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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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Message to Our Churches From General Conference Committee Council

Our Dear Brethren and Sisters:

The General Conference Committee, together with the presidents of our conferences in North America, and a large number of departmental and institutional workers, have been together in counsel for ten days. As we have sought God for wisdom and guidance, he has come graciously near by his Holy Spirit. Our hearts have been drawn out in a new consecration of life, and to a deeper consecration of service for the finishing of his work.

Much time has been spent in a study of the work committed to us as a people—the proclamation of the gospel message to all the world. We have been heartened by the reports which come to us from the churches in every land. The cry of hope and good cheer is sounding from every quarter. God has wrought mightily in behalf of his servants and even amid the vicissitudes of war the three-fold message of Revelation 14 has continued to gather out believers in preparation for the coming of the Lord.

But while our hearts are cheered by evidences of divine favor, we are deeply burdened over the work yet to be accomplished. Already a great work

has been wrought in the earth; a greater work remains to be done. A great needy perishing world invites us to a new dedication of heart and life, in order that we may be used of God in the speedy finishing of the work in this generation.

A new world of opportunity opens before us. As never before in our experience, open doors bid us enter. Heaven has prepared the way. The conclusion of the great war has broken down barriers which before hedged the progress of the message. Unparalleled opportunities present themselves in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, opportunities which if left unimproved will pass, never to return. To these new fields new recruits must be sent to meet the imperative demands for missionary advance.

Schools must be established for the education of the native believers, publishing houses must be equipped for the publication of gospel literature.

The calls from the fields—imperative calls which must be met unless our work actually suffers loss—aggregate over five million dollars. To meet these calls so far as possible the Council voted to increase the per-

cent of tithe given by our conference to mission work, and to increase the individual weekly offering to sixty cents a week. We feel that our dear brethren and sisters would not have us do less than this. We could not do less and prove true to the gospel trust committed to us. In view of this urgent situation which we face, we appeal solemnly and earnestly to our church membership to be faithful in bringing the tithe into the storehouse; we appeal especially to that portion of the membership—found in every conference—which has not followed the Bible plan of devoting the tithe of their income regularly to the Lord. We urge that week by week and month by month the tithe may be brought into the church and conference treasury, so that the conferences may press the work of God aggressively at home while passing on a good percentage of the conference funds to foreign missions.

In the name of the Lord Jesus who calls us to go into all the world quickly with the message, we exhort all the believers to faithfulness in this matter of the tithe as also in seeking to bring the gifts for missions up to the sixty-cent-a-week goal

week by week and month by month.

We see the open doors on every hand. The Macedonian calls ring in our ears at this Autumn Council louder than ever before. Souls are being won by thousands not only at home but in the fields abroad. But the pressure upon the slender staff of workers in the great mission field is tremendous. We ask all the believers to pray earnestly and continuously that the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into his harvest. More must be done. There is a world to be warned. Now, just now is the time to enlarge our soul winning effort in all lands. Anew let us consecrate our lives and our all to God; let us turn to him with all our hearts in self surrender and confession of all sin, that he may use us and guide us and help us in personal missionary service and in helping with our means as called for by such a time as this. Our hope is in God. Only his power can enable us to do the work he expects of us, a small people, whom he has called to carry this advent message to the world.

Many of our brethren have been entrusted with the stewardship of large possessions. They have large sums invested in stocks and bonds. Has not the time been reached for these to reduce their possessions and assist the cause of God in this great hour of opportunity? When will there ever exist a better opportunity to sell than in these days of high values? We know that many of our brethren and sisters are giving of their penury, like the widow of old, into the Lord's treasury. We know that they will continue to do all in their power to support the missionary advance.

We do not feel clear to appeal to them at this juncture to sell their humble homes and place their very living upon the altar. The Spirit of God must direct them individually when to take this step. But we appeal earnestly to our brethren and sisters of means to be liberal toward God. We believe the time has come for many of this class to heed the injunction to "Sell that ye have and give alms."

May God impress the heart of every believer that he may know what the Lord requires of him in this hour. The day of the Lord hasteth greatly. Signs on every hand indicate the coming of the Master near. We have not followed cunningly devised fables. We have a sure hope, a mighty Saviour, a true Helper. Let us move forward as his providence shall indicate, faithfully, hopefully, courageously, knowing that if we have fellowship in his service and sacrifice here, we shall share with him his glory hereafter.

(Signed) GENERAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

News Items

There have been a number of one hundred per cent deliveries reported thus far this year. While Brother H. E. Beck was out of the field—his wife made a delivery for him in which she reports delivering every book. We feel that with such a wife as this Brother Beck should be able to make some good records in the colporteur work.

Brother Province gave two canvasses and took eight orders

for Bible Readings the other morning.

Brother Hyatt writes and tells of an experience which many of our evangelist colporteurs should be having. In writing of the experience Brother Hyatt says that while giving a canvass and speaking of the soon coming of Jesus a woman told him that she hoped she would not be living at that time, so after prayer and talking of how Jesus had promised to forgive our sins the woman said she would not be afraid to see him come now. Brother Hyatt says that after visiting the home a few weeks later the woman told him that she was still praying, and hoped that she would be ready when the Saviour comes to take home his faithful ones.

Brother Rayford reports that out of his delivery at Henderson of \$252.00 only four orders were lost.

Brother Jenkins, one of our Oakwood students, has been making a delivery the past week at Fulaski

From the letters received from Brother H. G. Miller we would conclude that his work is becoming very interesting over at Clarksville.

Brother W. J. Keele writes of Brother W. H. Harris, one of the Kentucky colporteurs spending the night with him last week. We are glad to hear again from Brother Harris.

It was my privilege last week to spend twenty-eight hours in the field. Besides enjoying many good experiences and giving one Bible reading I took orders to the amount of \$113.50, and met a lady whom I had taken an order of last spring over in another county. When I went to make the delivery her husband would not allow her to have the book, and while she

had made an advanced payment I gave her money back and told her I hoped the time would come when she would have the privilege of getting the good book. She tells me that she now has it; that Brother Paul Keele sold her one and that she has not only read it herself, but is loaning it to her neighbors. I sold a woman who was working for her, a Bible Readings.

If our colporteurs have the names of some who are especially interested in the truth and will send their names in to me, I will be glad to give them to the Young Peoples Society who will furnish the same with litera-

ture. I trust there will be a number of names sent in and a little note telling who they are and what subject they are especially interested in.

On Raising the Signs Club

When raising the club on *Signs* day, Sabbath, November 27, it will be important that the leader exercise large faith, and call first for those who will be responsible for a good number of the papers, say 50 copies for a year, then 25, ten and on down the scale, and thus provide opportunity for each member to have a part in the good work.

To suggest to the congregation what they can do with the *Signs* aside from sending it to relatives and friends, it is well to have listed on a blackboard the various ways through which a large supply of paper may be used to reach the people, such as public efforts, distribution by Bible workers, foreign missionaries, reading racks, missionary correspondence bands, etc. Much depends upon the way in which the leader handles this phase of the service, and the amount of enthusiasm which is put into it.

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

FOR SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 1920.

KENTUCKY

| Name | Hrs | Orders | Value | Deliv |
|-----------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|
| W E Bickett | 39 | 42 | 141 50 | 50 |
| Veva Edwards | 40 | | | 164 25 |
| Mrs Edwards | 80 | | | 521 50 |
| H H Guffey | 41 | 13 | 39 00 | |
| Claud Hughes | 11 | 1 | 4 00 | 31 50 |
| Fred A Mote | | | | 3 50 |
| J W Rowe | 40 | 1 | 5 00 | 174 00 |
| Ira O Wallace | 8 | | | 39 00 |
| COLORED | | | | |
| Ada Fort | 6 | 5 | 29 50 | 12 50 |
| A B Gore | 6 | 5 | 27 50 | |
| Julia Slaughter | 6 | 6 | 37 00 | 16 00 |
| Totals | 277 | 73 | 283 50 | 962 75 |

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

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|--------------------|-----|----|--------|--------|
| J L Waller 2wks | 89 | | | 355 25 |
| Geo E McGee 2wks | 92 | 86 | 561 50 | |
| C R Canada | 53 | | | 175 50 |
| Mrs B W Watson | 13 | | | 13 50 |
| Mrs Ida Harrell | 21 | 1 | 8 50 | 37 00 |
| Mrs Ethel Warren | 12 | 15 | 82 50 | |
| Archie Nelson 2wks | 63 | | | 215 00 |
| A F Currier 2wks | 61 | | | 419 50 |
| Georgia Mangum | | | | 23 50 |
| COLORED | | | | |
| E R Francis 2wks | 96 | | | 247 50 |
| L H Connolly | 48 | | | 150 00 |
| West Brown | 41 | | 1 75 | 5 50 |
| I S Thomson 2wks | 85 | | | 145 50 |
| E S Seales | 40 | 1 | 11 50 | 160 45 |
| Bertha Cade 2wks | 64 | | | 167 00 |
| J R McLeod 2wks | 106 | | | 167 00 |
| A A Johnson 2wks | 47 | | | 103 00 |
| W T Cheatham 2wks | 60 | | | 82 00 |

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|--------------------|------|-----|--------|---------|
| A U Johnson 2wks | 63 | | | 70 00 |
| J H Patterson 2wks | 66 | 65 | 122 50 | |
| H A Young | 49 | | | 95 75 |
| L J McElroy | 45 | | | 84 50 |
| Totals | 1214 | 168 | 788 25 | 2711 45 |

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

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|----------------|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| W C Starkey | 70 | | | 390 50 |
| W H Smith 2wks | 62 | 28 | 158 50 | |
| Elton Chapman | 20 | | | 134 00 |
| H E Province | 43 | 22 | 125 50 | |
| R R Brooks | 28 | 15 | 113 50 | |
| R J Hyatt | | | 36 00 | 74 75 |
| H G Miller | 36 | 13 | 44 50 | |
| Mary Hinds | 26 | 13 | 35 00 | 1 50 |
| Wm J Keele | 6 | 4 | 25 50 | 1 50 |
| Mollie Miller | 15 | 20 | 12 90 | 2 90 |
| Louis Rayford | 30 | | | 278 50 |
| Virgie Wilson | 12 | | | 74 50 |
| Totals | 348 | 115 | 551 40 | 958 15 |

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

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|-----------------|-----|----|--------|--------|
| J E Foley | 35 | 37 | 103 25 | |
| J C Goodner | 29 | 24 | 140 00 | |
| A C Hughes | 37 | 8 | 47 00 | |
| Clayton McNeill | 34 | | 4 50 | 409 00 |
| R Louis Smith | 31 | | | 208 00 |
| Bibles | | | 12 60 | 7 00 |
| Totals | 166 | 69 | 307 35 | 624 00 |

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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|-----------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| W C Causey | 40 | 52 | 243 00 | |
| R W Babylon | 38 | 50 | 171 00 | 5 50 |
| L B Spear | 31 | 24 | 139 50 | 9 00 |
| Austin Watson | 35 | 21 | 115 50 | 44 00 |
| R N Kerr 2wks | 33 | 25 | 76 50 | |
| Mrs R W Babylon | 15 | 16 | 68 00 | 1 25 |
| E L Hunt | 7 | 10 | 55 00 | |
| S Tujague | 28 | 16 | 48 00 | |
| J B Hardy 2wks | 24 | 8 | 47 00 | 1 00 |
| W C Martin | | | | 142 50 |
| Wm Watson | 11 | | | 62 00 |
| Bibles | | | 45 20 | 27 40 |
| Totals | 262 | 222 | 1067 70 | 292 65 |

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Collegedale News

Elder Guy Dail spoke to the students at the chapel hour last Wednesday. His picture of the conditions in Europe during the War, and of the progress of the Message during that time, brought to our minds the promise that nothing can hinder God's Truth in its onward march.

Our enrollment to date is 162. While less in numbers than for the corresponding time last year, yet this number represents a body of earnest, consecrated young people who are here for a very definite purpose.

Following church services on Sabbath, baptism was held. Misses Grace Whitney, Irma Halladay, and Bernice Wilson received the ordinance at that time.

Southern Junior College is pushing forward in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The total collected to date is \$1229.20. The children, twelve in number, in two trips to Chattanooga, raised \$153.81 of this amount. Some of them have one star,

others as many as four stars, and are very anxious to have a crown, which means \$25 turned in. The amounts collected vary from 10 cents to \$102.05.

The spirit of the school and church is to exceed the goal in the Harvest Ingathering work. The only obstacle seems to be lack of territory, but we feel sure even this can be overcome.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Williams visited their daughter, Bernice, and friends at Collegedale over Sabbath.

We were glad to welcome Eld. Wight to Ooltewah one day last week. At Union worship, he told us of his trip through Yellowstone Park, also something of his work since leaving the Southland. He is still a booster for S. J. C.

Miss Ada V. Woolsey spent a few days with us recently.

Louisiana Items

Brother Christman, our Home Missionary Secretary, who has been doing some excellent work throughout the State in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, returned to the office a few days ago. He is very much encouraged by the enthusiasm manifested in all of the churches he visited.

Sister Ellen Knudson is visiting the church school at Shreveport. On her return trip, she plans to organize a Sabbath School at Gonzales, La., which is a result of Brother Watson's efforts in the colporteur work.

Bro. Niles Johnson, of Fresno, California, who has been teaching in Chili, arrived in this port October 24th, en route to his home.

We are glad to make the ac-

quaintance of Sister C. A. Callicott, who spent a few hours en route to Mexico City from her home in Graysville, Tenn. Bro. Callicott has just accepted a call as secretary and treasurer of Mexico.

We are glad to note the spirit of consecration that prevails among the colporteurs of this State. Because of the opening of schools, a few of our colporteurs have left, but several others are coming, which will more than offset this number.

We are expecting an experienced city colporteur from Massachusetts this week also one of experience from Maryland, and two from Kentucky.

The Lord surely is blessing the book work in this part of the field. Brother Kinney, while assisting Brother Tujague in canvassing New Orleans, met with a rather interesting experience with a Catholic woman. After about five minutes conversation at the door trying to gain an entrance, she asked, "Are you a Protestant?" answering her own question "No". You are just calling on the Catholic people?" "Well, of course, I wouldn't pass the Protestants by." With this surmising that he was selling Catholic literature, she cordially invited them into her home.

While giving the canvass for "Our Day," they were shown a string of beads which she kept in a very prominent place, and stated that every time she noticed them, she would drop on her knees and pray for her dead mother.

She was very glad to place her order for a book. Remember this dear soul at the throne of grace, that she may accept this truth as she learns from this book.