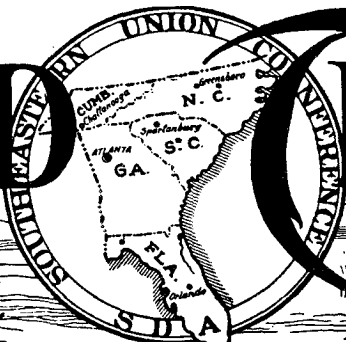


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Without Excuse

In carrying forward the work of God on the earth many and various agencies must necessarily be employed. We would not discount any one of these, for they each have their part and place; but we desire to speak particularly regarding one of the most effective agencies. "If there is one work of more importance than another it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." Vol. 4, p. 389. "It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs is to make it his first work to proclaim this truth." Vol. 7, p. 13. "We are held accountable by the Lord for making the most of our opportunities to enlighten those in need of present truth; and one of the principal agencies He has ordained for our use is the printed page." Vol. 9, p. 89.

Never in all the history of the world were the opportunities to work for God more plentiful than now. Things of the most startling character are transpiring every day. People are eager to read; they want to know what these things mean. God has given to us the light. He bids us go forth into the whitened harvest field and gather precious sheaves for the heavenly garner. In His providence God has gone before us. He has led in the establishment of our great publishing houses. Today they are meeting every demand of the field. We appeal to our dear people everywhere to wake up and join in scattering the truth-laden printed page, like the leaves of autumn.

Have you a set of the Berean Library? You will surely want this to loan to your neighbors. Thousands have this most excellent set.

If you have not as yet procured one, let me urge upon you the necessity and virtue of doing so now. You can use these to loan to those who have been receiving the Signs weekly.

The latest addition to our great soul-winning campaign equipment is the "Present Truth Series." This most excellent four-page document is to be issued monthly as an extra to the Review, Signs, and Watchman. We cannot speak too highly of it, and it surely will meet a long-felt want. Here is an opportunity for every believer in this great message to give the light of truth to both friends and neighbors. Just think of it! 15 copies for 10 cents; 25 for 15 cents; 50 for 30 cents; 100 for 50 cents; and 1000 for \$4.00. It will sell readily. People will read it, every line. Surely we have reached the time, in this great reformatory movement, with everything to hand, when those who refuse to act will be without excuse. Let every soul take hold as never before and use this wonderful agency that God in His providence has provided, that the light of present truth might come to those still in the darkness. Don't wait for openings. Step in and make them. Opportunities are with us every day; embrace them and God will abundantly bless every effort put forth in His name.

F. W. PAAP

"A number of our schools spend a definite amount of time each week in the distribution of literature. This is practical education. Why not all try this plan? The children can sell literature where others fail. Thus the truth is spread, money collected for missions, and best of all, the pupils are trained for service."—*Central Union Outlook, College View, Neb.*

Important Notice

Subscribers who wish the address of the TIDINGS changed are requested to notify the tract society, and not this office. The tract society will then notify us. In this way it will help to keep the list straight with all parties.

Our Saviour's Watch Care.

Hannah J. Baker

The care a hen has for her chickens was strikingly illustrated in an account given in one of our daily papers a few years ago. A small stable with a lean-to was found to be on fire. A cow and a few implements were taken out before it was destroyed, but the next morning the family happened to think of a hen with little chickens that stayed in the shed, and went out to see what had become of them. They found the charred body of the hen still hovering her little ones, which were all alive and well.

Just before our Savior made his great sacrifice on Calvary for us, he spoke of a hen's love for her brood as typical of his love for his little "flock," in these sorrowful words, as he wept over the doomed city of his love: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Matt. 23:37.

Oklahoma, Okla.

"Yer heart is never so full of its own worries that ye can't crowd in a little care for them of other folks, if ye only think so," said Mrs. Roney, pausing over her washtub to answer the one who suggested that she had troubles enough of her own without attempting to carry those of a sick neighbor. "If ye crowd it so full that some of yer own gits crowded out, sure 'tain't no great loss. Anyway, it ain't the empty-handed folks that's helping others lift their burdens all along the road, if ye take notice; it's them with loads of their own to carry."—*Sunday School Times.*

North Carolina

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North Carolina Notes

Our Canvassers' Institute at Wilmington will be in progress Jan. 21-Feb 1, by the time these lines reach our people in the conference. Although good help is provided in the way of instructors, what is needed above all earthly help is the presence of the Great Teacher. Let us earnestly pray that the Spirit of God shall direct fully in the instruction given and in the consecration of all who have to do with the book work.

The prospects for the book work in North Carolina look very encouraging for the coming year. So far more than 20 are enrolled to attend the Institute.

Brother J. P. Allran is much encouraged over his past year's work. He set \$1,600 as his goal, and delivered books to the value of \$1,600.40.

Brother W. P. Daugherty did excellent work last year in delivering \$1,453.20 worth of books. His goal for 1915 is \$2,000.00. He says the present war is a help to him in selling books, and a number are deeply interested as a result of his work in Green county.

Who among our colporteurs will set a high mark before him for the coming year, and by the Lord's help steadily press on and follow up until the goal is reached?

North Carolina set her mark at the beginning of 1914 at \$15,000 worth of books for the year. The result of the sales show \$14,759.57 worth of books delivered and \$1,648.50 worth of magazines, or a total of \$16,408.07. The increase in sales over 1913 were \$4,185.95. What shall the 1915 goal be?

What can be done in the way of offerings through determined effort and perseverance has been demonstrated by the Greensboro Sabbath-school the past year. Their record as given below is especially interesting, as it shows a marked decrease in membership and good increase in offerings:

	Membership	Goal	Offerings
First Quarter	40	\$25.00	\$26.81
Second Quar.	38	35.00	35.10
Third Quar.	26	35.00	36.20
Fourth Quar.	25	51.00	58.79

This amount is equal to 15c per week per member.

The goal voted for the next quarter is \$60.00. How many schools in the conference will start in at once to set a high mark in offerings and then pray, plan, save, and not rest until the goal is reached?

The new Bible Year course in the Missionary Volunteer work is proving a popular course in this conference. Many are enlisting with the band of those who have determined to read the Bible through during 1915. Almost entire churches have sent in their names as members of this company, without regard to age. Our goal number is already passed and the names still come. Any others who have not joined, and wish to do so, will report to the Missionary Volunteer secretary of the conference.

J. H. BEHRENS.

South Carolina

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 S. S. Secretary, C. V. Achenbach.
 Relig. Lib. and Mis. Sec'y, A. H. Evers.

South Carolina Notes

Elder Shuler spent Sabbath, Jan. 9, with the Cherokee Church.

While there Elder Shuler made definite arrangements for the Colporteurs' Institute. This Institute will be held Feb. 4 to 14. All who expect to enter the canvassing work this year should correspond with Brother Finley right away.

Brother Finley has been spending some time with Brethren Scruggs and Green at Gaffney, but will go to Greenville on the 18th to assist Bro. L. L. Burdine with his delivery at that time. Brother Scruggs has sent in a good order for books to be delivered the 25th.

We were pleased to receive a call at the office Sunday, the 17th, from Brother W. S. Craig of Cayce. Brother Craig is working for the railroad, but he is putting in his extra time scattering the printed page. Brother Craig says there is quite an

interest at Cayce, and some are enquiring about meeting place.

Elder Manns spent Sabbath, Jan. 16, with the Darlington company. Elder Manns expects to spend some time now visiting the different churches.

We hope that all the churches will enter into the campaign that is being instituted by our three publishing houses of this country. The *Watchman*, the *Signs* and the *Review* will publish monthly Extras to be used in systematic missionary work. The Series will contain 25 Extras on the same order as the War Extras that have had such a wide circulation, and the price will be the same. The first number is issued this month and one will come out each month until the entire series is completed. If all our churches will do faithful work with these Extras I am sure that much good will be accomplished and many souls will be saved in the kingdom through your efforts. Send all orders to the Tract Society.

We recieved an order this week from a man who is not of our faith, ordering over \$1.00 worth of tracts. Let us all pray that these tracts may accomplish the work of bringing this man into the truth.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 17, 1915.

Italy's Earthquake.

Reports continue to come, giving accounts of the thousands and thousands of people killed and injured by the recent earthquake in Italy; also how whole towns were destroyed and great cracks that are left in the earth, filled with water, with hardly any knowledge as to depth, while huge mountains were split and great stones weighing tons were hurled below, killing stock and burying cottages. One dispatch says the number of dead and injured in the Abruzzi alone is 30,000, without including the Sora district. San Atallo has 200 dead and 500 injured; Morino, 1,500 dead; Canistro, 600 injured; Cerbaro, 300 victims; Borgo, 50 dead, and Valleroveto, 1,800.

At Avezzano all the dogs had been killed because they had been prowling in the debris among the bodies of the dead. At several places wolves have come down out of the mountains and parties have been formed to hunt down and exterminate them. In some instances wolves are said to be so vicious that they even attacked automobiles in the roads.

The property loss is estimated at \$60,000,000.

Cumberland Colporteurs' Institute

The first of a series of Colporteur Institutes to be held in the S. E. U. Conference early in 1915 has just closed. This institute held for the benefit of the colporteur work in the Cumberland Conference, Jan. 7-17, at Knoxville, Tenn., was a blessed occasion for all who attended from outside the city as well as the local church.

We were especially favored in having Elder W. W. Eastman of Washington, D. C., with us for the first five days of the institute. His earnest talks were greatly appreciated by all. Besides Elder Eastman there were present D. W. Dillen and the writer of the Union conference, and Elder Branson and L. L. Lawrence of the local conference. Eleven colporteurs attended throughout, as well as several members of the Knoxville church, some of whom we hope to see enter the colporteur work a little later. We were sorry that there were some colporteurs as well as some prospective workers who could not be with us.

A splendid spirit prevailed throughout and the high calling of this line of work was constantly left before the workers.

Bros. Dillen and Lawrence did splendid work and their instruction was of most practical and helpful value. Bro. Lawrence is throwing his whole soul into the work and we expect to see the book work take on new life and strength under his leadership.

A Bible study was conducted each morning and preaching each night. The night services were well attended by the whole church as well as several not of our faith. There seems to be a good interest in Knoxville among those who have not yet accepted the message.

The Sabbath services were seasons of consecration and special blessing. On the last Sabbath six precious souls were buried with the Lord in baptism by Elder Branson and were taken into the church, together with two others who were taken in on profession of faith.

As the workers bade adieu to each other and scattered to their different fields of labor it was with good courage and strong faith in the Lord. Brethren and sisters, remember the colporteurs in your prayers morning, noon and night. God is working marvelously for the salvation of precious souls through the printed page put into the hands of the people by the faithful colporteurs.

O. MONTGOMERY.

"My Brother and I"

He is not perfect, neither am I;
He's crying for aid, for help I would cry;
He's needing my sympathy, I'm needy, too;
We must help one another whatever we do,
For we must be brothers—my brother and I.

He's burdened with sorrow, with anguish I cry;
But he's helping me, and so I must try
To bury my heartache in healing his woes:
We must stand by each other, howe'er the fight goes,
For we must be brothers—my brother and I.

We often are feeble, but strong is the tie
That binds us together while swift the days fly;
Tho often we stumble and frequent our fall,
We must trust one another and love through it all,
For we must be brothers—my brother and I.

O great Elder Brother! who feared not to die
That all might be kinsmen under God's sky,
Come journey thou with us. Though limping and lame
And faulty and feeble and covered with shame,
Thou still canst redeem us—my brother and I.

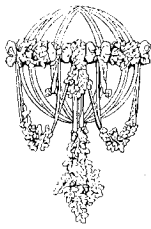
And when all the days of our voyage slip by,
And we sail through the mist and shadows, be nigh
To gather the praise of our fast-fleeting breath,
To walk through the "valley and shadow of death,"
To save us and seal us—my brother and I.

—Selected.

Twenty-cent-a-week Statement of the Cumberland Conference for the Year 1914

Church	Missions	Quota	Over	Short	Average per Week per Memb.
Athens	\$ 174 95	\$ 187 20	\$	\$ 12 25	19c
Brayton	249 65	332 80		83 15	15c
Cleveland	77 57	260 00		182 43	6c
Conference Church	583 87	468 00	115 87		25c
Copper Ridge	111 55	228 80		117 25	10c
College	293 88	156 00	137 88		37c
Chattanooga, white	366 75	520 00		153 25	14c
Chattanooga, 1 col.	88 85	208 00		119 15	9c
Chattanooga, 2 col.	78 54	228 80		150 26	6c
Earleyville	106 44	312 00		205 56	7c
Graysville	1824 30	1851 20		26 90	19c
Greenville	139 80	156 00		16 20	18c
Knoxville, white	412 58	572 00		159 42	15c
Knoxville, colored	105 10	322 40		217 30	7c
Lenoir City	115 69	104 00	11 69		22c
Mission Ridge	104 60	187 20		82 60	11c
Total	\$4834 12	\$6094 40	\$265 44	\$1525 72	15c
Amount short for the year, \$1,260.28					

MRS. C. RUSSELL, Treasurer.



The Path to Success

"The true, plain path is here—*well doing*. Not brilliant doing, but well doing. Doing the work of life with a willing mind, a loving heart, with both hands, earnestly—diligence in getting good, being good, doing good. In this world, all the grand prizes go to a few brilliant people. . . . But what a blessing it is to us, the dim million, to know that God recognizes patient merit, and that the grandest prizes of all are not kept for the brilliant, but for the faithful. Let us be content with our place and work, however coarse and common. . . . It is not in brilliance that we shall be saved, but by pegging away in simple, honest work. But let us feed our souls with high beliefs and hopes. Let us talk to ourselves all the day long about glory, honor, immortality, eternal life; so shall our path of life, however lonely, be a royal pathway, brighter and brighter to a perfect day." Gal. 6: 9.

'Out of the Mouth of Babes'

At Nancy a man told Colporteur Riner that he did not believe in God, because he could not see Him. Thereupon a little girl who was listening said in a modest way, "When you put a piece of sugar in a glass of water, you can see it; but when it is melted, you see it no longer." "No," said the other, "but I taste it." "Just so with God," said the girl. "We don't see Him, but we taste Him. He acts in the world as the piece of sugar in the water. You ought not to believe in the piece of sugar when you cannot see it." The unbeliever grew so confused that he walked away. Bible Society Gleanings.

"The Breaking of The Day"

We have had many inquiries for this stirring song and are glad to be able to announce that we can supply any who desire it, either in single copies or larger quantities. 5 cents a copy; 10 copies, 25 cents; 50 copies, \$1.00. Address all orders to F. W. Paap, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR 1907

FLORIDA--Week Ending Dec. 26

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Delta'd
H A Hutchins	BR	10	3	\$9 00	\$1 25	\$10 25	\$17 00
Fred Meister	PPF	24	5	9 50	4 50	14 00	34 50
Hattie J Reed	BF	15				6 90	5 50
		49	8	18 50	5 75	31 15	56 00

FLORIDA--Two Weeks Ending Jan. 9

E W Coates	DR		1	2 00	2 10	4 10	1 75
H A Hutchins	BR	5	2	6 00	50	6 50	
Fred Meister	PPF	64	13	16 50	8 50	25 00	102 00
Mrs F Meister	BF	10	3	11 00		11 00	47 50
P L Nicholson	DR	10	5	13 00		13 00	
J P Peagues	BF	23	4	14 00		14 00	4 00
A L Underwood	CK	31	20	34 00	2 55	36 55	
R L Underwood	CK	46	16	27 50	8 60	39 10	38 80
		189	64	124 00	22 25	149 25	194 05

GEORGIA--Week Ending January 2

W E Adams	BR	30	2	6 00	2 45	8 45	8 45
W A Smith	BF	8	1	1 00	1 55	2 55	1 55
A F Croal	BF	3	1	1 00	50	1 50	50
Mrs A F Croal	BF	25	11	11 50	75	12 25	1 00
A J Sharpe	BF	30					55 00
L E Cunningham	BF	24	6	6 00		6 00	1 20
Mary Jones	BR	100					70 00
L Samuels	BR	100					75 00
		316	21	25 50	5 25	30 75	213 70

AN IMPO

"A Straight Talk to Old Brethren" is the title of a book written by Eld. J. H. Morrison, containing two hundred and twenty-four pages. This book has a field of its own. It reviews and gives facts and confessions made by leading men that have from time to time left our work and started movements in opposition to the organized work of Seventh-day Adventists. It gives something of the history and demise of five different papers that have been started at different times against our work by these spasmodic movements.

The book is devoted especially to a review and consideration of the teachings of Elder A. T. Jones, A. F. Ballanger and G. G. Rupert, who have in a way been united in an effort and are contributors to a publication called "The Gathering Call," whose object

and purpose is especially to oppose the organized movement of Seventh-day Adventists. Every one will find a perusal of this book most interesting.

Elder Morrison is one of our old ministers, and by practical experience and knowledge of these various movements knows what he is talking about. He has been president of different conferences, and a member for many years of the General Conference Committee, and those who read his book will appreciate the clearness of his arguments and the unique manner in which he treats the subject under consideration.

In a recent letter from Elder Geo. Butler, I take the liberty of quoting the following:

"I have recently read Elder J. H. Morrison's book of two hundred and

WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 9

NORTH CAROLINA—Week Ending January 9

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
Kaspar Oertly	GC	36	5	11 00	60	11 60	60
W Ray	PPF	38	23	46 00		46 00	
E H Ray	CK	16			1 75	1 75	27 25
J W Godwin	CK	24	14	22 00	1 40	23 40	1 40
G H Allran	CK	35	8	12 00	1 80	13 80	3 30
A M Allran	CK	22	1	2 00	75	2 75	2 75
F Craig	PPF	28	12	20 00	1 65	21 65	1 65
D L Page	BF	14	5	7 50	3 00	10 50	4 50
		213	68	120 50	10 95	131 45	41 45

SOUTH CAROLINA—Week Ending January 2

M B Scruggs	CK	37	47	51 00	1 05	52 05	
G B Case	CK	25	7	7 50	95	8 45	1 00
Mary Jane Wilson	BF	53	3	3 50		3 50	
		115	57	62 00	2 00	64 00	1 00

SOUTH CAROLINA—Week Ending January 9

M B Scruggs	CK	34	29	29 50		29 50	
L L Burdine	CK	36	16	16 00		16 00	5 50
G B Case	CK	22	7	6 00	95	8 95	
Mary Jane Wilson	BF	40	17	20 00		20 00	
		132	69	73 50	95	74 45	5 50

Grand Total	1014	317	424 00	47 15	471 15	511 70
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Going to College

The following is by A. L. Winslow, and appeared among the Walla Walla College items in the North Pacific Union Gleaner:

"I firmly believe in the saying, 'Where there's a will there's a way.' Every person who makes up his mind to get through school and takes advantage of every opportunity of earning his own way is sure to succeed. More than that, everybody is interested in a person who is trying to get through school, and is always willing and eager to help him.

"I know of no better way of putting one's self through school than that offered by the canvassing field. Here it is that one learns lessons of thrift and economy, stick-to-it-iveness, learns how to battle against discouragements, and at the same time earns his scholarship.

"I have put myself through two years of schooling in this way, besides paying all minor expenses, such as clothes, books, music, etc.; and many other boys are doing the same thing. But it means hard work during the summer. One has got to put his entire soul into his work. He has got to make that his first business. If you are in a community where people are up at five o'clock in the morning, get up and canvass them at that time; or if you are able to canvass people till ten o'clock at night, canvass them. At it, always at it, was the secret of my success. When people see that you are industrious, they will more likely order from you. Then when you have earned your scholarship, there is such a feeling of satisfaction, of independency, a feeling that you have done something that one experiences in no other work. At the same time no one will ever know how much good these books have done till in the kingdom of heaven.

"The young man or woman who puts himself through school knows what an education costs, knows the value of it, and will know how to use it."

T BOOK

ty-four pages, entitled "A Straight to Old Brethren," and find it ex- ngly interesting. It is a book that eded at the present time. It is did, fair review of the teachings lders A. T. Jones, Ballanger and rt, also of N. E. Kellogg, in their ined attack upon our denom- on. His review of their argu- s and positions is a very forcible entation defending the positions r people. It is devoted to ground elsewhere covered. It explains that seem mysterious to some ur people who might be led into t and uncertainty. It would be nd help on right lines, preparatory great crisis. I wish it could be lated everywhere. It will do a amount of good in removing ts from many hearts. It will do believers good to read it. We ad- many to purchase and carefully se its pages. It will strengthen faith in God and in his Word.

"GEO. I. BUTLER."

Elder Butler needs no introduction to believers in this cause, having served many years as president of the General Conference, and devoted his life to the cause of the Third Angel's Message.

This book has been turned over to Union College, and whatever little profit may be in it, the college will have the benefit from the same. The price of the book, when ordered in three or more copies sent to one address, will be 30c, postage prepaid. When sent in less than three copies, it will be 35c, postage prepaid. All orders for the book should be sent direct to Union College Printing department, College View, Nebr. In the second edition of Elder Morrison's book he has added eighty pages, but has only added 5c extra on the price.

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The Colored Work In Chattanooga

"And that knowing the time that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us put off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

As we witness the fulfilment of prophecy, concerning the angry nations, and the efforts that are now being put forth by the Christian churches of the United States for a world's confederacy, we can say with Paul, "that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for our salvation is nearer than when we believed."

Not knowing what the year 1915 will bring forth, we, the workers and members of the Cumberland Conference, have resolved that this shall be our banner year in the work of God for soul-saving, realizing that soon we must give an account of our steward-

ship. We are starting this year with Carey's motto—

"Expect great things from God,
Attempt great things for God,"

The Lord has greatly blessed us during the past, but we are expecting still greater blessings from Him.

The work in Chattanooga is onward. Since the new year began three persons have been added to the church. Last Friday night (Jan. 8), in a cottage meeting, four persons gave their hearts to God and accepted the Sabbath.

The interest is good and the outlook is encouraging. My wife has organized a Bible class for the children. She started with eight, and at present she has twenty-five who meet three times a week to study God's Word. They take a deep interest in the work and are glad when the time comes for them to assemble for service. We hope by this method to reach many of the parents through the children and at the same time instill in the hearts of the little ones the third angel's message.

We have now started a fund to build us a place in which to worship. Property is very high here, and it is a heavy responsibility for us to undertake; so we earnestly appeal to our brethren and sisters in this Union to help us. There are no decent places available to rent where we can invite

the public to come and hear the last warning message. In order to reach the thousands of colored people in this city, we must have a building.

Many of the better class of people with whom we are laboring are becoming interested in our work and are studying the message. Some of these, no doubt, will accept the truth, and we have no place where we can invite them to service.

Cumberland has the smallest constituency of any conference in the Union. Therefore we are appealing for help from every church, in both white and colored.

May this appeal find a warm place in the heart of all who read it, that each will respond with a donation for Chattanooga Church No. 2.

W. E. STROTHER, 200 Palmetto St.

Cumberland Tithe

Comparative statement past two years.

	1913	1914
Athens.....	\$ 388 09	\$ 365 93
Brayton.....	350 56	286 16
Cleveland.....	303 49	294 76
Conference.....	462 66	807 89
Copper Ridge....	85 20	101 38
College.....	115 12	197 42
Chattanooga, white	1106 80	1278 54
Chattanooga, 1 col.	314 83	199 32
Chattanooga, 2 col.	325 47	337 97
Earleyville.....	274 51	270 82
Graysville, 2-3....	1530 67	1280 60
Greenville.....	288 84	273 97
Knoxville, white..	1334 87	1218 47
Knoxville, colored,	331 74	295 26
Lenoir City.....	412 11	215 86
Mission Ridge....	242 92	209 05
	\$7867 88	\$7633 40

MRS. CLARA RUSSELL, Treas.

THE LIGHT OF GOD'S HOLY LAW

ELSIE BLANKENSHIP, Lenoir City, Tenn.

There has shown a kindly light,
As a watchman in the night,
Placing a light in the great watch tower,
To shine throughout the darkest hour,
Sending a gleam across the wave,
Some poor tempest-tossed soul to save.

'Tis the light of God's holy law,
Before which all men must stand in awe;
If you see that light, turn not away,
'Tis the light that leads to endless day;
Though sin and deception hath blinded our sight,
We may yet see clearly if we come to the light.

If you are out on life's broad ocean afloat,
In a frail, tottering, condemned boat;
See! the old ship of Zion has come in sight,
Lay hold of your oars and row with might;
Signal the captain, who is Jesus, our Lord,
And he will instantly take thee aboard.

When you have taken passport for the heavenly land,
Look back toward eternal death's dark strand;
See the worldly craft proudly sailing on
Across the probationary line, they soon will have gone;
Satan, their captain, in fashionable disguise,
With popular theories, has blinded their eyes.

The fog is so dense they cannot see,
They are drifting so near that awful lee;
Then man the lifeboat, quick and away,
Jesus, the captain's orders obey.
Pray the heavenly light to flash across the wave,
While laboring the poor lost souls to save.

Though the waves of strife be rolling by,
Jesus will guard you from on high;
Your labor shall not be in vain.
Though done amid anguish, sorrow and pain;
You shall come rejoicing in that glorious day,
When Jesus shall wipe all tears away.

Florida

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A Visit to Jennings Lake and Brooker, Fla.

I spent the week of December 17-23 conducting meetings in the Jennings Lake church. Though the weather was not favorable, the congregation increased until the house was well filled at the closing meeting. Quarterly meeting was conducted. Nearly all members were present. The Lord came near and added His blessing. At the close of the meeting Sunday morning two were baptized. It was indeed a pleasure to see father and son go forth in this ordinance. We believe the church was refreshed and encouraged.

The 24th to the 27th was spent with Brooker church. Though the weather prevented us from holding but one meeting, we felt that the time was well spent. Quarterly meeting was conducted on the Sabbath, and two united with the church. There is a very interesting chain of circumstances connected with this meeting. Those who united with the church were Bro. Bevil Lynn, and son, R. J. They drove a distance of thirty miles to spend Xmas with parents who live at Brooker, not knowing that we were having meetings.

This brother who had not been connected with the church for some ten or twelve years, returned to the church of his first love, bringing with him his son into the fold of Christ. Father, mother, brothers, sisters and friends rejoiced and freely mingled tears on this occasion. We all praise the Lord for the manifestation of His saving grace. A few drops of the latter rain are falling upon His people. There are many indications that we are passing into the last scenes of this world's history. The things we have believed and taught for many years are transpiring before our eyes today. The Hearts of God's people are being revived and refreshed. While the world does not discern the true meaning of these things, it is plain to the children of the kingdom, "Ye are not in darkness, that that day should take you as a thief."

C. B. STEPHENSON.

Meetings In Florida

It has recently been my privilege to be associated with Dr. A. L. Gregory and wife, Allen Walker and wife, in a series of meetings at Ellenton, Fla. The attendance and interest from the first were excellent. A letter just received from the tent company says: "We have twelve keeping the Sabbath that we have confidence in." Included in this number is a young man and his wife who came to Ellenton to visit friends during the holidays. The young man is a member of the Baptist church, and well educated. During the eight days he was with us he attended the meetings, and also Bible studies conducted by Brother Walker. He is now laying plans to make a special study of the truth, and will doubtless enter the ministry when his study is completed. Another interesting case is that of a young man who is engaged in teaching school. He returned home to visit his father and mother for a few days and left us keeping the Sabbath. The public school teacher is a strong Presbyterian. She attended the meetings, and is now observing the Sabbath. Surely the Lord is working by his spirit upon hearts and minds wherever the truth is being preached in its purity.

I was with the Sarasota church Jan. 1-3 and found the brethren there of good courage in the Lord. January 8 and 9 I was with the St. Petersburg church. I am now at Tampa. A series of meetings conducted by Brethren C. B. Haynes and B. M. Heald began here Sunday night, January 10. Meetings are held in a large pavilion tent which has a seating capacity of four hundred. At the first service a large number of people could not obtain seats, and went away rather than stand up on the outside of the tent.

Elder Haynes addressed the large and attentive congregation, taking for a subject, "The Crash of Empires." In closing his address he made a most earnest appeal to every person within the sound of his voice to surrender their hearts and lives fully to Christ and prepare for the fifth kingdom which is soon to be established under the whole heaven. A spirit of seriousness settled upon the great audience, and as a result about thirty persons raised their hands, thereby expressing a desire to be remembered in prayer by the speaker. Thirty-two

books were sold at the close of the service.

Since these meetings began it has rained much, and the nights have been cold, yet notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, the tent has been filled every night, and the best of attention is given to the word spoken. Many bring pencil and paper and write down the texts read from the Bible. Many questions are being asked and put in the collection basket at the close of the sermon, and Elder Haynes answers them immediately. This question and answer service adds very much to the interest of the meeting. It will be a source of encouragement and strength to the workers here and elsewhere to know that they are being remembered by the laity in their prayers. Write letters to these brethren and let them know that you are praying for them.

C. P. WHITFORD.

Elder Daniells in India.

From the November issue of the *Eastern Tidings* (Lucknow, U. P.,) we get the following news, written by H. R. Salsbury:

"Pastor A. G. Daniells, president of our general conference, in company with Mrs. Daniells and Miss Hare, reached India safely on the 13th, after a pleasant journey from Australia on the S. S. Osterley. As his stay is somewhat limited, he will visit most of our mission stations before the general meeting in Calcutta. He reports a most pleasant and profitable time in his old field of labor, Australasia, where he went as a missionary twenty-eight years ago. At that time there were but three ministers and one hundred fifty believers, and the message had been preached in but three places. On his return to Australasia, after an absence of fourteen years, he found six thousand members and one hundred twenty-five conference workers.

"When all were gathered for the ministerial institute in Sidney, September 2-16, there were present one hundred sixty, including some of the wives of the ministers. Now the message is being preached in every part of Australasia, and all the principal groups of islands in the South Pacific. There are six organized conferences, two publishing plants, three schools, two sanitariums. The work is entirely self-supporting.

"During the sixteen weeks in which he was in Australasia he traveled ten thousand miles, gave two hundred public addresses and held sixty-two other meetings.

"We are indeed thankful that he is with us. He is well, and is looking forward with much interest to his visit with our workers and lay members in Calcutta, December 18-28."

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Cumberland Items

Two persons have accepted the Sabbath and have taken their stand for the truth at Dunlap, Tenn., as the result of books and papers loaned them by Banks Cross, one of our isolated Sabbath-keepers. Our literature does bring people into the truth, and lending the books and magazines is an excellent way to place the truth before our friends and neighbors.

Elder Locken is conducting another course of lectures in Bristol, and he reports that the hall was almost full Sunday night.

The Canvassers' Institute was begun in Knoxville Jan. 7. Some excellent instruction along the different phases of the colporteur work has been given. We expect quite a number will go from the Institute into the field to do active work for the Master the coming year.

Word from Chattanooga states that several colored people have recently taken their stand for the truth in that city.

Have you noticed the twenty-cent-a-week statement from Cumberland? also how your church is standing on their quota? We are glad to see that three churches are ahead for the year in their offerings to missions, and we trust that each church will make a special effort to keep up the quota each month during 1915, and thus at the end of the year every church will have raised the amount of their quota to missions.

"Signs" Subscriptions

Now that we have increased our *Signs* weekly subscription list to more than double what it was, (this has been largely accomplished by the ordering of large clubs), we feel that we must turn our attention in the direction of securing regular yearly subscriptions. Those who have been reading the *Signs* weekly for the past few months will want to have this bright, up-to-date periodical come regularly to their homes.

There are several advantages in such a plan. First, it will serve to complete the good work done and develop the interest already aroused. It will enable you to begin with someone else—another neighbor or friend—with your limited supply of this good paper. It will put the work on a paying basis. The regular subscription price is above the club rates, and this was in the minds of the brethren when they decided to make the *Signs* weekly a special feature in this great Home Missionary campaign. The Pacific Press Publishing Company have devoted all the profits in the handling of this periodical to missions, but the profits are available only as we secure a large number of yearly subscriptions.

We believe that our people everywhere could do a splendid work by soliciting subscriptions for the *Signs* weekly, and if you will study the following subscription rates you will see that there is a good profit, a good commission to those who will send four or more subscriptions at one time:

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Get four subscriptions at \$1.75 each and your commission is \$2.00. Thousands of our people can do this if they will only try. We prefer to see you take up this work, however, from the soul-winning standpoint. The other will come as a natural consequence. If all will take hold of this plan and make an earnest effort to secure each four yearly subscriptions to the *Signs* weekly we shall reach a still higher goal and place this good periodical on a solid basis. We would suggest that, preparatory to this subscription campaign, a little instruction be given in all our churches with the view of greater efficiency.

Here is an excellent opportunity. With confidence in God, with a true love for sinners, and with a full appreciation of the value of this soul-winning agency, won't you put on the armor and go forth to do your best? God will surely bless. F. W. PAAP.

Home Religion

Ques. What are the duties of husband toward wife and family?

Ans. The husband should manifest great interest in his family. Especially should he be very tender of the feelings of a feeble wife. He can shut the door against much disease. Kind, cheerful, and encouraging words will prove more effectual than the most healing medicines. These will bring courage to the heart of the despondent and discouraged, and the happiness and sunshine brought into the family by kind acts and encouraging words will repay the effort tenfold. The husband should remember that much of the burden of training his children rests upon the mother; that she has much to do with molding their minds. This should call into exercise his tenderest feelings, and with care should he lighten her burdens. He should encourage her to lean upon his large affections and direct her mind to heaven, where there is strength and peace, and the final rest for the weary. He should not come to his home with a clouded brow, but should with his presence bring sunlight into the family, and should encourage his wife to look up and believe in God. Unitedly they claim the promises of God, and bring his rich blessings into the family. Unkindness, complaining, and anger shut Jesus from the dwelling. I saw that angels of God will flee from a house where there are unpleasant words, fretfulness, and strife.

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Ques. What is the position that God originally designed that woman should occupy?

Ans. Woman should fill the position which God originally designed for her, as her husband's equal. The world needs mothers who are mothers, not merely in name, but in every sense of the word. We may safely say that the distinctive duties of woman are more sacred, more holy, than those of man. Let woman realize the sacredness of her work, and in the strength and fear of God take up her life mission. Let her educate her children for usefulness in this world, and for a home in the better world. The position of a woman in her family is more sacred than that of a king upon his throne. Her work is to make her life an example such as she would wish her children to copy; and by precept as well as example she is to store their minds with useful knowledge, and lead them to self-sacrificing labor for the good of others. The great stimulus to the toiling, burdened mother should be that every child who is trained aright and who has the inward adorning, the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, will shine in the courts of the Lord.

Bible Hygiene, pp. 77, 78.