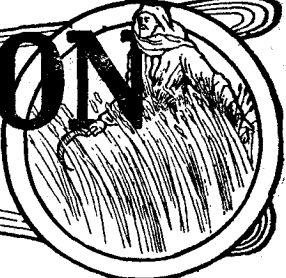


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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How Can Conference Officers and Other Workers Co-operate With the Leaders In the Book Work?

The writer's answer to this question is, "Believe in the book work." We are sure to co-operate with people who are working in harmony with our belief.

There was a time when the book work was not considered by all an essential part of the work being carried on by Seventh-day Adventists. During that period a conference president was heard to say, "How would it look for a man like me, large and strong, to travel the roads and sell books?" It is sufficient to say that the book work did not prosper and the field agent, with all his endeavors, persuaded but few to enter the work. If this man had seen the book work in its true light, the gospel colporteur would have stood on an equal with the gospel preacher, and the result would have been seen by the people enlisting in the work. Every Bible worker, minister, or conference officer should encourage the workers not in his particular line, and give a helping hand wherever it is possible to his fellow-worker. The minister must help the Bible worker, and the Bible worker, the minister. The colporteur

must hold up the hands of the minister, and the field agent, in turn, must help all other departments. This is nicely expressed by the prophet Isaiah in chapter 41, verses 6 and 7: "They helped everyone his neighbor; and everyone said to his brother, 'be of good courage.' So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with a hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, it is ready for the soldering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved."

The natural man is liable to look with disfavor on the methods and work of the individual who does not operate in a given plan, (perhaps of his own devising). He is also apt to underestimate the ability of a fellow-

worker as well as the call. The same prophet in chapters 42:3 and 40: 28, 31 touches these points by saying, "A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth." "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching His understanding... But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Let us believe in the work, and the power of God to make men and women of the faith a success, and the co-operation of conference laborers with the bookmen is assured.

S. E. WIGHT.

The Relation of the Colporteur To the Finishing of the Work

We are told in Vol. 9 that "Great changes are soon to take place in the world, and the final movements will be rapid ones." While no doubt this statement has reference to the political world, it evidently applies also to the religious world, especially to the rapid movements of the Third Angel's Message. The angel was seen *flying* in the

midst of heaven, which denotes swiftness or rapidity. When we think of things flying, we would naturally expect them to have wings. What then, is the wings of this message? is the anxious inquiry. Like all other important questions, inspiration should have an answer for us, and here it is:

"There is a great need of men

who can use the press to the best advantage, that the truth may be given *wings* to speed it to every nation, tongue and people." G. W., p. 25.

"The pen dipped in the fountain of pure truth can send the beams of light to dark corners of the earth, which will reflect its rays back, adding new power and giving increased light to be scattered everywhere." Life Sketches, p. 214.

"Printing is the latest and greatest gift by which God enables us to advance the things of the gospel. Printing was indeed one of the prime agents of the reformation. The idea had long been born, but printing gave it *wings*." Luther, in P.P.&G., p.51.

It is very evident that the printing press was given us at the right time. The Third Angel's Message came just when it was due; so the all-important thing for us now is, shall we allow the Lord to attach to us the publishing *wings*?

The relation of the colporteur to the finishing of the work is also brought to our minds in the following paragraph:

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." Vol. 7, p. 140.

Thus it can readily be seen that the loud cry of the third angel will largely be given through this channel, and the present record of our faithful colporteurs bears witness to the fulfillment of this prophecy.

In view of the strenuous time in which we are living, some have thought that our colporteur work might soon close. Perhaps it may, but we can rest assured that when it does, probationary hours will have closed for the world. Let us read it as found in Vol. 6, p. 478:

"As long as probation con-

tinues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work. When the religious denominations unite with the papacy to oppress God's people, places where there is religious freedom will be opened by evangelistic canvassing. If in one place the persecution becomes severe, let the worker do as Christ directed, 'When they persecute you in one city, flee ye into another.'"

In closing, allow me to say,

V. O. COLE.

The Successful, Continuous = Work of a Colporteur

Did anybody ever know
Or hear anybody tell,
Satan absent on vacation
And closed the doors of hell?

The devil is never off the job. No one ever heard of his taking a vacation, but he is continually reaping a harvest of souls for eternal ruin; and on every hand his agencies are at work leading men away from God, and always, night and day, summer and winter, he is plying his hellish trade.

Since the devil is never off duty, but is always at work seeking the ruin of men, when should the servant of God feel free to leave his great work of seeking the lost? The answer is found in Vol. 9, p. 45: "The man who loves God does not measure his work by the eight-hour system. He works at all hours, and is never off duty. As he has opportunity, he does good. Everywhere, at all times, and at all places, he finds opportunity to work for God. The Saviour was an untiring worker. He did not measure His work by hours. His time, His heart, His strength, were given to labor for the benefit of humanity. Entire days were devoted to labor, and entire nights were spent in prayer, that He might be braced to meet the wily foe in all his deceptive work-

that in view of the wonderful records that many of our colporteurs are making, in spite of the trying experiences that a few are having, it should not take a great stretch of faith to believe that prophecy is being rapidly fulfilled, and that our faithful colporteurs are very closely associated with the fulfillment of these prophecies and the finishing of the gospel work in the world.

ing, and fortified to do His work of uplifting and restoring humanity."

Jesus had no time to go on a vacation. He never changed jobs, but he was always at work. He "Came to seek and to save that which was lost," and the burden of souls rested too heavily on the Saviour's heart for Him to leave His work for other employment. He might have accumulated wealth, He might have had any position of honor the world could give, but turning from all this, He kept on his way of poverty, hardship, and toil, that He might win the lost and lead them back to God. Nothing could turn Him from His purpose. Such zeal, such devotion, such love for lost men will hold men today to the work of selling books all the year round. Satan may seek to discourage, he may seek to drive them out of the work, or lead into some other line of employment (Vol. 6, p. 323), but they have heard the call of God, and nothing can turn them aside from the work they have undertaken. Today God is calling, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us." May he help you, dear reader, to send back the answer clear and distinct, "Here am I; send me." W. R. ELLIOTT.

Permanent Colporteurs

This subject impresses me as a very important one, and it might be summed up in three words—selection, education, and encouragement. The first step in securing permanent colporteurs is proper selection. Much depends upon this. I have always thought that we should get the very best—those who have made a success in life. We should select men who have been successful as merchants, farmers, carpenters, mechanics, etc. We might make it stronger by saying, that we should select men from our churches who would make good church elders, deacons, and Sabbath school superintendents. The Manual says much care and wisdom should be used in selection.

Well do I remember one time when I was trying to persuade two men to enter the colporteur work, when one of the leaders in the conference said, "If I were you I would not advise those men to take up the book work," I asked him the reason. He said, "They pay a large tithe, and are too good men to get in that line of work." To say the least, I was much surprised, for I think we need the best.

The second step is proper education or training. He should be educated on the following lines:

(a) The importance of the work. The Manual has much to say on this, and should be studied often.

(b) It is honorable.

As a rule people have not been educated in the past to look upon this work and those who follow it as the Lord does. His servant says: "The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister."—Manual, p. 29.

(c) It is time to be doing this work.

"We are on borrowed time, and we should be redeeming the time. We have no time to lose; you cannot afford to lose a single day."

(d) The canvasser should know his duty.

All of these statements come from the Word of God, and I might say that in this training much depends upon the field secretary. If there ever was a time that the field man should do his duty it is when he is training a man in the field.

The great secret at this time is duplicating oneself into another. Much depends upon starting men right. The field man should surround himself with workers who can do this great work. He must be a man of physical and mental endurance.

The third step is proper encouragement. Many times men go into this work with the idea of securing money. Field men sometimes hold this out before our people in order to get them into the work. This is a mistake. But the love of God, perishing souls and the eternal reward are the incentives to this work.

Selection of territory is a very important thing, and means much to the colporteur. This should be carefully done.

Good, encouraging letters are invaluable to the canvasser—weekly letters from the field and tract society secretary and monthly letters from the conference president, showing that they recognize that his work is of great value.

There are a great many ways we can help men to success. When we see a man begin to fail and give up, we should find out the real cause and eliminate it if possible.

Some men fail because they try to walk and have not strength to hold out. These men need a good horse and buggy. In fact I believe we are past the walking age with this great message. The world is on wheels at the present time. The Third Angel's Message is one of speed and rapidity. Why not use these modern ways of placing the message in the homes of the people?

When we do this, I don't think there will be any trouble in securing permanent colporteurs.

JOHN R. STATON.

The Place Our Literature Should Have In the Message

The place our literature should have in the message cannot be overestimated. Every movement that wishes to succeed must prepare and circulate what it advocates in the form of literature. This is necessary, not that the printed page should be a helping agency only, but an evangelizing agency itself, which many times can go farther and give a more effective message than could be done in person.

The use of the printed page as a means for advancing what

one believes is used by many who do very little public work. And they make good headway in the spread of their doctrine. The printed page is needed greatly therefore in the spread of a message. A movement greatly needs a literature also to preserve itself.

The Waldenses carried the truth mostly by the printed page. The Reformers made use of the printed page. And the Third Angel's Message goes in the printed page, where the living

preacher cannot go. There are places in Mississippi where the message must go largely by our literature.

The following is from Vol. 9, page 16: "The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. Let our literature give the message as a witness to all the world."

"We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the Word with determined energy."

"The canvassing work, properly constructed, is 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 truth for the times."—Vol. 6, page 313.

"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 the word of God's delegated preacher. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated."

"Thus the message will go where the living preacher cannot go."

"We cannot too highly estimate this work, for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser many would never hear the warning."

"The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister."—Vol. 6, page 321.

In a statement as to how the work can be carried on in the mission fields, it says: "The key to the situation in the mission field is the printed page, and consecrated men to carry it."

These extracts show that among the most important of all our work is the spreading of the printed page.

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—Vol. 7, page 140.

May the Lord help us to see the importance of taking a deeper interest in the circulation of our literature, which should have a leading place in our message.

C. J. BUHALTS.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

A Caution

A few years ago our denomination instituted what we call the Sustentation Fund, from which broken-down workers receive their support. So when a minister or other workers get sick and can no longer continue in the work, they are placed in the honorable class to draw from their Sustentation Fund. There is no need, therefore, for any worker to appeal to our good brethren and sisters for help when they get sick. When a worker, therefore, writes around and appeals to the sympathies of those he knows for money, it is always well to learn from Conference officials the cause.

Recently someone who was once a worker in our State has written back to several for money. It is reported that this worker has been dropped, for good reasons, and we would therefore caution those from whom we have not heard.

C. J. BUHALTS.

Study at Home

If you cannot go to school, you can study at home and make as good improvement as you could in school, in proportion to the time you can devote to study. The certificates of credit of the Fireside Correspondence School are recognized by all Seventh-day Adventist schools and probably by other schools. Form the habit of home study early, and practice it persistently. The President of the General Conference says, "I believe your school is conferring an inestimable benefit upon our people." Write today for information about subjects, prices, and how to earn your tuition. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

The Bookman As a Pioneer

(Of the Third Angel's Message)

The Third Angel's Message of Salvation to be given to every nation, kindred, tongue and people of a world, the population of which is estimated at 1,610,000,000 souls, who are scattered over an area of nearly 197 million square miles. To do this work just one generation has been allotted.

When we consider the factors of the problem, the colporteur stands pre-eminent as a pioneer in this great work.

First, this work is largely educational. Each individual has to have the opportunity of receiving this heaven-sent message, and those who manifest an interest must be taught. This necessarily takes time, and when the greatness of the number to be reached and the vastness of the area to be covered is taken into consideration, at once it is evident that some method of rapidly delivering the needed instruction must be used. The method must be one that is much more rapid than any oral one. Then, too, because of the natural attitude of a large part of the human race toward this heaven-sent message, it is desirable that the real business of the one who goes before should not be too plainly evident.

These demands of the problem are fully met in our colporteur. He takes his book or other literature containing this great message of salvation, and on foot, or with a horse, or possibly some more rapid means of travel, passes rapidly from place to place, spending only minutes with an individual where other workers would spend days or even longer periods of time. He leaves his message with the individual to study while he passes on to others. Then, as the Wal-

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denses of old who traveled about as peddlers, carrying with them "the pearl of great price," so our colporteurs, though usually considered by the world as merely book agents, are and they should realize they are, men of God, carrying heaven's last message to this doomed world.

It is true that many—the majority of people—do not take their stand for the truth by simply reading. But the colporteur's work does create in the honest heart an interest and imparts much, if not all, the necessary instruction, so that the Bible-worker or minister can follow and quickly bring these to a saving knowledge of this message.

There is still another phase of the work that adds luster to his pre-eminence—that is, a greater number can engage in this line than in any other. First, because it does not take the long, preliminary training that is usually required in other lines, and men of more varying ability can engage in it. And, second, he is not dependent on our people for his salary. The Lord has promised him what is right, and if he goes forth in faith, puts in faithful time, the world will supply the salary. Therefore there is a place open and waiting for everyone whom God has called to this grand line of His work.

Thus as we consider the colporteur as a pioneer in giving the Third Angel's Message; we see he stands pre-eminent; we realize his work is "missionary work of the highest order;" that "it is as good and successful a method as can be used to give this message," and the Lord has declared that it is largely by this means that the "loud cry" of the Third Angel's Message is to be given.

R. I. KEATE.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
*R Brooks	BR	60	22	\$ 98.00	\$3.75	\$101.75	\$
*Anna George	OD	17	21	42.00	.50	42.50	46.00
*H M Gibson	BR	65	34	156.00	4.50	160.50	5.10
*R W Harris	OD	40	32	67.00		67.00	
Kenneth Harris	OD	18	19	37.00	1.30	38.30	
*F F Harrison	BR	63	41	165.00	2.55	167.55	5.95
Mrs C Heinig	OD	15	5	10.00		10.00	38.00
*M L Howard	BR	46	22	97.00	5.95	102.95	
R Y Howard	BR	36	9	36.00		36.00	7.00
*R J Hyatt	BFL	40	1	1.50	2.00	3.50	73.35
*Wilber Moore	BR	55	27	121.00	7.75	128.75	4.50
*Fred Mote	BR	65	31	154.65	6.20	160.85	
*Lee Page	BR	47	38	159.00	4.75	163.75	
D C Ray	BR	2					23.00
George Tyler	BFL	18	13	30.50	4.75	35.25	18.25
*E Whittier	BR	20					125.00
J W Wilhem	PG	30	17	76.00		76.00	
(*2 wk) Total		617	332	1250.65	44.00	1294.65	346.15

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Percy Stewart	BR	17	36	179.50	1.25	180.75	
H Balsbaugh	OD	8	12	24.00		24.00	16.00
Virgil Smith	BR						290.00
C R Cannada	DR						193.00
E S Scales	BR						180.00
J L Waller	DR						157.00
H D Brooks	BR						151.00
P Hampton	HM		5	17.00		17.00	135.50
Bibles							54.39
Helps							21.50
Total		25	53	220.50	1.25	221.75	1198.39

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Wm J Keele	DR	16					106.90
H G Miller	BR	41	2	9.00	7.80	16.80	183.80
M Wheeler	DR				4.45	4.45	96.00
Louis Rayford	BR	16	17	84.50		84.50	
Total		73	19	93.50	12.25	105.75	386.70
Grand total		715	770	1564.65	57.50	1622.15	1931.24

Dates for Colporteur Institutes in the Southern Union Conference

Tennessee River (colored)	December 3-12.
Louisiana (white)	December 13-22.
Kentucky (white)	December 30-January 8, 1919.
Tennessee River (white)	January 12-21.
Bookmen's Convention	January 31-February 9.
Alabama (white)	February 13-22.
Mississippi (white)	February 23-March 4.

Winter Canvassing

Go into all the world, publishing the gospel of the Kingdom, is our business. If we fail to do this until warm weather next spring, it will be too late for many to hear the truth, the way the people are dying, and there will never be a more favorable time for our work than this winter, even though the war should cease. In Ecclesiastes we are told to work all the year through and with all our might. Besides obeying God, we have many advantages by winter's conditions.

1. The whole family is at home, and a hearing is easier obtained.
2. Farm work not urgent and they have time to listen.

Winter work is really enjoyable when you drive a good horse and buggy. Isa. 32:20 tells us to do this, and promises a blessing if we obey. The fastest mode of travel is not too swift when souls are at stake. By using a buggy one can keep warm even in severe weather with a "Coal Brick Foot-warmer," which costs four cents per day, and thus be less apt to contract cold; get in better time; be relieved largely of the continuous strain, as you can relax between houses; have more influence with prospective customers; reach a better class of people; and thus be able to carry necessary articles for fomentation and for our own protection from the pestilences of the last days. If we can minister to people's physical needs as well as to the spiritual, our work will not be so apt to be looked upon as non-essential. The colporteurs who have a way of convey-

3. Not apt to be moving or visiting.

4. Less liable to refuse to keep you over night.

5. They know whether they have the means with which to pay for the book, as the year's returns are in the bank.

6. Have more time for reading.

7. Perilous times and pestilences this year cause people to think more seriously.

8. Satan takes no vacation during the winter, and neither should we, as he is our enemy. The man who slew the lion in the pit when the snow was on the ground, is an object lesson to winter canvassing. Matt. 28:20 teaches us to work through winter, and promises God's help.



M. L. Howard, prepared for winter canvassing.

ance usually stay by the work all the year and are counted stand-bys and can be depended upon for a steady report. When we get a steady report the message is being given, and this is the purpose for which we were born into the truth.

JAMES HICKMAN.

Junction City, Ky.

The Colporteur Work in the Cities

"There is no more important work than that of the colporteur. Their work is true ministry." Manual for Canvassers, p. 30. The importance of this true ministry in our cities should receive careful consideration, and plans should be worked out whereby our army of colporteurs will enter our cities and place in the homes of the people our truth-filled books.

We are commanded to "sow beside all waters." Isa. 32:20. The Saviour's last words were, "Go ye into all the world." Matt. 28:18-20. We are told that as soon as the work is done in the earth, Jesus will come. Matt. 24:14. As the cities are a part of the earth, we must not pass them by, although the work may be difficult.

Here are words given us long since: "I am instructed to point our ministers to the unworked cities and urge them by every possible means to open the way for the presentation of the truth." Vol. 9, p. 123. Certainly the colporteur work is one means, and how can we as a people be clear in the day of God if we do not formulate working plans to have a large number of workers in our cities from now on till the work is finished?

Here are some of the plans that have long been before us: "The Lord has presented before me the work that is to be done in our cities. The believers in these cities are to work for God in their neighborhood. . . . If they keep self out of sight, pointing always to Christ, the power of their influence will be felt." Vol. 9, p. 128. Here is the resident colporteur. Again, "The judgments of God are in the land. While city missions must be es-

tablished where colporteurs, Bible workers and practical medical missionaries may be trained to reach certain classes, we must also have in our cities consecrated evangelists through whom a message is to be borne so decidedly as to startle the hearers." Vol. 9, p. 137. Here we have the city working force—the resident colporteurs—individual members of the church, colporteurs, Bible workers, medical missionaries, and evangelists.

Undoubtedly one reason why the cities have been shunned is because of the difficulties confronting this work. We are told that, "The work which the church has failed to do in time of peace and prosperity, she will

have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances." Vol. 5, p. 463. What is needed is cooperation, each class of workers realizing that the work is one—"the gospel to all the world in this generation."

The faithful colporteur should be encouraged to enter the cities by homes being opened to them, thus lessening the expense. If the colporteurs are willing to sacrifice the profits which they could make in more favorable territory, we feel certain the people of God in the cities will meet them more than half way in helping to cut down expenses. Now is the time to work our cities while the day lasts.

C. N. SANDERS.

The Call of the Colporteur from God

Men today are being called into service for their country, and certain ones are honored with the call of the Government to special positions of trust in the higher ranks of military affairs.

But at the same time there is another call for men, and it comes not from men, but from God. It is a call to the position of the colporteur, coming from the Most High, to join the forces of heaven for the purpose of carrying the "Third Angel's Message" in printed form to poor, hungering, perishing, lost humanity. Looking upon this call in the light of heaven and not from the viewpoint of men, places it on an equal to that of the Gospel Ministry, for we read: "The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to that of the Gospel Minister." Vol. 6, p. 321. These are not the words of finite man, but from the infinite God, and they are pregnant with meaning. When men can truly see it in this light, the colporteur work, and the call

to the same, will be placed upon its rightful plane in the eyes of the church. Then individuals will no longer look upon the call of the colporteur as beneath their notice.

Both old and young who are impressed can respond to this call from God to enter the colporteur work. It is a work which offers wonderful opportunities for doing good, even to the reaching of those whom the Gospel Minister can never reach, and "Those who realize the necessity of keeping the heart under the control of the Holy Spirit will be enabled to sow seed that will spring up unto eternal life." Vol. 6, p. 325. This is work to which the heaven-called evangelistic colporteur is sent. To respond to such is worthy of cultivated talents, the most earnest, consecrated effort, and should appeal to the highest ideals, the same as the call to the Gospel Ministry. Those who accept it and work untiringly to carry bread of heaven and water of life to perishing humanity in this late hour will be especially blessed and honored by the Majesty of Heaven.

J. F. WRIGHT.

The Evangelistic Colporteur as a Life-worker

To S. U. Worker:

Christ's work is to be our example. Everywhere He went He scattered blessings in His paths. We should learn His lessons of kindness. When speaking to people our voices should bear a tone of such love for souls as was expressed in Christ's daily life-work.

Our words should be carefully selected with knowledge of the present truth, that the house or atmosphere where the colporteur exhibits his book will be filled with fragrance as did Mary's broken box of ointment.

"God calls for self-denying, self-sacrificing workers. Those who devote their God-given time to hunting for souls, traveling for souls, watching for souls, as they that must give an account, will obtain a rich experience as they communicate the precious truths of God's Word to others. Their own hearts will be opened for the entrance of the Word. They will be instructed by the great Teacher. Then the work will be carried to the waste places of the earth." Vol. 6, p. 86. Then the scripture of Isaiah 43:20 and 12:3 will be fulfilled when He says, "The Lord shall open fountains in the valleys, and rivers in the desert, and with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."

We should ever bear this text in mind: "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope, to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:13. We should live such a life, when we return to deliver the book, that the people will say, "that man of God was here again," and books canvassed for and delivered in this way will be read, and his labors will not be in vain.

Oh, may the God of heaven give us more Evangelistic Colporteurs, who will make this their life-long work, for it will not only give us a part in saving the lives of others, but it will also help in the perfection of our own character and thus fit the colporteur for life eternal. F. W. SCHMEHL.

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The "Workers' Bee"

According to appointment, the Union Committee of the Southern and Southeastern Conferences met at Collegedale Monday morning, October 28th, and began work on the boys' dormitory. Nearly every member of the Southeastern Union Committee was there; three were kept away on account of sickness in their homes, but later in the week were able to come on the grounds. Tennessee was the only conference in the Southern Union not represented. Brother Elliott was kept away on account of sickness, but at this writing, November 1st, we are looking for him to come.

Owing to the large crop on the farm at Collegedale and sickness during the time of this plague that was sweeping over the country, they were unable to get the basement of the boys' dormitory completed. This has made it necessary to spend considerable time in preparing the wall and getting material and machinery to work with, but at the close of the first week, when we prepared for the Sabbath, the base-

ment was completed and half of the first story erected.

The Lord has blessed us with good weather, and this we have every reason to believe was in direct answer to prayer. One day while it was raining, and it seemed that there was no show for doing any work that day, the workmen all gathered under a shed near the building spot, offered prayer, then sang a hymn of praise and started out to work in the rain. The rain ceased and the sun began to shine, and from that on to the close of the week there was no rain, but a sprinkle two or three times, and dark clouds, which did not in any way hinder our work.

Letters with donations of money have been coming to us while we were working, which has made us feel that God is answering our prayer in behalf of this school.

We still send out an invitation to our people to send money. If you have any means which you wish to put into the cause just now, we would be pleased to receive same. All donations should be sent to G. H. Curtis, 2006 24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

In closing, I should not fail to note that, in addition to our Union Conference Committee working here, we have with us Bro. Crawford from Vicksburg, Miss., and Brethren Jones and Tollman from Alabama; Elder Avery Davis and Burton Castle of Louisville, Ky., also Eld. O. S. Denslow of Mobile, Ala., and Brother L. L. Lawrence of the Southern Publishing House at Nashville.

At this writing it is our purpose to remain here until the roof is on the building, and we solicit the prayers of the readers of this article.

S. E. WIGHT.

Kentucky Harvest Ingathering Report. Total To Date \$351

James Hickman.....	\$30.00
Mrs. Ora B. Ford.....	24.00
Elder R. I. Keate.....	29.25
R. F. Hickman.....	14.00
Anna Hornung.....	11.00
Pearl Vermillion.....	13.30
Christian Hornung.....	10.00
Lee Page.....	8.65
Mrs. T.O. Bivin.....	7.95
Myrtle Winders.....	7.00
Mrs. Nora King.....	6.00
Mrs. Geo. Slaughter.....	6.00
Mrs. L. Steele.....	6.00
Mrs. T. A. Potter.....	5.10
D. R. Allman.....	5.00
Mrs. Caroline Hornung.....	5.00
Mrs. Walton.....	5.00
Mrs. R. Y. Howard.....	5.00
Mrs. M. Lucas.....	5.00
Mrs. C. Winders.....	5.00
L. E. Christman.....	5.00

Our list is growing. All those who would like to see it grow faster, please send in your remittance of \$5.00.

Perhaps there are others who have had an experience similar to Brother Cullum Keith. He says that when his Harvest Ingathering papers came last year he laid them away and they were never opened. When they arrived this year he laid them away just as carefully as last year. One morning before arising he was awake and wondering what he might do to advance the work of the Lord in the earth. Suddenly a voice seemed to ask, "What about those Harvest Ingathering papers?" He arose, determined to do his duty in this matter. To his great surprise he found the work easy, and in just a few hours he had disposed of the fifteen papers, and now he has ordered fifty more.

Do not forget the Harvest Ingathering work. Brother C. E. Hooper, circulation manager of the Watchman, says: "Averages of from 37½ cents to over \$1 are not uncommon this year—and all this in spite of conditions at home and abroad that might seem a trifle discouraging."

May the Lord add His blessing to every faithful effort.

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