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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

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"We look for a city whose



builder and maker is God"

## A SINGLE SOUL

"RUTH, I have tickets for the concert of the bell-ringers on Wednesday night. Can you go?" Alice said to a friend, as she stopped at her gate.

"It is prayer-meeting night."

"I know; but they sail for Europe Friday night, and this is their last concert."

"But I never stay away from prayer-meeting for anything."

"But this is a sacred concert—and only once. We can worship just as well there."

So, reluctantly, against her convictions, Ruth consented.

That night the girl dreamed that an angel in shining raiment stood beside her, and asked gently, "Where are you going to-morrow night?"

And she answered, "I thought I would go to the concert." Then the angel said sadly, "Have you so little appreciation of the value of a single soul?"

Vividly the vision came back to Ruth the next morning, as she lay, saying softly to herself, wondering what it could mean, "So little appreciation of the value of a single soul."

She decided that she must take back her promise to attend the concert, and go to the prayer-meeting.

Ruth sat in the house of prayer with a strange joy in her soul, singing:—

"Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;

Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of Thee; Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity."

As the music ceased, the girl sprang impulsively to her feet. "I meant to hear the bell-ringers to-night," she said, "but decided that I would rather come to prayer-meeting; and I am happier here than I should have been at the concert, and I am sure no music could be sweeter to me than the hymn we have just sung."

As the hour for closing drew near, the pastor arose, and invited any who would give themselves to Christ to come forward.

As he waited, in silence, a lady in mourning walked slowly up the aisle, and kneeling, was shown the way of salvation.

When the service was ended, a friend came to Ruth, and said, "The lady who went forward wishes to be introduced to you."

Much astonished, the girl went to receive the introduction to Mrs. Walters.

"I wanted to tell you," the lady said, "that I owe the fact of my being a Christian to-night to your testimony. I have not been inside of a church for ten years. I came here to please a friend; and when you said you would give up a concert for a prayer-meeting, and that no music could be sweeter to you than the hymn,

"Jesus, lover of my soul,"

I thought to myself, 'There must be something in religion, and I am going to have it.' So I wish to thank you that it is because of your testimony that I shall go home to-night a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Ruth held out her hand, and pressed gratefully that of her new friend.

She knew now the meaning of the angel's message:

She could not tell Mrs. Walters how near she had come to proving recreant to her trust, nor of the dream that had influenced her in the true direction, so she answered simply: "I thank you for telling me this. I shall never forget it."

Yet she little guessed what cause she would always have to remember it.

Ruth's home was close beside the railroad track. About midnight she was awakened by a horrible crashing sound. Looking from the window she could see where the midnight express and the 11:30 freight had collided.

The frantic cries of the frightened, and the piercing shrieks of the wounded, made her shudder. But she bravely put away all thoughts of self, and, calling her father, was soon ready to go with him to the rescue. And the first face that looked into hers, as she stood beside the burning train, was that of Mrs. Walters. Pale and peaceful it was, though showing how intensely she suffered. She was extricated and borne to Ruth's home. The power of speech was almost gone. She rallied a little as they laid her on Ruth's couch. Taking Ruth's hand, and pressing it to her lips, she whispered, feebly: "Child, I'm going—it was my last chance—what if you had not spoken—what if I had not taken it?"

And kneeling there, beside the dead, the tears raining down her face, Ruth promised her Father always to do her duty; always to give her testimony; always to appreciate the value of A SINGLE SOUL.—*Mrs. A. C. Morrow.*

### IT TAKES BUT LITTLE

WE onward go in life's hurried rush,  
And seldom stop with a solemn hush  
To think how little to make one glad,  
Alas, how little to make one sad.  
Alas! Alas!

A bitter word from the lips held dear,  
A scornful smile—then a scalding tear,  
And life has changed—the gold departed,  
And one stands pale and broken-hearted,  
Alas! Alas!

It takes but little, O soul, below,  
To lift another from depths of woe,  
The warm, close clasp of a friendly hand,  
A smile from one we can understand.  
O joy! O joy!

It lifts the burden, the doubt, the fear;  
It makes the far seem present and near;  
It hope inspires and comforts the soul,  
And helps us attain to life's great goal.  
Be kind! Be kind!

ELIZA H. MORTON.

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

Book and periodical sales for week ending September 9: books, 684; *Watchman*, 6,133; *Gospel Sentinel*, 2,700.

We are glad to report that the second car-load of books consigned to the Fort Worth branch left here Friday afternoon. These two car-loads aggregate a total weight of 55,700 pounds. These books are to be distributed in the Southwestern Union Conference, and represent orders taken by our canvassers. Surely this message is going with power, and our workers in the field are putting in long hours, and suffering many hardships and privations, but the Lord is blessing their efforts.

In a letter received from Brother Randall he gives us a few canvassers' experiences that we believe will be of interest. The first one is from a worker in southern Florida: "I wrote you I was going to try to beat all my previous records in one day's work. Well, I did it as follows: My first call

was at a grocery store where I secured two orders for 'Practical Guide' at \$3.00. At my next call I secured a \$1.50 order for 'Past, Present, and Future.' The third call failed to bring an order. Then I saw a gang of men at work, and I told the boss that if he would get the men together at dinner, and would help me deliver the books and get the pay, I would present him with a copy of 'Practical Guide' if successful in taking orders. I gave a canvass and took four three-dollar orders, then took out my 'Past, Present, and Future' prospectus, and booked eleven more orders. I believe there were twenty-three men in this gang, from whom I secured fifteen orders, valued at \$33.50. This was accomplished in about one hour. In my next exhibition I took seven orders, then went to the boiler house and took four more orders. At the power house I took a \$2.00 order. Finishing my work at 4:30 P.M., I returned to the boarding house and sang hymns with the landlord and his wife. To sum up my day's work I gave eight exhibitions, and took thirty orders, valued at \$57.75. I praise the Lord for this success. I think I must have about three hundred dollars' worth of orders to deliver September 5, 12, and 19.

"I am glad I am here, and at my right kind of employment. I would not care to change places with any one in the denomination. My health is good in every respect, and I have never felt better. I have not felt younger in the last twenty years."

The above report is sent in by Brother Dyer, and we are reminded of Ps. 103: 5: "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Brethren, the Lord is surely in this work, for Brother Randall goes on to say that they have had many such reports from Brother Dyer, in fact he had sent only good reports for a number of weeks. He further says, "Under date of August 7 he reported a considerable portion of the previous week spent in delivering. He canvassed, however, 31½ hours, taking fifty orders for 'Past, Present, and Future' and 'Practical Guide,' amounting to one hundred nine dollars in all. These were all taken after 1 P.M. Tuesday, and he worked only six hours Friday. He is canvassing in territory that was worked last March, and says that there is no such thing as running out of work. He took orders to the value of \$41.57 in one day."

Brother Randall continuing says, "I might mention many other splendid reports which have been made by our workers in the last few weeks. Here is one, 'Monday, twelve hours; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each fourteen hours; Friday, nine hours; total, sixty-three hours.' When I saw Brother Kerley at Kearnerville the other day, I told him that I thought that was putting in pretty good time. 'Yes, that was the week I could not find any place to stay over night, so slept in straw stacks. I took seven orders that week before breakfast.'"

This experience reminds us of the experience of Christ. The Son of Man had not where to lay his head. And we as Christians are to be Christlike, and must expect to have many experiences similar to those of Christ. In closing, Brother Randall makes some significant statements: "To say that the work is moving steadily does not express the truth of the matter. The book work in our field is being blessed of Heaven in a very material manner. And yet, as we look at the map and locate our workers, we find them usually a hundred miles or more apart with frequent jumps of several hundred miles. We could place twenty times as many canvassers in our territory and then have scores and scores of counties without a worker. Certainly such a situation as this cries mightily to God. My prayer is that we may find many workers to labor in these unentered counties."

Brethren and sisters, the situation in the Southeastern Un-

ion Conference is duplicated in the Southern and Southwestern union conferences. The harvest truly is great, and the laborers are few. We surely have much to thank God for in the way the Lord is blessing our book and periodical work, but there should be one hundred engaged in this work where there is now only one. To our minds this takes in every member of the church. We are called to be witnesses, and if we are rightly related to the work we shall be co-workers with God. May the sweet influence of the Spirit of God impress our brethren and sisters everywhere to determine to answer the call for laborers, and go out into the harvest-field when the time is ripe, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Sister Mamie Moore, one of our faithful canvassers, recently wrote us that she had secured a room in the home of one of the ladies who came into the truth through reading the book "Daniel and the Revelation," which she sold. What a satisfaction this must be to our faithful workers everywhere to know definitely that they have been the means of taking the truth to those who sit in darkness. And this is the privilege of our canvassers everywhere.

In a recent letter from Brother Pierce, manager of our Western Branch, he writes, "We are busy, BUSY, BUSY." We can make the same report from the home office, and judging from the reports coming from Atlanta and New Orleans we are all busy, and we feel to praise God for the success he is giving the workers everywhere. Pray for us, brethren and sisters, that we may remain close to God, not trusting in self, but earnestly seeking God for wisdom to carry on the work in the way that will be acceptable to him.

Brother Osterman, one of our Alabama canvassers, writes as follows: "Dear Brethren: It affords me great pleasure in sending a few lines to the Southern Publishing Association in order that you may know the special blessings which the Lord is bestowing upon me. I feel indeed rich in faith, although I meet with fiery trials sometimes. My deepest regret is that I will soon have to leave the field for school; my stay in the field has been an education of the highest school, whose teacher is the Holy Spirit. I have learned to rely more upon the Lord. Before leaving the field I shall write an article and send it to be published. I desire the petition of the brethren in behalf of the canvassers, for we are out on the battle front."

We remember our canvassers daily at the throne of grace, and there is power in prayer, and the Lord will hear and answer these prayers, because we are asking that success attend his work—not the work of any man or company of men, but the work of God.

In a letter from Brother E. R. Palmer, acknowledging receipt of a letter from this office, in which we reported the progress of the work, he answers as follows:—

"We appreciate very much getting such good encouraging write-ups from our publishing houses. Really, Brother Hook, they are a strong factor in the upbuilding of our publishing work. I wish we could get many more such reports. There is nothing that encourages our people more than reading reports of actual success. If I am an accurate observer in this particular, it is true that our people are encouraged more by reading that, for the first time in our experience, it was necessary to charter a car for shipping books from the publishing house to one of its branches, than by reading any amount of untried plans and theories. The story of real success, and of the progress of God's work, stir to further work, and give our people heart and confidence."

We believe that Brother Palmer struck the key-note when he said that reports of progress and deeds accomplished give our people heart and confidence, and we trust our workers all over the field will answer the many appeals we have made for

short, pithy items regarding their experiences. The work is still onward, and we are of good courage.

Brother Royer is convalescing and was able to sit up yesterday, and will probably be taken out in a wheel-chair in a day or two. We feel to thank God that Brother Royer is improving in health, for many prayers have been offered in his behalf, and we believe they have been answered.

Brother A. L. Nay was agreeably surprised last night to receive a visit from his son, who had not been at home for the past eleven years. This son is engaged in the grocery business in Battle Creek, Michigan, and has been down in Florida, stopping in Nashville on his return North.

Elder C. N. Martin was a visitor at the office this morning, passing through on his way home from the Mississippi camp-meeting. We also understand that Elder C. F. McVagh has returned after a long absence attending the several camp-meetings of the Southern Union Conference.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSN.

R. Hook Jr, General Manager.

Alabama Conference

TREASURER'S REPORT

TITLE FOR AUGUST

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Citronelle .....  | \$ 15 50 |
| Birmingham .....  | 51 35    |
| Individuals ..... | 35 67    |
| Mobile .....      | 24 31    |
| Montgomery .....  | 32 50    |
| Old Paths .....   | 17 10    |
| Marlow .....      | 4 87     |
| Attalla .....     | 3 98     |
| Total .....       | \$185 28 |

MRS. HELEN M. KEATE, Treas.

MAGAZINE AGENT'S REPORT

|                          |               |      |       |         |
|--------------------------|---------------|------|-------|---------|
| Agents                   | Papers        | Hrs. | Ords. | Delvd.  |
| Effie Nelson .....       | L&H           | 77   | 400   | \$40 00 |
| Gurdine Hurley .....     | W, L&H, MISC  |      |       | 22 40   |
| Lou Jennie McElroy ..... | W, SIGNS, L&H |      |       | 30 00   |
| Totals .....             |               | 77   | 400   | \$92 40 |

R. I. KEATE, Fort Payne.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1910

|                          | Membership | Offerings | Missions |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Elkwood .....            | 20         | \$ 15 03  | \$ 15 03 |
| Wooley Springs .....     | 15         | 9 04      | 9 04     |
| Silverhill .....         | 20         | 20 06     | 20 06    |
| Attalla .....            | 8          | 5 90      | 5 90     |
| Cullman .....            | 9          | 24 90     | 24 90    |
| Citronelle .....         | 8          | 25 69     | 25 69    |
| Birmingham .....         | 15         | 39 67     | 39 67    |
| Montgomery .....         | 4          | 17 97     | 17 97    |
| Oak Level .....          | 18         | 6 97      | 6 97     |
| Marlow .....             | 27         | 54 04     | 54 04    |
| Old Paths .....          | 25         | 16 89     | 16 89    |
| Tuscumbia (1 term) ..... | 13         | 4 00      | 4 00     |
| Mobile .....             | 4          | 5 85      | 5 85     |
| Pensacola .....          | 5          | 6 60      | 6 60     |
| Sulphur Springs .....    | 8          | 3 25      | 3 25     |
| Home Schools .....       | 39         | 72 43     | 72 43    |
| Totals .....             | 238        | \$328 29  | \$328 29 |

MRS. HELEN M. KEATE, S. S. Secretary.

## Kentucky Conference

### NOTICE

I WISH to inform our canvassers, magazine workers, and all interested persons that my future address will be 425 E. 6th St., Lexington, Ky.

C. F. DART.

Field Missionary Agent.

### MAGAZINE AGENT'S REPORT

For week ending August 20, 1910

| Agents  | Papers | Hrs. | Ords. | Delvd.  |
|---------|--------|------|-------|---------|
| M Adams | W, L&H | 14   | 105   | \$10 50 |
| A Adams | W, L&H | 14   | 105   | 10 50   |
| Totals  |        | 28   | 210   | \$21 00 |

## Louisiana Conference

### NOTES FOR AUGUST

BRETHREN Hanson, Frank, and Spear, at Rayville report good meetings and expect good results. Elder Saxby is back in New Orleans at work. Brother J. J. Jobe of New Mexico, has been lately added to the New Orleans company of workers.

At New Orleans \$175.00 and at Welsh \$185.00 have been pledged on the \$300,000-fund. Let every member in the State begin to plan to pay at least five dollars into this fund. Send all money to Elder E. H. Rees, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

The weather has been extremely hot, and Sister Goodwyn has not been in the best of health, yet she reports good work done this month.

How about your pledges to the tent fund? We need a little money on these as the accounts are coming due.

Several of the members have asked, "Why do not our workers report more?" I pass the question on to the workers.

E. L. MAXWELL.

### NEW ORLEANS

THE following are some experiences with our Chinese paper—*Signs of the Times* Monthly:—

I took one to a laundry shop on Magasine Street, and finding no one in, left it behind the grating. The next issue was left with a Chinaman standing within the "grate"; and, when the third was offered the busy Mongolian roughly snapped out, "Tak-away—do' want—do' want," making impatient gestures and corresponding grimaces.

I next tried another shop on the same street. "Would you like to read a good paper this morning?" "No," he snapped out impatiently, but his negro wife said softly, "I think he'll read it," and reached her hand through the grating to receive it.

Then I tried one on Marengo Street, and he was quite civil and said he would read it. Some weeks after I returned with another and asked how he liked the paper. He said he enjoyed it, so I gave him another. I asked if he could read English. He said he could not. Then I asked if he wanted some one to teach him, but he said he was too old to go to school.

The July issue was next presented to him. Judging from the contents, it was fine, having in it something on the Sabbath, Second Advent, Seventh-day Adventists, Who Are They?, and something on tobacco. The burly Chinaman was calmly seated in a rocking chair smoking his pipe when I entered the shop. I asked if he liked the other paper. He said he did. I asked if he ever read the Bible. He said he did, and showed me one in Chinese. He is a Baptist and enjoys

the papers. Who knows but that he may be moved upon by the Holy Spirit to obey God's truth. Let us pray for this Chinaman that he may walk in the light.

"Behold, these shall come from far: . . . and these from the land of Sinim [China]." Isa. 49: 12.

FRANCES P. GOODWYN.

### SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT

At our late camp-meeting we were kindly granted a day for Sabbath-school work.

As our schools are scattered many miles apart, we do not have the privilege of enjoying Sabbath-school conventions, so this time was chosen for such, with many good papers and short talks on topics important to the Sabbath-school work, of which I trust many practical suggestions were retained by those present, that may be beneficial to our schools the coming year.

Here in this State our schools are small in numbers, there being only four that have a membership of over twenty, while the others only average ten.

Our report the past quarter, ending June 30, 1910, was as follows: Membership, 375; average attendance, 312; donated to missions, \$138.59. This amount shows an increase to missions of \$34.37 over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Our yearly report shows an increase in membership of 111, and in offerings, \$136.94. Our Home Department which is a very important and interesting part of our Sabbath-school work, is in a prosperous condition, all the members enrolled are in touch with the work, corresponding with the secretary, and reporting regularly. This department has a membership of ninety-seven, of which fifty-three are adults and forty-four children.

The past year the secretary has sought to increase in our schools an interest for one another and the message, by sending at the end of each quarter a report to each school and Home Department member. By this means each can catch a glimpse of some of the work being done in all the schools. I am very glad to report that during the past year we have had no expense showing on our Sabbath-school reports. We have had the expense, but found other ways of meeting it, than by the regular Sabbath-school offerings, which are not intended to be used for that purpose, but for missions only.

The primary department the past year has been actively engaged in missionary work under the auspices of the Sabbath-school, but will report their work at another time.

May our schools be the instruments "of saving souls" as the spirit of prophecy says they should be.

MRS. E. H. REES, State S. S. Secretary.

## Tennessee River Conference

### THE CAMP-MEETING

THE Tennessee River camp-meeting held at Huntingdon, Tenn., August 18-28, was, like all the Southern camp-meetings this year, an exceptionally good meeting.

It was the privilege of the writer to be present only three days, namely, the first Sabbath and two days following. But it was evident even thus early in the meeting that the Spirit of the Lord was there.

Elder McVagh, Elder Martin, and the writer were the only ministers present representing the union conference. Elder McVagh was present from the beginning of the meeting, Thursday evening, until the following Wednesday morning, when he left to attend an important meeting at Huntsville, Ala. Elder Martin remained throughout the entire meeting. Elder W. S.

Lowry, of Mississippi, was present during the entire meeting.

The educational interests were looked after by Professor Van Kirk, educational secretary of the union conference, and Professor Attebury, principal of the Hazel Academy and educational secretary of the Tennessee River Conference. Professor Van Kirk was present only one day, near the close of the meeting.

The preaching was largely of a practical character. The need of a deeper consecration for service was dwelt upon, and many renewed their baptismal vows, and some were, it is hoped, soundly converted.

The business of the conference passed off very quietly, and the outlook is hopeful. The Lord is only waiting until we are ready to receive before he gives us abundantly of his blessing. May the renewed consecration made by so many at the camp-meeting deepen from day to day, and may it speedily reach that point at which the Lord can take full possession of every heart and give victory in every conflict and in every effort put forth for the spread of his truth and the finishing of his work.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

### CONFERENCE AND CAMP-MEETING

THE twenty-third annual session of the Tennessee River Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Huntingdon, Tenn., August 18-28. About one hundred and seventy-five persons were present, and all seemed to enjoy the meeting very much. Many expressed themselves as having enjoyed the meeting more than any other they had ever attended. The Lord was present from the beginning, and we enjoyed many rich blessings from his hand. On the last day of the meeting, ten souls were buried with their Lord in baptism; two others will receive the ordinance of baptism at their homes.

There was a large attendance from the city from the first, and several expressed themselves as deeply interested. About seven hundred were present at the last meeting.

Besides our regular conference workers there were present, Elders C. F. McVagh, W. S. Lowry, C. N. Martin, C. P. Bollman, Prof. M. V. Van Kirk, and Brother A. F. Harrison.

A meeting of the conference was held each day except Sabbath, and the interests of the work were duly considered. All seemed to realize the shortness of time and the great work to be done, and seemed more determined than ever to make the coming year the banner year in all lines of the work. The old-time missionary work is to be revived, and the tract society is to do more in the scattering of the truth for this time.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

1. Acknowledging the hand of God in the prosperity of the work in our conference the past year, we hereby pledge ourselves to more consecrated efforts in the cause of present truth.

*Whereas*, There is reason to believe that not all of our church-members are paying an honest tithe, and,

*Whereas*, The gifts and offerings to foreign missions and other special funds are not in proportion to the needs of the work thereby supported, or the ability of our people to give, therefore,

2. *Resolved*, That more earnest efforts be made to arouse our members to greater faithfulness and liberality in these matters.

3. *Resolved*, That we urge all church officers and ministers to keep the matter of the \$300,000-fund before our people until the full amount has been paid in and forwarded to the Mission Board.

4. *Resolved*, That we renew our endorsement of the ten-cent-a-week plan and put forth greater effort to bring our

offerings to missions to at least an average of five dollars and twenty cents a member for the year 1910.

5. *Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the general Sanitarium Relief Campaign and urge every Seventh-day Adventist in the Tennessee River Conference to co-operate by selling, during 1910, at least two copies of "Ministry of Healing" and five copies of *Life and Health* for the benefit of the Nashville Sanitarium.

*Whereas*, Experience has proved that young persons who have been trained in our denominational schools are by far the most successful and efficient workers in all lines of our denominational interests, therefore,

6. *Resolved*, That we urge all parents having children of proper age to send them to the Hazel Industrial Academy, and in cases where suitable young persons are found in our churches who are unable to attend that school without assistance, we urge that such be assisted by the churches to which they belong.

*Whereas*, The Nashville church is situated in one of the largest cities in the South and constitutes approximately one third of the total membership of the conference, and is, therefore, an important factor in its financial support, and whereas there is situated in close proximity to the Nashville church our two largest institutions in the union conference, and,

*Whereas*, There is pressing need of earnest, diligent work in behalf of the spiritual interests of both the church, the institutions, and the public in that city and vicinity, therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That a strong, competent pastor be appointed to devote his entire time to labor in that part of the conference.

*Whereas*, The present location of the conference office is far from the center of its field and the larger part of its membership, necessitating longer delays than necessary in transacting business with local churches and canvassers, and,

*Whereas*, The business and other interests of all concerned could be better served from a more central place, therefore,

8. *Resolved*, That the conference office be removed to Nashville.

*Whereas*, Our Sabbath-schools need the blessed inspiration of a real burden for mission fields, while opportunities to spread the message in foreign lands are multiplying faster than the means; and,

*Whereas*, A large number of schools in the Tennessee River Conference have responded to the action of the late General Conference by giving all their Sabbath-school donations to missions.

9. *We recommend*, That this policy be adopted in all our schools and that no school permit its record to lower the standard by the use of any of the regular donations for anything but mission work, thus gaining for us a place with our sister conferences upon the Sabbath-school Department "honor-roll."

*Whereas*, The *Sabbath School Worker* is not only a molding factor in our Sabbath-schools and the medium whereby Sabbath-school laborers are kept in touch with progressive methods, but also gives invaluable help to teachers and pupils of all ages, through the excellent helps provided on current lessons, therefore,

10. *We recommend*, That the officers and teachers of every Sabbath-school, and also the Home Department members, take this journal and make practical use of it in their work.

*Whereas*, Many Sabbath-school officers and teachers have had very meager advantages for training in their work, therefore,

11. (a) *We recommend*, Our officers and teachers to take advantage of the training offered in the Sabbath-school Teachers' Reading Course, by securing the pamphlets now used in

this course, and carefully following the studies as outlined in the *Sabbath School Worker*.

(b) *We request*, That the General Conference Sabbath School Department make the Reading Course a permanent one, and suggest from time to time such books and leaflets as may be helpful to Sabbath-school workers.

*Whereas*, The circulation of our books and periodicals is one of the most important and effective means of getting the truth for these times before the people, and whereas, much more might, could, and should be done than is now being accomplished, therefore,

12. *Resolved*, That it shall be a part of the duty of each conference laborer and church elder to put forth earnest efforts to encourage suitable persons to engage in the sale of our literature, and that the conference shall make adequate provisions to train such persons to do successful work.

*Whereas*, The shortness of time, the magnitude of the work to be accomplished, the development of talent, the strengthening of local churches and individual members, and the faithful discharge of our moral responsibilities, demand that every talent be brought into use and every believer be actively engaged in the work, therefore,

13. (a) *Resolved*, That the old-time tract and missionary work be revived among the churches and isolated members of the conference, and that it shall be the duty of the tract society secretary to take the oversight of this work, to correspond with the local churches and isolated members, encouraging and instructing them how to distribute literature, conduct missionary correspondence, do Bible work, etc., and in other ways to co-operate with the union conference corresponding secretary in every way to forward this much neglected work, and further,

(b) *Resolved*, That the ministers of the conference when visiting churches shall make the building up of this branch of the work a part of their work, by encouraging and instructing the church-members along these lines, and assisting in organizing the work.

14. *We recommend*, That funds be raised by donations, at once, to pay off our tent and camp-meeting deficit.

15. *Resolved*, That we extend our thanks to the citizens of Huntingdon and vicinity for their kindness and regular attendance at our meetings.

16. *Resolved*, That we send to the officials of the N. C., & St. L. R. R., thanks for the favors granted and the prompt service rendered us during the time of our camp-meeting at Huntingdon.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Eld. W. R. Burrow; secretary and treasurer, Thos. E. Pavey; secretary tract and missionary society, Thos. E. Pavey; field missionary agent, C. D. Wolff; religious liberty secretary, Elder J. S. Washburn; medical secretary, Dr. W. A. George; educational secretary, Prof. A. N. Atteberry; secretary young people's work, A. N. Atteberry; secretary Sabbath-school department, Mrs. C. F. Parmele; executive committee, W. R. Burrow, R. M. Kilgore, J. S. Washburn, A. H. Jones, C. D. Wolff, C. F. Parmele, A. N. Atteberry.

May we every one realize the magnitude of the work, and may we do all in our power to carry out our resolutions. If we do this, I am sure we will see great advancement during the year, not only will souls be brought into the truth, but we will every one become stronger for having used our talents.

THOS. E. PAVEY, *Secretary*.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1910**

TITLE

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Memphis .....   | \$189 39 |
| Nashville ..... | 140 00   |
| Lane .....      | 40 03    |

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Hazel .....        | 31 98           |
| Trezevant .....    | 27 50           |
| Springville .....  | 27 40           |
| Paducah .....      | 19 41           |
| Leach .....        | 7 54            |
| Individuals .....  | 6 00            |
| Jackson .....      | 2 94            |
| Hustburg .....     | 1 26            |
| <b>Total .....</b> | <b>\$493 45</b> |

OFFERINGS

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| \$300,000-Fund .....             | \$ 53 30        |
| S. S. Donations .....            | 50 38           |
| Midsummer Offering .....         | 17 13           |
| First-day Offerings .....        | 5 68            |
| Ingathering .....                | 2 25            |
| Second-Sabbath Offering .....    | 2 22            |
| Tent and Camp-meeting Fund ..... | 143 63          |
| Canvassers' Fund .....           | 5 45            |
| <b>Total .....</b>               | <b>\$280 04</b> |

THOS. E. PAVEY, *Treas.*

**Our Schools**

**SELF-SUPPORTING SCHOOLS**

THE third annual convention of self-supporting Southern workers was called to order by Prof. E. A. Sutherland, in Gotzain Hall, at the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, on Friday evening, August 26, 1910. A large company filled the assembly hall at the first meeting, and increased until Sunday p.m. when there were over 150 people in attendance. Many of these were delegates from highland schools. Those who were in attendance say it was the best convention yet held in the interest of this work. The Spirit of God was present, and men and women were inspired with new courage.

Dr. David Paulson, of the Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Illinois, spent Sabbath and Sunday with the convention held at Madison. He gave cheering experiences of self-supporting city medical missionary workers in Chicago and very timely instruction to Southern workers.

Dr. O. M. Hayward and wife, of Chattanooga, attended the convention at Madison. Both Dr. and Mrs. Hayward are deeply interested in the rural industrial school problems, having been personally connected with this work, and the instruction given by them along medical missionary lines was deeply appreciated.

From North Carolina came Prof. A. W. Spaulding and Mrs. S. Brownsberger, of the new training school located at Naples, near Asheville. Elder J. O. Johnston of the Eufola Agricultural and Mechanical Academy was also in attendance at the convention. These school men are having interesting experiences in self-supporting work, and God is blessing their efforts.

At the close of the convention Brother Charles Franz and wife, students for the past year of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, left for Michigan preparatory to going to Cuba in December to engage in self-supporting school work.

There are already several self-supporting schools in the island and it is now the purpose to open a small training-school for the benefit of teachers from the States. The Spanish language will be taught, and Cuban customs, methods of soil cultivation, and kindred practical subjects.

Sister A. F. Burgos, a Cuban by birth, has been attending the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute during the summer, and will join the Cuban workers in January as their instructor in the Spanish language.



### OPENING OF THE SOUTHERN TRAINING SCHOOL

THE fall term of the Southern Training School opens at nine o'clock A.M., Wednesday, September 14, 1910. The courses offered for this term are outlined in the calendar which will be mailed to any one desiring the same.

Our present curriculum covers a wide range of subjects which experience has proved to be of value in the training offered to workers in this field. The school year is at present divided into three terms of three months each. We solicit correspondence from those who may be interested in securing an education. Graysville is a quiet, pleasant place in which to live, and conditions which make the securing of an education agreeable are as nearly ideal as are usually found.

Work on the boys' new dormitory is progressing rapidly, and when it is completed the school will be able to offer the best facilities to take care of our young people that have ever been possible.

We offer the following courses: Literary, Scientific, Normal, Commercial, and Shorthand. Students who do not wish to pursue a regular course will be allowed to make such selections as is deemed wise in consultation with the principal.

Remember the date: September 14, 1910.

M. B. VAN KIRK, *Principal.*

Graysville, Tenn.

### General

[From a private letter just received from Elder A. G. Daniells, we quote the following items, and feel sure our readers will appreciate them:—]

"THE camp-meeting in Battle Creek was the first that has been held in that city for many years. The brethren and sisters from the surrounding churches turned out well, and with the large membership of the Battle Creek church, made one of the largest camp-meetings I have attended for many years. In order to accommodate the people, it was necessary to erect the old Michigan pavilion which, I understand, is the largest in the denomination. It has not been used for many years until on this occasion. The Battle Creek brethren and sisters seemed very happy to have so many Sabbath-keepers and ministers with them once more. This camp-meeting will no doubt prove a real blessing to the work in Battle Creek.

"The Indiana camp-meeting was one of the largest and best in the history of that conference. The camp was beautifully located, the weather was pleasant, and our people thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. The blessing of the Lord was with us from the beginning to the close.

"We had some good meetings in the West. On my way I spent two days at the Ohio camp-meeting. Here I found the largest attendance of our people in the history of the Ohio Conference. The brethren and sisters seemed to be of excellent courage, and we had excellent meetings while I was there."

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### CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending September 3, 1910

#### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

| NAME                | Book | Hrs. | Ords. | Value    | Helps    | Total    | Delivered |
|---------------------|------|------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| W A Nelson...PPF    | 48   | 58   |       | \$115 50 | \$ 22 10 | \$137 60 | \$ 1 00   |
| A L Kiehnhoff...PPF | 40   | 42   |       | 76 75    | 45 15    | 121 90   |           |
| B Griffith.....BFL  | 54   | 51   |       | 76 50    | 50       | 77 00    | 50        |
| O A Prieger....PPF  | 51   | 33   |       | 55 50    | 1 50     | 57 00    | 50        |
| R Roberts.....BFL   | 22   | 15   |       | 22 50    | 15 00    | 37 50    | 2 50      |
| M L Ivory....BFL    | 62   | 18   |       | 27 00    | 4 50     | 31 50    | 9 00      |
| Geo W Brown..BFL    | 45   | 11   |       | 11 50    | 10 00    | 21 50    | 2 50      |
| Alex Osterman BFL   | 56   |      |       |          |          |          | 35 00     |
| Indiana Bains .PPF  | 7    | 3    |       | 4 50     |          | 4 50     |           |
| J F Burke.....PPF   |      |      |       | 5 50     |          | 5 50     |           |
| E H Haynes....PPF   |      | 1    |       | 2 00     |          | 2 00     |           |
| C H Cochran .PPF    |      | 2    |       | 4 00     |          | 4 00     |           |
| Ben J Johnson.PPF   |      | 1    |       | 2 00     |          | 2 00     |           |

#### MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

|                  |    |   |  |      |    |      |       |
|------------------|----|---|--|------|----|------|-------|
| W H Haddon...BFL | 28 |   |  |      |    |      | 31 00 |
| J S Fry.....D&R  | 6  | 1 |  | 2 00 | 50 | 2 50 | 7 00  |

#### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

|                    |    |    |  |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------|----|----|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| L P Broussard..BFL | 16 | 5  |  | 5 00  | 1 25  | 6 25  | 1 25  |
| G Jorgenson .PPF   | 50 | 22 |  | 20 00 | 10 75 | 30 75 | 13 25 |
| J Harzman.....GC   | 52 | 13 |  | 41 00 | 5 25  | 46 25 | 5 25  |
| Daisy L Berry..D&R | 12 |    |  |       |       |       | 42 85 |
| Gordon ReynoldsPPF | 11 | 5  |  | 7 50  |       | 7 50  | 1 50  |
| I T Reynolds...PPF | 15 | 11 |  | 17 50 |       | 17 50 | 9 00  |

#### SUMMARY

|                             |     |     |  |        |       |        |       |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|--|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| Alabama Conf.....           | 386 | 238 |  | 403 25 | 98 75 | 502 00 | 51 00 |
| Kentucky Conf—No report.    |     |     |  |        |       |        |       |
| Louisiana Conf....          | 156 | 56  |  | 91 00  | 17 25 | 108 25 | 73 10 |
| Mississippi Conf...         | 34  | 1   |  | 2 00   | 50    | 2 50   | 38 00 |
| Tenn. River Conf—No report. |     |     |  |        |       |        |       |

Totals ..... 576 295 496 25 116 50 612 75 162 10

As our readers study the canvassing report they will not fail to notice that it is unusually small. There are two reasons for this. First, Kentucky has been holding its camp-meeting; and second, the work in the Tennessee River Conference is being reorganized on account of the change in canvassing agents made at the last conference held at Huntingdon. We look for good reports from these two conferences next week.

with \$5 shipments. This offer is the most liberal we have ever made and will positively be withdrawn October 25th. Do not miss it.

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### NASHVILLE AGRICULTURAL AND NORMAL INSTITUTE

THE annual meeting of the constituency of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute corporation will be held at 9:00 A.M. Monday, September 19, in the Gotzian Hall building on the Institute grounds. At this time the report of the treasurer will be read, and such other reports as should properly come before the meeting. The Board of Managers for the ensuing year will also be elected.

(Signed) PERCY T. MAGAN, Secretary.

### NEWS AND NOTES

Do not forget that the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses begin in the *Youth's Instructor* of October 4. This is a rare opportunity for young people to be guided in systematic reading of a few carefully selected books. Do not miss it.

Are you a member of the Spare Minute Reading Circle? If not, join now. Read about it in the *Youth's Instructor* of August 23; 30, and September 6, and become acquainted with its objects. Write and ask your missionary volunteer secretary about it, and I feel sure all information will be gladly given and that many will join this educational movement who have not yet done so. Let us realize that when we do take hold our educational advantages will be enlarged.

Let us also remember the reading circle has been formed for the benefit of our home workers, and others, whose otherwise idle moments may be profitably devoted to personal improvement.

**The Forest Fires.**—Revised estimates of the loss of life in the forest fires in the Northwest place the number of dead at more than two hundred. Of these more than one hundred were forest rangers in the employ of the government; the others were settlers and fire-fighters.

"It is reported from Germany that a league has been formed of fashionable women, who by way of protest against the feminine practise of wearing small shoes, have agreed to wear the largest shoes they can possibly get around in. If this means that the German ladies have resolved to wear shoes

that exactly fit their feet, they have displayed real wisdom."

"Are women successful in business? Some are. Witness the Rhode Island girl who took charge of a dairy-farm which was losing money, and in spite of heavy handicaps, turned it into a prosperous concern. She at least knew how to use her college education, and had in addition the 'masculine gift' of long-headedness." (?)

### WE HAVE THE BEST

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### BIRTHDAY CARDS

SABBATH-SCHOOL teachers, show your pupils that you are personally interested in them by remembering their birthdays. One superintendent reports that they use the cards in connection with their birthday box. Whenever a member of the school has a birthday, he contributes to the birthday box as many pennies as he is years old. He is then presented with the Sabbath-school Birthday Card. Very satisfactory results are reported. Give the cards a trial. Price, five cents each, six for twenty-five cents; one hundred for \$3.50. Address Sabbath School Department, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

### IT HELPS OTHERS AND IT WILL HELP YOU

GERTRUDE SIMS: "It seems to me that every number of the *Sabbath School Worker* is still better than the past one, and every one is a real feast."

Dollie Callender: "The *Worker* grows better each month. I don't know really what I would do without it. I can hardly wait from one month to the next for what is coming through the *Worker*."

Mrs. Laura M. Williams: "The influence of the *Worker* is the greatest factor that we have in waking up the Sabbath-schools. If it were not for the *Worker* I am afraid I would not accomplish much, as I go for reference to the copies I have, as often as a student refers to Webster."

PRAYER is so mighty an instrument that no one ever thoroughly mastered all its keys. They sweep over the infinite scale of man's wants and of God's goodness.—Hugh Miller.

"It is no argument that Christ is not in the ship because tempests and storms arise."