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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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— The Wrath of the Dragon and the —

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Is this prophecy being fulfilled at this time? If so, with what particular phase of the work is the dragon especially angry? Of course, in a measure, the enemy is displeased with every phase of the work, but in what work in particular shall we look for the greatest persecution? It would only be natural for the great rebel leader to array his forces against the thing that is doing the greatest injury to his cause, and when we have succeeded in finding that particular battery, we will have no trouble in finding that which he is specially anxious to silence.

Take the work of one high in executive authority for example. While his administrative powers are of great value to the cause, and so also is his preaching and teaching, yet it is not his talent in these lines that receive the sharpest attacks from the enemy, but instead it is against the books he has written which the enemy of souls is especially mad with and trying to put out of commission.

Take again the work of the faithful evangelist, one whose labor in this line has been greatly blessed of God, yet we find that

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his work along this line does not receive the attack of the enemy as does the books he has written.

As we look at other phases of the work we can readily see that each are very important, and every department is necessary; but with what particular phase of the great work, as a whole, is the enemy especially angry so much so that some are being thrust into prison while others have their lives threatened in certain sections of the country? I refer especially to the experiences of some of our faithful colporteurs in sections of the country who are taking the printed page to the homes of the people.

Naturally we would ask why is it that books are often put out of commission before their authors are? The answer may be found inscribed on the wall of the Congressional Library of our Nation's capitol. It reads thus: "Books will speak plain when counselors blanch." It is indeed hard for the enemy to stand against the plain-speaking found in books. It was Luther's writing that shook all Germany and made the Pope to tremble on his throne. History tells us concerning the Waldensians' reformers that Bartholemy Hector was a bookseller in Pointers and that he was dragged to Turan

to answer for the crime of selling Geneverse's books. They brought him forth and consigned him to the flames. His behavior at the stake drew rivers of tears from the eyes of many.

Should it therefore be a strange thing if in the closing events of the earth's history we should behold Satan hurling his fierce darts against certain literature and also against the ones who convey it to the people? In view of these things the word of the servant of God comes vividly to our mind, which says, "If there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." Another statement says, "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelistical ministry of the work in our books and periodicals. Our periodicals are to show that the end of all things is at hand."

It is a comforting thought to know that all things are possible with God and that Jesus does not ask us to do anything alone, but has promised to be with us always "even unto the end of the world."

It is indeed marvelous to know how the Lord is showing His power in behalf of some of our faithful colporteurs, and also very encouraging to know that "as long as probation lasts there will be opportunity for the colporteur to work." V. O. COLE.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Harvest Ingathering

God is blessing in the Harvest Ingathering work this year. I have never found the people so cordial, and I never found them so willing to give to advance the work of the Gospel.

Recently I did some soliciting for the Harvest Ingathering in Lake Charles, my home town, where I am very well known. Each year for the last three years I have been working in Lake Charles with the Harvest Ingathering papers. Two years ago I got about \$95; last year I got \$130.06, an average of about 90 cents a paper; this year I got with 172 papers \$258.65, an average of a little over \$1.50 for each paper. Besides this I have some promises that will be fulfilled this month, and this will make the average considerably more. I received one donation of \$7.50; 22 of \$5, and all the other donations were of less amounts.

Brethren, it is a pleasure to get out and solicit for the Harvest Ingathering. All the trouble, or nearly all, comes in getting started. As soon as you have been in it just a little while you lose your embarrassment and become enthused with the work. If you will go at the work you will certainly be blessed more this year than you ever have been, for the very simple reason, brethren, that we are coming into the latter rain, and God is beginning to do a quick and a big work in this earth.

In this work I have had opportunities of talking with men about this message of ours which I never could have had in any other way.

The Lord desires to do great things by us and for us in this

line of service; and, brethren, can we afford to miss the blessings He would have us enjoy by neglecting the work He would have us do? Get some instruction leaflets at once and an official solicitor's card properly signed up and get into the good work right among your neighbors, and do it without delay. You will find, as I did, that there are some very happy surprises for you.

O. F. FRANK.

Alabama News Notes

Brethren C. E. Giles and J. C. Holland called at the office Tuesday and settled up their accounts. They will spend a few days visiting their people before going on to Ooltewah.

Elder O. F. Frank arrived the third inst. from Louisiana. Elder Frank expects to be located at Birmingham.

Brother O. P. Ivie was in town Sunday, being called to attend a committee meeting.

Word from Elder A. L. Miller states that they are nicely located at Ottumwa, Iowa, and that he has charge of five churches in that part of the State.

Elder J. H. Lawrence expects to open the effort here in Birmingham the 15th of this month. He has already secured a theater for the meetings.

Elder and Mrs. F. J. Rowland expect to leave next week for Seima, where they will be located.

Brother Staton has had an attack of the influenza, but we are glad to report he is getting along nicely and soon expects to be back to his work.

Mobile and Pensacola

Being called by telegram to Mobile a few days ago to visit my mother, who is very low, I also took the opportunity of spending a little time with both

Mobile church and Pensacola company.

Sabbath, the 23d of November, I spent a pleasant hour with the brethren and sisters of the Mobile church. The Lord came very near and all, seemingly, were brought to a deeper realization of the time in which we live. Elder O. L. Denslow had already arrived to take charge of the work there. We spent a little while together talking over the work and laying plans for the same. He expects to hold Sunday night meetings during the winter, and with the good spirit which prevails we look for big things to happen down there. We do not have a more willing church in the State. Most all seem to be enjoying their "first love," and are working earnestly.

From there I went over to visit the company at Pensacola. Brother Burroughs did not tell them that I was coming, but invited some of the new believers over to his house, and there they planned a pleasant surprise for us. It seemed good to spend such an interesting evening with some of these new ones in the faith. The next two nights I had the privilege of holding services with them. Brother Burroughs has succeeded in renting a neat church for the Sabbath meetings, and the prospects are that he will soon secure it for the Sunday night meetings. I am pleased to say that the interest developed by the tent effort the past summer is continually growing, and they have an average attendance on Sabbath of 35 to 40 persons. Nothing preventing, this company will be ready for church organization by the first of the year.

The work is onward in these cities, and your earnest prayers in their behalf will be greatly appreciated, I assure you.

J. F. WRIGHT.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

A Change of Field

For ten years I have been a laborer in the Louisiana Conference without a break, and it is the only conference by which I have ever been employed. But it is, according to the judgment of our leading men and according to the Spirit of Prophecy, better for a worker and also for a field for the workers to have changes more often than once in ten years. But being bound by peculiar circumstances, I have felt that I was not in a position to make a change, though again and again I was asked by the Union Conference to consider doing so. But recently I decided to make a change anyway, and look to God to open the way for me to get such help for my wife's mother that my family can join me. Accordingly I have accepted a call to labor in the Alabama Conference. But I will never forget Louisiana and the hundreds of friends I have found there in these last ten years. I will remember you in my prayers to God and sincerely hope to meet you in the Kingdom of God. Especially will I remember those to whom I brought the light of "present truth" and who by my ministry have accepted it, and I will most earnestly pray that it may always be your experience to be fully consecrated to the Lord that you might eventually be overcomers. And, brethren, remember me, too, in your prayers that wherever I am called to go I might be faithful and diligently engaged in service for our loving Saviour.

O. F. FRANK.

Reading Course Books

WHERE ARE THEY?—On the shelf at the tract society office.

WHERE SHOULD THEY BE?—In

the homes where there are young people or youth or children.

"Makers of South America," "Making Good," "The days of June," and "The Story of Prophets and Kings," are for the young people, price \$3. "White Queen of Okoyong," "Early Writings," "The Land of the Golden Man," "Outdoors, Indoors, and Up the Chimney," are for the youth, price \$3; and "Little Stories for Little People" is for children, price 85 cents.

These are just the companions needed for these long winter evenings. Do not miss the opportunity of knowing what they have to say to you. The reading of a single book has changed many a life for the better. Who will be the first to order a set of these silent companions?

Morning Watch Calendar

WHERE IS IT?—At the office of the tract society, waiting your order, one for yourself and then for others to whom you wish to hand a blessing.

That Bible Year

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?—That you will be able to say before Jan. 1, "I have reached my goal and have read the divine Message from beginning to end during 1918." Of course you will want to reach the same goal for 1919. The outline is in the Morning Watch.

Standard of Attainment

WHAT ABOUT THAT?—Send for the examination questions next month and you doubtless will learn some of the things that you do not know about our denominational history and our Bible doctrines. Try the test. There is nothing like trying. Send all requests for test questions to the writer at the Conference office.

Those Two Johns

WHO ARE THEY?—John Jansen and John Speyer of the New Orleans Church No. 1, the two junior boys who were the first to fill the \$2 "Giving-Up Stamp Books" and to receive white star

Sabbath School Report of the Louisiana Conference for Quarter Ending September 30, 1918

Church	Memb.	Av. Att.	13th Sab. Offering	Total to Missions
Alexandria	12	12	\$2.85	\$17.66
DeRidder	16	11	6.50	20.91
DeQuincy	8	8	2.24	6.11
Fullerton	22	16	1.20	17.78
Hobart	15	13	.70	11.44
Hammond No. 1	14	11	7.00	27.48
Hammond No. 2	44	20	6.13	24.46
Jennings	6	6	1.00	3.01
Lake Charles	23	15	2.62	16.97
Lena Station	3	3	2.00	3.17
Mansfield	20	15	9.85	25.76
Natalbany	13	7	2.60	4.05
New Orleans No. 1	85	69	90.57	259.69
New Orleans No. 2	70	55	9.80	63.78
Newellton	15	8	8.00	18.70
Plaquemine	10	9	1.00	3.57
Ringgold	3	3	1.00	8.18
Sugartown	10	9	3.83	9.09
Seale	4	3		
Shreveport No. 1	32	25	16.86	66.11
Shreveport No. 2	19	13	7.25	20.54
Welsh	21	19	4.00	10.15
Home Department	29	29	14.50	32.46
C. M. Offering				267.47
	494	379	200.90	938.54

buttons for helping children in Bible lands. They are the boys who have filled and returned their second books.

All the juniors were touched by the plea for the children in Bible lands and the filled books are coming in each week. The youth and children demonstrate by their looks as they hand them in that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Next Thing

WHAT IS IT?—It will be found in the future issues of this paper. Do not fail to become a subscriber to your own Union paper.

MRS. C. N. SANDERS.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Office Mail Bag

Look at Kentucky's Colporteur Summary for this week. The goal for the week was set at \$2,000. The Lord helped us to reach it.

We were glad to see Brother Christman and to know that Sister Christman has sufficiently recovered to enable him to take up his work again.

Sister Ora B. Ford has sent in \$16 more on the Harvest Ingathering fund. This brings her total up to \$66.

Brethren Wilmer and Hughes, who have just moved to Pineville, are very much encouraged with their work, and say they believe they are right where the Lord wants them. They write that the devil has been after them, but they came off victorious. Notice their reports in the WORKER. "There's a reason."

One brother in Kentucky writes: "I have put \$8,500 into a farm, but have made a mistake. I should have put it into the work of the Lord. Since coming here I have made up my

mind since reading the Testimonies and other books to go into the colporteur work."

We are sad to know that Elder B. W. Brown is not getting along well. He has had to have another serious operation performed on his leg. Fears are entertained for his recovery. The many friends of Elder Brown will be glad to unite their prayers in his behalf.

Brother Harry Potter, who most of our readers know took up work as Secretary-Treasurer of the Georgia Conference some time ago, is reported ill with influenza.

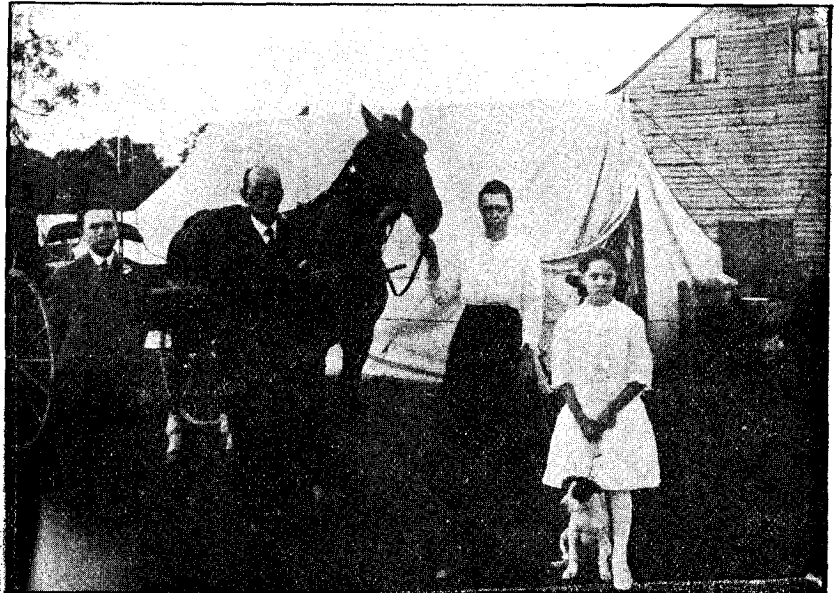
The writer has been absent from the office for a few days and feels that he owes a debt of gratitude to a loving Father for speedy recovery from disease which had symptoms of influenza,

with complications. I feel that the methods which the Lord has revealed to this people for the treatment of disease, and the faithful administering of the same by my wife, who is a graduate nurse, saved much of the suffering which others less fortunate have had to undergo during the time of this terrible epidemic.

BURTON CASTLE.

Kentucky News Notes

After returning from Ooltewah I was in the office for a few days to get my work there caught up and then I left on a trip. I stopped first at Versailles, where I baptized Mrs MackTatman and three of her children. From there I went to Nicholasville, where I found Brother Wheeler in bed with what seemed to be a mild attack of "flu." His two



Brother R. W. Harris purchased a tent 12 by 20 feet, and during the summer and fall seasons stores his household goods and moves his family and cow to the center of his canvassing territory, and then later in the fall, back to a church school somewhere. At this time he lives in Shelby City, Ky., and with his son is working Boyle and Garrard Counties. The son, who is only 15 years old, is developing into a good colporteur. As soon as the "flu" epidemic is over, the children will attend the Milledgeville church school. Brother Harris believes (by his actions) that the Lord is soon coming.

JAMES HICKMAN.

girls are attending Hazel Academy. He seemed of good courage.

From here I went to Panola, where I baptized Albert Lainhart and his wife. Sister Kindred was of good courage. I urged these believers to meet regular on the Sabbath for Sabbath school services. These two families, with their children, would make a fair-size Sabbath school; and I undersand Brother Cox, from Locust Branch, is expecting to move into this neighborhood, which would add considerably to the size of their school. I stopped at Stanford over night to get better acquainted with the situation there, then went to Yamacraw, where I did some visiting, spoke one night and planned with Brother Jeff Hickman to do some real aggressive work in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. He has set his goal for \$200.

From there, in company with Brother Jeff Hickman, we rode in a jolt wagon for about twenty miles to Correll, and the believers for about ten miles around gathered together, which made a roomful of people. We held some real good meetings at the close of which five were baptized. We also organized the believers into a regular Sabbath school. Four of those baptized were from the interest which had been mentioned before in the WORKER as being at Betsy. These people had practically read themselves into the Truth by reading "Signs of the Times" and "Bible Readings."

From here I returned to the office. I have since been to Covington and spent a couple of days with the church there. Members of this place are of good courage and are planning to put forth renewed efforts in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Their church school is now run-

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 30

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
R Brooks	BR	42	33	\$140.00	\$.50	\$140.50	\$
Lee Crutcher	BR	31	30	129.00		129.00	
Ada Fort	BR	16	2	11.00	7.00	18.00	26.00
A M George	OD	31	27	55.00	3.50	58.50	1.25
H M Gibson	BR	35	36	166.00	3.50	169.50	3.50
Anna Gore	BFL	20	31	65.50	2.00	67.50	2.00
S C Groff	BR						270.00
K Harris	OD	4	5	18.00		18.00	
R W Harris	OD	21	24	59.00		59.00	
F F Harrison	DR	22	6	25.00		25.00	
C Heinig	OD	8	3	6.00		6.00	1.00
M L Howard	BR	40	18	81.00	9.05	90.05	
C Hughes	BR	35	61	280.00		280.00	
Miscellaneous							2000.00
W Moore	BR	42	42	192.00	2.25	194.25	2.25
F A Mote	BR	45	40	184.00	3.00	187.00	
Lee Page	BR	22	32	133.00	5.70	138.70	10.10
Lytha Ramey							30.00
Mary Ramey	BR						42.00
J W Rowe	OD	8	24	48.00		48.00	114.75
J W Wilhelm	PG	37	18	75.00		75.00	
S N Wilmer	BR	82	80	353.00	13.60	366.60	123.00
Total		541	512	2020.50	50.10	2077.60	2625.85

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E Coleman	GC,DR	34					75.00
R J Cook							41.00
R L Edwards	BR	25	28	112.00	2.40	114.40	
J W Harrison	BR	30	21	93.00		93.00	
G W Powers	BR,CK	29	15	52.50	5.85	58.35	11.00
Bibles				7.70		7.70	
Total		118	64	265.20	8.25	273.45	127.00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

J B Hardy(2wk)	BR	67					311.50
R R Coble	BR	24	48	225.00		225.00	4.00
L Robinson	OD	5	1	4.00	1.00	5.00	2.75
Bibles							26.35
Total		96	49	229.00	1.00	230.00	344.60
Grand total		755	625	2514.70	59.35	2581.05	3097.45

Dates for Colporteurs' Institutes in the Southern Union Conference

Louisiana (white)	Shreveport	Dec. 13th to 22d.
Kentucky (white)	Junction City	Dec. 30th to Jan. 8th.
Tennessee River (white)		Jan. 9th to 18th.
Mississippi (white)	Jackson	Jan. 19th to 28th.
Bookmen's Convention	Birmingham	Feb. 3d to 10th.
Alabama (white)	Birmingham	Feb 13th to 22d.
Mississippi (colored)		Feb. 23d to Mar. 4th.

ning, though the teacher has not yet arrived. Sister Howard is teaching it for the present.

R. I. KEATE.

Before leaving, I had a good visit at Locust Branch and Ford. Brother White made a new start to serve the Lord, and all determined to do more in missionary endeavor. Old Brother Wilson paid for a set of Testimonies for the church, and gave me \$5 for Harvest Ingathering. He is a faithful worker. His son Bailey said he would be ready to canvass in December. He says he is not satisfied when working on the farm, and feels the Lord has called him to canvass. While at the home of Sister Kindred, I had a good visit with her son-in-law. He became very much interested in the truth, and I believe if he could be followed up with a few studies he would be led to accept it.

While I was at Ford, Sister Vermillion returned from Lexington, where she secured over \$16 for Harvest Ingathering in one day. I had a good missionary study with each family in the church on the necessity of each one acting their part in giving the Last Message. I know I shall like my work in my new field, but I can truly say that I have enjoyed the many pleasant associations I have had among the churches of the Kentucky conference.

B. E. WAGNER.

The Stanford church was quietly organized at the home of Bro. H. U. Jacobs on October 20 by Elder O. L. Denslow. The church is composed of ten members, two of which came in as the result of the meetings conducted there by Elder Denslow. Brother Jacobs was chosen as the elder.

We expect to see other interested ones unite with this little company in the near future, and believe this will be a growing, working church. B. E. W.

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll For Kentucky

Mrs. Ora B. Ford.....	\$66.00
Elder R. I. Keate.....	46.25
James Hickman.....	45.00
Mrs. M. Lucas.....	33.80
Jefferson Hickman.....	33.00
G. A. Oglesby.....	18.00
Mrs. C. W. Vermillion.....	17.50
Mrs. L. Steele.....	16.00
B. E. Wagner.....	15.00
Anna Hornung.....	15.00
Myrtle Winders.....	15.00
Mrs. T. A. Potter.....	14.10
R. F. Hickman.....	14.00
Mrs. T. O. Bivin.....	13.67
Pearl Vermillion.....	13.00
Mrs. Geo. Slaughter.....	13.00
Mrs. Glenn.....	12.00
Miss Lulu Shaffer.....	12.00
Mrs. S. D. Bossing.....	11.70
Mrs. M. Ewald.....	10.25
William Winston.....	10.25
Mrs. R. Priest.....	10.05
Christian Hornung.....	10.00
Fred S. Keitts.....	9.75
Mrs. N. Peterson.....	9.00
Lee Page.....	8.65
D. R. Allman.....	8.05
Ada James Fort.....	8.00
Mrs. D. Allman.....	7.75
Mrs. Banks.....	7.65
A. R. Tyrer.....	6.20
Mrs. Nora King.....	6.00
Mrs. Ella B. Brown.....	5.83
Maude Iven.....	5.75
Ella B. Montague.....	5.51
Burton Castle.....	5.50
Mrs. Yancey.....	5.45
Mrs. L. Hess.....	5.45
Mrs. C. Young.....	5.25
Mrs. Mattie Gordon.....	5.15
Mrs. M. Shornburg.....	5.15

\$5.00 for each name listed below

Mrs. M. Waskom, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. R. Y. Howard, Mrs. C. Winders, Mrs. K. Hornung, L. E. Christman, Elder O. L. Denslow, Mrs. Rose Hammond, Jephtha Hammond, Mrs. E. Marable, Wm. Fort, Mrs. Pickerel, L. E. Jenkins, Mrs. B. Lawson, Carolyn Hornung, Mrs. A. R. Tyrer, Mrs. L. Schickli, Mrs. Fannie Martin, Mrs. C. Heinig, W. T. Wilson, C. T. Schwarz, Mrs. Ella Schwarz, Hattie Marr, J. P. Salmon, Mrs. M. Huth, Lillian Marr, Beulah Daniels, Goldie Dickman, G. H. Slaughter, Lee Martin, and A. Walton.

Kentucky Colporteur Institute

Inasmuch as eleven colporteurs are located in the central part of Kentucky, it has been decided to hold the Institute at Junction City. The date is December 30 to January 8. Those who attend are requested to leave home on Sunday, the 29th of December, so as to be ready for the first meeting.

This is the town where Eld. Denslow started a series of meetings and a good interest was kindled, but after about eight sermons the influenza stopped the meeting. It has been planned to hold a series of night meetings for the public during the time of the Institute.

Sister Wilhelm is holding Bible readings with the interested ones, and we think a ministerial effort will be of great value. The help derived from an Institute is more than worth the expense and time used, and we want every colporteur to be present. And inasmuch as your expenses will be met by the Tract Society—that is, if you stay the full time of the meeting—you should so arrange things at home that your undivided attention can be given to the studies heard and instruction given.

We who know the meaning of present-day conditions should give ourselves to the Lord fully. We should not allow worldly prospects to hold us, while over one-and-a-half millions of people in Kentucky never heard of a Seventh-day Adventist. The writer would like to get in touch with any of our people who would like to help deliver \$50,000 worth of our literature next year.

JAMES HICKMAN.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Jackson

Our friends have been kind enough to say that we have been doing a good work with the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and have asked us to write a little article for the WORKER, that it might be both an encouragement and inspiration to others. We have had so many good experiences that we hardly know which ones to relate. We never saw people's hearts more open to give

than at the present. But this isn't the best part of our experience. We find that as people learn more of the Truth they are so much more favorably inclined toward us. Everyone is so kind and so pleasant to us, and we have met so many people who seemed so anxious to learn more of the religion we profess.

Our work this year has been more of a pleasure than heretofore, owing to the fact that our attention was called to the 23d chapter of Jer. We read this and prayed until the work ceased to be a burden and became a real pleasure instead.

The Harvest Ingathering work affords such wonderful opportunities for presenting the Truth, and when they see the love of God and the sanctifying influence shining in our faces it tells the story so much more forcefully than reading it. They seem anxious to understand why we are so calm and where we get the peace in our hearts, with the world in its present condition of strife, turmoil and confusion. We don't attribute our success to the leadership, but to our corps of girls whom we are training for workers for the Lord. We hope this may inspire more of our young people to take hold of this work in earnest and help to reach the Conference goal.

Sometime when we have more time we will write some of our good, personal experiences. Wishing the WORKER success and prosperity.

JACKSON CHURCH.

Armenian and Syrian Relief

Armenia—the very word spells tragedy. To us from across the sea is wafted a cry. It is a cry of thousands of innocent souls who were caught in the maelstrom of a great and devastating war for the harvest

necessities of life from those in misery to those in plenty.

Picture to yourself a land of ruined cities, villages mingled with the soil, churches and school buildings and hospitals, heaps of rubbish, homes scarred beyond recognition. On all sides the work of destruction is complete. Then look at the possessors of these misshapen masses, and we are forced to turn aside from the sad and sickening scene.

In the background of the picture we see a pile of dead awaiting burial. Some have fallen in war, sacrifices to the god of war; that others have gone to their long rest after slow starvation is known by a glance at their pinched faces, sunken cheeks, and emaciated bodies. In the foreground we see thin and trembling hands outstretched for bread. We see the faces of starved men, women and children—living skeletons—reduced to the very verge of exhaustion and feebleness for want of food. We see in the midst of winter weather bodies almost naked, heads uncovered, feet unshod.

There are millions of these peoples, harrassed by death, endeavoring to hold on to life with a bony hand, hoping against hope that some help may soon be forthcoming. Will help be forthcoming from *you* who read this article? All can have a part in this noble work. More than 400,000 orphans are appealing to the children. "One baby six months old was brought into Bagdad, whose mother had perished on the way and which had been nourished for two months with grass which its father had first chewed and then given to it."

The people of no other country but this blessed land of ours can bring sufficient relief to those unfortunate souls. Who with a heart of mercy and a hand of

plenty can refuse to heed the cry for food that goes up from that devastated, destroyed and disfigured region?

To the Young People's Department was first given the work of raising money for the Armenians and Syrians. Since then, all the members of the church have been asked to unite with the young people. A substantial offering to this cause need not interfere with the other previously planned donations. Give in addition to all else. If each family—regardless of size—in the Southern Union would give but \$2—50 cents a week—between this and the end of the year, we would have a total of \$2,500. Won't you do your bit toward raising this sum? The names of all those who give \$5 or more are printed on the back page of the WORKER. Other articles on this subject will be found in the Review of November 28. Send donations to your tract society, stating they are to apply on this fund.

JOHN C. THOMPSON.

God's Blessings and Protection To Our Colporteurs

The Lord has wonderfully blessed our colporteurs in their deliveries, and also protected them from the epidemic that has been raging in the past month or six weeks, as the following extracts from our field secretaries will show: Brother J. R. Staton of Alabama writes as follows: "Yes, I have been very busy since the campmeeting. Most all the colporteurs have been delivering, and you know it is a busy time. We have had splendid deliveries here, and most of the boys feel pretty good. The school boys have done extra well."

Brother G. B. Boswell of Louisiana wrote sometime ago that the boys there were doing quite

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well at the beginning of their delivery.

Bro. F. W. Schmehl of Mississippi says: "The Lord has certainly blessed me in my delivery, and I do praise His holy name. Some of my books are in the mail, and if they are delivered, my percentage will be near 100 per cent, but if those in the mail are lost, my percentage will be about 95 per cent. I am giving all my time to the workers in the field, assisting them all I can and collecting the accounts, as we want to have a clean debit on our side of the ledger by January 1, 1919. The weather has been unfavorable, but those who went out certainly saw the working of the Lord, as everyone who delivered through the rain delivered every book that day."

Brother James Hickman of Kentucky, writes as follows: "Yesterday I delivered \$61 worth of my orders, making 100 per cent delivery, although the 'flu' was just raging and many of my customers were in bed; I then delivered \$50 worth for Brother Wilmer. How does this strike you for one day's delivery? Carried the books like a Jew pedler.

I am glad that I can thus work for my Master. But the best report is that upon going through a section where I sold books 16 months ago, a man is keeping the Sabbath. Another man wrote me that parts 8 and 9 of "Bible Readings" must be obeyed in order to get into heaven, and asked me to pray for him." In another letter Brother Hickman writes: "You know that I am always optimistic, although we do not seem to *ever do anything big*, but we have the biggest line-up I ever saw, and you will agree with me when you see those 30 'Gideons' at the Institute December 30th with the corners of their mouth turned up, *smiling*, and hear their experiences. We will really shake old Kentucky with the third angel's message next year if it is the Lord's will. . . . Some say that the day of miracles has passed, but I do not believe it. Kentucky has been hit hard with influenza in every county, and it does look like at least some of our colporteurs would have had the "flu" as they have gone from house to house, but not one of the 20 workers nor their families have had it. (Well, Brother Rowe said he and his son did have a light touch of it, but I think they just had a cold.) Then Brother Wilmer had it, but he was over in Virginia and just getting ready for work in Kentucky. I suppose he is in Eastern Kentucky by this time. We expect some of the Camp Taylor soldier boys to join us, and I see recruits from different sources. I think we will have 30 on the slate by December 30th."

I do not have definite word from the Field Secretary of the Tennessee River Conference regarding the deliveries in that field, as Brother Wade has been in bed sick, which made it necessary for him to have two differ-

ent operations in the past two months; yet from the office end of the line I understand that the colporteurs have also made good deliveries. I am also glad to state at this writing that Brother Wade is now on his feet again and is actively engaged in field duties.

Surely every Conference in the Southern Union has great reason to praise the Lord for these wonderful blessings, and I trust that we will go forward with renewed strength and courage for the work that is before us.

Time for our Institute season has begun. The first one, Dec. 3, at Memphis, Tenn., and these Institutes, together with the Bookmen's Convention, will run almost continually until late in the Spring.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all the people that the Lord may stir the hearts of those who ought to be in the work to attend these Institutes and help finish the Gospel work in the earth.

V. O. COLE.

Announcement

The new School Manual is now out, and it will fill a long-felt want. Not only our teachers, but church members, school patrons, and church school boards will find it a very useful handbook. This completes the list of manuals to be out this year, viz: Junior Volunteer, 40c; Calisthenics, 90c; Sewing (Teachers' Manual), 10c; and School Manual, \$1. Order through your tract society.

Those desiring to take the December Standard of Attainment examinations, junior or senior, will be furnished sets of Bible Doctrines and Denominational History questions by writing your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary.

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