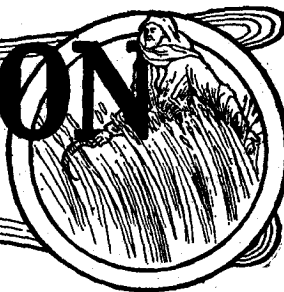


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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A SIMPLE METHOD OF WINNING SOULS

The High Calling of the Work.

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is a missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time. The importance of the work of the ministry is unmistakable; but many who are hungry for the bread of life have not the privilege of hearing from God's delegated preachers. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated. Thus the message will go where the living preacher cannot go, and the attention of many will be called to the important events connected with the closing scenes of this world's history.

"God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time. All who will consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts

of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning.

"There are some who are adapted to, the work of the colporteur, and who can accomplish more in this line of work than by preaching. If the Spirit of Christ dwells in their heart, they will find opportunity to present His word to others, and to direct minds to the special truths for this time.

"Let those who have been in school go out into the field, and put to a practical use the knowledge they have gained. If canvassers will do this, using the ability which God has given them, seeking counsel from Him, and combining the work of selling books with personal labor for the people, their talents will increase by exercise, and they will learn many practical lessons which they could not possibly learn in school. The education obtained in this practical way may properly be termed higher education. There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing, for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties."—Vol. 6, pp. 313, 323, 331.

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE COLPORTEUR

"In choosing men and women for this service, God does not ask whether they possess learning, eloquence or worldly wealth. He asks: Do they walk in such

humility that I can teach them my way? Can I put my words in their lips? Will they represent me?

"God can use every person just in proportion as He can put His Spirit into the soul temple. The work that He will accept is the work that will reflect His image. His followers ought to bear, as their credentials to the world, the ineffaceable characteristics of His immortal principles."—Vol. 7, p. 144.

"Our books should be handled by consecrated workers, whom the Holy Spirit can use as His instrumentalities. Christ is our sufficiency, and we are to present the truth in humble simplicity, letting it bear its own savor of life unto life.

"Humble, fervent prayer would do more in behalf of the circulation of our books than all the expensive embellishment in the world. If the workers will turn their attention to that which is true living and real; if they will pray for, believe for, and trust in the Holy Spirit, His power will be poured upon them in strong, heavenly currents, and right and lasting impressions will be made upon the human heart. Then pray and work, and work and pray, and the Lord will work with you.

"When men realize the time in which we are living they will

work as in the sight of heaven. The canvasser will handle those books that bring light and strength to the soul. He will drink in the spirit of those books, and will put his whole soul into the work of presenting them to the people. His strength, his courage, his success, will depend on how fully the truth presented in the book is woven into his own experience and developed in his character. When his own life is thus molded, he can go forward, representing to others the sacred truth he is handling. Imbued with the Spirit of God, he will gain a deep, rich experience, and heavenly angels will give him success in the work.

"To our canvassers, to all whom God has entrusted with talents that they may cooperate with Him, I would say, Pray, O pray for a deeper experience. Go forth with your hearts softened and subdued by study of the precious truths that God has given us for this time. Drink deeply of the water of salvation, that it will be in your hearts as a living spring, flowing forth to refresh souls ready to perish. God will then give wisdom to enable you to impart aright."—Vol. 6, pp. 319,320.

V. O. COLE.

Whenever God asks you to do anything for Him, do not reply, I am too busy. God and truth do not wait for lazy men, nor for idlers. He is always seeking for busy men; indeed, they are the only ones who accomplish anything worth the while, whether for God or man. The history of all God's work is filled with evidences of this truth. Men are called to greater duty because they are doing that which is less. "Thou hast been faithful over a few things," is the only ground on which any one may expect to be called to rule over many things. — *Sabbath Recorder*.

Southern Union Conference Home Missionary Report For Quarter Ending June 30, 1918

	Alabama	Kentucky	Louisiana	Mississippi	Tennessee	Total
N. churches and companies	15	20	12	19	20	86
Membership of churches	768	665	476	378	939	3226
Number reporting	48		112		350	510
Churches holding mis. meet. in wk.		5		19	1	25
Chs. holding mis. meet. Sabbath	12	2	12		2	28
Chs. holding mis. meet. 4th Sabbath		3	8		7	18
Members Conf. church and isolated			46		3	49
Members Conference church and isolated reporting	4	11	6		3	24
Letters written	448	413	145	62	534	1602
Letters received	308	306	94	44	226	978
Missionary visits	1285	2165	424	101	1325	5300
Bible Readings	562	831	118	65	420	1996
Subscriptions taken	421	64	9	14	6	514
Papers sold	926	1161	390	485	1527	4489
Papers mailed or lent	3451	6667	2897	24	4661	17,700
Books sold	1536	2149	122	21	779	4607
Books lent or given	288	327	112	23	358	1108
Tracts sold	61	28	8		925	1022
Tracts lent or given	473	2569	215	264	2169	5690
Hours of Christian help work	1184	2454	387	24	1641	5690
Articles of clothing given	131	214	152		542	1039
Number of meals provided	323	919	223	12	327	1804
Treatments given	163	81	22		95	361
Signers to Temperance pledge	1	5	3		64	73
Number of conversions	5	16	4		19	44
Offerings for Home Mis. work	\$20 95	183 54	50 51	1 50	65 27	321 77

In presenting the accompanying report we would request that all our people note carefully to what extent the various lines of work are reported as being carried forward in the conferences of our Union. Is *your* report included in this? Did *you* report *your* work last quarter? From observations we are forced to believe that not more than one-half of the work done in our field is reported. If God's people of old had not reported what they did, how much of the Bible would we have today? If you have not been reporting, won't you *begin today* and faithfully report your work, that we may know what is being done, and be the better prepared to plan for the future?

This report shows many encouraging features; but we can and will do better. At each of our campmeetings thus far our people have responded nobly in taking literature, and we would urge upon each one the encouragement that will come to all by faithfully reporting all phases of work done.

To our people who may not be privileged to attend the campmeetings, we would like to suggest that they, too, can have part in the great blessings that are coming by taking of the systematic circulation of our excellent magazines and the World's Crisis books among their neighbors and friends. Literature has been provided us, suitable for all classes, and let us *all* take hold to circulate it as never before, knowing that we have but a *very short time* in which to finish the work before us. "If God be your partner, attempt great things."

O. R. STAINES, Secy.

Thine to work as well as pray,
Clearing thorny wrongs away,
Plucking up the weeds of sin,
Letting heaven's warm sunshine
in.

—Whittier.

"Everyone who enters the
pearly gates of the city of God
will enter there as a conqueror,
and his greatest conquest will
have been the conquest of self."

SABBATH RULINGS IN THE ARMY

The following are rulings made in the different cantonments granting Sabbath rest to our brethren. These will be of special interest, in view of the extended draft age from 18 to 45 years. Those desiring typewritten copies of these rulings may obtain them by writing the Union office.

A. N. ALLEN.

Sabbath Rulings by Camp Commanders

By General Green--CAMP LEWIS, Wash.
(Memo. 97, given Oct. 17, 1917; amended Feb. 10, 1918, Memo. 40)

"In deference to their religious principles, Seventh-day Adventists will be excused from sunset Friday evening to sunset Saturday evening for the purpose of devoting it to religious worship."

Headquarters 88th Division, CAMP DODGE, Iowa, Feb. 7, 1918. Bulletin No. 32.

EXTRACT

"Bona fide members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be excused (as far as military necessity makes advisable) from duty on Saturday so that they can observe their Sabbath day. Where they are so excused they will be considered as first on the list for any fatigue or other duty that is found necessary on Sunday."

By command of Brigadier General Getty:

H. L. Cooper,
Lieut. Col. Inf. N. A.
Acting Chief of Staff.

Official:

E. S. Hayes,
Major of Infantry, N. A.
Division Adjutant.

Headquarters 40th Division, CAMP KEARNY, Cal., Feb. 12, 1918.

"Concerning opportunity to be given Seventh-day Adventists in this Division, in order to allow them to engage in their religious duties. I take pleasure in informing you that the necessary instructions have been issued in accordance with your request. As all the men of your belief are on duty at the Base Hospital, a copy of the letter I this day directed to the Commanding Officer, Base Hospital, is enclosed for your information."

(Signed) F. S. Strong,
Major General, U. A.

(Copy of Letter)

"From: The Division Adjutant
"To: The Commanding Officer,
Base Hospital, Camp Kearny
"Subject: Seventh-day Adventists to be excused from duties on Saturdays.

"The commanding General directs me to inform you that hereafter any Seventh-day Adventists, who may be on duty at the Base Hospital, should be excused from all duties not absolutely necessary, in order to allow them to engage in religious duties from sunset Friday until sunset Saturday afternoon."

(Signed) L. C. Matthews,
Major of Infantry,
Division Adjutant.

Headquarters, 83rd Division National Army, CAMP SHERMAN, Chillicothe, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1918

"I beg leave to inform you that each organization commander at this Camp will at all times offer every possible opportunity for the members of his command to engage in their religious duties, upon proper presentation of the facts to him."

(Signed) Frederick Perkins,
Brigadier General,
Commanding.

CAMP FUNSTON, Kansas.

"Seventh-day Adventists in this command will be excused from all duties Saturdays, in order to allow them to engage in religious duties, and will be given passes to visit Manhattan on Saturday afternoons, for the purpose of attending services, providing their conduct justifies a pass."

By command of Brigadier General Winn.
March 9, 1918.

Headquarters 76th Division, CAMP DEVENS, Ayer, Mass.

The following was published to the Assembled Adjutants about February 25, 1918.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIVISION ADJUTANT

"1. Letters have been written to the last employers of the above-named men as to whether or not they worked on Saturdays for said employers. Answers are now being awaited.

"2. I recommend, should the Commanding General so see fit, that these men be granted from sunset Friday till sunset Saturday inspection and tests, as it would be most impractical to have special days set for the inspection and tests of these men.

"3. I further recommend that Organization Commanders, having Seventh-day Adventists in their commands, be instructed to grant such men the above liberty, but require them to make up, on Sundays, any work which might have fallen to their lot to have been performed on Saturdays.

(Signed) W. H. Neill,
Major, 303d Infantry,
Acting Division Inspector.

Approved by the Commanding General.

Headquarters 84th Division, CAMP ZACHARY TAYLOR, Ky., March 26, 1918.

"General Hale directs me to inform you that religious feeling and liberty of conscience has always been carefully considered in the administration of his cantonment. Members of your faith who apply through official channels for authority to be excused from duty for the purpose of allowing them to engage in religious duties on Saturday may be sure that their request will receive due consideration."

(Signed) O. W. Kinswold,
Captain, Inf. A. D. C.

Headquarters 87th Division National Army, CAMP PIKE, Ark., May 6th, 1918.

The following order was published March 9th, 1918:—

"Bona fide members of the Seventh-day Adventist church will be excused (as far as military necessity makes advisable) from duty on Saturday, so that they can observe their Sabbath day. Where they are excused, they will be considered as first on the list for any fatigue or other duty that is found necessary on Sunday."

(Signed) A. F. Harris,
Captain of Field Artillery,
Aide-de-Camp.

Headquarters FORT SNELLING, Minn., June, 12, 1918.

"It is my desire to so arrange the work of

the various men so there will not be any conflict with their religious beliefs or principles. I can assure you that there will be no pressure brought to bear upon.....which would cause him to violate his conscience by necessitating him to do labor on his Sabbath day."

(Signed) A. L. Parmerter,
Colonel, 86th Infantry,
Commanding.

Let Sunday Be Day of Rest in Army and Navy, Says President Wilson

Observance of the Sabbath by all men in military and naval service was directed by President Wilson in a statement issued last night at the White House. "All Sunday labor, he asked, be reduced to the measure of strict necessity.

"The President, commander-in-chief of the army and navy," said the statement, "following the reverent example of his predecessors, desires and enjoins the orderly observance of the Sabbath by the officers and men in the military and naval service of the United States. The importance for man and beast of the prescribed weekly rest, the sacred rights of Christian soldiers and sailors, a becoming deference to the best sentiment of a Christian people, and a due regard for the divine will demands that Sunday labor in the army and navy be reduced to the measure of strictest necessity.

"Such an observance of Sunday is dictated by the best tradition of our people, and by the convictions of all who look to divine providence for guidance and protection, and, in repeating in this order the language of President Lincoln, the President is confident that he is speaking alike to the hearts and to the conscience of those under his authority."

(Extract from *Washington Post*, Jan. 22, 1918.)

Mississippi Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

The first biennial session of the Mississippi Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene on the camp-ground in Jackson, Miss., Sept. 19-29, 1918, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Conference. The first session will be held Friday, Sept. 20, at 9 a.m. Each church is entitled to one delegate, without regard to numbers, and to one delegate for each 10 of its members. We hope there will be a full representation of the duly accredited delegates from all of the churches of the Conference at this first meeting.

C. J. BUHALTS, Pres.
N. L. TAYLOR, Sec.

Mississippi Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

The Mississippi Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a legal body, will hold its first session in connection with the Campmeeting, on the camp-ground at Jackson, Miss., Sept. 19-29, 1918. The first meeting will be held at 10 o'clock a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24. At this meeting officers for the coming two years will be elected, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

C. J. BUHALTS, Pres.
N. L. TAYLOR, Sec.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

President's Annual Address

To the delegates assembled in the sixteenth session of the Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Greeting.

In the annals of history never has there been such a period as the last four years through which we have passed. Already it seems that the war-shattered earth could stand but a short time longer. Since our last Campmeeting our own beloved country has been drawn into the awful maelstrom of war, yet we can see upon the horizon of nations a new future when, as our beloved President has said, "The world is to be made safe for democracy." Considering conditions in general, we can only praise God from hearts filled with rejoicing that we are permitted under such favorable circumstances to quietly assemble once more in our Campmeeting and Conference,

The message of the return of the Saviour is past due to the world. The question which should be uppermost in our mind is, Have I heard the plaintive cry of those in darkness, and done all that I could by giving of my means to carry the third angel's message to them? Have I been daily living a victorious life?

As we glance back over the two years, we see omens of God's goodness to us as a Conference. We are pleased to note advancement in the different departments, at the same time we are sure all would rejoice could a greater degree of success attend all lines of our work. The health of our workers has been good, none having been seriously sick during the biennial period.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE, FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
W Nathan	BR	61	103	\$578.00	\$	\$578.00	\$
Fannie Cox	BR	56	95	446.00		446.00	4.55
C R Cannada	DR	62	75	386.00	22.30	408.30	23.10
Susie Beasley	PG	62	103	393.80	5.50	399.30	56.70
F W Schmehl	BR	48	67	306.00	2.50	308.50	34.75
A L Hamm	DR	30	38	208.00	25.10	233.10	3.90
J L Waller	DR	61	51	229.00		229.00	
M Hasting	DR	53	51	224.00		224.00	
A L Perkins	BR	40	41	186.00	19.25	205.25	
Alex Cox	BR	23	39	189.00		189.00	12.60
A A Johnson	OD, BR	48	43	184.00		184.00	12.30
H D Brooks	BR	51	34	156.00	1.25	157.25	3.90
L Hoyt (2wk)	BR	115	94	466.00	7.65	473.65	11.70
L J McElroy	BR	60	30	114.00	5.55	119.55	
Emily Billups	PG	60	28	96.00	3.75	99.75	22.25
Mattie Lee	HM	32	23	79.50	4.75	84.25	
H Balsbaugh	OD	31	40	83.00		83.00	8.00
W L Cheatham	BR	11	19	80.00		80.00	4.60
J W Taylor	CK	61	55	67.50	7.75	75.25	
Floyd Booth	BR	30	10	49.00	2.85	51.85	13.90
C Stewart	BR	20	12	50.00		50.00	
Fred S Kalar	BR	5	16	42.00	2.50	44.50	8.00
M Hinkle (2wk)	BR	32	11	51.00	22.80	73.80	51.75
Fannie West	PPF	12	10	28.00	1.75	29.75	
Mrs I Harrell		6			11.25	11.25	
Mrs J L Waller					5.00	5.00	
Bibles				252.00		252.00	
Total		1070	1088	4943.80	151.50	5095.30	272.00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

*H Moomaugh	BR	34	105	517.00		517.00	
Henry Lynn	BR	35	73	327.00		327.00	
*J B Hardy	BR	34	43	219.00		219.00	
L B Spear	BR	37	40	189.00	4.25	193.25	4.25
Wm Watson	BR	26	1	5.00		5.00	59.00
J Harzman	BF	6					58.50
Hardy Mann	BF	6	7	15.50	1.50	17.00	1.50
L Robinson	OD	27	39	100.00		100.00	
Bibles				49.35		49.35	17.75
*(2wk) Total		205	308	1421.85	5.75	1427.60	136.00

Home Missionary Work

There can be no more effective way of discharging the tremendous responsibility resting upon us as a people than by the home missionary work. This branch of God's work enlists every

member of the family in the service of the Master. It opens way whereby our lay members can give Bible readings—and who can tell the result of such work? There are many who have embraced the truth through the

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

G W Brown HM, BR	54	2	2.00		2.00	43.00
E D Coleman GC	65	10	52.00		52.00	
R J Cook OD, BR	44	69	160.50	2.35	162.85	2.00
B D Crawford BR	46	4	16.00	22.10	38.10	16.00
H L Edwards BR	15	4	16.00	.75	16.75	
J E Foley BR	35	11	50.00	10.95	60.95	
C E Giles BR	44	48	223.00	6.35	229.35	
J W Harrison BR	30	5	20.00	21.00	41.00	
J C Holland BR	44	59	280.00	8.65	288.65	
Chas Hubbard CK	64	35	85.00	6.50	91.50	23.50
C A Powers BR	25	4	22.00	6.75	28.75	
G W Powers CK, BR	40	42	149.00	1.70	150.70	14.00
*P Stuyvesant BR	97	65	285.00	15.45	300.45	9.00
R Thomson BR	45	12	62.00	9.25	71.25	
J T Weed BR	42	38	16.00	7.00	169.00	
Bibles			62.85		62.85	30.26
*(3wk) Total	690	408	1653.35	118.80	1772.15	137.76
Grand Total	1965	1804	8016.00	276.05	8295.05	545.76

distribution of the Present Truth Series which the home missionary societies have been distributing, and, like the canvassing work, it is self-supporting.

Colporteur Work

The Lord has blessed Brother Boswell and his corps of faithful colporteurs in their efforts in distributing the printed page. We are sure that there will be openings for ministerial work where these advance guards have blazed the way. We not only reached the goal set at our colporteurs' institute for 1917, but by God's help added nearly 25 per cent more. Let me say at this juncture that our Conference has the honor of the world's record in securing orders for our truth-filled books. Brother Hugh Moomaugh, one of our student canvassers, by God's help secured \$1,055.10 in 49 hours. While this is the world's record, we should not feel exalted, but on the other hand we should remain humble and acknowledge our dependence upon the God of Israel for our future work.

Let us as laborers and laity carry this line of work not only

on our hearts, but may we become recruiting officers for this department. We hope our people will show the same hospitality and willingness to aid this class of workers as they do other workers in the cause.

It is with sadness that we are called to mention the death of one of our faithful men, Brother A. B. Cheek, who died June 1, 1918. He rests from his labors, awaiting the call of his Master.

Educational Work

While there has been no increase in the number of schools during the past biennial period, many more children have had the privileges and blessings of the schools operated. Larger plans are being laid for the coming year, and we do not believe it impossible to reach the goal of the present educational campaign—"Every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl in our schools," "Every student in our schools a worker." This is in harmony with the message which came to us years ago through the Spirit of Prophecy. "Every youth, every child, has a work to do for the honor of God and

the uplifting of humanity." Education, p. 58:

Young People's Work

We have no discouraging note to sound regarding this important branch of the work. Last year all goals were reached except one, the number of reporting members, while the financial goal was almost doubled. This work should appeal to every Seventh-day Adventist.

Sabbath School Work

We are grateful for the work which this branch of God's cause has done, making it possible to enter new fields with the last message.

Total offerings to missions through the medium of Sabbath School from June 30, 1916, to June 30, 1918, were \$4069.01.

During this period our thirteenth Sabbath offerings have been \$1283.63.

June 30, 1916, our Sabbath School membership was 597. June 30, 1918, the membership had fallen to 484. This seems too bad, and we hope that we shall see it not only reach the mark of two years ago, but go over it, for the times certainly demand it.

June 30, 1916, to June 30, 1918, 65 have been baptized. Total offerings from 1915 to 1918 were \$6,893.28.

Total offerings to missions during 1915... \$1451.86.

Total offerings to missions during 1916... 1987.49.

Total offerings to missions during 1917... 2315.95.

Total offerings to missions during 1918... 1137.98.

Amount of offerings on the thirteenth Sabbaths from June 30, 1916, to June 30,

1918,..... 1283.63.

On these eight Sabbaths there was \$145.65 more given than during the *twenty-four Sabbaths of the first six months of 1918.*

Religious Liberty Work

The activities along this line

have not decreased during the biennial period, but have been on the increase.

Bills have repeatedly been introduced in Congress, but up to the 64th Congress (ending March 4, 1917,) none have been reported out of the committees to which they were referred.

"So far three drastic Sunday bills have been introduced in the 65th Congress, the one now in session, but with God's help and blessing upon the efforts put forth they have not been reported out of the committee to which they were referred, although religious organizations and churches have made repeated efforts to get these bills reported out of the committees for favorable action.

"Sunday bills have increased during the past five years in a remarkable manner. In 1913-1914 87 bills, and in 1916-1917 187 bills."

We would urge all our people to study this great question and not slacken their energies in placing literature before the people treating upon this subject. We hope that in every family the Magazine Liberty will find a place. We shall not be sorry when we see the good this magazine will do in enlightening those who read it along this great truth.

Tithes and Offerings

We are pleased to report that our tithes and offerings have gradually increased. I am sure that we voice all the Conference when we say we thank God for this. There is not a single one who has given who would wish his money back.

We wish to quote from our report of two years ago:

"We wish to call the attention of the delegates to the fact that our laborers have not received any pay for the months of May and June. We are unable to say

how long they will be able to stay in the field. We have not heard a word of complaint from them. Brethren and sisters, this is the spirit of loyalty to this message, and we are sure that this will touch the hearts of those who have been negligent in this sacred duty, and we hope to see a change for the better."

We thank God today that we do see better things. Our captivity has been turned, and our laborers are paid promptly each month. This has been possible only through the loyalty and faithfulness of our people in the paying of their tithes. We look forward with confidence that the circumstances of 1916 will never have to be repeated.

Evangelical Work

During the past biennial term there has been six tent efforts held and five hall efforts. In nearly every case some have accepted the truth, but we believe we speak the mind of the laborers that they are not satisfied with the results. We believe that we shall see a larger fruitage in the next biennial period than in the one just past.

We need two ministers for the English work, and plans have been made whereby we shall have a worker for our French-speaking population. We also need at least one Bible worker for the English work.

We would suggest as a people that we carry out the instruction in 1 Tim. 2: 1-3. We believe we should pray that God would give wisdom to our President, Congress, and his cabinet that they shall be able to bear their great responsibilities which devolve upon them in guiding this great Nation at this perilous time. We must prove ourselves a loyal people in this great crisis.

The conditions in the world call for the earnest efforts of every lover of this message to

now arise and in God's strength finish the work which we have accepted. Let us learn a lesson from the life of Joseph. "Fidelity to God, and faith in the unseen, was Joseph's anchor. In this lay the hiding of his power." Let us here on this ground rededicate ourselves, our families, our means, and our strength to the finishing of this work, and thus hasten the coming of the Prince of Peace to this sin-cursed and war-torn earth.

C. N. SANDERS.

Campmeeting

New Orleans, La.

The first colored campmeeting for the State of Louisiana convened at the above-named city, beginning August 8 to the 18th, with a good delegation present from various parts of the State and a splendid attendance from the city, especially at night when evangelical subjects were preached.

Aside from Elder King, the pastor of the church here, Elder Lawrence was here conducting a most successful tent meeting, which was merged into the campmeeting. There were also present from the workers in this State, Brothers Bell and Roberts, together with one or two Bible workers.

Elder C. N. Sanders, President of the Louisiana Conference, and Brother C. A. Caldwell, Secretary and Treasurer of the same, were present at most of the meetings, presiding at the regular Conference meetings; and the following Union and General Conference brethren were also present: Elder S. E. Wight, President of the Southern Union Conference; V. O. Cole, Union Field Secretary; O. R. Staines, Union Home Missionary Secretary; A. N. Allen, Army Secretary; F. C. Gilbert, of Boston, Mass., who is superintendent of the Jew-

ish work in America; Bros. G. B. Boswell and J. C. Thompson, Secretaries; Prof. F. L. Peterson, representative of the Oakwood Junior College, and the writer.

The campmeeting was opened Thursday night, August 8, by a great sermon from the text, "We Will See Jesus," delivered by Elder F. C. Gilbert; following which the campmeeting proceeded from day to day under the instruction of those having charge of the various departments, and the visiting brethren whose names have already been mentioned.

Bro. V. O. Cole, who is the Union Field Missionary Secretary, gave several instructive and impressive talks along the lines of his department. Brother Staines, having charge of the Home Missionary work, sought in his several talks to arouse our people to a sense of duty, without delay, in doing active missionary work for the church and their neighbors, because of the nearness of the end. The Army Secretary, Bro. A. N. Allen, most clearly set before our people their duty of loyalty to the Government and the necessity of fitting our boys to serve the Government conscientiously and acceptably in these trying times. Brother Thompson, the Educational and Young People's Secretary for the Union, sought to impress upon our people the importance of having our children trained in our various schools for the service of the Lord, and also the necessity of building up strong young people's societies so that our youths might be trained along active missionary lines for helping finish the work.

Prof. F. L. Peterson most fittingly represented the Oakwood School in the part he took in helping to make the campmeeting a success, and seeking out those

who would attend the Oakwood school and fit themselves for the work in God's cause. Elder F. C. Gilbert, aside from preaching several times at night, gave a most instructive series of Bible studies at 6:30 o'clock every afternoon. Elder Sanders and his secretary presided at the Conference meetings and brought before the delegates the various resolutions and recommendations that had been passed at the white campmeeting for study and consideration. The said resolutions were most freely discussed by all, and after due consideration and deliberation, were passed. Then the election of Conference officers was brought before the Conference for consideration and ratified, which completed the work of the Conference, making its resolutions and recommendations and election unanimous. The officers elected were Elder C. N. Sanders, President, and Bro. C. A. Caldwell, Secretary and Treasurer, the others being about the same as last year.

Bro. G. B. Boswell, State Field Missionary Secretary, was present the last of the meeting and rendered timely and needed help in the progress of the meeting. Elder S. E. Wight, President of the Union, was present most of the time, showing deep interest in our people and their work, and gave timely instructions to the workers at their several meetings and also to the visiting members. Elder Lawrence, who was already here conducting the tent meetings when the Conference began, aside from preaching several rousing sermons, gave some helpful Bible studies in the mornings during the campmeeting. The writer was also present, conducting Bible studies in the afternoons and speaking several times at night. Elder King, the local pastor of the church,

who is also State Missionary Evangelist, sought to make the campmeeting a real success by taking part along various lines during our stay here. There were many stirring and instructive lectures given by Elder Gilbert concerning the relation of the Law and the Prophets, and the Spirit of Prophecy as connected with the finishing of this work. He also preached the closing sermon of the campmeeting, giving an object lesson of the Passover, on the closing Sunday night.

The meetings at the camp during the day were held at the church, which was close by, but the night meetings were held at the camp tent. Owing to certain city regulations, we were not allowed to camp on the ground, therefore the brethren and delegates stopped at various homes in the city. Upon a whole it was a rousing good campmeeting which had a good effect upon the people of the city, because it was held where they had been accustomed to attending the tent meetings of several weeks. And here I should remark that these tent meetings had brought more than 40 people to take their stand for the Truth by the time campmeeting began, which, of course, greatly advertised the same. From all appearances, I believe that when the results of the campmeeting shall have been rounded up by the tent meetings which are being continued for several weeks, there will be at least 75 additions of good strong men and women to the cause.

W. H. GREEN,
Secretary of Negro Department.

Thoughts become acts,
Acts become habits,
Habits form character,
Character forms life,
Life becomes destiny.

—Spurgeon.

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Tennessee (white)
Hazel, Ky., Sept. 5 to 15.
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Southern Junior College Opens Sept. 24

Collegedale News

Elder W. D. Burden, who for a number of years has been a missionary to Japan, and was associated with with Elber Field there, is visiting Collegedale for a few days. Elder Burden spoke very interestingly in the Collegedale chapel during the morning service, and also at the young people's meeting Sabbath afternoon, Sept. 7. He nursed Elder Butler during his last illness. We were very glad to have Elder Burden with us.

Elder F. W. Field, Bro. Robert Bagley, Bro. Clarence Field and

others have returned from the Cumberland Campmeeting. They enjoyed a very profitable season.

Mrs. Macmillan, mother of Bro. J. K. Macmillan, is visiting at the College.

The following are recent arrivals at Collegedale: Bro. John Trimble and Bro. Albert Church from Atlanta, Bro. Wilmer Nelson and Bro. John Gardner from Mobile, Ala.; Bro. Cecil Brown from Waverly, Iowa; Bro. Willie Cooper.

Bro. Jake Conger is visiting the school for a few days, on his way home to Ty Ty, Ga.

Bro. J. J. Gladden has recently returned from a trip to Florida, where he visited his sister, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. J. A. Tucker is leaving, to attend the Florida campmeeting.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood has been absent for several days, attending an educational convention in Washington, D. C.

Those who are present at Collegedale are just now extremely busy making preparation and getting everything in good order for the opening of school on September 24. We are looking forward with great anticipation to the return of many of our former students, and a number of new ones, who will receive a hearty welcome. We anticipate a very successful school here.

Boys In Camp

The October *Watchman* is a special "Service Number," especially arranged for reaching the boys in blue and khaki, and all who have friends or relatives in the service. The cover is most striking, being entitled, "Has God a Son in the Service?" This is answered by a strong editorial on page seven. Elder Daniells writes in this number on "The Victory of Faith," and there are a number of short arti-

cles written by our camp workers. The list of articles follows:

"God Has a Son in the Service," editorial.

"Ye Saved," by E. A. Sutherland.

"The Bible in Khaki," editorial.

"The Camp Pastor Says," by different camp workers.

"The Victory of Faith," by Arthur G. Daniells.

"Geology and the Deluge," by George McCready Price.

In the above list we have not mentioned everything in the October *Watchman* which you will enjoy. The "Red Cross" and Food Administration have attractive sections; the editorial pages carry stirring messages; the Outlook is keen as ever; and Dr. Kress, Martha Warner and others are among the familiar and welcomed messengers.

Mail a copy to everyone you know that is now in the service. See that the army camps are well supplied with this October *Watchman*.

Let Your Light Shine

'Twas only a few years ago, sir,
I was crossing the ocean deep
One night—'twas a dark one we noticed,
A cry roused us, quick, from our sleep.

This cry it was that awoke us,
'Man overboard! Lower the rope,'
Arose on the night air,
With shouting and cries of despair, there's no hope.

I thought to fly swift to the rescue,
My service was useless, I knew,
But I longed to do something to save him,
This fellowman, what could I do?

One thought in that brief little moment
Flew swiftly to my mind as the light
I seized, just my own little lantern,
And held it above the dark night.

'Twas only a glimmering track
That shone across the dark wave,
But soon came the shout, 'he's saved, he's saved,'
A chorus of loud, glad acclaim.

Next morning I sought him, this stranger,
He told of his peril so great,
And said, "I was just going under,
I felt that all help was too late.

When out from a far little window,
A ray from someone's shining light
Shot to me across the dread distance,
It showed me the rope plain and bright.

I seized it and soon was safe landed,
And to this little light do I owe
This life, which is saved, and I wonder
Who's was it? O, pray, do you know?"

I turned straight away from the stranger,
This thought came to comfort me, grave,
In doing the little we can do,
May just be the work that will save.

At last when earth's night shall be over,
And morning of heaven be mine,
Shall I find that someone has been rescued
Because I had let my light shine?

—Selected.