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To Our Devoted and Beloved People In North America



MEETING:

The General and North American Division Conference Committees,

with representatives of the cause from this and other countries, numbering more than one hundred and fifty, in session at Loma Linda, California, greatly desire that the inspiration and spiritual uplift of this world's council might reach all our people.

Isaiah 54: 2, 3 is certainly now being fulfilled, especially in foreign mission fields, where hundreds, yea, thousands from the midnight of heathenism are rejoicing in the saving power of the third angel's message, some of whom have recently been ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, and nearly one thousand of whom are workers in this cause in various lines. Surely we can now say in the words of the Psalmist: "God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth." Ps. 74: 12.

A new time has come. A new thing is taking place. The hour has struck which calls upon us to "enlarge the place of thy tent, . . . stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation, spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."

The work in the Far East has outgrown all plans that have heretofore been laid. A measure has just passed the council forming the Orient, Australasia and the Pacific Island world into a great division of this cause.

This council feels profoundly impressed that, as stated in Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 117, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work

and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

We therefore make this appeal to you to arise, and with us, rally to meet the demands of the great opportunity which the opening providence of God has placed before us.

We appeal to you personally, individually, to push the Harvest Ingathering campaign right up to the end of the year. The Lord has promised that "the wealth of the Gentiles" shall come to us. The great Far Eastern world is calling loudly for means. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals." (Vol. 9, page 61.)

"Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the isle of Patmos." (Vol. 9, page 62.)

Surely here is a great opportunity for every member of the church to engage in this blessed ministry, by placing the message-filled Harvest Ingathering *Signs* in the hands of the people, and soliciting from them donations for our mission work.

"The battle-cry is sounding along the line. Let every soldier of the cross push to the front." "A work similar to that which the Lord did through His delegated messengers after the day of Pentecost He is waiting to do today." (Vol. 7, pages 17, 33.)

We are deeply solicitous that our soon-coming week of prayer, December 11-18, shall be an occasion of deep searching of heart, putting sin out of the life, and earnestly seeking God for the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The time in which we

are living demands it. In Australia, South Africa and some other countries there are already stringent laws compelling every boy above the age of 14 years to take the military training. This takes the boys of our people away from their homes and their parents at that tender age and throws them into wicked associations, which is a terrible trial to our people in these countries. The conditions foretold in Vol. 9, pages 43 and 44, are rapidly developing. We may be sure that similar experiences will be met in this country. Let us in this time of peace enter into a covenant with God that His protection may be thrown around us and our children when the time of test comes to us.

We do not know how to express in words the deep anxiety of our hearts that our people rally to the financial support of our missions, and that every church in this country fully meet its full apportionment of 20 cents per week per member for the year 1915. The needs of this ever-widening cause demand it. Surely it is worthy of it.

Well, dear brethren and sisters, will you not join with us in seeking for a fuller consecration of our lives to the Master and in a great soul-winning campaign that will end in the speedy finishing of this work? May God richly bless you in your response to this rallying call.

By unanimous vote of the council in regular session.

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20c-a-Week Fund

Membership.....	744
Quota for year.....	\$4,357.60
Raised October 31.....	2,939.33
To complete yearly quota,	1,418.27

Georgia Items

Eld. N. V. Willess is expected back from the Fall Council at Loma Linda by the time this issue of the FIELD TIDINGS goes to press.

Brother D. W. Dillen and Brother L. D. Randall have returned to their duties.

Eld. E. K. Slade, who will doubtless fill the vacancy left by O. Montgomery, visited the Southeastern Union Conference office on the 2d of December on the way to his former field of labor in Ohio. We understand that Eld. Slade will perhaps not move to the South until about the first of January.

Eld. J. A. Strickland reports that the little company at Ocilla has already raised \$22.90 on the Harvest Ingathering. This excels many of the long-established churches in the Conference, and we understand that they are still working to raise more funds in this campaign.

We understand that some of the churches are holding the Harvest Ingathering money already collected to be all turned in at one time. It is important that these funds be sent in to the treasury with other trust funds at the end of each month. These reports and funds are sent through the regular channel to the General Conference and they issue information regularly as to the exact amount turned in up to certain dates. If we fail to have the benefit of the full amount from Georgia, it shows an incorrect standing from this State. The sooner we can raise the amount of our goal, the greater the credit we deserve for faithfulness in the Lord's work. We trust therefore that not only the treasurers, but also each individual member of the churches, and also the isolated

members, will be faithful in sending in all of the Harvest Ingathering funds promptly at the end of each month.

The Atlanta No. 2 Church has ordered out another 50 Harvest Ingathering papers, making 1150 up to the present.

Sister Carrie Adams of the Atlanta No. 2 Church has already raised over \$10.00 on the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Brother W. S. Fulbright, the Field Missionary Secretary, on account of the great dearth of canvassers in this field, is planning quite an extensive campaign throughout the State in search of new recruits for this branch of the Lord's work. During his travels over the State he will be at Columbus from the 4th to the 7th, at Ty Ty from the 8th to 9th, his address from the 12th to the 13th will be in care of Mr. T. J. Highsmith, Boston, and on the 14th he will be in Savannah.

At the end of this expedition it is planned on the 30th of this month to have a colporteurs' institute. The place will be announced later. In the meantime we would like very much to have those who are interested in the canvassing work and can attend the institute to correspond with the office, or with Brother W. S. Fulbright. It is our purpose to encourage and assist as much as possible all who are engaged in this branch of the work. By this means it is our purpose to give the message to as many souls in this State as possible.

We have a message from Brother M. J. Weber in which he reports in some localities he delivered 100 per cent of his orders, and has also received additional, very encouraging reports as to the books already delivered. One party told him after reading his book only a short time that he would not take \$10.00 for it.

Brother W. C. Check has finished his work in Franklin county. He reports having delivered 100 "Bible Readings," 1 "Coming King," 12 "Daniel and Revelation," making 113 books in that county. He states that this seems a very small number when compared with the large number of canvasses he made, but that he has prayed to God to multiply the truth by means of the few books which he has succeeded in placing with the people.

Flat Rock Intermediate Training School Items

Our school building at Douglasville, Georgia, is nearing completion. Upstairs there will be a chapel and church-school room, down-stairs class rooms. It is planned to open the school immediately after the holidays. A number of the neighbors have expressed a desire to have their children attend the first term.

The school family is greatly enjoying memorizing the Standard of Attainment texts, as given in the Morning Watch Calendar for 1915.

The music teachers of the school have a number of music students around Douglasville and the number is increasing. It is hoped that by thus constantly coming in contact with the people the music teachers will be able to establish a good reputation for the Flat Rock School.

The tent houses that are being erected for living rooms are proving very comfortable and satisfactory as cool weather arrives, and it is hoped that we will be eventually able to use tent houses altogether for the use of all who may be in this school. They are cheap, neat and comfortable both winter and summer.

The music teachers are planning to render a musical program during the latter part of December. At that time opportunity will be given the people of Douglasville to help buy seats, etc., for the school-house.

Prof. Boynton at present is at Costanaula and Reeves, to wind up his business there and bring his family to Douglasville.

Miss Eulalie Wood received a message calling her back to California. We are indeed very sorry to lose her.

Sister Street left a few weeks ago to teach school at Marietta, and is having good success.

Brother and Sister Brown, who left our company a few months ago, are still near Rome. Sister Brown is teaching school and is meeting with excellent success. Her school is still increasing and is greatly appreciated by her neighbors. Brother and Sister Brown are now isolated Sabbath-keepers, and need our prayers.

ADAM RATZLAFF.

"Temporal things wear away and waste by usage, but spiritual things increase and grow through constant use."

Call of Elder O. Montgomery to a Foreign Field

The many friends and admirers of Elder O. Montgomery, not only in Georgia but throughout the whole Southeastern Union Conference, will feel a deep sense of sadness to know the action at the recent Fall Council in Loma Linda, California, calling Elder Montgomery to the presidency of the South American Division Conference. When we realize the great distance of nearly seven thousand miles which will separate Elder Montgomery, Mrs. Montgomery, and their daughter Miss Martha Montgomery, it seems almost like a living funeral.

Elder Montgomery's family will doubtless locate in or near Buenos Ayres, in the southern part of South America, in the northern portion of Argentina, and the journey will consume about three weeks' time.

Because of important meetings scheduled for an early date in the Brazilian and South American Unions, it seemed necessary for Elder Montgomery's family to leave Atlanta very suddenly, so that they departed from this city on December 1.

After making short visits with loved ones, they will sail from New York, according to the present schedule, on the 11th of December.

Elder Montgomery came to this field early in 1913, and during his three years' sojourn in the Southeastern Union Conference, those of his brethren and sisters who have learned to love and admire him most are located in Atlanta, where we had more opportunity to become acquainted with him. This is especially true with those who were closely associated with him in an official capacity, in connection with the duties and responsibilities of the office which he has held.

The members of the Atlanta church on learning of the call to South America, quickly planned a farewell occasion which was held at the home of Brother W. H. Williams on the evening of November 28, the same day of Elder Montgomery's return from the Fall Council.

Nearly one hundred people, members of the Atlanta church, and other friends, large and small, were secretly gathered in one room and when Elder Montgomery's family were invited into the reception room, and the mass of friends poured out upon them, they seemed more surprised than when

some of us were boys and accidentally came suddenly upon a bee-hive. Of course they did not show the same movements in trying to escape, but remained for a most enjoyable evening farewell gathering. The occasion was, for the most part, very informal, but several numbers were rendered, and Professor Thiel gave a brief but very interesting talk on the work in South America.

Before separating, Dr. J. R. Mitchell, representing the Atlanta church, presented Brother and Sister Montgomery with a slight token as evidence of the high esteem and regard in which they are held by our people in this city.

While as stated, all felt a certain sense of sadness and sorrow because of the loss of Elder Montgomery and family in this field, yet we also felt to rejoice that the Lord has called them to a wider field of usefulness, and our prayers and best wishes will follow them to their new and distant field of labor.

J. K. MACMILLAN.

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20c-a-Week Fund

Membership.....	563
Quota for year.....	\$5,423.60
Amount raised Oct. 31....	3,146.13
Amount due by Dec. 31 to complete quota.....	2,277.47

Notes

Mrs. J. D. Finley is the first to join the Honor Roll of the Harvest Ingathering in the Cumberland Conference, by reaching \$5.00 or more. The amount she has raised to date is \$14.25.

Bro. E. C. High, a member of the Bristol church, passed away Dec. 1, to await the Life-giver's call. His obituary is to be found in this issue.

A card received from Bro. W. Kirkham, who left last week for Arkansas, states that he reached there safely.

We have just received a letter from Miss Maude Warren, who has taught music in the S.T.S. for several years

in the past, and she wishes to be remembered to her many friends. At present she is in Wisconsin enjoying the bracing weather of that cold State. In her letter she enclosed her pledge in full.

Thus far Cumberland has ordered 5601 Harvest Ingathering papers, which, with an average of 10 cents each, would mean \$560.10 for missions. But at this writing only \$141.66 has been sent in from these papers. What's the trouble? Please see that the papers are used immediately and the returns sent in, so the mission fields will not have to wait because of us.

An excellent missionary report has just been received from the Knoxville white church for the month of November, and by looking over the report we see that the members there are improving the odd moments in doing something for the Master.

Elder Magoon spent Sabbath with the company at Bristol, and he plans to spend most of the Week of Prayer with them also.

Brother Burt White, from Chattanooga, and Brother Geo. Poague, of Graysville, spent Sabbath with the Brayton church. We are sure the small company there appreciated the visit of these brethren. Bro. White plans to spend Sunday with the believers at College, making the office a visit Monday on his return to Chattanooga. Bro. Poague left Monday for North Dakota on business. On his return he expects to take up further work for the Master's cause in the surrounding community.

Obituary

E. C. High died in Bristol, Va., Dec. 1, 1915, aged 37 years, 5 months, and 29 days. He accepted present truth and became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1913 under the labors of Elder J. B. Locken and Bro. Burt White, and lived a consistent Christian life till the time of his death. He won the respect of all who knew him by his integrity and faithfulness in the Christian life. Among his last words to his companions were, "I have not lived for this world; I have lived for the world to come; my hope is strong." He is survived by his wife, one son (seven years of age), a mother, two sisters, and two brothers. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.—C.R.MAGOON.

Colporteurs' Report for

Adventists At Watonga Convicted of Violating the Sunday Law

That the Krieger case, in which the Seventh-day Adventists made a test in the district court at Watonga of the Sunday observance law, will be appealed to the supreme court of the state, was the assertion of I. A. Crane of the Religious Liberty Association, who is here from Watonga. He represented the association at the trial of G. J. Kreiger and I. G. Kreiger, two Adventists who were convicted of violating the Sunday law.

It will be remembered that the association vigorously protested against the passage of Sunday laws at the last two sessions of the legislature. They contended then that Sunday laws are without Scriptural authority, and that dealing as they do with a religious doctrine, they are also unconstitutional and contrary to the American principles of religious liberty. They contend that Sunday laws, like other laws dealing with religion, are often used as a means of venting religious spite upon honest observers of another faith.

It is stated by Mr. Crane that the defense in the trial above referred to offered to prove that the accused strictly closed their place of business from sunset Friday until sunset Saturday night, according to the Scriptures and their conscientious belief, and that there was no work done on Sunday in such a way as to disturb those who would keep that day.

This testimony was ruled out by the court. The defendants were also able to prove that others who did not observe another day openly violated the Sunday law.

Believing, as they do, that Sunday keeping is contrary to the Scripture, Seventh-day Adventists protest against being compelled to observe an institution repugnant as a false doctrine.

They claim immunity from being forced against their will to observe Sunday, not only by virtue of inherent natural right, but also by virtue of the plain declaration of the Oklahoma State constitution, which says

that "no inhabitant of this state shall ever be molested in person or property on account of his or her mode of religious worship." — *Oklahoma Daily Times, Nov. 23, 1915.*

Krieger Case Appealed

Knowing that the time which is allowed for making an appeal to the supreme court must be drawing near to a close, I went to Hitchcock on Friday, November 12, and remained in the vicinity until Monday night, November 22.

Arrangements were made and time was set for the hearing on the motion for a new trial November 18. The judge however withheld his decision for time to examine arguments until Monday of this week, at which time a new trial was denied. Notice of appeal was immediately filed by Attorney Woolman for the defense and the case will soon be before the Criminal Court of Appeals. There is no telling how long it will drag here before a hearing is given.

In the meantime there will probably be a staying of further prosecutions of like character, and yet this all depends on how sure the opposition is that we will fail in the higher court.

The Kriegers were only convicted of one of the four indictments against them. The fine and costs outside of attorneys fees and cost of appeal is less than \$50, but this may be multiplied by four, if we fail in higher court. Bond is fixed at \$150.

Since they have sold their store, it would be a financial saving to Krieger to pay this fine, but on account of what it means to our people over the state, we are carrying it to a higher court. And since it is in behalf of the cause that the appeal is made it is believed that our people will willingly furnish means to help the Religious Liberty Department in our part of the expense.

The weekly "Signs" which will soon issue a number dealing with this trial will be sent to all editors and over five hundred lawyers and judges in the state. This is not nearly all the lawyers in the state. There are about

Name	Book	Hours	C
E N Lewis	CK	30	
B F Brown	BR	40	
W C Cheek	BR	35	
A J Sharpe	BF	37	
M J Weber	BF	18	
Patrick Peacock	BF	40	
J Loyd	BF	40	
Total		240	

NORT			
Kasper Oertley	GC	24	
J P Allran	CK	42	
J W Godwin	DP	43	
J F Farmer	DR	39	
O L Page	BF	66	
N D Ingram	HM	28	
Miss Ida Fosque	WC	10	
Total		240	

CUM			
C B Sorrells	BR	50	
F C Varney	BR	30	
A Turbyville	BR	48	
L D Hewett	DR	44	
A A Dix	BR	28	
Mrs K E Williams	Mag	7	
Total		207	

F			
C F Boyd	BR	27	
A E Lastinger	BR	29	
P L Nicholson	GC	37	
Hattie Reed (2wks)	USP	52	
C T Roper	BR	20	
Total		165	

SOUT			
M F Pirkle	BR	40	2
C H Holland	BR	14	
J A Bookhart	BF	40	1
J M Brown	BR	14	
Total		108	

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20c-a-Week Fund

Membership	6
Quota for year	\$5,584.
Amount raised Oct. 31	2,338.
Due for yearly quota	3,245.

Week Ending Nov. 20

Helps	Total	Deliv'd
		25 00
3 20	23 20	5 20
		81 00
1 20	49 20	1 20
		15 00
12 00	9 00	9 00
4 20	19 70	7 50
20 60	101 10	143 90

60	11 69	60
5 40	56 90	5 40
3 15	34 15	20 15
70	41 70	70
2 50	34 00	1 50
1 80	3 80	1 80
2 10	2 50	2 50
16 25	184 60	32 65

		147 50
		90 00
35	15 35	52 35
2 50	25 50	2 50
75	12 75	3 75
		2 50
3 60	53 60	298 60

7 15	29 15	
7 10	70 10	
9 35	24 35	9 35
5 10	47 10	2 70
50	44 50	
30 20	215 20	12 05

05	64 05	2 05
10	7 10	4 10
70	22 20	8 70
	3 00	9 00
85	96 35	23 85

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 Liberty Secretary, Silas Davis.

One-Week Fund

hip	353
year	\$2,740.40
October 31	1,216.25
ete yearly quota	1,524.15

3000 lawyers in the state, so that it would be well for each church to secure a supply of these and place in the hands of prominent men, lawyers, ministers, etc., who have not received one through the mail. It will contain pictures illustrating the Oklahoma trial.

I shall be glad to answer any inquiries and shall try to keep our people posted as to further developments. Pray for this branch of the work, and remember that this trial means much to you. Remember that supreme court decisions are against us in other states. If it will glorify God, He can give us a decision and vindicate His cause in this way. Such a decision in Oklahoma would be far-reaching for the truth in its moulding of decisions in other states. With the strong pressure against it, nothing but an overruling of the Supreme Ruler of nation would probably cause a decision in favor of Bible and Constitutional rights. Pray that God may lead to His own glory.

One thing greatly needed in the case is a legal advisor who will work for the cause because his heart is in it. We cannot depend upon men who do not believe the truth to defend it.—*J. A. Crane, in the Southwestern Union Record.*

Stolen

Several hours of the Sabbath by persons who failed to attend Sabbath school or church service.

Missing

Last Sabbath—several families from Sabbath school.

Mislaid

A quantity of coins—mostly silver—which did not find their way into the offering for missions.

Lost

Several boys and girls who were last seen on their way to Prodigal Town. Supposed to have started on that road for lack of interest in their welfare and a word of encouragement from the older people.

Important

Any person who will assist in the recovery of the above shall in no wise lose his reward.—*Selected.*

What Opposition Did

“Here is an incident that may be of interest, showing that ‘We can do nothing against the truth but for the truth,’” so report a brother and sister after closing a tent effort in Southern Oregon. “During the course of our meetings the past summer a very formidable little sheet was scattered over the city by way of a threat and challenge to our work—the same to be considered for a number of evenings at a stated place. Through curiosity a talented lady school teacher was drawn to the place of attack. The manner of the speaker, combined with the matter he presented against us, did not appeal to her very flatteringly. She decided to search out our tent and hear a few things for herself. The first thing that attracted her favorably upon entering our tent was its neatness and order. She said to herself, ‘If the preaching is as clean as the premises, the results of Adventism are not as bad as they have been pictured to me.’ She was kindly noticed, and provided with a song book and a ‘good seat.’ She listened very attentively through the hour’s discourse, and wondered why we closed the meeting when we had only well begun, the hour seemed so short. She said later, ‘I could not help contrasting the spirit of the two meetings, for my soul was fed instead of repulsed.’ This was the beginning, and today she is rejoicing in the message. She is to be baptized in a few days. She said yesterday: ‘To think that I have gone to church all my life, and taught in public and Sunday-schools, and was so ignorant of the real message of the Bible, and might never have yielded to it if the Lord had not sent that opposition along.’”

Perhaps one of the most interesting and striking features of the *Watchman* for January is a full page cartoon picturing the recent Turkish massacres of Armenians. This is one of a series of illustrated Scripture texts now running in the *Watchman* and significantly illustrates Daniel 11:14. Look for it on the frontispiece.

YEARS OF SERVICE LOST

On one of the Clyde River steamers, a Christian man on his holidays was giving away tracts. Among others who received one was a gentleman belonging to Glasgow, who remarked, as he received it, that he feared such efforts did little permanent good. "I am not opposed to such work," he said, "In my younger days I did a good deal of it myself, but I cannot say that I ever saw any fruit from it."

The tract distributor was somewhat "damped" by that remark, coming from one who evidently was a Christian of many years' standing. But he instantly remembered that his own conversion was brought about by means of a tract which he received when a lad of twelve, as he walked along the street one wintry night.

As he passed the door of a mission

hall, a young man, standing evidently for the purpose of getting passersby to go in handed him a tract and asked him to go inside and hear the gospel. He did go in and heard words there that awakened him to think of eternity and his state before God, and he went home in deep soul trouble. In his anxiety he turned to the tract that he had received, read it, and gave his heart to the Lord. The tract distributor told this story to the gentleman, who listened with evident interest, and when it was finished he said, "May I ask where this most interesting event took place?" The man named the street, the hall, and the very night he had been given the tract and invited inside.

The gentleman's eyes filled with tears. He grasped the distributor's

hand, and said with great emotion: "It was my work for many a night, when a young man newly converted, to stand at the door of that hall, giving away tracts and inviting in passersby, and I well remember inviting in the bright-eyed lad that wintry night. But I lost heart soon after that, and gave it up, thinking such work was almost useless. Now after twenty years God has let me know that it was not in vain, and if He spares me to return to the city, I shall, by His grace, return to the service He gave me long ago, confessing my faithlessness in leaving it." But the twenty intervening years were lost. How many more golden sheaves might have appeared to that man's account in the day of God had he continued in the service that the Lord gave him to do.

"Let us not be weary in well doing,
for in due season we shall reap if we
faint not." Gal. 6:9. * * *

God Knows the Best

Sometime, when all life's lessons have been learned,
And sun and stars forevermore have set,
The things which our weak judgments here have spurned,
The things o'er which we grieved with lashes wet,
Will flash before us out of life's dark night,
As stars shine most in deeper tints of blue,
And we shall see how all God's plans were right,
And how what seemed reproof was love most true.

And we shall see how, while we frown and sigh,
God's plans go on as best for you and me;
How, when we called, He heeded not our cry,
Because His wisdom to the end could see.
And even as prudent parents disallow
Too much of sweet to craving babyhood,
So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now
Life's sweetest things, because it seemeth good.

And if sometimes, commingled with life's wine,
We find the wormwood, and rebel and shrink,
Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine
Pours out this potion for our lips to drink.
If we could push ajar the gates of life,
And stand within, and all God's workings see,
We could interpret all this doubt and strife
And for each mystery could find a key.

But not today. Then be content, poor heart!
God's plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold;
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart,
Time will reveal the chalices of gold.
And if through patient toil we reach the land
Where tired feet with sandals loose may rest,
When we shall clearly know and understand,
I think that we will say, "God knew the best."

--Selected.

The Call Coming Over the Sea

Worthie Harris Holden.

There's a call coming over the sea, friend—
A bugle to warfare for God;
It calls thee to marshal thy forces
And capture dear souls for the Lord.

The heathen are groping so blindly
Midst the awful distress of their night;
Their arms are outstretched in beseeching
To deliver them out of their plight.

Perchance though thy soul has been longing
Thou mightst hasten to lands o'er the sea;
To forward supplies to thy comrades
Is thy Captain's commission to thee.

Neglect not, whate'er be thy duty,
Lest the blood of their souls mark thy doom:
For the call coming over the sea, friend,
Is from brothers in anguish and gloom.

When victory comes, and the triumph,
Wilt thou count self-denial a loss?
Will the rapture of heaven be blighted
By the care thou hast borne, and the cross?

All heaven was spent for thy saving;
Then canst thou refuse to obey?
Bestir thee, accomplish thy mission
For God and thy brothers, I pray.

It is all right to be weak in yourself; but be strong in God. Paul said, "When I am weak, then am I strong."

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Florida Items

We are glad to report that the colporteur work is a live issue in Florida, and those who are putting in full time are meeting with good success in taking orders. We are expecting to see big things in Florida.

Brother and Sister A. L. Gregory are now located in Tallahassee. Sister Gregory has ordered several hundred copies of the Present Truth Series to be used in their house-to-house work. Trust that our people will remember these faithful workers before the throne of grace.

Paul Nicholson reports good success in taking orders for books in Baker county. While his reports are not large, yet taking into consideration the thinly settled country, he feels that the Lord is wonderfully blessing him. Brother Nicholson went to a lumber camp one Sunday and sold \$7.25 worth of "World's Crisis" and "New Testament Primer" for cash. By working on Sunday, he finds this an excellent plan to make expenses.

Reports just received from A. E. Laster and C. F. Boyd are very encouraging. They are meeting with good success in canvassing Hamilton county, their reports averaging from \$50 to \$75 per week. They solicit the prayers of all for their delivery, which is Dec. 15th.

We are very sorry to learn of the sad accident which Brother C. W. Hester met with a few weeks ago. By falling from his wheel, he fractured his shoulder, but we are glad to report that he is improving, and will soon be out again into the field, to the work of getting our literature into the hands of the people.

Brother Siler, our Field Agent, writes the following: "A few days ago a young man who is a news agent on an A. C. L. Railway train, came to my home, saying he desired to canvass for our books. After questioning him, I found he had bought some 'World's Crisis' and 'Shadow of the Bottle' from Dr. A. L. Gregory while on his way home from camping.

After reading these books, he became very much interested in the truth, and is planning on giving up his present work, and going right out into the field with our books. This should encourage everyone to 'sow beside all waters.'"

Mrs. H. E. Andress of Snead's Island is spending a few weeks with her mother, Sister H. L. Horn of Orlando, who has been ill. Sister Horn is slowly improving.

We received a nice remittance of \$95.00 from the Tampa church on the Harvest Ingathering fund, and they are still working.

Brother C. T. Roper, one of our faithful canvassers, reports the organization of a Sabbath-school of 13 members in Ocoee. These people became interested through his canvassing efforts.

Brother Ballou of Spartanburg, S. C., was a visitor at the office the past week. He expects to take up some line of work in this State.

We received the following testimony from one of our sisters in behalf of the "Good Old Review:" "It makes me sad to know that so many of our people are not reading the Review, when it contains so much that will help us if we take heed to perfect such characters as we must have if we ever gain eternal life. If such a thing could be done, there is not enough money in the world to buy from me the help I received from reading one article in the Review recently."

Another testimony in favor of the Review: "Every week it brings glad tidings from some of the fields. Wish all our people could take it."

In a letter we received from Brother Bowen a few days ago, he states that this Conference should raise as their part of the \$100,000 for Harvest Ingathering \$1054.90. We have received thus far \$349.90, which still leaves us a balance of \$705.50 to be raised. Let us all take hold with the same spirit that the people manifested in Nehemiah's time when they built the wall—"for the people had a mind to work."

The eight references in the New Testament to the first day of the week are explained in a January *Signs Magazine* article. This is but one reason why our neighbors should see this excellent number.

Half an Hour Each Week, and Results!

Sometime ago a sister in one of our small churches felt that she would like to do something to advance the cause of God. She was a busy woman, with the care of her home and three children. However, after careful thought and much prayer, she felt that she could spend at least half an hour each week in doing something for the Master.

Remembering that three families had recently moved into the neighborhood, she decided to pay them a friendly call, and to *improve the opportunity* by leaving a tract with each one. The sister was cordially received. Who does not appreciate a kind word of welcome when moving into a new neighborhood?

She was invited to come again, and she did so, calling week after week with other tracts. She also gave the people an opportunity to ask questions, which were generally answered by giving a tract on the subject under consideration.

In one of those homes lived a young man with his widowed mother. They belonged to the Roman Catholic Church and for years this young man had been an altar boy in the church. In less than four months that good sister had the satisfaction of seeing this young man and his mother both members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This sister might have thought *half an hour a week* too little to be worth giving, but was it? It will give eternal life to that young man and his mother, if they are faithful.

VISITED FIVE FAMILIES EACH WEEK

A report comes from another sister that she, too, had had the satisfaction of seeing a young man and his family accept the truth as a result of systematically giving away tracts. Her plan was to visit five families each week.

What an impetus it would give to this message if the majority of our Sabbath-keepers would visit *five families each week!*

MISSIONARY.

For Sale

Five acres of land, four-room house, fifteen rods from the Baker Mt. church-school, \$300.00 cash. Address Mr. A. W. Sanborn, Hickory, N. C., R. 5, Box 44.

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The Week of Prayer

Seventh-day Adventists for many years have followed the custom of setting aside one week in the year for special prayer and consecration. Those who have attended these annual convocations can testify that many of their most precious experiences in the Christian life have come to them at this time. Many of their greatest victories over the power and influences of sin have been gained, as they have unitedly sought God for help.

Surely it must appeal to the great heart of God as He looks upon the earth and beholds all His people, scattered to the four corners of the globe, all turning their faces as one man, to seek Him for deliverance from sin and for power to carry on His work in the earth more effectually. Prayer moves the arm of God. The Bible record tells us that the prayer of one man caused the armies of Israel to prevail over their enemies. The prayer of another servant of God locked up the heavens that no rain fell for three and a half years, and again this servant prayed and the heavens gave rain. The prayer of Daniel brought Gabriel from the courts of Glory to shed rays of light upon the visions God had given him of the great landmarks along the Christian's path to the city of God. Through prayer men have won great battles for God, they have overcome the power of the devil, and have become mighty workers for God.

If, therefore, God will thus honor the prayer of a single individual, will He not more surely honor the united appeals of all His people as they set themselves to seek Him for a whole week together? Surely He will.

We trust that no one will fail

to avail himself of this wonderful opportunity of drawing near to God. If you are isolated and cannot attend the services in some church, then you can have the readings at home around the fireside and with the family, or if necessary, all alone you can hold your daily special devotions during this week. The readings are printed in a recent issue of the *Review and Herald*. Those who must observe the week of prayer in isolated places, separated from their brethren, will be encouraged with the thought that more than a hundred and twenty-two thousand souls are kneeling before the same God, uniting their voices with yours in prayer for the speedy finishing of the work of God in the earth and the soon appearing of the blessed Lord in the clouds of heaven.

It is hoped that all our churches and companies will hold daily meetings and that no member will fail to attend each service. Let different ones be selected to read the articles prepared, and conduct special devotional services. Pray each evening for something definite. Believe that God hears and He will surely send the answer.

Sabbath, Dec. 18, is the date for the annual offering to missions. We earnestly appeal to you at this time to make your gifts as liberal as possible at that time. Let all the children have a part in giving. Why not let them earn a dollar during the week of prayer and bring this as a gift on the Sabbath? We that are older can give more perhaps. Never were the needs so great and the calls so urgent as now. May God help us all to do our honest part. Isolated members may send their offerings direct to the Conference office.

W. H. BRANSON.

While we are glad to know that the Southeastern Union is able to furnish such a willing man for the work in the foreign field as our beloved president, Elder Montgomery, yet it is with much feeling that we bid him goodbye for the short time we are to remain on this earth—after that, may he, with all the faithful, meet at that time and place when there will be no more parting. FIELD TIDINGS trusts that God may be constantly with him and give him the strength he should ask for the work in South America.

God's Leading Hand

One day recently there came into the office of the Maine Tract Society a well dressed lady and her husband, who were returning to their home in New York City, after spending the summer at their summer home in Maine. Just a year ago they bought copies of "Bible Readings" and *Signs of the Times Magazine* of one of our agents. They secured the address of the Maine office, and called for the purpose of subscribing regularly for the monthly *Signs*, and also paid to have the magazine sent to their sister for one year.

They stated that they were much interested, and thought "Bible Readings" was the most wonderful book they ever read, and that the *Signs* was the best magazine that they could have come to their home. They left their order for all the back numbers of the *Signs* up to the time when they were unable to obtain it.

Sister Ross saw an opportunity of presenting them with a copy of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. The lady was delighted and said she would send an offering on returning to New York. Soon afterward a letter came containing a crisp ten-dollar bill. We have faith to believe that God will bring them into this blessed message, for we can see His leading hand.

Let us pray, trust, and work, brethren, for the time is short, and there are many precious souls waiting for these great saving truths.

A. E. SANDERSON.

Elder Branson and Elder Stephenson, just back from the recent Fall Council at Loma Linda, Cal., each delivered stirring address to our Graysville people last Sabbath, Elder Stephenson at the church at 11 o'clock a.m. and Elder Branson at the college at 7 p.m.

Bro. Geo. W. Poague, of the school, preached to the College church members over in Sequatchie Valley Sabbath morning and night, Nov. 28. He reports good interest there, and the services of a minister needed.

Opportunity offered Adventist believer to continue my work of carpet and rug weaving in Ocala, Fla. No other weaver. Flying-Shuttle Loom, price \$50.00. Must sell on account of leaving for North. Instruction to inexperienced. Good chance for industrious party. Adr. Mrs. Mary Youngberg, 719 Wenona St., Ocala, Fla.