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"IT IS MY BROTHER"

I MET a slender little maid, a rosy burden bearing.
"Is it not heavy, dear?" I said, as past me she was hurrying.
She looked at me with grave sweet eyes, this fragile little mother,
And answered as in swift surprise: "Oh, no, sir: it's my brother."

We larger children toil and fret to help the old world onward;
Our eyes with tears are often wet, so slowly he moves sunward.
Yet did we all the secret seek of this dear little mother,
Unwearingly we'd bear the weak, because he is our brother.

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N. E. W. S.

THE initial letters of the four points of the compass arranged in the above order spell news, from which the word originated, so I have been informed. "News," then, would mean information from all directions.

I wish to give the canvassers' N. E. W. S. of Kentucky.

NORTH

Sister Reynolds of Covington, who has not been well writes that she is feeling much better after a few days' rest.

Sister Allran, of the same place, is doing well, and has written an article telling of her work.

EAST

Brother Carmichael at Harlan is doing splendid work, taking over one hundred dollar's worth of orders a week. He writes, "I am not able to send in a large report this time [It was \$26.25 worth of orders and \$85.25 worth delivered], but hope this week to be able to send in a report as good or better than usual. All things considered, I had an encouraging delivery. If I have as good success all the way through, I shall be well pleased."

Sister Philmon canvassed Middlesboro on her return from the General Conference.

She enjoyed her work and was welcomed in the homes of the best class of people. She has just made her delivery there, and writes, "I had orders . . . valued at \$136.50. I delivered all but two copies of 'Home and Health' and two 'New Testament Primers.' I know that God blessed me wonderfully in taking the orders, and he did not fail to give me success in my delivery.

WEST

A sister at Owensboro who began keeping the Sabbath some eight years ago, but was so opposed by her husband that she gave it up (Her husband died recently, and she desires to serve the Lord and devote her means to his cause), wishes to sell our periodicals as soon as she can arrange to do so.

Brother and Sister Scott, of Lewisburg, are thinking of taking up the periodical work.

SOUTH

Brother Beck, in Barren County, writes: "I did a little better last week. I find some of the cleverest people in the lower part of the county I ever saw. . . . In this county, about three miles square, I have \$108.25 worth of orders."

Brother Wheeler of Glasgow has been having a hard time. Sister Wheeler has been very ill, and he has not been well. I am glad to say Sister Wheeler is better and Brother Wheeler is at work again.

Brother Alexander has just begun work in Pulaski County with "Daniel and the Revelation." He writes: "I stayed Friday night with a Baptist friend who is one of the most prominent ministers in this part of the county. I had a talk with him about the truth, and sold him 'Daniel and the Revelation.' He already has 'Bible Readings,' 'Great Controversy,' and some little books of ours. He told me one reason he gave me the order was for the influence it would have on others to buy. He even wanted me to make my headquarters with him. Surely the good Lord is blessing me."

He attended the Baptist Sunday-school, and was asked to give a talk, which he did. The superintendent repeated that it was good, and invited him to speak again. C. F. DART.

LOUISIANA

Report of President for Year Ending June 30, 1909

In this report of the condition of the conference I shall briefly present some of the general features of the work; some of the results that have attended the efforts put forth; and some of the needs that are most urgent, leaving the details to those who have charge of the different departments.

The spiritual state of the conference is better than last year, as may be seen by the larger number holding family worship; better attendance at the Sabbath-school and meetings of the church; and in the large increase in tithes and offerings. While we yet come far short of what we should be, still we thank God for what has been accomplished in this respect. The hope of the coming of our Saviour should inspire every one of us to greater faithfulness during the coming year. One result of the spiritual growth of the conference, has been the purging out from the churches of the names of a number that have proved unfaithful. This has reduced our membership somewhat, yet we feel that it will bring health to the body.

During the year there have been forty workers laboring in the conference as follows: six ordained and licensed ministers, six Bible workers, twenty-two canvassers, two nurses, two church-school teachers, and the office secretaries. Thirteen of these have been regularly employed by the conference, the others being self-supporting. The General Conference has furnished the support for Elder Saxby; the West Michigan Conference for Brother Hanson and Sisters Wilson and Walker; and the Iowa Conference for Sister Young. We have been very thankful for this assistance. This conference has paid most of the expenses of these workers, and has supported its president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, Sabbath-school secretary, one licensed minister, one Bible worker, and the two colored workers in New Orleans. The self-supporting workers are, one Bible worker, twenty-two canvassers, two nurses, and two church-school teachers.

Four tent-meetings have been carried on, be-

sides a few schoolhouse meetings. The most of the Bible work has been done in New Orleans. Six hundred ninety sermons have been preached, one thousand eight hundred Bible readings held, \$6,400 worth of books and papers sold, and one thousand five hundred eighty-four treatments given.

As a result of this work two churches have been organized, and thirty-three members have been added to the churches. This message does reach the hearts of men when the workers place themselves where they can be used of God. What has been done should encourage us to greater efforts to place the truth before our neighbors while mercy still lingers.

The newly organized church at Lake Charles has erected a nice house of worship which is practically completed, and in which they hold their meetings. This building stands free from debt.

Our educational work has not been as prosperous as we would like to have seen it. Five of our young people have attended the higher schools outside the conference, while thirty-eight have attended the church schools conducted in the State. On account of the failing health of our educational and Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society secretary, she has been compelled to leave the State. No one has yet been found to take her place. This has crippled the work greatly. It is to be hoped that at this meeting, plans may be laid that will place this work on a proper basis, and result in its thorough revival.

The cause mentioned above has also affected the young peoples' work, and careful study will have to be given it at this time. We cannot afford to turn our children adrift in the world. God holds Seventh-day Adventists responsible for the proper training of their children. The Committee on Plans and Nominations should labor earnestly to provide progressive plans and efficient leadership for this department.

Our efforts for religious liberty have been almost wholly educational, there having been no legislation attempted that called for special activity. We are sending *Liberty* to the members of the General Assembly and some other public men. A few articles from our brethren bearing on this subject, have appeared in the newspapers. The liberty to worship, which we now enjoy, is a priceless boon, and we should take advantage of the peace it affords to place the message before the people of Louisiana. When it is threatened, the opportunity should be used to present the truth to those in authority.

The financial condition of the conference is certainly a cause of thankfulness. The Father of mercies has not only blessed us with means, but has made us willing to sacrifice liberally that his work might be sustained. Let us make this meeting the best we have ever seen, by putting away our sins, and seeking for refreshing showers of the latter rain.

E. L. MAXWELL.

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THE more we call God in, the more surely shall we cast the tempter out.—*Bishop Moule.*

MISSISSIPPI CAMP-MEETING

THIS year the conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Meridian, the largest city in the State. The attendance, considering the small number of Sabbath-keepers in the State, was very encouraging, being larger than that of last year. Rainy weather interfered somewhat with the attendance from the city during the camp-meeting, as it did also during the tent effort conducted by Elders Whitemarsh and Shaeffer.

By vote all the Seventh-day Adventist church-members present were invited to take part in the conference deliberations. A good spirit of brotherly love and harmony prevailed throughout, and all testified that they could go home strengthened and encouraged to be more faithful in the future than in the past.

The reports of the treasurer showed that there will be an increase over last year of tithe from the white churches. The canvassing work has had the most prosperous year in its history in Mississippi. Pine Grove School presented a most encouraging report, and the entire conference took hold loyally to strengthen the facilities for the year to come.

The efforts of the ministers have also been fruitful. Two new churches have been organized during the year. One, near Ingomar in Union County as a result of the labors of Brother T. C. Coltrin, consists of eighteen members with seven more ready to unite a little later. At this place a neat church building, estimated to be worth twelve hundred dollars, is nearing completion, and at the time Brother Coltrin left for camp-meeting it was all paid for except \$135. The Sabbath-keepers in Meridian and vicinity were organized during the camp-meeting into a church numbering thirty members including the laborers located there.

Two revival services were held, at which nearly all present sought a new experience, or else renewed their consecration. The people responded liberally to the calls for funds for home and foreign work.

The last Sabbath a solemn ordination service was conducted, setting apart to the gospel ministry, G. G. Lowry and M. C. Whitemarsh. Elder G. G. Lowry, the son of the president of the conference, has been asked by the General Conference to make India his field of labor. While there is universal regret that our school is to lose his labors, yet we are proud that the South can offer this strong young man to foreign work, and our prayers will go with him to India.

Elder W. S. Lowry was re-elected president; F. R. Shaeffer, secretary and treasurer; and H. G. Miller, State agent. The members of the conference committee are W. S. Lowry, F. R. Shaeffer, and Brethren Miller, Coltrin, and McEachern.

The visiting laborers were Elders Haysmer, Cruzan, and the writer, Dr. George, A. F. Harrison, and Professors P. T. Magan and M. B. VanKirk. C. F. McVAGH.

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To fill the hour—that is happiness.

LOUISIANA

Resolutions Adopted by the Louisiana Conference in Session at Pineville, La.,

July 22—August 2, 1909.

1. *Resolved*, That, in view of the statement in the annual report of the President, we give thanks and praise to God for the spiritual as well as the financial advancement which has prevailed in this conference during the past year.

2. *We recommend*, That the delegates to this conference urge the various church bodies which they represent to continue the fourth-Sabbath "emergency fund" collection to be applied to the New Orleans Mission, inasmuch as the proceeds from said mission are still inadequate to cancel the outstanding notes on said property, and for such other purposes as may be deemed necessary.

3. *We recommend*, That the churches put forth every effort toward the plan of raising not less than ten cents a week per capita (church-member) to be applied to foreign missions. The Lord has blessed our humble efforts in this direction, and we pray that a revival effort will be manifest throughout the conference.

Whereas, The spirit of intolerance is being manifested in various places in the efforts put forth to secure religious legislation; and,—

Whereas, Louisiana is yet comparatively free from the effects of such evil legislation; therefore—

4. *Resolved*, That we urge our people throughout the State to improve this opportunity time to acquire a thorough knowledge of the principles of religious liberty by subscribing for and studying the magazine *Liberty*, and by holding stated meetings that they may be prepared to meet any emergency which may arise as a result of attempts to enact persecuting laws.

5. *Resolved*, That a special effort be made with and in behalf of the young people to earn a scholarship in one of our institutions by selling our books and periodicals.

Whereas, God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of placing the message for this time before the people; and,—

Whereas, Statistics show that fifty per cent. of all who come into the truth are brought in either directly or indirectly through the printed page;

6. *Resolved*, That the leaders of each church shall keep constantly before our people the importance of this work, encouraging suitable persons to engage in it, and seeing to it that they and their families are given all needed assistance.

Whereas, The Lord has told us "All must have a part in giving this message to the world" and that young people and children are especially mentioned; therefore—

7. *Resolved*, That our young people and children who are members of the church be encouraged to sell our periodicals, papers, and tracts, and other members take a more active part in selling our forty per cent. books for home workers.

Whereas, Calls are constantly coming in

through our canvassers from those who have become interested in the truth to hear the living preacher;

8. *Resolved*, That we do all we can to follow up the interest thus created by tent and house meetings, and by sending Bible workers into the rural districts.

Whereas, There is an ever increasing need of means with which to carry the bread of life to perishing souls in the regions beyond; and,—

Whereas, The Sabbath-school donations which are forwarded to the General Conference are used for this purpose; therefore—

9. *We recommend*, That the Sabbath-schools throughout our conference be urged to forward the entire amount of their donations to the conference treasurer to be used in foreign mission work.

Whereas, The spiritual welfare of our people, especially the children and youth, demand the very best efforts which can be put forth; and,—

Whereas, The Sabbath-school Worker is a molding factor in our Sabbath-schools, and it is a medium whereby Sabbath-school laborers are kept in touch with progressive methods, and thus enabled to attain to a greater degree of efficiency; therefore—

10. *We recommend*, That the officers and teachers in all our schools make the Worker a constant help in preparing for their work.

Whereas, Many who are called to teach in our Sabbath-schools have had very meager advantage for training in their work; and,—

Whereas, The Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference has made provision for the permanent form of Reading Course for the benefit of our teachers; therefore—

11. *We recommend*, That all our teachers avail themselves of this opportunity to prepare themselves for their work by a thorough study of the Reading Course for Sabbath-school teachers.

Whereas, The Home Department of the Sabbath-school has been established to meet the needs of our people who are isolated from those of like precious faith, as well as those whom circumstances prevent from attending the local schools, and also as we are living at a time when every Sabbath-keeper should seek diligently to study and live the life of Christ;

12. *We recommend*, That the conference workers be urged to co-operate with our Secretary in strengthening this work by securing the names and addresses of all isolated Sabbath-keepers within their territory that they may be brought in touch with the progress of this message.

Whereas, The liquor traffic is a menace to the peace and welfare of the home, a burden to the State, a curse to the community, and is sapping the moral foundation of society; therefore—

13. *Resolved*, That we hereby express ourselves as unalterably opposed to the liquor traffic, and in favor of municipal, State, National, and world-wide prohibition.

14. *Resolved*, That all tithe and other than local funds from both churches and isolated

Sabbath-keepers in the conference be sent directly to the conference treasurer, monthly.

In accordance with the recommendation of the recent General Conference;

15. *Resolved*, That each conference take full charge of the work of canvassing for periodicals in their respective territories by,—

1st. The selection and training of workers for periodicals.

2nd. The assigning of territory by the State agent.

3rd. The adoption of a general reporting system.

16. *Resolved*, That a vote of highest appreciation be tendered the West Michigan and Iowa Conferences for their support of three Bible workers in New Orleans during the past year.

17. *We recommend*, That as soon as possible each church make arrangements to establish a church library consisting of our best books, a complete set of the Testimonies to be purchased first.

Recognizing no small degree of indifference and laxness in regard to certain instruction by the spirit of prophecy as regards health and dress reform; and believing that the Lord will not pour out his Spirit as long as this instruction is not heeded; therefore—

18. (a) *Resolved*, That the Scriptures and the Testimonies be searched diligently to learn and to do the Lord's will in this respect without delay, and that ministers, Bible workers, nurses, and lay members thoroughly agitate this question in our churches, and especially by their example, teach these principles that all may become familiar with these phases of the message; and to the end of healthful living;

(b) *We recommend*, That our people patronize the Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory that mutual benefits may accrue.

19. *Resolved*, That we request the Southern Publishing Association to refund to the conference treasurer five per cent. of the value of all subscription-book sales in the conference.

Whereas, Our field tents are in a very poor state of preservation, brought about by age and being stored in undesirable rooms; and,—

Whereas, Our supply of family tents is inadequate to meet the growing demand for tents and flies; therefore—

20. *We recommend*, That a special fund be raised with which to purchase one new field tent, five new family tents with flies, flies for the old tents, construct a rat- and weather-proof tent-house at some central point, and pay for the five new tents already on the ground.

Whereas, The book "Ministry of Healing" has been given to the sanitarium work; and,—

Whereas, We have in the Southern Union Conference a denominational sanitarium that is handicapped by debt;

21. *We recommend*, That all our people be encouraged to purchase this good book and sell it to their neighbors, and that as a conference we endeavor to sell an average of two books per member during this year for the benefit of the Nashville Sanitarium.

22. *We recommend*, That each family rally

to the support of our periodicals by subscribing for the *Review and Herald*, *Watchman*, *Gospel Sentinel*, and one of the following magazines: *Signs of the Times*, *Protestant Magazine*, *Life and Health*.

MRS. C. A. SAXBY,

Sec'y Louisiana Conference.

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ALABAMA

Summary of Sabbath-Schools for Year Ending June 30, 1909

School	Membership	Total contributions	Expense	Missions
Birmingham No. 1	20	\$66.63		\$66.63
Birmingham No. 2	30	30.80		30.80
Marlow	28	55.29		55.29
Huntsville	88	47.73		47.73
Home Schools	57	34.25		34.25
Montgomery No. 1	21	32.86		32.86
Montgomery No. 2	18	22.29		22.29
Elkwood	23	21.60		21.60
Anniston	5	21.34	.40	20.94
Cullman (3 Terms)	16	18.82		18.82
Wooley Springs	14	17.32		17.32
Pensacola No. 1	7	16.15	.20	15.95
Pensacola No 2 (3 T)	18	18.37		18.73
Gadsden	30	16.12		16.12
Citronelle	14	15.03		15.03
Juniata	37	14.90		14.90
Yankee Hill	7	13.84		13.84
Bridgeport	7	11.76	.40	11.36
Fort Payne	5	11.05		11.05
Oak Level	20	8.26	.24	8.02
Selma	8	6.82		6.82
Attalla	7	6.55		6.55
Eliza	21	6.22		6.22
Mobile No. 1	6	3.79		3.79
Mobile No. 2	11	6.15		6.15
Magnolia Springs	4	4.35		4.35
New Decatur	6	3.64		3.64
Totals	528	\$531.93	\$1.24	\$530.69

In comparing this report with the last one we find that our total contributions are \$95.43 more than last year. The amount taken from the contributions for expense last year amounted to \$46.41, this year only \$1.24. We are in a fair way this year not to have a cent used that way. The contributions to missions is \$530.69. That is \$140.60 more than last year.

HELEN MCKINNON.

Secretary S. S. Department

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THE NEW MAGAZINE

We wish to call the attention of our people generally to the new undertaking of the Department of Education in the establishment and conducting of a magazine devoted exclusively to the interests of our educational work.

It is designed that this new magazine, to be entitled *Christian Education*, shall be very practical in its teachings. We purpose setting forth an application of principles which will enable those who teach to accomplish their work not only more easily but more thoroughly. Not only do we intend to make it

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Kentucky, Louisville.....August 19-29.

practical, but we also hope to present such a clear exposition of the principles underlying our educational system as to make it desirable and attractive to those not of our faith.

We also intend to make this magazine of special value to the home life, and it should be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist. From these homes it should go into all other homes where the parents are interested in the education of their children and in their general welfare.

This magazine should be to the educational work what *Life and Health* is to the health work. The spirit of prophecy has said that the work that lies nearest to the church-members is to become interested in the children and youth. Because this is true, our people should be thoroughly informed regarding these educational principles and their practical application.

Wherever there is a church school in existence, or wherever there is one to be established, the church should make an earnest effort to have this magazine thoroughly distributed among the people of the community that they may become well acquainted with our principles in education. The educational work is closely interwoven with that of the gospel, and because of this we will be enabled to bring the last gospel message to the saving knowledge of many through our educational work.

All subscriptions to *Christian Education* should be sent to the *Review and Herald*, or to the State tract society. The price is fifty cents a year; or in clubs of five, to separate addresses if desired, the price is, for the present, thirty-five cents. Subscribe now.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

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THE SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL

Fall Term

THE fall term of the Southern Training School opens September 29. The courses offered for this term have been carefully arranged to meet the needs of the young people of this field.

The catalogue giving full explanation of

plans, cost of tuition, etc., will be sent upon application to the principal, M. B. VanKirk, Graysville, Tenn.

Since this school is the training-school for the Southern and Southeastern Unions it is desired that all the laborers of both unions should encourage the attendance of the young people within this territory.

The school is prepared to carry out the work offered in the courses. Christian teachers of experience have been secured.

The attendance last year was good, and plans have been laid to provide accommodations for all who may attend.

Plan to come in time for the opening, September 29, and be on hand for the organizing of the school.

Those who come would do well to correspond with the school before starting for Graysville. M. B. VAN KIRK.

Principal of School.

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AGENTS' PERIODICAL CORNER

ELIZABETH HENDERSON, twelve years of age, of Wenlock, Wash., sent in an order for the *Watchman* saying, "I like the *Watchman*."

A SISTER from Iowa writes: "The magazines came in fine shape and were all sold before I got home from Terril. . . It demonstrates plainly to my mind that 't is God who gives success in anything we do for his glory and honor."

REPLYING to missionary letters and *Gospel Sentinel* sent by a member of the Nashville Young People's Society, a gentleman writes:—

"I received several copies of the *Gospel Sentinel* and have them sewed together in book form. We read them with interest. The doctrines they advocate are different from our belief. But they have good information in them and we enjoy reading them. I never knew anything about that denomination until I got those papers. I never was associated with any of its people. But I'm not a selfish Christian. I love true religion, and I like to read religious opinions for information. I want your paper longer."

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REPORT OF WATCHMAN SALES

For Two Week's Ending Aug. 6, 1909

Agent	Place	Value
Sophie Christopher	Ashland, Wis	\$50.00
Mrs A. E. Brensinger	Washington, D.C.	5.70
Miss Effie Nelson	Birmingham, Ala	75.00
Elma Lyons	Mapleton, Ia.	2.50
N A Reiber	Brunswick, Ga.	5.00
W J Keele	Tennessee	17.80

Total \$156.00

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"It is unwise for us to hurry God. We ask for guidance, and because it does not come before we have ceased asking, we distrust God. That is not wise. The slowness of God is the safety of man."

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Treasurer's Report for July, 1909

TITHES

Nashville No 1.....	\$720.48
Memphis No. 1.....	224.61
Madison	207.00
Cedar Grove	55.52
Lane	27.50
Paducah	12.74
Leach	11.55
Springville	8.51
Jackson	4.06
Individual	2.65
Total Tithe	1274.62

OFFERINGS

Mid-summer Offering	\$86.51
Sabbath-school Offerings	56.67
Foreign Missions	40.25
Annual Offering	14.00
First-Day Offerings	11.70
Orphans	3.67
Thanksgiving Ingathering	3.40
Huntsville Sanitarium	2.50
Rock City Sanitarium (Colored).....	2.50

Total Offerings \$221.20

THOS. E. PAVEY, Treas.

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A SINKING SUN

IN the *Southern Cross*, a religious paper of Australia, is an article by the bishop of Durham, the title of which is *How May We Stay a Sinking Sun?* This "sinking sun" is England. Among the things which indicate a decline, Bishop Durham speaks of the decaying home, marked by the discontinuance of family prayer, marked by lack of attendance at public worship. The decline is marked also under a wide-spread decay of the sense of duty.

What is true in England is true also in America. He closes with these thoughts: "The sun of England has passed its noon. Is it to sink into the clouds and go down behind the dark hills of time? It need not. The spiritual sky is independent of mechanical law. The Lord may yet bid our dear land shine in purer light, and from a higher point than ever, but I think that if he does, it will be in answer to the voice of man. It will be because his servants heart by heart, home by home, not in words only, but in life, call aloud to him to stay the setting." The great question is, Will they call upon him, when under the teaching of higher criticism the "Him" is no more than any man.—*Signs of the Times*.

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THE suffering from heat in the great cities of the East has been at times intense. People have slept on platforms of fire-escapes, on the roofs of buildings, in the city hall colonnade, on the beach. Barefooted boys and girls wade in the water when the streets are flushed, and follow the ice wagons, while the horses are sprayed. O why do not many of these victims of misery get out into God's free country?—*Signs of the Times*.