis: Tent with fly \$4.50. Tent without fly, \$4.00. Elder Denslow will have charge of the assignment of tents, but all orders should be placed with the conference office. As far as possible the tents will be placed in the shade.

When ordering tents, also specify whether or not cots will be wanted. As we have only a few double cots, we cannot accept orders for but fifteen of these. After they are gone we have nothing but the single cots, which will rent for 50 cents each. The double cots will be 75 cents.

Every church elder should take this matter up in his church and find out just how many are expecting to come. Where ten or more are coming from one church, party tickets can be secured from the railroad company based on a two cent rate. This will make the fare much cheaper.

Those coming from Ashland City, and Clarksville, or by that route, will take the Tennessee Central railroad purchasing tickets to Richland Station, which is just two blocks from the campgrounds. Baggage can be checked to this point also.

Tents will be floored only when so ordered. Inasmuch as the prices of lumber have advanced materially since the last meeting, we desire to economize in this. The prices on lumber will be one cent a foot for rental. Where lumber has been rented and is found to be damaged at the close of the meeting, a charge of two and one half-cents per foot will be made, or, just what the lumber costs. When so damaged and paid for, it becomes the property of the one thus buying it. F. C. BRUCE.

## Colporteurs' Report

Week Ending August 11

### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
U Bracy . . . . .BF	22	12	\$22 00	\$ 25	22 25	22 00
A Clark* . . . . .USP	167	98	326 00	7 90	333 90	258 50
R J Cook . . . . .BF	45	16	28 00	50	28 50	
B D Crawford .BR	8		3 00	1 00	4 00	
J C Holland . . .BR	43	25	99 50	3 25	102 75	23 00
G W Powers . . .BF	22	17	35 00	75	35 75	4 00
F M Reiber . . .BR	108	18	67 00		67 00	11 50
N H Waters . . .BR	45	15	54 50	1 80	55 20	
T M Woodruff .BR	42	3	10 50	1 05	11 55	
Bibles . . . . .			8 50		8 50	

Totals (Agts. 9). 502 204 \$654 00 \$16 50 \$670 50 \$299 00

### KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Hatton Ford . . .BF	46	55	\$90 50	\$15 30	\$105 80	\$ 6 80
R J Hyatt . . . . .BF	44	14	24 00	5 25	29 25	1 50
F L Harrison . .BR	44	29	106 50	16 00	122 50	
R B Rowe . . . . .D&R	12	10	28 50	32 00	60 50	25 00
Andy Schroeder .BR	40	12	42 00		42 00	
Lee Page . . . . .BR	32	26	91 00	2 75	93 75	
Arthur F. Owens .BR	30	12	46 00	1 00	47 00	1 00
H Ethington . . .BR	36	20	70 50	8 60	79 10	50
W H White . . . .BR	41	18	64 00	1 25	65 25	1 25
J L Vermillion .BR	45	22	80 00	1 50	81 50	
J H Clark . . . . .BF	68	50	104 00		104 00	
John Brownlie .BR	25	7	24 50	2 75	27 25	2 75
R W Harris . . . .BF	10	9	15 00		15 00	
B E Wagner . . .BR	55	7	26 50	50	27 00	316 50
George Tatman .BR	28	15	58 00	50	58 50	

Totals (Agts. 15) 556 306 \$871 00 \$87 40 \$958 40 \$355 30

### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

M B Wilson . . .BR	31	17	\$66 50	\$	\$66 50	
L E Wilson . . . .BR	31	13	47 50		47 50	
M S Hubbell . . .BR	47	42	181 50	950	191 00	
F W Schmehl . . .BR	22	9	32 50		32 50	
R R Coble . . . . .BR	19	9	33 50		33 50	
Bibles . . . . .			3 45		3 45	

Totals (Agts. 5). 150 90 \$364 95 \$9 50 \$374 45

### MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Drue Bowen . . .BR	51	52	\$216 00	\$ 8 40	\$224 40	\$
Henry Balsbaugh .BR	13	6	22 00	75	22 75	3 50
Annie M Finley .PPF	20	7	17 50		17 50	
AA Johnson D&R, PG	11	9	32 50	1 70	34 20	
Virgil Smith . . .BR	30	38	139 00	16 65	155 65	
E A Taylor* . . . .BR	71	117	468 50	22 00	490 50	
Annie Watts . . .PPF	36	6	15 00	10 55	25 55	

Totals (Agts. 7). 232 435 \$910 50 \$60 05 \$970 55 \$3 50

### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Jesse Allen . . . .BR	34	36	\$145 00	\$ 8 50	\$153 50	\$ 6 50
Chalmer Chastain .BR	35	31	111 50	7 00	118 50	6 25
J A Cox . . . . .BR	30	22	86 00	2 25	88 25	
Cecil Graves . . .BR	52	19	68 50	1 25	69 75	
Roy Graves . . . .BR	41	31	113 85	1 25	115 10	
R H Hazelton . . .BR	37	14	52 00		52 00	
Mae Keele . . . . .	11			8 50	8 50	8 50
W J Keele . . . . .D&R	43	9	37 50	18 50	56 00	10 25
H G Miller . . . .D&R	48	7	19 00	2 25	21 25	3 00
Mrs Miller . . . . .	8	4		3 00	3 00	3 00
Ellen Morgan . . .	13	107		26 50	26 60	26 50
Margurite Strawhum	13	93		23 25	23 25	23 25
J H Parrott . . .D&R	36	35	142 50	1 50	144 00	
Lawrence Reese .BR	30	6	25 00	1 50	26 50	
E O Stahl . . . . .BR	43	18	64 50	1 15	65 65	1 15
J W Finch . . . . .BR	34	29	150 25	2 25	152 50	
Cleve Smith . . .D&R	38	4	10 40		10 50	4 50
M Wheeler . . . .D&R	42	38	146 00	2 00	148 00	2 00
Bibles Ordered . . .			19 00		19 00	

Totals (Agts. 18) 588 503 \$1191 10 \$110 65 \$1301 75 \$94 90

G'd Totals (A. 54) 2028 1538 \$3991 55 \$284 10 \$4275 65 \$752 70

### Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	10354	\$13562 50	\$ 650 75	\$14212 95
Kentucky Conference . .	10431	16861 00	1122 31	17998 79
Louisiana Conference . .	4435	11067 00	82 70	11049 74
Mississippi Conference .	9602	25492 75	1475 42	26968 35
Tenn. River Conference .	7973	10326 65	1431 75	11758 40

Totals . . . . . 42795 \$77309 90 \$4762 93 \$81988 23

## The New Instructor Anti-Tobacco Annual

With the issuing of the first regular *Instructor Anti-tobacco Annual*, August 28, the promised drive will begin upon the greatest existing curse of the nations — TOBACCO in its various forms and uses. Tobacco will be made to appear as it is — a nuisance, a pernicious habit, a moral and physical canker, marring the manhood of the races, making well beaten paths to our insane asylums, and gradually converting our strongest citizens into degenerates.

While the *Anti-tobacco Annual* will never be abusive, it will be positive enough to be an educational check to the use of that ambition-destroying, brain-dulling, nerve-deadening, vitality-sapping weed, that is working more real injury to the human race than liquor ever did. This annual should have the enthusiastic support of all who recognize the evils of tobacco using.

The new *Instructor Anti-tobacco Annual* has sixteen pages and cover printed in appropriate and attractive colors with many

\* Two weeks

striking illustrations and the strongest reading matter obtainable. Its prices are the same as the *Instructor Temperance Annual*, namely:

Single copy . . . . .	\$ .10 each
Five to forty copies . . . . .	.05 each
Fifty or more copies . . . . .	.04 each

## The Impending Industrial Eruption

Will there be another reign of terror? Is it possible for capital and labor to become reconciled? What is Syndicalism? For what are the I. W. W. contending? Wherein do they differ from anarchists? Professor Rine's most informative article in the September *Signs Magazine* on this increasingly complex question will set many people to thinking. Will some of them be in your neighborhood? A suggestion: Sell the *Signs Magazine* or get somebody else to do so.



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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

#### MISSION

Alabama, Talladega .....Aug. 24-28  
Kentucky, Louisville .....Sept. 6-16  
Mississippi, Jackson .....Sept. 27-Oct. 7

#### News Item

Professor Wood has been spending the past few weeks in the West visiting different places, also attending the Educational and Young People's Council at Union College, College View, Nebr. He returned to Nashville Aug. 24 by way of Michigan, spending two or three days in Lansing and Battle Creek.

FOR SALE: Seven-room modern house. Two lots, stable, some fruit. Two blocks south of church. For particulars address W. J. Huffman, College View, Nebr.

Back numbers of the *Christian Educator* and *Church Officers' Gazette*, both for 1916 and 1917, would be greatly appreciated by Sister M. A. Murphy, the teacher of our mission school at Greenwood, Miss. She could also use to good advantage copies of the *Youth's Instructor* and *Little Friend*.

Information comes to us that several of the Sabbath school lessons in the month of October in the children's divisions will be on the ten commandments.

The little folks will learn the commandments more readily if they have a set of the ten commandment cards. The set consists of ten cards, one for each commandment. On each card is a large figure, with the text of the commandment inside. The children either cut out or sew the large figure containing the words of the commandment, and as they work, they learn the commandment with its right number.

Each child should have a complete set of these cards. The price is only five cents a set. Orders should be sent to the conference tract society.

### The Work In Mobile

The tent effort held in this city is now a thing of the past. As we take everything into consideration, the workers and the church here feel that it has been an excellent meeting. It has reached far beyond what was expected when the meetings opened. We thank our Father in heaven that he has heard and answered our prayers, and the prayers of his children throughout the conference as well. To him be all the praise for the victory.

We have a list of nearly seventy persons who have started to keep the Sabbath, but after all of the message has been presented, and we have sifted this number, we now have about fifty whom we feel that we can count on for sure. Some of the others are coming on slowly and may come in later but for the present they still waver somewhat. The Lord has given us a fine class of people, which will be a great help and strength to the work.

Since the meetings proper have closed, we still continue to hold a service each Sunday night for the public, and during the week, we hold a Bible study at the tent each Tuesday and Thursday night. In these studies we are going over the same ground covered in the regular meetings, thus helping the people to become more firmly rooted and grounded in the faith, and making good Seventh-day Adventists out of them. Since these studies began, many who did not attend during the regular effort have been coming. Some of these have become deeply interested. And right here, I might add, that our Sabbath school and the preaching service have both been well attended each week.

On Monday, August the thirteenth, nothing preventing, the first dirt will be turned for the foundation of the new church building. The Lord is leading out in a wonderful way in this matter, and we will soon have a neat place of worship, one that will be a credit to the work here in this city. The way things are moving forward now, we will have it completed before the first of the year and dedicated free from debt. The little flock here has been shifted from pillar to post so long that a place of their own will be greatly appreciated.

When we as workers view what God has wrought here, we take new courage and there comes into our hearts a greater desire than ever before to reconsecrate our all to God and his service, so that he can use us in a more efficient way for the salvation of souls. We dare not take a ray of praise or glory to ourselves for what has been done, but give it all to the Lord, for it has been through the workings of the Holy Spirit that so much has been accomplished. We ask, dear reader, that you continue to pray for us and the work here as never before, for the work is great, the interest is large, and many are now no doubt deciding their eternal destiny. J. F. WRIGHT.

### Twelve Things to Learn

The value of time.  
The need of perseverance.  
The pleasure of working.  
The dignity of simplicity.  
The worth of character.  
The power of kindness.  
The influence of example.  
The obligation of duty.  
The wisdom of economy.  
The virtue of patience.  
The improvement of talent.  
The joy of originating.—Lee McCrae.

"Make sure that however good you may be, you have faults; that however dull you may be, you can find out what they are; and that however slight they may be, you need to make earnest, patient effort to get rid of them."