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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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Disappointment

We see some golden fruit hang overhead;
We plan for it; we think it is our own;
We reach our hands; but lo, we find, instead,
Within our eager palms a thorn alone.

The inviting path which looked to us so fair
Is left for other feet than ours to tread;
We come to it; a sudden fork is there:
The path we would not choose is ours instead.

Are there no answered prayers? How oft it seems
They are not heard,—are simply laid aside!
How oft 'twould seem our choicest, dearest dreams
Come but to taunt us, and to be denied!

And after all, some blessedness there is
That none may find save in affliction's hour;
When strength has failed, then just to trust in His,
Reveals to us how real, how great, His power.

When daylight fair has faded from our sight,
And when our eyes are aching and are dim,
When rest comes not throughout the weary night,
Then sweeter do we find the rest in Him.

It is not needful for the wearied brain
To question “Why?” and all earth's reasons know;
Enough that One all-wise doth rule and reign,
Who knows, Who loves, and has willed it so.

The change of key which else were discord rude
Beneath the great musician's touch may be
The part remembered longest, as prelude
To sweeter strains, diviner melody.

And sometime, at the ending of the way,
When from its roughness we at last shall rest,
On looking back we then shall see and say,
“Each step the Father led us was the best.”

—Pearl Waggoner Howard.

Harvest Ingathering

This week marks the opening of the Harvest Ingathering for 1917. We should make a good beginning by securing donations at the first. I notice our conferences have nearly all ordered papers, but if there is a church that has not it can do so, and the order will be promptly filled. Every member is expected to secure at least five dollars this season. Next week a report of those from each conference who succeed will be printed. Who will be the first on the honor roll?

S. E. WIGHT.

Annual Collection for the Colored Work, Oct. 20, 1917

For a number of years a special annual collection has been taken for the colored work. This collection has greatly assisted us in securing necessary funds with which to carry forward the work for the colored people which has grown rapidly year by year, making it necessary to increase our appropriations to this line of work.

This money has not been spent in vain. We now have large churches in every city of note in the United States, and in many rural districts. Schools are operated in most of these centers. The tent efforts are bringing out large churches. In one of the Southern cities a church of seventy-five has been developed the present summer, and in the North the tent meetings were never attended by such large congregations. If we had more workers we could quickly double the membership. The colored canvassers are having unusual success taking orders for our good books. One from the Oakwood school has taken \$3,500 worth of orders since school closed in the spring. Others have made scholarships. I mention these facts to show that God is now working in a special way for this people, and I believe what we fail to do for them at once may never be done.

At the Huntsville council it was voted to improve our school plant at Huntsville to the extent of sixty thousand dollars. The colored people agreed to raise ten thousand dollars. The school was raised to a junior college, to meet our educational standards and to answer a call for a stronger school for the many colored young people who are taking advanced work. To put in this equipment we must have new buildings and other facilities. We should begin this work next spring, and must have at least twenty thousand dollars for the first building. It was voted to ask our people to give liberally. Those who have a surplus of means no doubt will feel like giving large sums, and no one will want to give less than a dollar. If all our members in this country would give a dollar apiece, we could go ahead with this much needed extension work, and no one would suffer. My dear reader, will you not take this request to the Lord in prayer and ask him to impress you just what he would have you give? Our colored people are giving liberally of their scanty means to help themselves. In one of our recent colored camp-meetings with less than fifty present, they gave and pledged in cash to missions over \$700. Some gave all the cash they had and borrowed money to return home on. I am sure if you could see their earnestness and also their poverty, you would not be happy in keeping for your personal use money that would be such a blessing if invested in this fruitful tribe. I know of no race that is more susceptible to the truth.

One of our greatest problems is to furnish church houses for the large companies that accept the truth. We must have a church extension fund to assist in this way. I have several places in mind where from fifty to a hundred have accepted the message and have no place to meet after the tents come down. The conference and the members will do all they can to provide church homes for them, but they are not able to bear all the expense. I hope every reader will take hold and help us to make

this collection the largest that has ever been made for this work and thus help a most worthy and needy cause. Ten millions of colored people in this country have their faces turned toward us, asking for the light God has given us for them. Shall we answer the call? May the Lord help us to do so before it is too late. Do not forget the date, Sabbath, Oct. 20, 1917.

C. B. STEPHENSON, *Secretary Negro Department.*

The School Year 1917-18. Its Meaning and Possibilities.

Seventh-day Adventists have accepted their responsibility to maintain church schools. They have established a system of these schools, extending from the first primary grade to the last college grade. The colleges are now graduating young people who have had all their school work in these schools. From these schools are coming the men and women who are carrying this great second advent movement into all parts of the world. These schools are thus serving the cause of gospel endeavor. They have become so essentially a part of the work of Seventh-day Adventists that it is not an exaggeration to say that upon their success depends in most prominent measure the advance and finishing of the message of Rev. 14:6-12.

The school year of 1917-18 is pregnant with meaning and possibilities for good. We are in the time of trouble spoken of by Daniel the prophet. It is a time when men need sound faith and cool judgment. It is a time when our boys and girls must be instructed most diligently in the things which pertain to their eternal welfare. The line upon line and precept upon precept of eternal affairs were never so necessary as now. In the midst of the misery and woe of today the most gigantic plans for personal aggrandizement and worldly honor are being formed, and opportunities for worldly advancement for the ambitious, diligent young man and woman were never greater than they are today. These conditions command that our children and youth be taught in no uncertain manner that the beginning of the eternal kingdom of God is at hand.

Nothing can prevail against the agnostic spirit of the day save vital Christianity. The spirit of doubt and unbelief in eternal realities, and of ambition and desire for the baubles of life, is not confined to men of the world, but it permeates every stratum of society. It is in the air, and the little children, as well as those who are older, are affected by it, and nothing will save them from its strong influence but counteracting teachings which will lead them to a belief in the Bible and in the worthlessness of that which the world esteems valuable. Now, this has always been true. There has always been the necessity for such Christian teaching to children, but in view of the world's condition today, such teaching is far more necessary than ever before.

These conditions set before us the meaning and possibilities of the school year of 1917-18, and the reasons why Seventh-day Adventists should loyally support their church schools. The picture which we have before us is a dark one, but it is not a pessimistic one; for while the conditions that confront the world and the church are dark, the means of overcoming them are many and most powerful. These means are within the reach of godly parents and teachers. It is their high privilege to surround their children with an atmosphere and with direct teachings that will lead them properly to relate themselves to the conditions and needs of the world. They must be taught to exercise faith in God and in his Word. They must be taught the meaning and value of Christian virtues, including active service for others. The daily school work affords opportunities for such teaching. It is to be given directly and indirectly,—directly from the Word and in all class work, and indirectly by the teachers' and parents' lives.

For the teacher to give such instruction, it is necessary that he shall be fully imbued with the spirit of courage and belief in the sure triumph of right. He is to be a fountain of cheer and confidence in God. Because of the conditions of which we

have spoken, his work will be the more arduous, but sufficient unto the responsibilities of each day is the strength from above to meet them.

These dark times in which we live are often distressing to children, and they need an atmosphere of cheer and confidence to resist these depressing feelings, and to pursue each day's work heartily and joyfully. The world is offering to our children and young people great inducements, but the teacher and the parent whose lives justify their belief in the near dawning of that eternal day of brightness have the opportunity of meeting these inducements with the far stronger ones which are to be found in the service of God. "Be of good cheer" is our Master's word, and it is good doctrine for these days,—a doctrine that must be inculcated in the heart and life of every Seventh-day Adventist child.—*Frederick Griggs.*

Why Conserve Food?

When our people are approached by local Food Administration officials and urged to pledge themselves to prevent waste of food "in order to win the war for democracy," some may feel inclined to question the propriety of non-combatants carrying on a food campaign with a view to winning the war.

There is for us, however, another point at issue. Whether the war be long or short, and regardless of its outcome, the world is facing an ominous food crisis. Late springs, droughts, hurricanes, poor rainfall, and periods of intense heat have played havoc with crops the world over. The season of 1917 will go down as one of the worst in agricultural history. Our crop of winter wheat is away below normal. Argentine, normally an exporting country, claims to have barely enough wheat for her own need.

But this is not the worst. Owing to the war, there is a marked decrease of food production in Europe. Farmers have been called away to army and factory, and their places have been taken by "overworked women, unskilled old men, and listless prisoners." The submarines have sunk boatload after boatload of precious fertilizers. Because of poor farm management, decrease in acreage, and lack of fertilizers, a marked reduction in soil fertility is inevitable.

In view of these alarming world conditions, America must face the enormous task of helping to feed the rest of the world, especially western Europe. Careful estimates have been made of the amount of food America can spare, and it is confidently asserted that with enthusiastic cooperation from all American homes in the matter of preventing food wastes and of choosing our diet more largely from the perishables, so as to conserve those foods most adaptable for shipment, we can save many from starvation without real sacrifice on our part. We are asked, not to stint ourselves in any necessary food, but to reduce to a minimum the wastage of food.

With our present eating habits we cannot spare much, but by practising the economies suggested by the Food Administration, we are assured that there will be sufficient food to feed the afflicted nations of western Europe. It is the sum of the small savings in every family that will go to make up the large amounts we need to save for Europe. To illustrate: If every person in the United States, by eating corn or other cereal, saves *one ounce* of wheat flour a day, the aggregate will be 3,125 tons, or 150 carloads a day, a train of flour about a mile and a half long. And can we say that we do not on the average use that much more white flour than we actually need? A train of wheat or flour a mile and a half long every day would go a long way toward making up the wheat shortage of the world.

We Americans have been educated to think it almost niggardly to save the remnants—to make use of "left-overs." Parts of the liberal servings, including butter, are carelessly sent to the garbage barrel. Can we not realize that if we make use of these remnants we will thereby release a larger portion of unused food for suffering Europe? The food thus wasted daily represents

literally trainloads of food for which the mothers and children of Europe are crying. Is it "niggardly" to save the left-overs in order that the hungry of Europe may be fed?

G. H. HEALD, M. D.
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"The Time to Favor Zion, Yea, the Set Time Has Come"

After finishing a long canvassing trip eastward early this summer in excessive heat and under trying conditions, I was much worn out and came to the inviting cool coast mountains of Humboldt County in northern California for a rest. But it was not to last long. Arriving up here July 18, time speedily passed on the attractive mountain fruit ranch adjacent to the giant redeemed forests, and on August 5 I was hard at work again taking orders for our good books, viz., "Great Controversy," "Practical Guide to Health," "Ministry of Healing" (relief edition), some "World War," and "His Glorious Appearing" in foreign tongues, and *Signs of the Times* for those of other tongues.

I have been signally blessed of heaven. I give all praise and honor to his exalted name. It is a wonder and an astonishment how God has gone before me and made it so easy to sell our good books. Surely we are in the time of the latter rain, in the day of the Lord's power, when the people shall be willing, at the time when he will make bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; when all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God; in the day when Zion is to arise and shine for her light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon her; the time foretold when her righteousness is to go forth as brightness and her salvation as a lamp that burneth; when she is to be clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and as terrible as an army with banners to arise and shake herself from the dust and put on her beautiful garments.

These wonderful utterances of the prophet Isaiah have a wonderful fascination for me; they just stir me. Now in the time of fulfilment, who would not have a part in this glorious work, this closing message, heralding the coming of the King of kings! What is now to be done must be done quickly, for there is only a short time left in which to work. O for a closer walk with God, for more of his grace! He is willing to pour out his Holy Spirit on his waiting children as never before. Time fails me (Ps. 40:5) to tell of all the wonderful successes and blessed experiences that the Saviour has granted me and led me through day by day. Dear friends, if you want to be happy, buckle into this work, this conflict. Be determined to have a part in it now, before it is too late and the work closes up suddenly, as it surely will.

WALTER HARPER.

According to Their Faith

A study of the experiences reported by those who have taken part in the Harvest Ingathering reveals an interesting and encouraging fact. It is that the success of the work has been largely in proportion to the faith of the workers.

One sister, an invalid with a good excuse for doing nothing, determined to have a part in the campaign. She wrote to her sister and received a check for \$50. Another sister set her goal for \$25, and in a few hours collected it. An isolated sister in the mountains ordered twenty-five papers, rode over the mountains, collected eight dollars for half of them, and then sent for twenty more papers to be sure to have enough.

One sister wrote, "I am glad to say I have reached my five dollars, and hope to raise another five dollars." Calling it "my five dollars" shows that was what she went after. A brother reached his goal and went \$6.15 beyond it. Another sister writes, "I have nearly \$20 collected, but will hold it until I have \$25, the full amount of my pledge, and intend to try to get even more."

Pages could be filled with similar experiences, but these are enough to show how people set goals, with faith in God's power to give them success in reaching them, and they were not disappointed.

Another important point is that it takes prayer and hard work to bring success. A few obtain large donations, but the majority of the large collections are made up by persistent collections of small amounts. "The first time I was asked to go out with the Ingathering magazines to secure money for missions, I thought it an utter impossibility. It is so against the nature of some of us to ask other people to give to us, that we would prefer to go out and earn the money working hard at something and give it, but as our ministers at camp-meeting showed that the responsibility rests upon us, I felt that if I refused I should be offending the Master. So after much prayer for courage I started out, but many times after I have been ready to go I have gone back and knelt down to ask God for more courage. And, Oh, it was such a cross to ask people for money. Finally, the thought came to me, 'This is God's work. I am not asking for this money for myself, but for him and his work, and all the money in the great world belongs to him. I am only asking for his own, so I am going to let the responsibility rest upon him, and I shall not think of myself at all, only of him and the distant lands in such need, and that I must work faithfully.' But to work for the Master faithfully did not lessen my need of prayer, for then I realized that I must pray constantly, so I began to pray between the houses, while I rang the bell, and while I was talking to the people, and I knew God was sending an angel to stand beside each person to impress him to give. In this way I became very happy in the work, and there is nothing I more thoroughly enjoy than going out with the Ingathering magazines for a day. . . . The first day that I received \$10 for my work I was so happy. The only way that I can express the extent of my joy is to say that I felt intoxicated with happiness to think the Lord would give me — just me — \$10 for missions in one day. So, my dear people, there is courage for all."

"I have put in approximately two full days and secured a little more than \$17. It has been received in small amounts, an average of a little better than twenty-five cents. When I can find time to set apart three or four days to the work, I can reach the goal in a short time."

"My experiences were many and good. One thing that encouraged me was that those who knew of the work of Seventh-day Adventists and what we are doing here were the most ready to help. While I did not get large offerings, I was glad for small ones. There was one advantage, I reached more people than if I had received \$5 and \$10 at one time. It was only the power of the Spirit's work upon the hearts in answer to prayer that enabled me to do what I did in the time I had, with the other work I must keep up. Twenty-five dollars looked large to me at first, but I felt that I had been asked to get it, and made up my mind that no one should be disappointed in me."

An old brother wrote: "I would without doubt have reached three times my goal of \$100 had not the storms hindered my work. I have sent \$280 to the conference office on the Harvest Ingathering work. I see no limit to the possibilities for success in this business, except it be that which comes from the dread many have of soliciting money. It is work that tells. It is hard work, strong work, and a long time at the work counted together that gives success. Read and study the exhortation and promise in Haggai 2:4, 5. It is with this, as with our prayers, we 'quit too soon.' It is the eternal vigilance and the everlasting pull that accomplish the most. Why not keep at the work until we are sure it is finished?"

In these experiences are the principles of success. If all the people will this year go and do likewise, the goal will surely be reached.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

The "Review and Herald"

For many months past a very earnest effort has been put forth to place the *Review and Herald* in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family. Considerable headway has been made, but we are still short of our goal.

What can we do to improve the situation? This is an important question. Everything that can be done is being done to make the *Review* all that it should be. No one can doubt for a moment but that this great unifying factor should be in the homes and read by every believer in the great second advent movement.

There is light and counsel in its pages on all subjects and for every one striving for that perfection of character that reaches out to perfection in action.

The publishers are ready to act their part in this united effort. They will supply the *Review and Herald* to any new address for the remainder of this year and all of 1918 for the regular yearly subscription price—or fourteen months' supplies for twelve months' pay. This we regard as a remarkable offer. It is as good as a fifty-cent donation.

Now is the time to send in your order. It seems that our people should now arm themselves with this great soul protector.

We would greatly appreciate it if every subscriber would put forth efforts to secure other names. This we regard as true home missionary work.

F. W. PAAP.

A World-Wide Message

The light that God has given his people is not to be shut up within the churches that already know the truth. It is to be shed abroad into the dark places of the earth. Those who walk in the light as Christ is in the light will cooperate with the Saviour by revealing to others what he has revealed to them. It is God's purpose that the truth for this time shall be made known to every kindred, and nation, and tongue, and people. In the world today men and women are absorbed in the search for worldly gain and worldly pleasure. There are thousands upon thousands who give no time or thought to the salvation of the soul. The time has come when the message of Christ's soon coming is to sound throughout the world.

Unmistakable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The warning is to be given in certain tones. The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace in the clouds of heaven. There is much to be done in the cities that have not yet heard the truth for this time. We are not to establish institutions to rival in size and splendor the institutions of the world; but in the name of the Lord, with the untiring perseverance and unflagging zeal that Christ brought into his labors, we are to carry forward the work of the Lord.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

Keep Pushing

"Keep pushing—'tis wiser
Than sitting aside,
And dreaming and sighing,
And waiting the tide.
In life's earnest battle
They only prevail
Who daily march onward
And never say fail!"

"In life's early morning,
In manhood's firm pride,
Let this be your motto
Your footsteps to guide,
In storm and in sunshine,
Whatever assail,
We'll onward and conquer,
Who never say fail!"

Kentucky Conference

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Notice

This quarter ends with Sabbath, September 29. Please do not fail to send in your quarterly home missionary reports.

R. I. KEATE.

To the Members of the Kentucky Conference

The great controversy between Christ and Satan is nearing its end, and soon the victory will be won. We are living in the climax of the ages, and now a mighty offensive is on. We are called upon to advance our lines. By a united effort we must push forward. Every available force must be harnessed, and our dependence for victory must be upon God.

In response to our heavenly Commander we are letting "the gospel message ring throughout our churches, summoning them to universal action. . . . Time is short and our forces must be organized to do a larger work."

We desire to enlist every member in the great Harvest Ingathering campaign that is now on, with a goal of at least \$5 per member. Every church is to be organized into bands of from six to ten members with a definite territory and a leader for every band. We hope every member will go to work systematically to reach the goal set. Every member should report to his church the result of his efforts, and the churches are expected to report to the conference each week. These reports will be put in the *SOUTHERN UNION WORKER* so that all may know what progress is being made. We hope every church will keep its goal before the members and will indicate the result obtained on the thermometer that has been or will be furnished.

This conference has to raise \$4,346.98 on our quota for missions by January 1. We had only given \$1,050.62, or an average of six cents per capita a week during the first eight months of this year. When these facts were presented at camp-meeting, those present expressed their belief that we could yet raise our full quota before the end of the year, and by the up-lifted hand they promised to enter heartily into the effort to do so.

All funds given through the Sabbath school, all mission offerings given, all unpaid pledges of cash or farm produce for missions, and the proceeds of the Harvest Ingathering campaign go to make up this amount that we are going to raise.

Remember that this is a movement to help finish the work which God has given us to do. He expects every member to do his best. It is for the salvation of souls at home and abroad. The paper we give away helps to give the message, calling people's attention to the great work God has going on in the earth, and the money helps to send the message to the ends of the earth. Will you not enlist now and enter into active service at once to reach the great objectives we have set for ourselves? By earnest effort and much prayer we can do it.

R. I. KEATE.

News Items

One of our canvassers writes: "The Lord did bless me in this week's work. I was just worn out and would simply hand the prospectus to the customer to look at, would tell him the price and just a few main things about the Eastern Question, and I had his order. I sold \$80.50 worth easier than I ever did

before. So pray the Lord to bless me that I may do still better next week."

At camp-meeting time we secured a number of new recruits for the canvassing field, among them Brother John Wilhelm, Theodore Kroeger, J. P. Salmon, Warren Judson, and W. G. Michael. Most of these have already started in the colporteur work at this writing.

Little ten-year-old Emma Ford collected eight dollars for the Southern Junior College while on her way home from camp-meeting. She used the dime album in her work. Other children, and older ones also, could do as well if they made the same effort. Why not try?

One little girl (not an Adventist) living near the camp ground was anxious to earn a "Christ's Object Lessons" for herself, and in a few hours filled one of the dime albums.

We were glad to greet Arthur Owens at the office, en route to Berrien Springs, Mich., to college. Brother Owens has more than a scholarship to his credit for his summer's work.

Good reports are beginning to come in on the Harvest Ingathering work.

Church clerks who have not sent in their quarterly reports by the time this paper reaches them should do so at once. Otherwise we will not be able to report to the union correctly. Churches and isolated members should also send in their quarterly home missionary reports.

Camp-Meeting

The general testimony concerning our camp-meeting which has just closed is that it was one of the best camp-meetings that was ever held in this State. The Holy Spirit was certainly present in a marked manner, and all present were impressed by its workings. At the close of the meeting when the opportunity was given, ten presented themselves for church membership. About six new colporteurs have entered or will soon enter the field. The last Sunday morning all present who had not already signed the "Win One" pledge signed it at that time, and good supplies of *Present Truth* were purchased. The Sabbath school offerings in cash and pledges totaled more than \$500, which is more than four times the offerings for the same purpose last year. Considerable enthusiasm was stirred up over the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and when the fact was made known that this conference needed over \$4,300 to reach its quota to missions for the year, those present expressed their belief that by the help of God we could yet raise this amount, and by the up-lifted hand they promised to enter heartily into the campaign to raise these necessary funds.

Louisiana Conference

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News Items

We are glad to report one member on the Reading Course Honor Roll. Mrs. C. A. Lantz, of Welsh, sends word that she has completed courses one and ten, the only ones for which she did not already have certificates.

Elder W. P. McLennan called at the office today on business. He reports that the church school is progressing nicely. The children are happy in their new school with Mrs. L. B. Spear as teacher. The school opened with ten members, and the prospects are that the number will increase soon.

The New Orleans school of church No. 2 opened with sixteen members, and others have since entered. This school is taught by Lucile C. Williams.

The addition to the New Orleans church No. 1 to provide room for a school is being rapidly pushed to completion so school can open October first. This school is to be taught by Miss Bessie Morgan, of Bogue Chitta, Miss.

The school at Ooltewah is to have another student from Honduras. Hector Moncada passed through here Monday on his way to the school.

Elder Doering's son from Cuba stopped one night with us on his way to the German Seminary at Clinton, Mo. In his luggage he carried two large pineapples, weighing eight and ten pounds respectively.

Brother J. A. P. Green and family have gone to San Antonio, where Mrs. Green and her daughter Ruth will spend the winter while Brother Green makes a trip into Mexico and down to Porto Rico, after which they plan to go on to California.

We were glad to welcome Mrs. Stahl and her son and daughter, who were on their way from Puna, Peru, to Washington, where the son and daughter will attend school. Arriving on the same boat were Brother Childs, of the Pacific Press, and Brother and Sister Railey, who are on their way to Washington State for a much needed rest and change of climate.

Elder and Mrs. E. W. Thurber spent a short time in New Orleans before sailing for Guatemala, where they will be engaged in the work.

Elder Sanders has just arrived from a tour among the churches in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work.

Sister Susie Campbell, of the New Orleans church No. 2, has recently connected with the Oakwood school and will serve as preceptress.

Splendid reports are coming in from our colporteurs who are now making their deliveries. The prospects are that some will make from 90 to 100 per cent deliveries, and some above. Brother Coble writes that although his delivery is not a large one, it is the best for its size he has ever had, and his only regret is it will be over all too soon. According to the report that has come in a number of letters, many of the subscribers are anxiously waiting for their books.

The Tent Meeting at Seale

For one month I have been here holding a tent meeting, which is, however, but a continuation of the tent meeting I began about two months ago at Oretta, a little place about two and one-half miles from here.

As one result of the meetings between fifteen and twenty have promised to obey the truth and keep the Sabbath. But some of these I have not seen recently and cannot say how they are holding out. However, some are developing into strong Seventh-day Adventists.

On the eighteenth of August I organized a Sabbath school which has been doing nicely since and promises well for the future.

All my meetings have been attended well by a few, the interested ones. One drawback to me this month has been the weather. Once I had my tent blown down in a big storm, and several other times I had to lower it to save it. At times for many days in succession it rained, so that it was impossible for me to do as much visiting as I usually do, and as I would like to have done. Nevertheless, being located right by a big store and the post office, I did considerable visiting without leaving the tent.

Yesterday, the ninth of September, I had the privilege of baptizing three middle-aged women, two young ladies eighteen and nineteen years of age, and one young man fifteen years of age. One of the young ladies is definitely planning on attending Ooltewah this year, and the other plans to go next year. These are bright young people, and they will make good workers in

the cause of God if they can only get a good preparation in our schools.

I am now planning to stay in this vicinity for a week or ten days to try to win some more and to get other Sabbath-keepers to the point where they will be ready for baptism and union with our church. After this and about the first of October I plan to begin a series of meeting in the town of Fullerton.

I ask your continued prayers for me, my brethren, that the Lord may use me to save souls.

O. F. FRANK.

Mississippi Conference

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Gather the Children

Many times in Holy Writ we are shown the prominent place given in the providential care of God to the children. Hear him saying to Israel of old (Deut. 6: 6, 7): "And these words which I command thee this day . . . thou shalt teach diligently unto thy children"; and again to Peter before the ascension, "Feed my lambs." So in the last days the children still have a place in the Divine mind, for when the call is given through Joel to "gather the people" and "assemble the elders," the Lord also says, "Gather the children." Thank God, the children are not forgotten!

And, parents, do we remember that our children are not called to idleness? No! The great closing work of God is so ordered that even the children,—and little children, too—may have the precious privilege of sharing in it.

A faithful mother in Vicksburg, Miss., gives this report of work done by two of her girls to procure money for the mission fields.

Our conference president was over and gave a little talk on missions. His words lodged in the hearts of his hearers and brought this return in the lives of some of the children. A friend of the girls, as well as of the great cause of God, gave them two quarts of seed Irish potatoes. These were planted with care and tended by the girls, who were rewarded with two pecks of good potatoes which retailed for one dollar and fifteen cents, besides leaving another two quarts for subsequent planting. The kind father of these same children gives them ten cents each pay day (every fortnight) for their spending money. Each of the little girls decided to advance enough money from her small store to buy a missionary pullet. These were bought from their mother for twenty-five cents apiece. As these hens grew, by and by they gave the girls some eggs, each one laying five dozen. The mother bought these at market price,—thirty cents. So see what these children had for their thirteenth Sabbath offering after paying for their hens,—one dollar and twenty-five cents each! Truly they were happy children that Sabbath day!

Now these same children have some sweet potatoes which will probably give them one or one and one-half bushels for market. Do you not think that these children love God and his work in the earth better for this experience?

Dear parents, what are you doing to endear the third angel's message more and more to the hearts of your children?

A WORKER.

Tennessee River Conference

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News Items

The camp-meeting is now in the past. The workers and lay members have returned to their homes, but for many months, or even years, will linger the memories of the good meetings held and the spiritual season afforded those who were privileged to attend. It is said by many that the camp-meeting just closed was the best ever held in the conference, and those who did not attend have surely missed a great deal.

Elder Bellinger remained on the camp ground a week after the close of the meeting, removing tents, and clearing waste paper, etc., from the camp. Some inconvenience has been caused by our inability to secure draymen to move our tents to the storehouse, on account of this being the busy moving season and the wagons are greatly in demand.

Through the kindness of the M. F. Shea Piano Co. we were furnished with a nice upright piano, which was a great help in providing music for the meetings.

J. H. Parrott and Alvin Rosel, who assisted in removing the tents and equipment, took the night train for home, Tuesday, September 25. Both these brethren will soon be in the colporteur field again, ready to write orders by the book-full.

Brother R. H. Hazelton is assisting Elder Bellinger in the work of tearing down the camp. He will soon return to his colporteur work.

Those who were present during the book sale in the big tent at camp-meeting, Sunday, September 23, and who gave orders for the books in quantities, please write to the conference office at once, stating when they desire the books shipped, and in what quantities. It was stated during the meeting that they may be ordered in small consignments, but that the first order should be paid for in cash, before a second order was requested. We hope that all will bear this in mind. The special allowances, or premiums, will be given with each order, on a basis of one for every ten books ordered. However, the premium should always be requested when ordering books, or otherwise it might not be understood to be part of the original order given last Sunday.

The storehouse of the conference to the rear of the Southern Publishing Association has been enlarged to better accommodate the extra equipment which has been purchased recently.

Elder Elliott and family have removed to Goodlettsville, Tenn., and will reside in the neighborhood with Brother Haugsted and the brethren of the Haran church. Brother Elliott reports having secured a nice house with a good lot for garden, etc.

Elder Denslow left Nashville Sunday morning, September 29, for Colesburg, Tenn., where he will pitch a tent and hold a series of meetings for the community. He will follow up the interest left by the tent recently pitched at Burns, several miles away, and from which effort a good interest was secured.

Elder James Bellinger will take charge of the work in Nashville for the present, and will occupy the apartments formerly held by Elder Denslow. His telephone number will be Main 4319-J.

Elder Elliott left on the afternoon train, September 26, for Memphis, to inspect some properties there offered for our new church location for the colored people. Elder Lawrence had previously visited him here in the city with regard to the matter, and they together will inspect the properties.

Fifty at a Time

A gentleman at the Chicago Beach Hotel in Chicago, saw an article in the *Life Boat* in regard to our little school and wrote for more particulars. He has shown a deep interest in our welfare and has continually encouraged us to hold on to the work here. He is a Southerner by birth and knows something of conditions here. He is much interested in rescue work, but says that he feels we are at the right end of rescue work by educating in right principles, while the heart is young and tender. Knowing the number of children and young people in our school, he counts them as his boys and girls and often sends them little gifts. He sent fifty beautiful scriptural calendars. The children took them home and love to look at the Bible pictures and recall as many stories as they can. He also sent fifty Easter cards in neat little envelopes, and the last gift was fifty copies of St. John's Gospel. How the children prize those little books. I wrote their names in them, and I know many are reading them through. This gentleman also sent us a roll of pictures representing the life of Christ. We have these hung in the school-house as we also have bright colored pennants bearing such words as "Lo I am with you always" and other texts. Such things brighten the way which sometimes gets a bit lonely and dreary.

A prominent teacher in one of the leading colleges of Rome called on us recently, and as she looked around our bright little schoolroom she turned to me and said, "Well, you certainly believe in practical Christianity." We want our work to always bear the mark of the humble Christian.

MRS. W. W. BROWN.

A New, Wonderful, Soul-winning Song

We are glad to be able to furnish to all our people a wonderful, soul-winning song. It has in it and emphasizes the personal touch. It is written in march time. The first stanza and chorus read as follows:

If to Christ our only King
Men redeemed we strive to bring,
Just one way may this be done —
We must win them one by one.

CHORUS

So, you bring the one next to you,
And I'll bring the one next to me;
In all kinds of weather, we'll all work together
And see what can be done.

If you'll bring the one next to you,
And I bring the one next to me;
In no time at all we'll have them all,
So win them, win them, one by one.

The price is two copies for ten cents; ten copies for thirty cents; and one hundred copies for \$2.50.

Send all orders to F. W. Paap, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

"The Kaiser, the Bible, and Destiny"

A short time ago the following statement, that to us is ridiculous, appeared in one of the big Eastern dailies; "The beast with the two horns in Rev. 13:11 represents Germany and Austria." Seven other equally absurd ideas were voiced in the article. It is plainly evident that there is need of giving wide circulation to such publications as the *Signs Magazine*. The heading to this paragraph is also the heading of a fine, easily understood article that appears in the November number. The article, based on the prophecy of Daniel 7, will set some uninformed and other misinformed persons straight. Will your friends and acquaintances be among them?

Colporteurs' Report

Week Ending September 22

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Alex Perry*BR	71	42	\$144 00	\$	\$144 00	\$
R F HickmanBR	4	6	25 00	11 00	36 00	69 70
Arthur F Owens*BR	46					152 30
John BrownlieBR	23	5	19 50	4 00	23 50	11 75
Jesse MillerD&R						228 00
J H ClarkBF	8	7				21 25

Totals (Agts. 6) . 152 60 \$188 50 \$15 00 \$203 50 \$483 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

J B HardyBR	22	22	\$151 50	\$	\$151 50	\$
M B WilsonBR	47					124 00
T S SlightBR				2 50	2 50	17 50
John Harzman*BF	46	35	58 00	2 05	60 05	
F W Schmehl*BR	106					476 00
M S Hubbell*BR	57			27 25	27 25	54 50
R R Coble *BR	92	3	10 50		10 50	376 50
J R Perkins*BR	41					160 00
Hugh Moomaugh*BR	38	62	242 50		242 50	137 50
Bibles			13 95		13 95	25 45

Totals (Agts. 9) . 449 122 \$476 45 \$31 80 \$508 25\$1371 55

G'd Totals (A. 15) 601 182 \$664 95 \$46 80 \$711 75\$1854 55

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	12391	\$16346 35	\$ 850 70	\$17197 05
Kentucky Conference . .	11746	18273 35	1245 86	19519 21
Louisiana Conference . .	4751	13307 60	316 10	13623 70
Mississippi Conference .	10804	28338 75	1673 62	30012 37
Tenn. River Conference	9604	13395 50	1702 20	15097 70

Totals 49496 \$89661 55 \$5788 48 \$95450 03

Magazines

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE †

Agent	No.	Value
Bradley	50	\$ 5 00
Gatton	100	10 00
Ratliff	100	10 00
Hess	50	5 00
Jacobs	50	5 00
Jones	75	7 50
Harris	25	2 50
Miller	10	1 00
Wagner	10	1 00
Kentucky Tract Society	350	35 00

Totals 820 \$82 00

The Faith Once Delivered unto the Saints (Jude 3)

The Sabbath is a sign of the relationship existing between God and his people,—a sign that they are his obedient subjects, that they keep holy his law. The observance of the Sabbath is the means ordained by God of preserving a knowledge of himself and of distinguishing between his loyal subjects and the transgressors of his law.

This is the faith once delivered to the saints who stand in moral power before the world, firmly maintaining this faith.—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, page 198.

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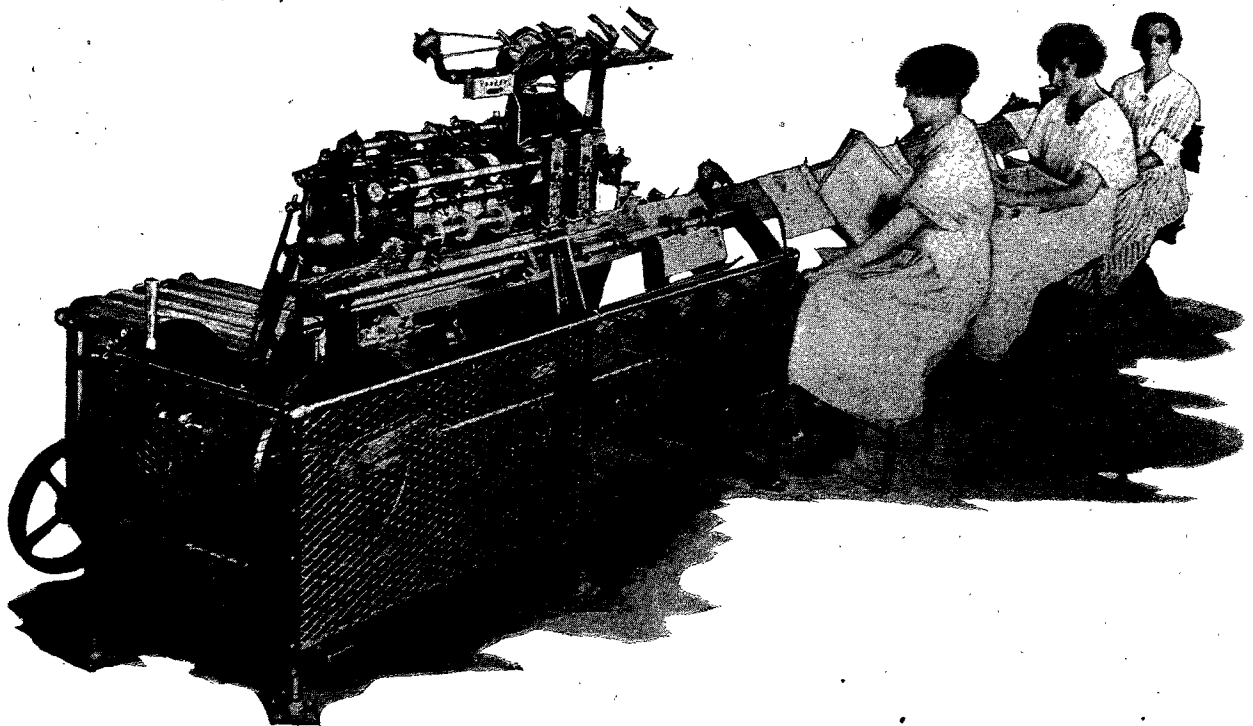
WHITE MEMBERSHIP						
Conference	Member-ship	Quota for Year	Paid to Date	Balance Due	Rate	
Alabama	375	\$3900 00	\$1310 67	\$2589 33	.10	
Kentucky	519	5397 60	1050 62	4346 98	.06	
Louisiana	351	3650 40	1585 51	2114 89	.15	
Mississippi	171	1778 40	649 08	1129 32	.11	
Tennessee River	699	7269 60	2913 97	4355 63	.12	
Totals	2115	\$21996 00	\$7459 85	\$14536 15		\$.11

COLORED MEMBERSHIP						
Conference	Member-ship	Quota for Year	Paid to Date	Balance Due	Rate	
Alabama	265	\$2067 00	\$ 538 74	\$1528 26	\$.055	
Kentucky	195	1521 00	352 66	1168 34	.05	
Louisiana	158	1232 40	259 27	973 13	.05	
Mississippi	201	1567 80	279 65	1288 15	.04	
Tennessee River	120	936 00	331 06	604 94	.08	
Totals	929	\$7324 20	\$1761 38	\$5562 82		\$.055
Grand Totals	3054	\$29320 20	\$9221 23	\$20098 97		

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“The nearer we are to Christ in both spirit and life, the more we will see things as he sees them. The confident expectation that we shall at last be fully like him, seeing him as he is, stirs us to renewed effort to make that approach more complete. ‘He that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure’ does not mean taking advantage of our fellow-man.”

“Whoever would succeed in life must pass from the passive into the active voice, thus conforming his life to that of the great Nazarene, who ‘came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.’”

“Concentration is the secret of strength.”