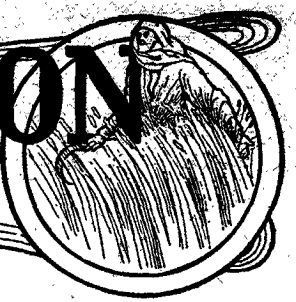


SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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If We Only Understood

Could we but draw back the curtains
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we should find it better,
Purer than we judge we should;
We should love each other better
If we only understood.

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain—
Would the grim, external roughness
Seem, I wonder, just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder,
Should we pity where we blame?

Ah, we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source.
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good;
Ah! we'd love each other better
If we only understood.

—*Woman's Work.*

Notice

This is the last paper to be printed at Nashville. In order to favor the Southern Junior College, which needs the work for its students, it was decided by the conference committee to transfer the printing work to Collegedale, Tenn.

Next week there will no paper, as our custom is to publish only fifty papers during the year, and this week's issue is the fiftieth number.

We are quite sure the readers of the *Worker* will be somewhat disappointed in the change of the appearance of the next issue, and also to know that the Southern Publishing Association, which has served this union so faithfully and well during the past years is no longer to print the paper. The Southern Publishing Association is a growing institution. Its work is fast increasing, and considering its increased business, which made it necessary to run during the summer months night and day, it was willing to give this work to the Southern Junior College because of its great need.

We trust that the readers and contributors will do their part in making the paper a success, remembering that the subscription price is 50 cents, and if every home will subscribe for it, it will be a great help to the school. Send your subscription to your tract society, and it will be forwarded to the central office.

Our Publishing Work in the Asiatic Division

As the thirteenth Sabbath offering for the last quarter of 1917 has been devoted to the advancement of the publishing work in the Asiatic Division, it may interest the readers of the *SOUTHERN UNION WORKER* to know something of the start and present condition of this work. In this article I will speak of the different beginnings made, and in another will tell of the present condition of each.

On coming to this field six years ago this fall the writer was made treasurer of the China publishing house, then, as now, the principal one in the division except perhaps India. The first workers in China had felt the necessity of having some literature in the native languages, and several years before I arrived they had made a start and had a very small outfit going in Honan Province, Central China. It was soon seen though that this was not the place for a growing work of this kind such as ours would be, and the little plant was moved to Shanghai, the most important city in China. Here it was established in rented quarters in the native section of the city, and two second-hand cylinder presses were purchased.

A part of the \$300,000 fund raised by our people several years ago was set aside to purchase land and build a home for the China publishing house, and my first year in China was largely devoted to bringing this about. The third week in December, 1912, was a very busy time for us, as we had to take down our machinery and load it and our stock onto small boats and transport it all to our new quarters in East Shanghai. The Lord has greatly blessed this move, and there has been a steady growth in this work since that time.

Through the liberality of our publishing houses in America and of the General Conference there has been added from time to time pieces of much needed machinery. About a year ago they put in a fine new Miehle press, and they now have on hand an electrotyping plant to be installed as soon as more room can be provided sufficient for it. In almost every way it is now an up-to-date plant capable of doing a large business.

The China house has always struggled under a great financial load. The best judges thought it would not be possible to sell even moderately high priced literature in that field, on account of the poverty of the people and their customs, and their efforts until within the past two years have all been directed toward a class of literature from which they received very little returns financially. It has now been demonstrated that this idea was a mistake, and other literature is in preparation that will bring them good financial returns.

Our literature work in the Philippines has had a marvelous growth. For about ten years, work has been done in selling English and Spanish books, printed in America, to people in those islands reading these languages, but it was not until about five years ago that "Thoughts on the Book of Daniel" was printed in the Tagalog, or principal native language. This was done by an outside printer, and the whole thing was so unsatisfactory that it was felt that facilities must be provided for doing the work ourselves. On his return from furlough in the

fall of 1913, Elder Finster brought a small Colt's Armory press and some type which he had purchased second-hand while in the States: It was my privilege to be in Manila when it was first used and they were printing the first number of their native magazine. This work prospered amazingly from the start, and they soon began to print quite large books. It was very slow work, as they had no facilities except their press and type, and only four pages could be printed at once, but constant labor and long days brought success.

Until about two years ago all this work was done in a shed and basement, but realizing their need, the General Conference came to their aid again and provided money for a building and some more facilities. They now have a neat little building of their own, quite well equipped with machinery, and are doing a fine business in printing the truth to scatter among the different languages spoken in this group of islands. In our next article we will tell you more about their needs and work.

The India Union Conference has a large publishing plant of its own which is printing the truth in half a dozen or more of the native languages, and is doing a fine business. I am not familiar enough with its work to speak more in detail, but it is a part of our division work and should have the same hearty support given the rest of our houses.

Aside from those named, we have two smaller publishing plants, one for Japan, located in the suburbs of Tokyo, and the other in the outskirts of the city of Seoul, for the Korean field. I say smaller not because they are less important, but because of the conditions surrounding them they have not developed so large a work as the others. Each of these plants has its own building, well arranged, and some good machinery. Until about a year ago neither of them had anything but small native cylinder presses with no power except man power to run them. Now Japan, and I think also Korea, has a Miehle press run by electric power. As with the China house, both Japan and Korea have thus far printed only small and inexpensive literature, but they also have new views of the work and will soon be doing more profitable work from a financial viewpoint.

There is another publishing house which does not yet exist except in the plans laid for it, and that is for the Malaysian field, at Singapore. As great a need exists in that field as elsewhere, and still practically nothing has been done. Plans are already laid, if the liberality of the friends in America is sufficient, to start this plant at an early date. It will be a great privilege to have a part in all these enterprises. Do you desire it?

Manila, P. I., Sept. 14, 1917.

C. N. WOODWARD.

A Test of Faith

At the Council in Minneapolis very careful study was given to the problem of producing our literature at prices that would cover the rapidly increasing cost of production. Various plans were considered and rejected as unworkable, and finally it was decided that the retail prices of many books and periodicals, all tracts, and the *Signs* and *Watchman* magazines must be raised.

This brings to our magazine sellers a real test of faith. The yearly subscription will be \$1.50, and the retail price 15 cents a single copy. The one who sells the paper will get more profit on each paper sold and on subscriptions taken, but it will doubtless be somewhat more difficult to sell the magazines at the higher prices.

Should difficulties cause us to abandon the work? We have been told that the last years of our work would be a time of difficulty, when we should meet many obstacles. But what if they are? We have a God with us who is omnipotent, all of whose biddings are enablings, and no difficulties should cause us to lessen our efforts, but they should rather be an incentive to greater things.

The publishers intend to make the magazines the best they can for the price. They will be full of world problems, on which every one is longing for light. They will have a wide influence, if they are only placed in the hands of the people.

We are not alone in raising the prices of our magazines, for many others have advanced in price. The public expects prices to rise, for it has become an every-day experience.

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12.

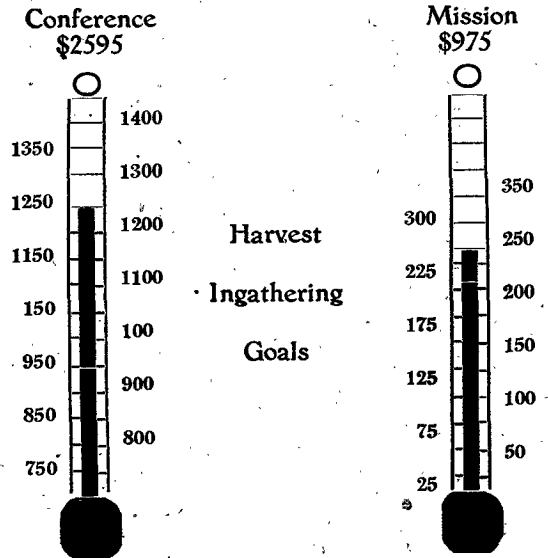
The faith of Jesus was strong at all times. He was never discouraged by difficulties, but went steadily on with his work at all times, and under all circumstances. The faith he had is the faith the remnant people are to keep. The text does not say they are to have it, but to keep it, showing that they will meet with experiences that would be likely to cause them to lose it. In spite of all they go through, the true people of God will keep the faith of Jesus to the end.

Now is the time for all magazine workers to keep the faith of Jesus. The Lord has spoken many times in a very definite way in regard to the duty of God's people to sell periodicals. This makes the magazine worker, who has faith in God, invincible. The Lord can cause people to buy magazines at 15 cents just as well as at 10 cents. All he needs is a people with willing, trusting hearts to take them to the public, and he will give the success.

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Josh. 1:9.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE



Book and Paper Workers' Institute, Louisville, December 27 to January 6

All colporteurs are expected to attend. All who are interested are invited. The following workers will be present to assist in making this the best meeting of this kind we have ever held:

Elder W. W. Eastman, secretary of the Publishing Department of the North American Division Conference.

M. W. Shidler, union field missionary secretary.

Prof. O. R. Staines, union home missionary secretary.

Elder R. I. Keate, president of Kentucky Conference.

James Hickman, field missionary secretary of Kentucky Conference.

Burton Castle, tract society secretary.

Mrs. R. I. Keate, conference Sabbath school secretary.

Besides the regular study of the various phases of the book work, there will be an intensely interesting series of Bible studies in the book of Revelation by Mrs. R. I. Keate.

There will also be a course of studies on "how to give simple treatments," by Prof. O. R. Staines, who has had long experience in the line of teaching. These will be very practical studies.

"Canvassers should be able to give instruction in regard to the treatment of the sick. They should learn the simple methods of hygenic treatment." Mrs. E. G. White.

Board and room will be provided. The carfare of the regular colporteurs will be paid to and from this meeting. The carfare of the new recruits will be refunded to them on their deliveries at the rate of 5 per cent on the dollar.

Pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

It is to be hoped that the spirit of the meetings will live and bear fruit. It will mean more quiet morning hours with our Master; more Bibles read through in 1918; more young people reading good books; more who can give a reason why they are Seventh-day Adventists; more who can give the history of this the greatest movement in the earth today, and it will mean more young people fitted for the Master's service.

MRS. C. N. SANDERS.

Shreveport Church School Honor R

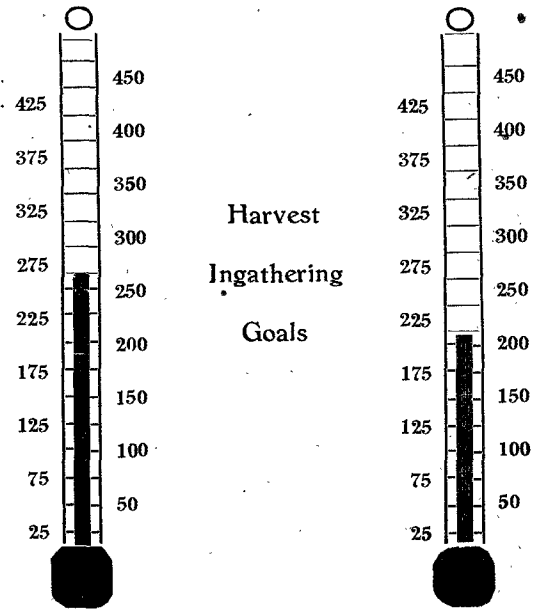
Harold Boswell

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ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Conference \$1875

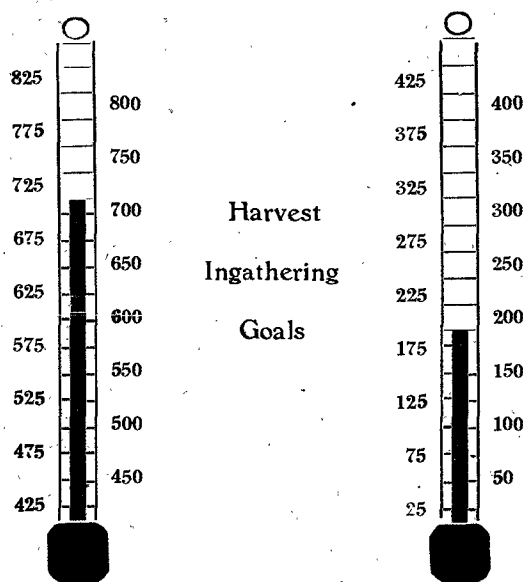
Mission \$1325



LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Conference \$1755

Mission \$790



Harvest Ingathering Funds Received to Dec. 6, 1917

CONFERENCE.	Welsh	MISSION.
Alexandria.....\$ 59 49\$ 1 25	Mission.....\$ 14 12
Arcadia.....1 16	Total.....\$602 69	New Orleans.....74 90
Conference.....52 16		Shreveport.....68 41
Hammond.....5 55		Newellton.....2 00
Hobart.....9 10		Total.....\$159 43
Lake Charles.....6 00		
Lena Station.....		
New Orleans.....251 00		
Ringgold.....		
Shreveport.....216 98		
Sugartown.....		

Young People's Meeting

Meetings in the interest of the young people's work were held at Lake Charles and Welsh. There are only a few young people at each place, but all who were present entered heartily into the discussion of the subjects presented. Several excellent papers were read, revealing the fact that there is talent among these young people although their numbers are few and they have had no organized society. It was fully demonstrated what can be done when an effort is put forth. In this work it is a good thing to dispense with the saying, "I can't."

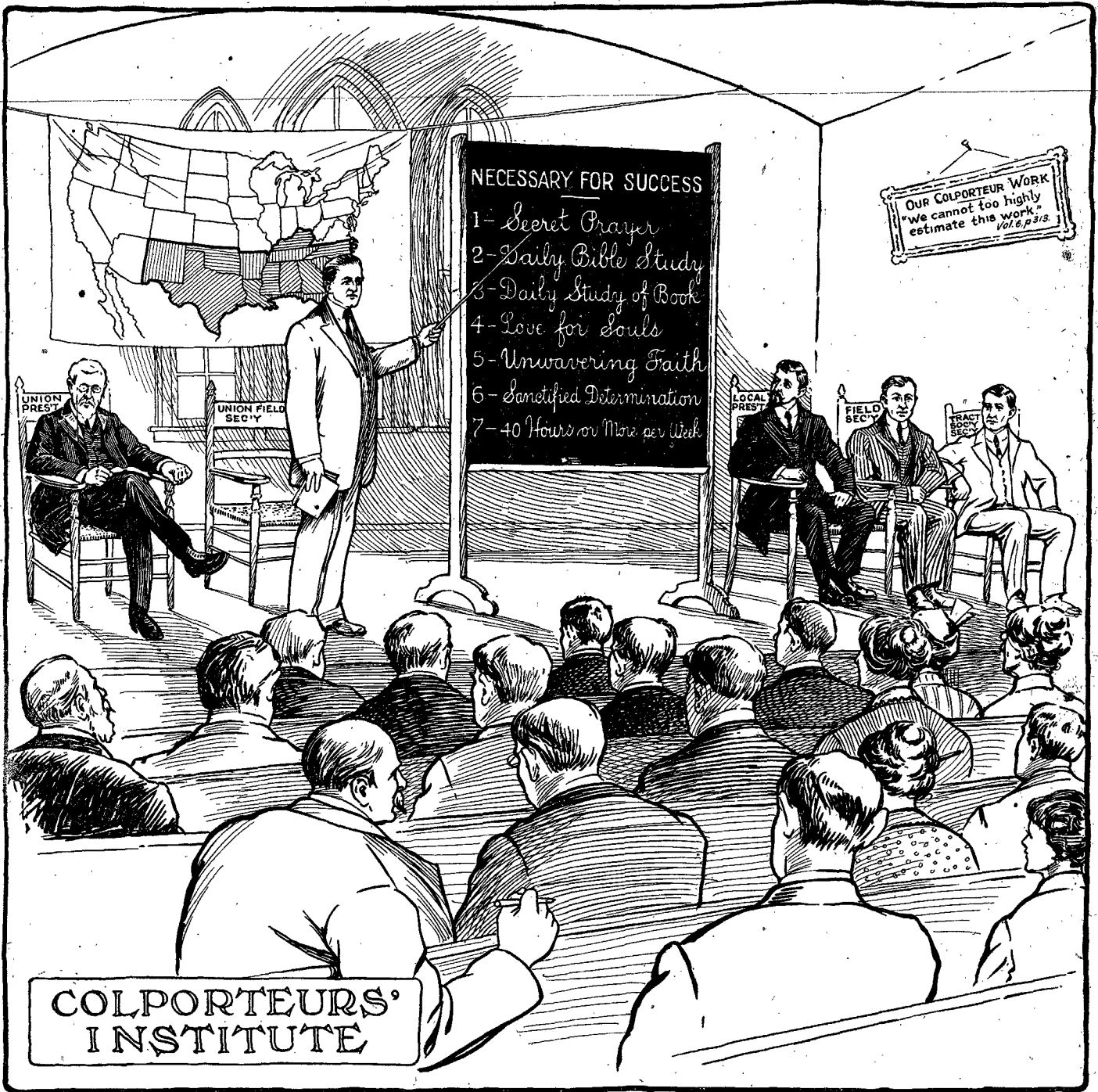
Total Harvest Ingathering Received to Nov. 30; 1917

CONFERENCE.	MISSION.
Ashford.....\$ 14.29	Bessemer.....\$ 15 38
Birmingham.....184 04	Birmingham.....50 25
Borden Springs.....4 40	Decatur.....5 00
Conference.....31 26	Dothan.....10 68
Elkwood.....5 30	Huntsville.....47 35
Gadsden.....5 75	Mobile.....8 70
Long Island.....7 30	Montgomery.....16 60
Lynn Haven.....2 15	Oakwood.....6 25
Marlow.....9 07	Pensacola.....25 74
Mobile.....61 52	Sylacauga.....9 98
Montgomery.....20 07	Mission.....6 05
Sheffield.....4 85	
Silverhill.....12 45	Total.....\$201 98
Stapleton.....1 75	
Total.....\$364 20	

News Items

The Harvest Ingathering campaign is closing. What is the record of your church? Are all satisfied with the funds gathered? It will be interesting and helpful to look over the list and see just who helped to make the record of your church. Word from M. S. Peppers says he is enjoying the book work. He further says that a person near him has begun keeping the Sabbath. Again, we call your attention to the importance of placing your subscription for your periodicals now for the year 1918.

Preparing for Increased Efficiency



- NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS
- 1- Secret Prayer
 - 2- Daily Bible Study
 - 3- Daily Study of Book
 - 4- Love for Souls
 - 5- Unwavering Faith
 - 6- Sanctified Determination
 - 7- 40 Hours or More per Week

OUR COLPORTEUR WORK
 "we cannot too highly
 estimate this work."
 Vol. 6, p. 313.

COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

Kentucky — December 27 to January 6 — Louisville.
 Tennessee — January 3 to January 13 — Jackson.
 Alabama — January 10 to January 20 —

Mississippi — January 17 to January 27 —
 Louisiana — January 24 to February 3 — Shreveport.
 Mississippi (Colored) — January 31 to February 10 —
 Alabama (Colored) — February 7 to February 17 —

A Call to Service

Very shortly after this paper reaches your hands the first of the series of winter institutes for colporteurs in the Southern Union will be in session at Louisville, Ky. The other institutes follow in the order in which you will find them elsewhere in this issue. Watch the WORKER for the announcement of the place in which the institute in your conference will be held.

God's ideal for his book evangelists is that they shall be

highly efficient, well trained. "There should be men trained for this branch of the work who will be missionaries, and will circulate publications."

Practically all failures are due to lack of training. As the snow melts before the warm rays of the morning sun, so will difficulties vanish before thorough preparation. Ministers, Bible-workers, teachers, and all progressive workers meet together from time to time to exchange ideas and "put an

edge on the ax." A splendid way to keep out of a rut is to meet with your fellow-workers and find how they are doing their work. The demands on us at present are tremendous. Shall we, of whom the Lord is expecting results second to none in this hour of the world's crisis, neglect the opportunity of coming to these institutes where we shall in a marked manner behold the working of the Holy Spirit in our behalf?

In the allegory of the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew of the dividing of the sheep from the goats, no fearful charge of misdeeds is made against those on the left hand, but simply a pronouncement of their doom for unfulfilled duties. In the view given the servant of God of this judgment scene, as recorded in "Life Sketches," page 242, she says:

"One class was registered as cumberers of the ground. As the piercing eye of the judge rested upon these, their sins of neglect were, distinctly revealed. With pale, quivering lips they acknowledged that they had been traitors to their holy trust. They had had warnings and privileges, but they had not heeded nor improved upon them. They could now see that they had presumed too much on the mercy of God."

It seems sad, but it remains true that a large percentage of those who have known and embraced the truths for this time will fail of an entrance through those pearly portals through none other than the sin of neglect of duty. The Lord has given to every man his work, and he will reckon with each one as to how he has spent his stewardship, but will say "Well done" only to the faithful.

Nearly, if not quite all, the readers of this paper have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, and have made a start in his service; but the victory of the adversary will be as complete, and the loss to each soul as great if the sin of neglected duties in God's vineyard is registered against his name, as if he had never made a start in the Lord's service. We must not "presume too much upon the mercies of God."

The work in God's vineyard is so diversified that all can have a part. The colporteur work offers an exceptionally inviting field for service. Greater success is attending this branch of the work at the present time than at any other period since the work began. Surely we should see a large number of volunteers for this service at the different institutes that are to be held in this union this winter. This may be the last series of the kind it will be possible to hold. Why delay longer? Write to your field secretary and tell him you will be at the institute. Shall there be less response to this call of our heavenly King than earthly subjects make to the calls of their respective rulers?

M. W. SHIDLER, *Union Field Miss. Sec.*

Every Day

Several times I laid my fountain pen aside because it began to blot; it was so disappointing to have it bedeck the page with big splotches of ink. But I soon learned that the pen was not ruined; it was only empty and needed refilling. That was all, but that made all the difference there is between the useful and the *worse than useless* article.

This set me thinking. What if God should lay me aside when I blot the page for the day with mistakes? How often I have looked back over the record blotted with sins of commission and omission—with unkind words and neglected duties that filled the evening reflections with bitter regret! How often I have failed! How often I have disappointed God when he has tried to use my life for writing in another heart his message of loving care! And again and again an accusing conscience has whispered to my despairing heart: You failed to let God fill you today.

A new year lies before us! Its pages are still white. But they must all be filled as God turns the leaves. Now, if we really desire to fill each page with a record of which our Master can approve, we must let him fill us daily for service. If he does not fill us daily, we cannot succeed; if he does, we cannot fail. He must direct our feet and strengthen our hands for work. This is the spiritual law of cause and effect; and we cannot escape it.

The psalmist knew this law, for he declared, "Thy words have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." What he did, we must do in order to live right and to serve successfully. Our Master and Saviour when on earth followed the plan recommended by the psalmist. He studied the Scriptures; lived in perfect harmony with them; and was an eminently successful worker—not one failure stained his wonderful record. He "spake as never man spake"; he knew how to comfort the sorrowing; he had power to heal the afflicted; he was able, through God, to finish the work he came to do.

So the real question you and I are facing is: Will we pay the price of success during 1918? Will we hide enough of God's Word in our hearts to serve him acceptably? Every day we should study the Guide Book—eat this bread of eternal life—for our spiritual life is as dependent upon prayer and Bible study as our physical life is on air and food. And we should study the Bible from Gen. 1:1 to Rev. 22:21, for it is all the word of God, and "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." From cover to cover the Good Book is filled with the help we need for living the victorious life. Do you desire to become a successful Christian worker? Then will you not join with hundreds of other young people in reading the Bible through during 1918?

M. V. DEPARTMENT.

The Book Work in Kentucky

"Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thoughts afar off. Thou compassed my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways." Ps. 139: 2, 3.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God; to them who are the called according to his purpose." Rom. 8: 28.

"The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the canvassers, is the chief worker." "Manual for Canvassers," page 40.

These promises are dear to us as colporteurs. I have thought of them especially of late when I have seen that God's hand has allowed our boys to stay by their work and permitted others to be called to bear arms for the government. We have seven young men in the colporteur work in this conference of registration ages, and the only two who were called were the ones so situated that exemptions were granted. Thus the work of God

goes on and souls are receiving the warning message. This situation can be changed, we know, and we should pray earnestly that these workers may be permitted to go forward with this great work to which they have given their lives.

We read in "Great Controversy," pages 621, 622, the following: "Those who exercise but little faith now, are in the greatest danger of falling under the power of Satanic delusions."

We should now acquaint ourselves with God by proving his promises. . . . The deepest poverty, the greatest self-denial, with his approval, is better than riches, honors, ease, and friendship without it. We must take time to pray. If we allow our minds to be absorbed by worldly interests, the Lord may give us time by removing from us our idols of gold, of houses, or of fertile lands. . . . The 'time of trouble such as never was' is soon to open upon us and we need an experience which we do not now possess and which many are too indolent to obtain."

The Lord says, "Go work today in my vineyard," and "whatever is right I will give you." We should prove this promise. I have been talking to a man for three years about taking up the book work. He has never had the courage to make the start until this fall. He now has 159 orders for "Bible Readings," besides orders for helps, for December delivery. His profit on cash sale of helps has more than paid his expenses. He is of good courage and says he is sorry that he hasn't been working for the Lord all these years. He says, "I am living a better Christian life than I ever did before." Dear reader, do you want to live a better Christian life? What does it mean to live a Christian life? Christ lived a life of service. He said, "It is my meat to do the will of him who sent me." And Paul tells us that if any man is Christ's he will have the spirit of Christ.

I often wonder why it is so hard to get men to break away from home and work for the Lord? We have wonderful experiences and see day by day that the Lord is with us. We hope to deliver about \$20,000 worth of books this year. One thing that especially encourages me is that we have not lost a single worker through failure or discouragement. As a rule, in the work of a year at least one or two will make an absolute failure. But such has not been our experience this year. There is coming over our people a higher regard for the book workers and their work. It ought to be especially so in Kentucky. In less than five years of my canvassing experience, more than fifty people in this State are rejoicing in the third angel's message as the result of the colporteur's creating an interest, and in many instances the people were brought directly into the truth by the colporteur and his book. Sister White says in the Manual, page 6, in speaking of the sale of books, "This is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time. We cannot too highly estimate this work."

There are many following other vocations who should be helping to give the message for this time. You will never have a more favorable time than now. Come and join us in the institute which will be held in Louisville December 27 to January 6 and be indued with power from on high to obey the instruction found in Phil. 2: 4, 5. "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." JAMES HICKMAN.

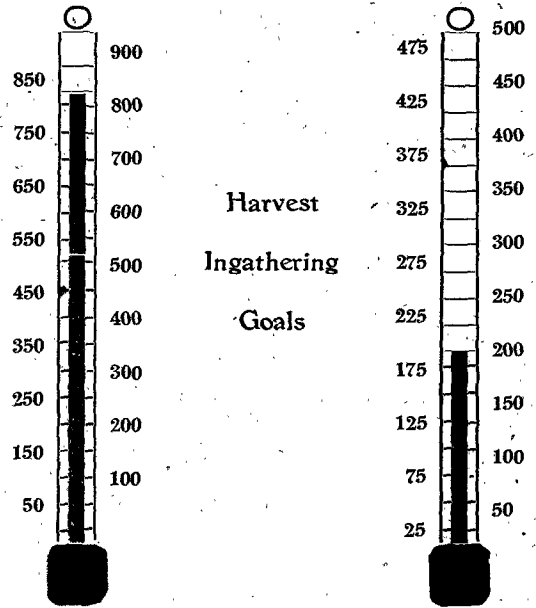
Tennessee River Harvest Ingathering Report for Week Ending Dec. 15, 1917

	CONFERENCE		
	Previous Report	This Week	Total to Date
Ashland City—No report in eight weeks			
Bon Aqua—No report in eight weeks			
Cedar Grove—No report in eight weeks			
Fountain Head.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 22 70	\$ 27 70
Goodlettsville—No report in eight weeks			
Hazel.....	75 00	31 99	106 99
Hustburg.....	14 00	85	14 85
Jackson.....	25 45		25 45
Lane.....	5 11		5 11
Lawrenceburg.....	9 20	4 30	13 50
Leach.....	5 11	5 83	10 94
Madison.....		7 00	7 00
Memphis.....	12 00	20 05	32 05
Nashville.....	649 46	12 00	661 46
Paducah.....	50 66		50 69
Springville.....	71	23 56	24 27
Trezevant.....		18 48	18 48
Totals.....	\$851 70	\$146 76	\$998 46

	MISSION		
Nashville No. 2.....	\$135 95	\$	\$135 95

Memphis No. 2.....	69 94	14 70	84 64
Jackson.....		10 19	10 19
Totals.....	\$205 89	\$ 24 89	\$230 78
Totals for the conference to date.....	\$1,229 24		

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE
Conference \$3495 Mission \$600



News Items

An order has just been received from Sister Notia Maddox calling for 250 *Watchmen*, to be sent to points in West Tennessee. Sister Maddox is not young in years, but she is able to do considerable missionary work. This should be a good example for our younger people.

Elder O. L. Denslow was in Nashville the first of last week. He spent the latter part of the week of prayer with the church at Lawrenceburg. Elder Elliott remained with the church at Springville, Tenn., for the week of prayer.

Mr. Ruper Judkins, formerly associated with the workers at Lawrenceburg, Tenn., is serving the colors, having been drafted into the army. He is located at Camp Cody, Deming, New Mexico. Letters have been received from several of our boys the past week, in which they manifest considerable interest in the work in the conference. Mr. Earl Rooker, now serving in the 114th Infantry, Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., passed through Nashville en route to the camp. He had been granted a furlough in order to assist his father with the fall crops.

Brother Bruce, the conference secretary, left Nashville December 13 for Jackson, Tenn., to make arrangements for the colporteurs' institute, to be held there early in January.

Word has just been received that a little crippled boy of the Memphis No. 2 church has taken an active part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign in that city. It is said that he is barely able to get over the territory, but he has had good success, and the Lord has blessed his efforts.

Brother Pound writes that they have been asked to give up the hall they have been using for their meetings. This will make it necessary for the little company at Paducah to find another place of worship.

Mrs. Willie Thompson and daughter, of Memphis, were in Nashville a few days last week.

Church School Honor Roll

(Names of students who have not been absent or tardy for the past period of six weeks.)

NASHVILLE

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Edith White | Junior Gleason |
| Lucile Gleason | Jennie Stagg |
| Roberta Harvey | Mildred White |
| Glenn Lampman | Daniel Hale |
| Mildred McAlexander | |

Colporteur Institute

Our colporteur institute will be held at Jackson, Tenn., January 3-13. Elder W. W. Eastman and Brother M. W. Shidler will assist in making this the most interesting as well as the most profitable meeting ever held in this field. We wish to have all those attend who are now engaged in the colporteur work in this field, or who are planning to engage in it at some future time.

Free entertainment will be provided those who attend. Gentlemen coming alone are asked to bring bedding.

Remember the date, January 3-13.

W. D. WADE.

Have You Made a Pledge?

The year will soon be gone, and it is desired that those who made pledges to the tent fund, or to missions, pay the same to the church treasurer before the first of January so that the money may appear in this year's record. Those who made pledges and have not yet paid will confer a great favor on the office by prompt remittal to the church treasurers.

F. C. BRUCE.

Attention, Church Treasurers

The December remittances from our church treasurers should reach the office not later than the tenth of January. All church records should be closed the first of January. No money intended for 1918 should be included with the December funds. All treasurers please take note of this and be prompt with your reports. The church clerk's report should also reach the office by the tenth of January.

F. C. BRUCE.

A Word to the Wise

Thousands of dollars will be saved by our people between now and the first of the year, for many of them will wisely subscribe for our periodicals at the prevailing rates.

It is presumed that all know that our publishing houses have lost heavily on this class of literature during the past year or two, and that the recent General Conference Council at Minneapolis deemed it imperatively necessary to make advances in rates on practically all of our periodicals.

By renewing a single yearly subscription to the weekly *Signs*, now you save 50 cents, for the new price will be \$1.50. You save 30 cents on each of five or more subscriptions for a year to different persons by ordering them now at the 85 cent price, for the 1918 price will be \$1.15. Likewise you save 20 cents on each copy of a club of five or more to one person, for the new rate will be \$1, as against the present extremely low rate of 80 cents.

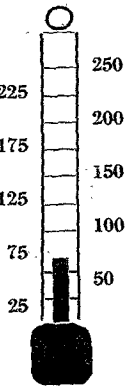
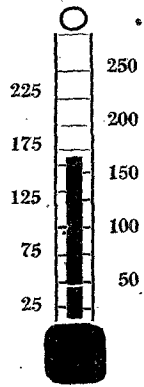
And so it is with the *Signs Magazine*. Singles will go from \$1 to \$1.50 for the year. Clubs of five or more to different addresses will be advanced from 60 cents to 90 cents.

Rather than trust to their memory to get it later, some have sent renewals for one and even two years; others have sent subscriptions for friends to whom they have been going to send the *Signs* for some time back.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Conference \$855

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Colporteurs' Report

Week Ending December 8

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

	Book	Hrs.	Ofds.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
J. Cook	BF	39	22	\$13 40		\$13 40	\$
D. Crawford	BR	37	10	35 00		35 00	9 25
L. Edwards	BR	15	4	14 00		14 00	
W. Harrison	BR	18					17 50
S. Peppers	BR	2		8 00		8 00	42 00
Totals (Agts. 5)		109	38	\$70 40		\$70 40	\$68 75

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Jesse E. Miller	DR	77	35	\$149 50	\$22 00	\$171 50	\$ 7 75
Jno. W. Wilhelm	BR	6	2	7 00	4 25	11 25	2 00
James Hickman	BR	15	15	52 50	2 50	55 00	3 75
Theodore Kroeger	BR	27	17	62 50	6 00	68 50	5 00
Edward Whittier	BR	47	30	105 00	3 00	108 00	
Hatton Ford	BF	5	6	10 00		10 00	
Warren Judson	BR	17	3	10 50		10 50	31 50
Jno. C. Gaevert	DR	38	15	57 50	4 50	62 00	4 50
F. E. Trees	DR	35	13	47 50	5 00	52 50	5 00
Annie Gore	BF	2	4	6 00	7 50	13 50	
Totals (Agts. 10)		269	135	\$508 00	\$54 75	\$562 75	\$59 40

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

J. B. Hardy	BR	56	20	\$ 78 50	\$	\$ 78 50	\$67 50
R. R. Coble	BR	53	33	139 00	75	139 75	
L. B. Spear	MISC	26		31 50	6 00	37 50	
M. S. Hubbell	MISC	33		67 50		67 50	
Bibles				4 20		4 20	8 50
Totals (Agts. 4)		168	53	\$320 70	\$6 75	\$327 45	\$76 00
G'd Tots. (Agts. 19)		546	226	\$899 10	\$61 50	\$960 60	\$204 15

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference	14438	\$ 17843 40	\$ 992 60	\$ 18836 00
Kentucky Conference	14867	23685 85	1910 91	25596 76
Louisiana Conference	7144	15434 75	884 85	16319 60
Mississippi Conference	13517	29441 80	1991 82	31433 62
Tenn. River Conference	11609	15117 75	1887 00	17004 75
Totals	61575	\$101523 55	\$7667 18	\$109190 73

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Items

Elder S. E. Wight returned to Nashville Thursday, December 13, after an absence of about two weeks.

Elder I. M. Martin has been visiting friends in Vermont, and returned to Nashville just in time to leave with the other delegates for the workers' meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, which began the evening of the eighteenth.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood, after his return from visiting in the Kentucky Conference, went to Fountain Head, Tenn., to be with the churches there during the week of prayer.

Brother and Sister Burton Castle, of Louisville, Ky., arrived in Nashville Friday afternoon, to spend a few days with Brother and Sister M. W. Shidler. Brother Castle left Tuesday, with the delegation for Birmingham.

Mrs. G. H. Curtis left this week for the home of her parents in Shelby, Iowa, for an extended visit.

From the union conference office, the following persons left Nashville Tuesday morning, December 18, for Birmingham, Ala., to attend the workers' meeting: Elders S. E. Wight and I. M. Martin, Brethren G. H. Curtis, O. R. Staines, and M. W. Shidler, Prof. Lynn H. Wood, and Miss Lenna Simkin.

The Conservation of Fats

Owing partly to the fact that the manufacture of high explosives of the nitro-glycerine type requires the utilization of enormous quantities of fat in the production of glycerine, the quantity of fat available for food will be much reduced, and the price may reach figures almost prohibitive to any but the wealthy.

This may not be an unmixed blessing to some; for many doubtless made too free use of fats. Fried foods are used altogether too freely, perhaps, and a return to simpler forms of cooking may be a benefit. The peoples of Europe think they cannot do without fats, but one of our great food experts made the assertion recently that the appetite for fat is largely a result of training, that the Japanese people keep in excellent condition with scarcely any fat in their diet.

A return to a more nearly fatless form of cooking will have three good results: It will lessen the cost of living, it will release fats for other necessary purposes, and it will probably result in better health for us.

G. H. HEALD.

"Watchman" in Demand

A business man in Baltimore, Md., writes: "Please advise me if there is any news dealer in Baltimore, Md., from whom I may procure *The Watchman* for the months of October, November, and December, 1917, and thereafter. I received from a friend a copy of your September issue, and as it in great part agrees with my recent religious instructions, I would gladly hear more of the same." Let our people everywhere become responsible for a few magazines each week.

It is not too late to give a Morning Watch Calendar to the friend to whom you forgot to send one. Do it today.

Send the Morning Watch Calendar with your New Year greeting this year instead of a card.

The new Bible Year Leaflets, both Senior and Junior, may be secured from your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. Order early so that you will be ready to begin the Bible Year on Jan. 1, 1918.

The Questionnaire

The following excerpt from an article by L. H. Christian on the next draft Questionnaire may be of benefit to our young men in answering the questions in Series 9, which concerns those who have religious convictions against war.

"All our young men should at once secure the information asked for in these questions. They can easily ascertain when their local church was organized. There are 2,057 Seventh-day Adventist congregations in the United States with 80,154 full members, aside from thousands of others who indirectly belong with us. Our headquarters are at Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C. As a church we took our stand as noncombatants in 1863 at the time the draft began to be introduced during the Civil War. Our General Conference made a pronouncement at that time of our belief that as Christians we could not bear arms, and sent a copy of this declaration to the government in Washington. We published a like declaration last April and sent it to Washington. But before the Civil War, from the very beginning of our history, Seventh-day Adventists have been non-combatants.

"All our young men who have registered should secure a copy of the little leaflet sent out last spring on this question. It would be well to present this to the examining board. If any one is needing a copy he can get it from his conference office. All should have their membership cards. The government has decided that members of those sects whose creed forbids them to bear arms shall be assigned to noncombatant service. We are one of the churches to whose members this applies."

A 1911 "Watchman" Still in Service

A woman in Hecla, S. Dak., writes: "Please send me a sample copy of your publication, *The Watchman*. I came across a copy of the June, 1911, issue a few days ago, and if you still print the magazine I would like to subscribe for it." Many subscriptions could be obtained if church members were alive to the opportunities afforded by our magazines.

'Let It Go

That bitter grudge, that festering hate,

That viper nesting in your soul,

Pray let it go before too late!

Preserve your peace and self-control;

You foe is but your own resentment;

Your chief ill is your heart's complaint

You sacrifice your own contentment,

To think yourself a martyred saint.