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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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There will be no paper next week. The next issue will be dated September 27

Notes from South America

Two new mission stations have recently been opened on the northeast side of Lake Titicaca, in what is known as the Moho district. One of these stations is right near the port, not far from the village of Moho. This is the "Broken Stone Station," which Brother Stahl speaks about in the quotation from his letter which I am enclosing.

The story of the "Broken Stone Station" is an interesting one. On Brother Stahl's first visit to that region, something like three years ago, the chief earnestly pled that he stay there and teach them and care for the sick. Brother Stahl tried to explain to him how that was impossible, but finally promised that he would return and visit them at some future time,

Ever since that experience, Brother Stahl and his coworkers have spoken of that particular tribe as the "Broken Stone Tribe," and now they have named the new station "The Broken Stone Station."

The Indian worker who is in charge of this station — Luciano Chambi — is the most experienced and trustworthy and successful worker that we have among the Indians. He is a truly noble young man, has lived six years in the home of Brother Stahl.

The other station in this district is at the place called Occa Pampa. This is about four leagues from the port, and near the line of Bolivia. Brother and Sister Ellis Howard are in charge of this new station. The Indians had erected at this place a



Ready to start for Brother Nelson's station 75 miles distant. Left to right, W. R. Pohle, F. A. Stahl, O. Montgomery, W. H. Williams.

if possible. The chief said, "If you do not return, then we will not hear more of this message." But Brother Stahl told him if he could not come, he would send some one in his place; but the chief said, "How shall I know that the one who comes will teach us right? How shall I know that he is sent by you, and that he will teach us the gospel that you believe?" Casting about in his mind for a few moments, a happy thought came to Brother Stahl. Picking up a small stone, he broke it in two in the middle, showing the chief how the two parts would fit perfectly together. He handed him one-half, telling him to keep that; the other half he put in his pocket, telling the chief that the man whom he would send would bring back the half stone, and by this he might know that he was a true messenger sent by Brother Stahl.

large school building and two houses already for the workers to come and occupy. Brother Howard occupies one, and Daniel, his Indian helper, the other. From what Brother Stahl writes, the opening of this district will bring our work into the very midst of many thousands of Indians. Brother Stahl writes as follows:

"I must tell you that Luciano and his wife are at the "Broken Stone Station," that is the Moho port. He has over seventy-nine in his school and a fine interest on the Sabbath. The Indians have put up a large school building and a house at this place, and the work is going forward.

"Now there has come in a call at the Llave Pampa, a place between Llave and Juli. You remember the vast number of houses in this pampa, all of ten thousand Indians there. We opened a

school there, and there is a fine interest, to the great consternation of the priests and governors of Llave and Juli. They at once took steps to intimidate the Indians, but without much success. God is going before us. If this place opens up, it will be the biggest thing yet thought of or seen. I expect to go there and stay weeks at a time to build the work up.

"Another interest has come to our notice. An Indian boy who lived fifteen miles from Copacabana and eighteen miles from Yunguyo, went from his Indian parents to Chili, stayed there for many years, twenty, I think; married a Chilean girl who was an Adventist, baptized by Pastor Mangold, and he also accepted the truth and was baptized. They came back to the boy's Indian home and told the people about the truth, and now there is a great interest at his place. These people are here with us now, staying for the Lord's Supper next Sabbath. They want a pastor, and have made me promise to visit them soon."

Speaking of the constant efforts of the enemies of our work to oppose and hinder, and God's constant care and deliverance, Brother Stahl writes:

"For years they have tried to catch me in their traps. It is always something against the country or the authorities, but God has helped me to not do one thing that they could get against this work.

"A few weeks ago, a governor, the one near Brother Nelson's place at Pumata, wrote an article against me and published it in a Catholic newspaper. It was a bad one, accusing me of most everything, undermining the welfare of the country, etc. I at once went to the prefecto and called his attention to the article; and he said, 'Yes, I have seen that and have discharged this governor, as he is not permitted to publish things of that sort.' He said a law had been passed in 1887, forbidding this. He showed me his book where his order was, or rather a copy of the discharge of that governor. The head priest has since also been removed, to the great joy of the Pumata brethren. The prefecto told me to go on with the good work, and wants to visit us in a few weeks. The work is onward, and we are of good courage."

In a recent letter from Brother R. A. Nelson, he speaks of the same governor of Pumata that Brother Stahl later speaks of as having been discharged by the prefecto. Governors in Peru are the local rulers, and are all appointed by the prefecto, who is supreme in the province or state. He says:

"However, the interest is growing and the mission is gaining favor in every part. We consider those of Pumata our bitterest enemies. Of late the governor of this town has been carrying on quite a systematic persecution of the brethren. Recently he was reelected entirely through the work done in his behalf by the priest. They are accordingly firm friends and bitter enemies of our work. However, this priest had to leave this section inside of six months, and the Lord is able to take care of this abusive governor if he does not change.

"Last month we opened five schools here and one in Ourinwayne. When I notified the governor of Yunguyo, of this latter school he said we could not put a school there; but when I explained our work, the object and teaching in our schools, he was heartily in favor; said to go ahead and he would do anything he could to help us. The people of Yunguyo are very anxious that we established a mission there."

The work among the Indians around Lake Titicaca, which is carried on by Brother Stahl and his fellow-workers, is truly a marvelous work. It is one of the miracles of missions—five hundred baptized souls, firm and solid in the truth at the beginning of 1917. Brother Stahl informs me that in all his years of experience up there, something like five years now in that mission, in which time this fruit has been gathered, he does not know of a single case where one of those Indians has apostatized and given up the truth. True they have stumbled and fallen sometimes, but they have been rescued again with little

difficulty. During the past year one hundred fifty-six baptisms, two new mission stations established, four new churches organized, are the figures that give the bare facts. But this does not begin to tell of the many delegations that have visited the missions from distant points, pleading that teachers be sent among them. It does not tell of missionary trips into new regions the pioneer work that is done, the hundreds of treatments given, the sick visited, the perils of travel and the laying in wait of enemies, etc. It does not tell of the 300 or 350 who are faithfully keeping the Sabbath and living the truth, who have not been baptized. Word received tells of the baptism of 167 during the first quarter of 1917, and the opening of two more mission stations in the Moho district already referred to.

Three new American families have joined the corps there the last year, and two more families are coming soon. A strong summer school has been conducted for the training of Indian workers to go out as teachers in little sub-schools, conducted with and under the direction of the different mission stations. On my last trip there I visited both of these new stations. One is located about twenty-two miles from the home station, the other about seventy-five miles distant. It was in the rainy season, and while we had to travel through the rain and mud and I was not much accustomed to horseback riding, yet I enjoyed the trip. Altogether I rode about two hundred forty miles on horse.

O. MONTGOMERY.

Is It Possible?

This year our Harvest Ingathering goal is \$150,000. Some people have raised a question as to the possibility of collecting from the public such a large sum of money when they have paid out big amounts for Liberty Bonds and the Red Cross, and will be called on for much more money before the war ends. This, however, is not in harmony with our experience. The fact appears to be that the more people give, the more they will continue to give. The person from whom it is most difficult to obtain a donation is the one who is not accustomed to giving.

Canada united with Great Britain in the war from the beginning. At the time of our last Harvest Ingathering Canada had experienced over two years of warfare, with its accompanying calls for funds of various kinds, to which the response had been liberal. Yet the East Canadian Union not only raised the highest average amount, \$3.75 per capita, but obtained its share of the goal early in October. If every union conference had done as well as the East Canadian Union, we would have received over \$250,000, instead of \$126,000. Their success was all the more remarkable when we remember that the population of East Canada is largely Catholic.

What, then, was the secret of their success? It lay in a combination of faith and works. Almost all the members worked. They began early and made a definite business of getting all they could before the close of the year.

This experience should be an encouragement to all our members in the United States. The gold and silver are the Lord's, and he can open the hearts of men and women to contribute just as liberally now as before the war. In fact, the war gives many arguments in favor of liberal contributions to foreign missions. People's hearts are being solemnized by the events that are taking place, and they are less inclined in many cases to refuse help to the Lord than they were when all was seemingly well in the world.

God's work is not dependent at any time on surrounding conditions. If God's people have a mind to work this year, they can obtain the \$150,000. Let his people unite and prove him, whether he will pour out a blessing. Think what \$150,000 will mean at this time, when there are so many, many open doors waiting for workers. NOW is the time for a big Harvest Ingathering, for we have no assurance that we will have another.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

The Call to Work

Across the vista of the years
God's work for man has moved along,
Advancing on through smiles and tears,
Through balmy breeze and tempest strong.

The last great message to the world
Is now proclaimed by angels three.
The gospel banner now unfurled
Carries the motto, "Set men free."

For seventy years this work has run;
To all the world the gospel's gone.
In all lands 'neath the shining sun
The light of truth begins to dawn.

And now when nations of the world
Are grappling in the throes of strife,
When men 'gainst men together hurled
Give to their country's good, their life.

When men are asking what it means,
If this is Armageddon true,
And why across these peaceful scenes
The tide of blood is rushing through.

Now is the time for every man
To volunteer to work for God,
Take hold and do what e'er he can,
Walking within the steps He trod.

The time is short, the fields are white,
The sun is sinking in the west,—
Awake! Arouse before the night
Settles at last the world's unrest.

Do not delay another day,
Today, He says, go work for Me.
And whatsoe'er is right He'll pay;
His helping hand will succor thee.

Do not be idle, go to work;
You have a talent God has given;
Never single duty shirk.
And you're assured a home in heaven.

—J. W. Mace.

Another Open Door

Recently we were strangely and happily surprised. Just as we had finished dinner one day, our gateman came in stating that there was a man outside who desired to see me. On inquiring who the man was, and getting no satisfaction, I sent the gateman back to learn the stranger's name and business. He soon returned with the man's name written in Arabic, with the statement that he was from Shanghai. This at first seemed strange to us, but on meeting the man and conversing with him somewhat, we felt that we were face to face with another of God's marvelous providences. Brother Davis, Du Fu Gu, one of our native evangelists, and I spent a very interesting afternoon with him, and the Spirit of the Lord was with us.

This man, Sha Fi Er by name, is a Jew by nationality, a Mohammedan by birth and by early training and profession, but is now a Sabbath-keeper at his home in far-off northwest Kansu, with a company of nearly two hundred followers. There they have a place of worship, and often as many as four hundred meet to worship upon the Sabbath day. They have never observed the first day of the week, and for many years have been praying that they might find God's Sabbath-keeping people with whom they might unite in church fellowship.

Sha Fi Er was born in Mecca, is a single man sixty-one years old, but would pass for forty-five. Up to the age of seven he lived in the city of his birth, after which time he went to Cairo to be educated, and was graduated there at the age of twenty-nine. Shortly after finishing his school work, he went with his parents and others to Turkey, and from thence journeyed northward to what is now southern Russia, where they remained for eight years. There his father died. Their next move was toward China. They migrated, a company of upward of fifty, to central Sin-Kiang, far to the west of Kansu province, remaining there a few years. Fifteen years ago the company moved to their present location, in the Kanchow district of Kansu province.

Thirty years ago as he was taking the boat when leaving Egypt for Turkey, Sha Fi Er was presented with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, which he later learned to love. When he first compared this Holy Book with the Koran, he found much in which the two books were alike; but after continued and more thorough investigation, he was convinced that this book contained much that was lacking in his Koran; and in his heart he became a Christian, although for years he made no outward profession of his faith. After leaving Russia he openly proclaimed his faith, and began to work for his own people.

Of the fifteen years spent in Kansu, the first few he was entirely at his own expense in his missionary work, engaging in business for a livelihood. But as the number of believers increased, they felt it their duty to care for the temporal needs of the one who spent his time so untiringly in their behalf. So for the past six years he has been supported by gifts and donations from his people, and has thus been enabled to devote his time fully to their spiritual needs.

At the time of this visit to us, Sha Fi Er was returning from a rather extended trip to Singapore and South China, where he has relatives. He had appointments en route with the Mohammedans, feeling it his duty to tell them of the faith which he has in Jesus. I am convinced that this man is no fanatic, but a real Bible student. He has read the Bible through from Genesis to Revelation seventy-nine times, and stands ready to accept its teachings.

It will be of interest to our readers to learn how this man found us. At the railway station in Hankow he met a lady colporteur with the *Signs of the Times*, and purchased a copy. He noticed our church name, and inquired of the colporteur where our mission was located. Inasmuch as all the workers at the Hankow headquarters except Sister Gillis were away, he was directed to come to us. So instead of purchasing his ticket direct to Djenchow as he had planned, he bought to Yencheng, bent on finding us and knowing for himself if there were others in China who with him are keeping the seventh-day Sabbath according to the Scriptures.

In the course of our conversation many points were brought up upon which we were agreed, and this is not strange; for Sha Fi Er has taken the Bible as his guide, even as we have. He told how his people observe the Sabbath. At sundown on Friday evening a bugle is sounded, and from that time until the following evening the Sabbath is kept. He is quite a student of history, but has not studied much into the prophecies of the Bible. I gave him copies of "Daniel and Revelation" and of some of our other publications, all of which he gladly received. May the Lord bless these silent messengers as they go into that far corner, that they may be faithful witnesses for him.

Thus the doors are thrown open for our message to go to far-off Kansu, and the way is prepared for the giving of the gospel to the Mohammedans of this great country; and Kansu above all other provinces is their stronghold. Out of a population of upwards of ten millions, over eight millions are reckoned as Mohammedans. It is calculated that nine-tenths of the Mohammedans in China reside in the three provinces of Kansu, Shensi, and Yunnan; and Kansu is said to possess more than

twice as many as either of these other two. Some authorities give to China as many as thirty millions of Mohammedans, while others list them from twenty to twenty-five millions. If these figures approximate the truth, it will be seen that the proportion of Mohammedans in Kansu must be very great, inasmuch as the total population stands between ten and eleven millions.

It seems as though Honan were destined to be a gateway to the regions beyond. Three years ago the tidings went through to Shensi, and now the way is prepared for the message to be preached in her sister province.

Thirty-five days of continuous travel, after leaving the railway in West Honan, takes this man to his destination, at an expense of something like fifty dollars Mexican (\$25 gold). He gives an earnest invitation to us to visit them this fall, and is himself desirous of entering school that he may qualify for ordination. For years he and his people have been praying to God that he would send help in the form of a living preacher, and he returns to his people with renewed hope and courage at what his eyes have seen and his ears have heard. He with us thanks God for the privilege we have had of meeting. If we may serve as channels for this grand, glorious truth to go to these "regions beyond," to the Lord be the glory.—O. J. Gibson, in *Asiatic Division Outlook*.

The Planting

We had five acres of corn planted, and cotton and millet ground plowed when Mr. B. took sick. The ground was drying out. The sickness hung on, so we decided that the millet must be planted.

Lucile and I carefully measured our ground and our seed, and then broadcast the seed before school in the morning. I then called school and Lucile hitched our mules to the harrow and started covering the millet.

The harrow did not seem heavy enough to put the ground in good shape. She could not keep a log on it, so a little school boy insisted upon riding on it. That was just the right weight. Sometimes it was rather rough riding, but he held on, and the ground looked so nice that people passing along the road remarked upon the good job.

Lucile also drove the mules while a boy held the plow and made land ready for a large patch of sweet corn, and over a half acre for black-eyed beans.

Mr. B. is still sick, and we couldn't plant the cotton; that was beyond our strength. We just had to wait and trust. The waiting worried us, but God knew best, for the cotton planted earlier is making a very poor stand on account of cold weather and many acres will have to be replanted.

A few days ago, ten men and boys and eight mules with all needed machinery, appeared on the scene and our cotton planting was soon a work completed. They planted it in nice shape and seemed happy to help us.

We try to do everything that we can; then we have faith to believe that God will send help to do what is beyond us.

Lost His Influence

Of course it was some time ago that a member of the New York legislature lost his influence and ruined his prospects because he expressed his belief that steam carriages would be operated successfully. To be exact, it was just one hundred years ago. "A Cavalcade of Wonders" in the October *Signs Magazine* impressively directs attention to and explains the significance of the locomotive, perfecting printing press, telephone, wireless telegraph, submarine, aeroplane, etc. If you can't use some of the October (Conservation) number of the *Signs Magazine*, why not suggest the idea to some other brother or sister. In either case you would do good.

Kentucky Conference

The Work in Various Places

I have just returned from a profitable and enjoyable trip to Bowling Green, Sand Hill, Litchfield, and Hartford. I spent three days at Bowling Green, and preached to both churches. Both decided on a more aggressive missionary effort. At this place I met Brother Wm. Winston, of Owensboro, and had a profitable visit with him. From there I went to Sand Hill, where I found an excellent outside interest and baptized one lady. Elder Videto has gone there to hold a week's meetings before camp-meeting. On my way to Hartford I stopped at Litchfield to see Brother Sutton. I found him feeling well and of good courage. He gave me \$2.34 that he had received on *The Watchman* for the Ooltewah school and ordered two "Christ's Object Lessons." He hopes to attend camp-meeting.

At Hartford I spent from Thursday night to Monday morning, and we had some good meetings. As this church has been without an elder for some time F. T. Jacobs was elected to fill this place and George Schroader as deacon. I baptized Mr. Alonzo Schroader. A missionary secretary was elected, and this church also expects to do more aggressive work in this line. Some "Christ's Object Lessons" were ordered. All seemed of good courage, and those who were not getting the *WORKER* ordered it.

R. I. KEATE.

News Items

After observing the season of fasting and prayer, we felt the better prepared for our camp-meeting which convened September the sixth, and has been well attended. Among those who arrived before the meeting began, and were visitors at the office, were Brethren Schroader and Page, with their wives, from Elizabethtown.

Announcements of the camp-meeting were given to the daily papers, and on Tuesday, the fourth, a reporter from the *Louisville Times* called at our Walnut St. office eager to learn more in regard to the meeting.

Sister Fannie Martin, of Louisville, who has been visiting friends in Nashville, has returned for the camp-meeting.

We are sorry to report that Sister Keate's father has been ill.

Elder M. J. Campbell, who has been holding a tent meeting in Lexington, returned to Louisville for the general meetings which are being conducted in the Chestnut St. church for the colored people in connection with the camp-meeting here.

Lockport

Brother Brownlie, after canvassing in the neighborhood of Lockport, found quite an interest in the community near the church and asked me to help him conduct a few meetings there. We opened the meetings Sunday night, August 19, with an excellent attendance. The church was full, and many were standing at the windows on the outside. This good attendance continued every night. As the camp-meeting was so near, we had to close the meetings the following Sunday night, at which time nine people promised to keep the commandments of God. Six of the number are young people who desire baptism.

All seemed to enjoy the meeting, and some of the members stated that there was more interest shown and better attendance than at any previous meeting held there. All the members are of good courage, and ten from the Lockport church are planning to attend camp-meeting.

B. E. WAGNER.

"What I must do is all that concerns me, not what the people think."

Mississippi Conference

THE CAMP-MEETING

Mississippi's annual camp-meeting of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Jackson, September 27 to October 7

The following help is expected from outside of our State:

Elder I. H. Evans, President of North American Division
 Elder S. E. Wight, President of Southern Union Conference
 Dr. D. H. Kress, of Washington, D. C.
 I. M. Martin, Evangelist of Southern Union Conference
 L. H. Wood, Young People's Secretary of the Southern Union Conference
 Prof. J. S. Marshall of the Southern Junior College

The meeting will be held in Smith Park. This is a beautiful park, with plenty of shade, and is located only one block from Capitol St. Take the Northwest Street car and get off at the first stop after the car turns the corner, or tell the conductor to let you off at Smith Park.

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our members are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of his people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people." "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, pages 38, 39.

We have never held a camp-meeting under similar circumstances. No comparison can be made. Everything is out of the ordinary. No one knew one year ago that such changes would come about in a single year. Every church-member should attend this meeting and get the instruction that meets

the needs of the present hour. Many questions have come to your minds that have perplexed you. Come and have them answered. We should now present a solid front. We should see eye to eye in such a time as this. My dear brethren and sisters, we generally get what we want and plan for. Let us make an extra effort to attend camp-meeting this year. Plan for the young people and children to come. Meetings will be held especially for them. Above all, let us make the meeting a special object of prayer.

There will be a dining tent on the ground, and meals will be served on the cafeteria plan — just pay for what you eat. Everything will be as reasonable as possible. The following will be the charges:

Tent, 12 x 14, with fly	\$3.00
Double bed, with mattress	1.00
Single cot with mattress75
Single cot, without mattress50

Send all orders for the above to the conference office, 703 South Gallatin St., Jackson, Miss.

Nearer Than We Dream

A few more paces, then the journey ended,
 A few more trials and the triumph won,
 A few more darksome hours of patient waiting
 Until the rising of our glorious Sun.

Much nearer than we dream the heavenly city,
 And close at hand our Father's kind embrace,
 When passing the triumphal arch of glory
 To dwell within the radiance of his face.

Upon the threshold of our joys eternal
 Why linger long amid the gloom of grief?
 Our hope, our life, our surety are supernal,
 And earth's short day for praise is all too brief.

—Worthie Harris Holden.

Colored Camp-Meeting

The colored camp-meeting will be held this year in Jackson, September 27 to October 7. This is the same time and place as the white camp-meeting, and there will be plenty of help.

We hope that all our colored brethren and sisters are planning on attending this meeting. Read the article in reference to the white meeting, and you will see why you should come.

We would be glad to hear from all those who are planning on coming, so that arrangements can be made to accommodate all. Write the conference office 703 South Gallatin St., Jackson, Miss., if you are coming.

"The brilliancy of the Bible depends upon the setting we give it in our lives."

The Colporteur Work.

It affords me great pleasure as I think of the colporteur work that has been done in this State the past eight months. God has certainly gone before us and opened the way for us to take many orders for our message-filled books.

This report is directed as an aid to three different classes: Those who have been in the field, those who are now active in the work, and those who ought to enter the work.

For your encouragement I am giving a summary of our work for the past eight months of this year. I am glad to say that we have made quite a gain.

	1916	1917	Loss	Gain
January	\$ 205 60	\$	\$205 60	\$
February	1355 60	979 95	375 65	
March	2850 50	3244 90		394 40
April	4581 95	5164 15		582 20
May	4185 85	6119 10		1933 25
June	3481 90	3269 90	212 00	
July	2539 40	4946 25		2406 85
August	1101 80	4000 00		2898 20
Totals	\$20302 60	\$27724 25	\$793 25	\$8214 90
Net gain	\$7421 65			

In the sale of helps we have more than doubled our sales over last year. The first eight months of 1916 we sold \$761.90 worth of helps. The first eight months of 1917 we sold \$1,625.67 worth of helps, or a gain of \$863.77 in the eight months of 1917.

The deliveries that we have made have been good, there being a gain of \$349.05 in six months of this year over the first six months of last year.

Most of our deliveries will come in the months of October, November, and December. We are expecting to make splendid deliveries this fall, as crops are the best they have been in the State for years.

I am glad our report shows a gain in this work. We do not want to take any backward steps. We are under the direction of an angel who was seen flying with the everlasting gospel. Our message is one of speed and progress. Let those who are in the field hold up the standard, while every one, I believe, at the camp-meeting should pray for reinforcements. I believe the time has come to step out and make a complete surrender to God. Satan will multiply obstacles in your way, but you can gain the victory by earnest prayer.

People who know this message cannot afford to follow common labor for a living, while souls all around you are being lost. God can use you in his work. There is a living in it. The Heavenly Father has promised to supply all our needs according to his riches in glory. He will reward every man according to his work.

There is no limit to what one can accomplish in this work. Some of our colporteurs this summer have taken as much as \$500 worth of orders for our good books in one week. Many of them have reached the \$300 mark in one week. The Lord blessed our little band of workers with \$3,284 worth of orders in one week.

Surely we are living in a time when we may expect the Lord to do great things for us. I hope the report of this work will cause every one at this meeting to do more to help finish the great work in which we are engaged.

J. R. STATON.

An Encouraging Report

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

I realize as never before that persecution is a real blessing as I see how firm it makes the new Sabbath-keepers here and at

Tuckers stand for the truth. Every one is undergoing trials, and some are having very severe trials. The more they are persecuted the more they study their Bibles and become more firm in the truth. I have heard several of them speak of how different things seem to them now, and how they do not care for this world, and its cares do not trouble them as they used to.

It rejoices our hearts to see these dear souls step out and denounce the world to follow the Lord. We who have never had the experience do not know how much courage it takes. Of the sixteen that were baptized there were two young people who impressed me most. One girl was labored with for a week by the Baptist people to try to get her to join their church, but she stood firm for the truth and joined our church. It seems that every one who has no Bible is putting forth efforts to get one. The truth makes them feel the need of knowing more about the Bible.

They seem to be impressed with the pureness of our church. They realize that there is something about our people that is different from anything they have ever known. I am so glad to be connected with a people who have such a high standard. May the Lord help us each to come up to this standard, and we must, if we reach the prize and the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. We have the greatest honor bestowed upon us of any people living, of carrying this wonderful truth to the world. Will we be found faithful?

Remember at the throne of grace those who have lately followed the Lord in baptism. There are others yet to be baptized. Some of the new believers plan to enter the canvassing field. I trust the Lord will permit them to be at camp-meeting to get the instruction given to the canvassers.

I have organized my Sabbath school class into a missionary band to work for China. I gave each of them one "World War," and they are to see how many they can sell before the end of the year. All the money goes to China. One little girl sold seven the first week. I am praying that the Lord will not only bless these children in selling the books, but that souls will be shown the truth. The harvest truly is ripe, and we need reapers to labor in the field that the fruit may be gathered.

LILLIE HARP.

Bible Facts Cards

These cards are 3x5½ inches in size, printed on both sides. Their convenient size and low price render them most desirable for carrying in your pocket to pass out to your neighbors and others whom you wish to interest in the principal points of the message, also for enclosing in your correspondence. The following is the list of subjects:

1. Facts About the Law and the Gospel.
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9. Facts About the New Testament Sabbath.
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Colporteurs' Report

Week Ending September 1

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	
T R Battle*	BF	100	41	\$95 50	\$17 55	\$113 05	\$60 00
U Bracy*	BF	53	44	70 50	22 55	93 05	1 50
A Clark	USP	37	26	59 60		59 60	
J E Foley	BR	44	16	60 00	3 60	63 60	
H W Jones	HM	3	3	7 50	3 00	10 50	
J C Holland	BR	47	27	100 50	3 25	103 75	8 00
M S Peppers	BR	19	8	32 00	3 75	35 75	
Q Tew	HM	36	6	19 00		19 00	
N H Waters	BR	43	18	73 00	1 20	74 20	20 00
T M Woodruff	BR	50	18	64 00	1 50	65 50	
Bibles				10 30		10 30	
Totals (Agts. 10)							\$89 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Arthur Owens	BR	34	22	\$78 00	\$ 1 75	\$79 75	\$ 1 75
Felia Pierce	BR	44					126 00
J H Clark	BR	29					138 00
Alex Perry	BR	43	23	81 00		81 00	
Coleman Kindred	BF	3	5	10 00	25 00	35 00	
Hatton Ford	BF	39	52	92 50	5 60	98 10	
Jno. Brownlie	BR	14	1		1 00	1 00	96 50
Lee Page	BR	43			10 45	10 45	201 50
Andy Schroader	BR	37	1	3 50	25	3 75	169 75
Totals (Agts. 9)							\$733 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Floyd Booth	BR	7	6	\$22 00	\$	\$22 00	\$
Druc Bowen	BR	32	28	119 00	6 00	125 00	
Emily Billus	PHM, PG	42	30	98 00	8 30	106 30	
Henry Balsbaugh	BR	24	8	32 00	2 25	34 25	4 50
AA Johnson	D&R, FG	19	6	19 00	50	19 50	
Lou J McElroy	D&R	42	31	113 50	6 00	119 50	
Virgil Smith		55			29 00	29 00	
Beauford Staton	BR	30	21	92 50	1 75	94 25	
E A Taylor	BR	55	73	272 00	12 40	284 40	
Totals (Agts. 9)							\$4 50

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

R R Coble	BR	30	12	\$50 00	\$	\$50 00	\$14 00
M B Wilson	BR	34	19	71 50		71 50	
M S Hubbell		58			63 00	63 00	
J B Hardy	BR	26	32	154 00		154 00	
L E Wilson	BR	25	11	41 50		41 50	
Bibles				4 55		4 55	
Totals (Agts. 5)							\$14 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Jesse Allen	BR	20	16	\$66 00	\$ 5 00	\$71 00	\$
John Cox	BR	19	9	33 50	2 25	35 75	
Florence Frisby					15 00	15 00	15 00
Sammie Edwards					18 00	18 00	18 00
R H Hazelton	BR	30	10	36 00	50	36 50	
R Y Howard*	BR	60	23	80 50		80 50	31 25
M Hixson	BR	43	34	120 50	14 25	134 75	11 75
W J Keele	D&R	48	19	77 50	4 50	82 00	4 50
W J Keele	Bibles			25 85		25 85	
H G Miller	D&R	15	1	3 50	25	3 75	22 00
Cleve Smith	D&R	35	1	3 50		3 50	11 50
E O Stahl	BR	41	27	100 50	7 25	107 75	4 25
M Wheeler	D&R	38	44	180 50	10	180 60	5 60
M Wheeler	Bibles			3 50		3 50	
Totals (Agts. 14)							\$123 85

G'd Totals (A. 47) 1546 773 \$2677 80 \$296 75 \$2974 55 \$965 35

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference	11605	\$15265 00	\$ 758 40	\$16023 40
Kentucky Conference	11247	18009 40	1212 61	19222 01
Louisiana Conference	4929	12345 15	284 30	12629 45
Mississippi Conference	10737	27824 75	1641 87	29466 62
Tenn. River Conference	940	13094 00	1678 45	14772 45
Totals	47918	\$86538 30	\$5575 63	\$92113 93

A Fifty-per-cent Prospectus

A new prospectus for home workers has been prepared by the Southern Publishing Association, containing only books upon which a commission of fifty per cent can be allowed. It is not expected or desired that our regular colporteurs should use this, as their work is to sell the large books. It is intended, however, to be used by our ministers, Bible workers, home missionary workers, and others who are not engaged in regular colporteur work. The following in the list:

Cloth Board Paper

Armageddon	\$.50	\$.25
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Christ Our Saviour75	.60
Gospel Primer50	.35
Gospel Story50	.35
King's Daughter75	
Making Home Happy75	
Man That Rum Made, The75	
Men of the Mountains, The	1.50	.75
New Testament Primer50	.35
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Shadow of the Bottle, The50	.25
Steps to Christ75	
Tiger and Tom75	
Vatican and the War, The50	.25
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FOR SALE: Fifty acres of land, with new house, barn, concrete cistern, good spring, concrete cave with potato house above; located twenty-five miles from Chattanooga, and six miles from Trenton, Ga., county seat and railroad town; within a quarter of a mile of Seventh-day Adventist church and school, and near rural mail route. Fifteen acres are under cultivation and the remainder is in woods pasture. There are two hundred fruit trees in bearing, including apple, peach, pear, plum, and cherry, also grape vineyard and various small fruits. Excellent fruit and truck farm. \$1,000 cash. Reason for selling is that I may go as a self-supporting missionary to a South American field. Address: E. W. Graves, Long Island, Ala.

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Pertaining to the Union

Union Conference Directory

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News Items

Brother M. W. Shidler, the union field missionary secretary, left Nashville Wednesday noon, going to Louisville to attend their camp-meeting which began Thursday, the sixth.

Elder I. M. Martin passed through Nashville September 5 on his way to the Kentucky camp-meeting. He has just finished a very successful tent effort in Mobile, Ala., and on his way north stopped one day at Collegedale to attend the board meeting held there Tuesday.

Professor Wood left Nashville on the early morning train Thursday for Louisville, to attend the Kentucky camp-meeting.

Elder S. E. Wight returned from the Southern Junior College board meeting with Elder I. M. Martin Wednesday, and left Nashville Thursday noon for Louisville, Ky., where he also goes to attend the camp-meeting.

Brother G. H. Curtis left Ooltewah for Huntsville, Ala., in company with Elder I. H. Evans to attend a board meeting of the Oakwood Junior College Wednesday, returning to Nashville Thursday morning.

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*.

Important to Fireside Correspondence School Students

Hereafter all books and supplies for F. C. S. courses of study should be ordered from the school instead of the Review and Herald, New York. C. C. LEWIS, Principal.

"Life is a check signed in blank; what it is worth depends on how you fill it out."

Truth Never Dies

Truth never dies; the ages come and go:
The mountains wear away, the seas retire,
Destruction lays earth's mighty cities low;
And empires, states, and dynasties expire;
But caught and handed onward by the wise,
Truth never dies.

Though unreceived and scoffed at through the years,
Though made the butt of ridicule and jest,
Though held aloft for mockery and jeers;
Denied by those of transient powers possessed,
Insulted by the insolence of lies,
Truth never dies.

Truth answers not; it does not take offense,
But with a mighty silence bides its time,
As some great cliff that braves the elements,
And lifts through all the storms its head sublime;
So truth unmoved, its puny foes defies,
And never dies.

—J. N. Watros.

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 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 copies05 each
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What Do You Think of These?

The following titles of articles constituting the October *Signs Magazine* speak for themselves: "Revising America's Eating Habits"; "Overeating — The National Crime"; "A Cavalcade of Wonders"; "Will Socialism Come True?"; "The Charge of '44"; "Patty's Decision"; "A Cataract of Thrones"; "Can We Hear from the Dead?"; "The Biggest of Big Businesses"; "Cracking the Sunday Laws"; "That Wheatless Meal"; "Democracy at the Cross-Roads."

It is known as the Conservation number. Every article seems extra good. Those who have said, "It seems every issue is better than the one before," will declare that this is particularly true of the October number. Don't dismiss this from your mind until you have seen a copy and have acted upon the impulse that is almost sure to come to you.

"A warm heart and a cool head are a just balance for discreet discrimination and administration."