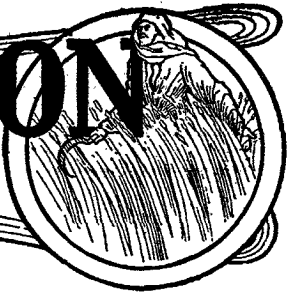


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Gethsemane

Gethsemane — I hear it ringing through the ages past and gone.
Ever it brings the cry of One forsaken and alone,
One who, from glorious entrance to the holy city fair,
Sought the garden's brooding shadows, to wrestle with despair.
After the joyous shouting and plaudits of glad acclaim,
With waving of palms and olives, and praises for his name,
After the flower-strewn pathway, and hosannas loud and clear,
After triumphant greeting, with tribute from his lips held dear,
Come the darkening shadows, the night's sad vigils alone,
Under the weeping olives, forsaken by all his own,
With none to comfort and cheer him, no one to wipe his brow
Of the bloody sweat of his anguish. Alone he endures it now.
Forth from Gethsemane's shadows, whence all forsook him and fled,

O'er the murmuring waters of Kidron, his weary feet are led,
Onward to Calvary's mountain, bearing his cross of shame,
With none to shout "Hosanna," no voice to praise his name.
Upward toward heaven they raise him, this Jesus who freely gave.
Taunting they cry: "Let him come down! Where is his power to save?"

But the bruised reed is broken, the loving heart is still,
And gently they lay his mangled form in the tomb near Calvary's hill.

The crimson, fingers of morning draw back the curtain of night;
And the sun peeping over the top of the world, beholds a wondrous sight.

For the seals of the tomb are broken, the stone has been rolled away,

And only the open sepulcher greets the dawning of the day.
Robed in celestial glory, with face all radiant with light,
The Son of man and Son of God passed from their wondering sight.

Finished the great atonement, the price of a soul has been won,
And the angel's song floats back to earth as heaven receives its own.

But each one who follows the Master must tread the self-same way
From the victory heights of a soul's new birth to the garden lone and gray,

From the bloody sweat of Gethsemane to a Calvary crucified.
Then — the slumber time of that "little while" in the rest of eventide.

But the morning will dawn in splendor, and each heart will respond to his love.

When he calls his own from death's prison house to their home in the mansions above.

—Ruth Less Olson.

Attempt Great Things for God

The Lord has done wonderful things for us in our school work this past year. When we think of it, it seems almost a miracle. Indeed it is a miracle. Over \$14,000 worth of debts liquidated and a farm worth \$14,500 bought and paid for inside of nine months only goes to show the fulfilment of the prophecy which says that the Lord will cut short this work in righteousness.

Years ago Sister White said, "We must provide greater facilities for the education and training of the youth, both white and colored, in the South." She seemed greatly burdened at that time over the work in this field, and in one place exclaimed: "My brethren in the Southern field, I ask you in the name of the Lord God of Israel, to quit you like men. The Lord is at the helm." We have come to the time when we must see rapid work done here. All eyes are turned on this field to see God bring about these miracles, and this is only the beginning. Greater things must be done in the future. Let us not look back on past victories and rest on our oars, but press the battle to the very gates. The enemy has been conquered in a marvelous way this past year. Let us not rest with these victories, however, but press on, and God will give us even greater ones.

I wish all could visit the school at Collegedale and see the spirit that prevails in the hearts of the students and faculty. There is a spirit there of consecration and cooperation that is seldom manifested elsewhere. The school is crowded to its utmost capacity, and yet everybody is happy. Even now the school is being flooded with applications for next year's work. Something must be done to provide accommodations for our young people this coming year.

At a recent meeting of the board, plans were laid to provide facilities whereby our young people could receive the training they so long for, and that hastily, that they might go back into the field to work. After consulting with the general men, it was planned that we ask our people throughout the field to erect a big dormitory for the girls that can accommodate one hundred students, and to have this building erected and dedicated free from debt by the fourteenth of September. It will take \$20,000 to build this dormitory and to put up a dining hall, but, brethren, we are able to do it. Just where the money is coming from I cannot tell at the present time, but I have the conviction, born from watching the work this past year, that it can and will be done. We must go forward by faith, believing that God will do these great things for us. The like of this has never been done before. To lay plans for a dormitory and erect it free from debt and dedicate it inside of nine months is something that will mark a new era in our work. The best of the whole thing is we do not owe a cent on our present plant. Two years ago we would never have dreamed that we could clean up the indebtedness such as was hanging on the Graysville school and buy another farm in the short time we did. Think of raising over \$28,000 in a single year. There is not one of us who feels any poorer for it, and God will certainly open the way before

Life, like war, is a series of mistakes, and he is not the best Christian nor the best general who makes the fewest false steps. He is the best who wins the most splendid victories by the retrieval of mistakes. Forget mistakes; organize victory out of mistakes.—F. W. Robertson.

us if we have faith to go ahead walking on his promises. The work must be done, and we must do it.

The board has considered the matter and have laid definite plans for the presentation of this subject to every single member throughout the union field. They felt they ought to lead out in the sacrifice, and so they headed the list of pledges with \$1,000 that they would become personally responsible for. This does not mean that they will pledge themselves to raise this amount in our churches, but this comes through their own personal efforts and gifts. It was felt that the school also ought to show its interest in this enterprise, and so Sunday a meeting was held at the Southern Junior College at which Elder Paap and Elder Eastman spoke, encouraging the students to take an active part in the accomplishment of this purpose. The students and faculty voted unanimously to make themselves responsible for \$2,000 of this fund. A committee was appointed to nominate officers, and a student movement was inaugurated. Prof. J. S. Marshall was elected president; Miss Sadie Rogers, vice president; Miss Addie May Kalar, secretary; Glen Curtis, assistant secretary; and Charles Bozarth, treasurer. After the election of officers, time was given to Professor Marshall to launch the movement. After making a good talk, he stated that he believed in striking while the iron was hot and that we ought to give the treasurer something to do, so he would like to have a collection taken up just as a sort of first-fruit. He said he had \$5, and Professor Thiel said he had \$5 for it. Then the students responded with \$1, \$2, and \$3 apiece, until after two or three minutes they had over \$30 cash. This does not mean that that is all these persons are going to raise by any means. It was just a little offering to show their interest in the work.

Elder Branson suggested that they make themselves responsible for putting on the roof of this dormitory at \$2,000, so they are getting up a design representing the roof and putting shingles on it so that each shingle will mean \$5. Just as soon as the cash is turned in, the shingles will be colored so as to show the actual amount of cash and the amount of pledges. Six shingles have already been paid for. When I think of the way these students are earning their way through school and then of their liberality in connection with this fund, the desire creeps into my heart stronger than ever before to never rest until this work is accomplished. If a school of only fifty people can make themselves responsible for \$2,000, what ought the rest of us to do out in the field, brethren, who are not burdened with earning our way through school? Energetic plans are already being laid by which this \$2,000 will be raised by the school, and every one there is enthusiastic over it.

In a week or two more definite reports will come in to the WORKER showing the amount received, and our people will be made familiar with the plans and the exact amount raised, so that they may watch the progress of the work at Collegedale. Now, a little over a week after the plan has been launched we have \$3,000 pledged and only \$17,000 yet to get. It can be done, brethren, and let us put our hand to the wheel and push with all our might. God is in this movement, and it will not fail. Let us expect great things of God and attempt great things for him.

L. H. WOOD.

Only imagine what would be the addition to the world's strength and her resources if there were found among us more of what I must call the transformation of courage! If only all the strength, the science, the courage, the genius, the heroism, the brave blood expended in one great battle could be used in accordance with the knowledge and inspiration of God, it would, I believe, transform the whole world! Think what would be accomplished if all that immense noble force we call military courage were devoted, not to the extermination of men, but, as God would have it, in a fearless, devoted contest with the endless woes which overwhelm mankind.—*Selected.*

Plans for the Year

Tuesday evening, the twenty-third, Brother J. W. Davis and family left Nashville for their new field of labor in the Eastern Canadian Union Conference. Brother Davis will occupy the same position in that union that he did in this. We are sure that his many friends in the Southland will miss him. The book sales during the period of Brother Davis' work in the South have greatly increased. Thousands of people have been given the message, and now as he goes to his new field of labor, we know he will have the prayers and best wishes of the people of this Southland.

Brother M. W. Shidler, who was field secretary of the Kansas Conference, has now taken the place of Brother Davis in this field. He is at present holding an institute with Brother Boswell in the Louisiana Conference. Brother Shidler comes to us well recommended by those who have known him in the past, and he enters his work with zeal and courage which we know will bring good results, and we have every reason to believe that the book sales during the coming season will be large.

Elder R. I. Keate, who was pastor of the Birmingham church, has answered the call of the Union Conference Committee to connect with the Home Missionary Department in this union. His address is 1213 N. 23rd St. Birmingham, Ala. Brother Keate is experienced in this line of work and will be of great assistance to the churches in this field.

At the last meeting of the Southern Junior College Board, Prof. Lynn H. Wood was asked to enter the field for the first six months of the year 1917 in the financial interests of the school. It has been decided to build, during the summer, a dormitory for the girls that will accommodate one hundred students. The money must be raised and the buildings completed free of debt before the fourteenth of September. This is an undertaking never before accomplished in the history of the denomination.

As Professor Wood visits the field, we trust everybody will give him hearty support in his undertaking. While Professor Wood is soliciting means, the architect and builder is preparing the plans and making arrangements to secure material as soon as the money is provided. We trust that our people will not only give, but will also pray that the greatest economy possible will be used in the buying and building, and that the lives of those who work may be precious in the sight of the Lord.

S. E. WIGHT.

The Ideal Missionary Volunteer

Our understanding of the word "ideal" is an imaginative conception of, and conformity to, a certain standard of perfection. There is only one standard of perfection for the Christian — the Christ life; and fundamentally there is only one course to pursue to reach that standard. Christ's life was that of an ideal missionary volunteer. The term "Missionary Volunteer" at once suggests those qualities essential to the achievement of idealism in a young person's Christian life. Think of the two words, "Missionary Volunteer," separately. *Missionary* really means service for Christ; service for him every day, all the way through life. *Volunteer* means to offer one's services willingly, never seeking to be excused. Therefore we can see only one standard of perfection, one ideal, for our youth in this young people's movement, that of whole-hearted, willing devotion and service to Christ every day.

This ideal is not all reached in one day, nor in one year, any more than is the development of Christian character. The young person must employ certain agencies, undergo certain training, in order to attain this ideal. These agencies are all found in our Missionary Volunteer movement, which is making the development of the missionary spirit possible in the lives of hundreds of young people in this cause today. Owing to the misconception of the scope of the young people's work in

the minds of many, the strength of this truth has not been so fully realized as it might have been.

The Missionary Volunteer movement deals with every phase of the young person's life in accomplishing the ideal. For convenience rather than for exactness we will divide his life into four phases,—the spiritual, the intellectual, the social, and the missionary—as these have a direct bearing upon the proclamation of this message. We have definite features prepared to foster and develop each one of the four phases. The youth's spiritual life is encouraged by the use of the Morning Watch Calendar, the prayer bands, and the reading of the Bible. His intellectual life is stirred to activity by our educational work, such as the Standard of Attainment, the reading courses, and the training derived from service on the programs rendered by the society. This work in the home churches tends to turn the minds of our young people toward our training schools. Their social life is being more definitely planned for, and possibly offers one of the largest problems in the movement. We are ever urging the youth to follow more closely the principles given through the spirit of prophecy.

The spiritual, educational, and social all bear upon the fourth phase—the missionary. True to its name, the young people's movement is one of gigantic missionary enterprise, and therefore calls for the development of the real missionary spirit. We must diligently cultivate the first three features mentioned in order to make the missionary spirit possible. It is evident that the person who does not pray or observe the Morning Watch, who does not study and read his Bible, who associates with worldly companions, enjoying their evil ways, can never become a missionary if he continues these things; on the contrary, the one who brings into his life prayer, Bible study, and proper associations, will have an inborn passion and love for souls, which will cause him to exclaim, I will give my life, my all, for suffering humanity, whether it be at home or abroad.

So in conclusion let me emphasize the fact that we must recognize our present Missionary Volunteer methods as means to one common end, that of the development of ideal missionaries. Consequently, the ideal Missionary Volunteer will be found observing the Morning Watch, for his life will be the prayer life. The prayer band will find him there. He will endeavor to read his Bible through at least once a year, and earn a Standard of Attainment certificate. He will prefer the Reading Course books to cheap, unwholesome literature; and he will cultivate his taste for the higher kind of music, for any other would be distasteful to him. He will not be found enjoying the company of the pleasure seeker, the boisterous, and uncouth, for he is living with Christ, above worldly things. To the ideal Missionary Volunteer, service for Christ will be the sweetest and most satisfying, and to this end will his energies be spent.—*Chester S. Prout, in the Youth's Instructor.*

Every Christian's Work

Those who would work for the Master may come to him in full assurance of faith; and with meekness and lowliness of spirit, they may enter upon the work that lies directly in their pathway. Do not pass by the little things, and look for a large work. You might do successfully the small work, but fail utterly in attempting a large work, and fall into discouragement. Take hold wherever you see that there is work to be done. Whether you are rich or poor, great or humble, God calls you into active service for him. It will be by doing with your might what your hands find to do, that you will develop talents and aptitude for the work, and it is by neglecting your daily opportunities that you become fruitless and withered.

This is why there are so many fruitless trees in the garden of the Lord. God has given light, and that light is to shine forth to others in good works. It is by communicating light to others that heartfelt pity is cultivated. In this way you mani-

fest to the world the excellency of the power of the grace of God. Every believer is called of God for this very purpose. He is to do his best toward illuminating others by giving his talents of time, influence, ability, and money to the service of God, that the truth may be set before those who are in darkness. The truth must be brought home personally to the hearts of men.

All heaven is in activity, and the angels of God are waiting to cooperate with the human agent who will devise plans whereby souls for whom Christ died may hear the glad tidings of salvation. Every soul has an influence for good or evil. If the soul is sanctified to the service of God and devoted to the work of Christ, the influence will be to gather with Christ. God depends upon the church for the forwarding of his work, and he expects that his professed followers will do their duty as intelligent beings. There is great need that every trained mind, every disciplined intellect, every jot of ability, shall be brought to the work of saving souls. There will be no idler, no slothful one who neglects the work of the Lord, found inside of the kingdom of heaven.

God has given the light of truth to his church, and the remedy for sin must be presented to the sin-sick world, whose inhabitants are perishing in their iniquity and ignorance. God expects his church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world. But let no one feel that because he is not educated, he cannot be expected to take part in the work. God has a work for you to do. He has given to every man his work.

You can search the Scriptures for yourself. "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." The prayer of the sincere heart, offered in faith, will be heard in heaven. It may not be grammatical; but if the heart is in it, it will ascend to the sanctuary where Jesus ministers, and he will present it to the Father with the fragrant incense of his own perfection, without one awkward, stammering word, graceful and perfect through his merit; for his righteousness refines and ennobles it, and makes it acceptable before the Father. The Lord accepts the prayer of the sincere heart, and will answer it out of his abundant fulness.

Fervent piety, sincerity of heart, contrition of soul, are grateful to God. Sincerity is the essential necessity of prayer. This with uncouth language and imperfect utterance is far more acceptable to God if it is the best that the suppliant can offer, than the perfectly worded, elegantly uttered prayer that is offered from a self-sufficient, self-important, pharisaical heart.

Though ignorant and humble, if your heart overflows with love to God, and if in this spirit you appeal to one who is out of Christ, the Lord will not despise your effort. Your small offering, presented with cheerful gratitude to God, will be classed with the widow's mite, and be blessed of God. The effort to do your duty to the best of your ability, from the motive of love, will be noticed of heaven. God does not make light of the small ability he has entrusted, but expects that it will be put out to usury, as well as the larger talents.

Those to whom large capabilities have been entrusted will have to bear large responsibilities, but those whom God has entrusted with but few talents, one or two, and placed in a humble sphere, need not repine because of their meager ability. Let them trade diligently with the talents entrusted, and prove their fidelity to God by a faithful use of his gifts, and their loyalty will be manifested, and the Lord will be satisfied.

The church is composed of large and small vessels; but the Lord does not expect that the small vessels will contain what the larger vessels will contain. He does not expect that the lowly, unlearned Christian will exercise all the intellectual power of him who has had advantages and privileges whereby his talents could be improved and his ability increased. He does not expect of the poor the alms they have not to give, nor from the sick and suffering the active energies which their

infirmities forbid. But God has given to every man his work, and there is need of devoted, earnest, humble workers in all parts of the wide harvest field. —Mrs. E. G. White, in *Review of Feb. 28, 1895.*

Description of a Boarding House in the Town of You Guess

This boarding house was kept by a lady of modern intelligence, a devout member of the M. E. Church South having two daughters belonging to the same church. This boarding house was beautifully situated near the junction of two pikes near a railroad station. In this boarding house were three boarders, one an elderly lady, the other two, young ladies, one a Baptist, the other a Presbyterian. The old lady was a keeper of the seventh day. The time of this description is Dec. 23, 1916. The schools in the town are dismissed and the Christmas trees in the same are a matter of history, and the teachers are gone south or west on their Christmas vacation, leaving the town all astir with buying and distributing Christmas presents, and although the weather is zero and the earth covered with snow and sleet, still the people hustle to and fro, intent on their modern way of Christmas observance. The old white haired boarder nearing the close of three-fourths of a century is rooming in an apartment beautifully facing the south from which she can view from her bay window the hustling to and fro of the populace of the surrounding country as well as those of the above named town. In the afternoon of December 22 this old lady put her room in order as was her custom, thinking she might have visitors. After tea she retired to her room and picked up a book the title of which is, "His Will (God's)" in three parts — "His Commands," "His Warnings," and "His Promises," when she heard a gentle rap at her door. She bade the visitor enter and in stepped an old acquaintance and much loved friend, with her arms full of needle work. She was invited to a seat which she immediately took, saying, "Oh, I forgot this is the beginning of your Sabbath day," at the same time unrolling her work. The old lady said in reply, "Well, I was just reading the commands of God about the Sabbath and his warnings against disobeying the same, also the promises to those who would hearken and obey." The visitor said, "Read on," which she did, and the visitor worked on, regardless of the commands, warnings, and promises. In the morning of December 23 this old lady's room was entered by the daughter of her over-night visitor who sat down with her work at the sewing machine, and sewed with an energy that bespoke defiance, while the room took on the appearance of a workshop. At dinner the old lady was asked if she would mind making a nice pie for supper. She replied, "Is it necessary?" The hostess replied, "No." "Well," replied the old lady, "I am here to obey the commands of Him who created the earth and the things therein, and to heed the warning that he has given me against disobedience and in the end claim the promises to the overcomer found in Rev. 2: 7, 17, 26, and 3: 12, 21, also Rev. 22: 14, as far as I have the ability to comprehend my duty." The hostess replied, "Well, if I am ever saved it will be by grace."

Well, the old lady, after meditating upon the occurrence of the day, sat down at her desk and wrote this article and wondered if Satan would dare to use one's nearest and dearest friends to tempt one to disobey the plain command of a loving Heavenly Father. Now these lines are the experience of that old lady, the writer of this article and one of nine children of which eight are living.

The H. A. P. C. Society

The first meeting of the Hazel Academy Progressive Colporteurs was held in the parlor of the Hazel Academy Saturday night, January 20. The officers having been previously elected, the meeting was called to order with Mr. Jesse Allen as leader and Miss Claire Davis as secretary. The following program was rendered.

The meeting was opened by the colporteurs' song, "Anywhere, Dear Saviour, to Work for Thee." Professor Grounds then invoked the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon the meeting. A few interesting paragraphs on the canvassing work were read by the leader. Mr. Drue Bowen gave a model canvass to Mrs. Grounds. This was very instructive, and was enjoyed by all. A few suggestions were given by Professor Grounds and Mr. Allen. Miss Eleanor Elliott gave some interesting experiences in the magazine work, which showed that by consecration and untiring efforts the Lord can bless those who go out in his fear to place before the people the truth-filled papers. Mr. Edison Pound gave a short talk on the canvassing work and the importance of prayer in connection with this branch of the work. Miss Claire Davis read an article entitled, "Eight Reasons Why We Should Enter the Colporteur Work." One good reason is this. Many who will not attend church to hear the gospel will read the books if they have them, and how can they get them unless we who believe this message carry the books to their doors?

We hope to be able to raise up a corps of workers here that will go out in the field this summer and spread the truth-filled books like the leaves of autumn, thus giving the message to many who are now groping in darkness.

News Notes from Collegedale

Elder W. H. Anderson, from Africa, occupied two hours in chapel last week. On Monday he continued the narrative of the experiences of our missionaries in founding some of the mission stations in Central Africa. He told us about great provinces in Central Africa where as yet there is no one holding up the light of the third angel's message. We have greatly appreciated Elder Anderson's visits to our school, and his talks on missionary activities and preparation left us with renewed determination to prove faithful in our preparation for service.

This week's visitors at the Southern Junior College were: Elder W. H. Branson; Elder G. F. Enoch, from India; and Brother W. T. Gorich, of Denver, Colo., who spent Sabbath with us. On Sunday Elder F. W. Paap, Miss E. M. Graham, and Elder W. W. Eastman, of Washington, spent a few hours with us. In addition to these, Brother Ben C. Marshall, of the Mississippi Conference office; Brother J. W. Siler, field missionary secretary of Florida; Brother Virgil Smith, engaged in colporteur work in Mississippi; C. F. Roper, educational secretary of Florida; Prof. L. H. Wood, of the Southern Union; Elder W. H. Heckman, president of the Florida Conference; T. E. Pavey, of the South Carolina Tract Society; and Miss Maud Jones, of Nashville, spent a few hours with us on the farm.

Brother W. F. Gorich, of Denver, Colo., is on the ground drawing plans and making specifications for our new buildings. Brother Gorich is an experienced draftsman and building superintendent and will remain connected with the school faculty until our buildings are completed.

The tent house intended for Miss Hale and Miss Kelsey has been completed and is ready for occupancy. This is located in the meadow just west of the big house and near Professor Atteberry's tent house.

Mr. Edward Parker returned to Collegedale last Sunday. He has taken a rather long and enforced vacation, having had to stay at home some time because of illness.

Mr. B. Highsmith, of Boston, Ga., arrived last week at Collegedale to attend school the second semester.

"Listen to the Echoes" is the theme of the cover design for the March *Watchman Magazine*. The echoes of PEACE, of course. This subject, as well as that of the war situation, is discussed in several well written articles and editorials in this number of the *Watchman Magazine*.

Prof. F. L. Adams is busily engaged in constructing hot beds for our early plants. Professor Adams will have charge of the garden department this year.

The cottage across the road at last has been finished, and Brother and Sister McGee expect to move from the big house to their permanent location Tuesday. Considerable work had to be done in repairing the cottage, consisting of a new roof and general papering and painting. This has all been done, however, and Brother and Sister McGee will be comfortably situated in their new quarters before long.

A new separator, just arrived from a Chicago concern, has been placed in a tent house east of the business office. This helps to relieve the congestion in the kitchen, as so much milk does not have to stand in the pans to rise.

Miss Zoa Shreve accompanied Elder Branson to Atlanta Monday morning. Miss Shreve will spend a week or two resting up in Atlanta.

Mrs. Ivan Lawrence, Miss Lenora Burcher, and Miss Amy Coble, from the Chattanooga Sanitarium, spent Friday evening and Sabbath with the girls at the Southern Junior College.

Another Opportunity

One part of our home missionary work is to watch for opportunities for reaching souls. A new opportunity has come to us, in the new *Signs Weekly*. Instead of raising the price, as has been done with most of our periodicals, the publishers have dropped it and made the paper somewhat smaller in size, with fewer pages, but still an attractive, readable paper, nicely illustrated. This paper we can sell for five cents a copy. Is it possible to sell our periodicals? "There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals. The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls." "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, page 63.

Selling periodicals, then, is seeking to save perishing souls. Are there not some in every church who will take a definite territory and some regular day each week take the *Signs* to every house to sell it? Surely there must be some who love these perishing souls enough to seize this opportunity of saving souls.

Before going out, read the paper carefully, looking out for a few good selling points. Have one or two for mothers, one or two for business men, one or two for younger people. When you meet the people at the doors, size them up quickly, and present your paper accordingly. At first you may not sell many, but as you gain experience, you will have better and still better success.

If you are refused one week, do not be afraid to try again, unless the refusal has been so definite that it would be impertinent to call again. In many cases the fourth call has secured a regular customer.

Speak cheerfully and earnestly, as one who is on the King's business should. Remember that you are no beggar, but a messenger from the King of kings, bearing that which is of supreme importance. Be of good courage, for the angels are by your side.

It has been said in regard to the war, that hands that are idle assist the enemy. This is equally true in the Lord's work; but, on the other hand, hands that are busy carrying the *Signs Weekly* to the people, or doing anything to give the message, are helping the Lord.

There is some profit financially in this work of selling the *Signs* for five cents a copy, and there will be profits in souls saved. Let each church work up a good club and then arrange for certain members to sell them all over the territory of the church. With the proceeds buy more *Signs*, and so, with the original investment of capital, do a big work with no further expense to the church. Why not? EDITH M. GRAHAM.

Tennessee River Conference

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A Retrospect

Looking back over the year 1916, we can see that all through the year God was leading his people and blessing the work. In manifold ways he has guided by his providences, and in nearly every department of the work in this field we have made advancement. The quota to be raised by this field for missions on the twenty-cent-a-week fund was \$7,209.80. We raised \$6,080.79, thus falling short of the required amount by only \$1,129.01. Our rate per capita for the year is 17½ cents for the white membership, and 7½ cents for the colored. The rate for the entire conference, white and colored, is 16 cents. This is a very good report, but we hope to do much better this year.

Our Sabbath school offerings show a small loss over the previous year, though some of the churches raised more in their Sabbath schools than they did the year before. Among these was the Memorial church in Nashville, which raised more than \$1,000 in Sabbath school offerings alone.

The Harvest Ingathering shows a splendid gain over any previous year. Our quota was \$1,084, and the amount we raised in the year just past was \$1,365.37, thus passing the goal by \$281.37. This is splendid, and shows what can be done with proper effort. For this achievement we take no credit to ourselves, but are thankful to the Heavenly Father for the willingness of our people to work, and for the liberality of our neighbors and friends who contributed so freely.

The success of our work, however, is not measured so much by dollars and cents as by the souls we find and lead to Christ. In this work God has signally blessed. All over the field in nearly every church some have taken a stand for the truth. Perhaps the greatest number of baptisms and additions to the church was at Fountain Head, though other churches show a gain.

The colored work in this conference has prospered more this year than in any previous year. The church in Memphis now has a membership of seventy-one, having more than doubled its membership during the year. This is largely due to the efforts of Elder Scott and his assistants.

Through the efforts of Brother Johnson, assisted by Brother Alston, the work in Jackson has made considerable advancement. At the beginning of the year we had only a few colored Sabbath-keepers there, and they were not established in all the truths of the message. Now we have a company of seventeen faithful ones, who are pretty well established in the truth.

The colored work in Nashville is also in good shape, and more tithe and offerings have been paid in by this church during the year 1916 than in the previous year.

The outlook for 1917 is bright. Crops were reasonably good last year, and brought exceptionally high prices. There is more money in the country now than for several years, and there is no reason why we should not put many thousands of dollars' worth of literature in the homes of the people this year. In every community our people should make every effort now to put the truth-laden books and papers in the homes of their friends and neighbors. No doubt God has given us this time of prosperity to enable us to do this very work.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

"While laziness sighs for wings, industry cuts a path."

News Items

Elder Bellinger and Brother W. D. Wade visited the Fountain Head Industrial School and the company at Fountain Head and Portland, Thursday, January 25, remaining over Sabbath. They hope to secure some colporteurs, and make some plans for carrying on the work in that place during the coming year.

Elder Elliott visited the Goodlettsville church Sabbath, January 27. He will leave for Springville, Tenn., February 5 to attend the colporteurs' institute which will be held there February 6 to 15. We are expecting a goodly number to be present at this meeting.

Brother R. H. Hazelton writes that he is having good success, although the floods continue to cover a large part of his county. He is of good courage and pressing on despite the discouragements that come to our colporteurs.

A meeting of the conference committee was held in Nashville Sunday, January 21, and plans were laid for the work in the conference the coming year.

Brother West, of Fountain Head, was in Nashville Sunday, the twenty-fifth, to attend the meeting of the committee.

It was the privilege of the Nashville church to listen to Elder Carlyle B. Haynes, an evangelist of the Southeastern Union. He spoke at the Memorial Church Sunday night, January 21, to an appreciative audience. On account of a heavy rain the audience was not as large as was expected. His subject was "The Coming of Elijah." His remarks were published almost verbatim in the daily papers the day following.

Elder Anderson, a missionary from Africa, spoke to the visitors and members of the Memorial Church Sabbath, the twentieth. He related experiences connected with his past work in South Africa and told of the many calls that come to the workers there, and how in many cases they have had to turn the natives back because of lack of facilities to properly care for them. He appealed to his audience to ever remember the needs of the mission fields, and it seemed to us who listened that we in the homeland do not appreciate our opportunities and have not done half the work that we ought to do. His talk was very much appreciated.

Encouraging Words

As soon as it was ascertained that the Tennessee River Conference had reached its goal on the Harvest Ingathering work, word was sent to Elder T. E. Bowen, the office secretary of the General Conference, and the following words of encouragement have been received from him, which will be of interest to the readers of the WORKER.

"Your letter of January 8 received, and it is read with interest. We are glad to know that you have gotten along so nicely in the Tennessee River Conference in your Harvest Ingathering work. Surely you have done well to come out with an average of eighteen cents a week per member for that section of the field. Surely the Lord has been blessing the efforts you have put forth. We have much to encourage us. It is wonderful how the brethren are able to provide means on this side of the water, and it is wonderful how its expenditure on the other side of the floods, east and west, results in such wonderful advancement of the message we all love."

This shows how we are all dovetailed together in this one grand work of finishing the third angel's message in all the world. God in his providence has allowed this country to enjoy prosperity, not that it shall be selfishly hoarded, but that through this prosperity the gospel may be sent on to millions in the East, who are groping for light. Hundreds are accepting the message in different places. In the Philippines they have more than doubled their membership the past year. That mission is soon to be organized into a conference. Other sections of the Asiatic Division will be thus organized, so altogether we have evidences thickening about us that this message is to triumph

in all the world. Even though war conditions prevail to such an extent that naturally one would think its progress would be blocked, yet we have the spectacle before us of this mighty advance despite these great obstacles thrown in the way. Let us take courage and press on.

As we find such a great need of doing more and greater work, we want to ask the sisters if they will send all their quilt pieces—worsted, silk, velvet, calicoes, etc.—to my address. The Leach sisters are going to glorify the Lord's work with their needles this winter. Some have donated an acre of ground, some a missionary hen; some give cash, and others will work with the needle. Please send at once.

Address Mrs. Mae Keele, Cedar Grove, Tenn., R.F.D. No. 2.

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Experiences in the Field

It is with great joy that I enter the third year of my canvassing duties, and as I think of my past work, of how the Lord has blessed me though I have been unfaithful many times, I feel to praise him. In nine months of last year I was enabled to deliver \$1,050 worth of books, in some instances as many as five books in one family.

As I enter this new year with its opportunities I am expecting a more successful one than the past.

To show the Lord's guiding hand, I wish to speak particularly of my experience the past week. Brother Hickman, our field secretary, wrote that "he feared the heavy snow would hinder me." My report for the week ending January 20 will show how a sixteen-inch snow hinders—32 hours' work and \$51 worth of orders. I was not charged one cent for lodging, but collected \$2 cash.

One lady said; "Surely the Lord is with you or you couldn't sell so many books." Another lady was very much interested in the book, "Bible Readings," but was considering whether or not she could have the price, when her little boy about eight years of age said, "I believe God will help us get the money," and as we talked further he again remarked, "Something keeps saying, 'Get it, get it.'" Who can say the angels were not there? Needless to say the order was secured.

As I view the certainty of this message going forward I am reminded of a Morning Watch text found in Ps. 40:2. Our feet are upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, and our goings are established. If we cling to him our goal is not only set, but reached. The battle is one, but we through faith must shout the victory.

I hope to be among the faithful ones who at last shall be led into the city by our dear Commander.

ANDY SCHROADER.

Study at Home

The Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Agents wanted. Send for our "Nutshell" Calendar. Address, C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

"Walking backwards is slow progress. It's the same with looking."

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Colporteurs' Yearly Individual Report for 1916

| Name | Hrs. | Val. Ord. | Delivered |
|--------------------|-------|---------------|-----------|
| E. M. Blount | 32 | \$ 34 50 | \$ 36 00 |
| U Bracy | 1043 | 673 80 | 393 40 |
| G. W. Brown | 10 | 30 35 | 89 30 |
| Robert Cook | 1205 | 441 30 | 227 05 |
| B D Crawford | 437 | 267 35 | 96 50 |
| H L Edwards | 589 | 528 95 | 210 20 |
| R. L. Etheredge | 161 | 98 60 | 107 60 |
| J E Foley | 1015 | 1254 80 | 808 70 |
| John Fahrner | 80 | 71 95 | 80 90 |
| T. Goodman | 761 | 290 60 | 124 70 |
| S. S. Guilford | 362 | 327 30 | 31 80 |
| C Holland | 774 | 926 85 | 722 78 |
| Hattie Hillard | 47 | 30 80 | 30 20 |
| H. A. Lynd | 289 | 251 40 | 434 45 |
| M. L. Ivory | 889 | 546 85 | 22 40 |
| Luther Müller | 416 | 305 65 | 182 50 |
| R. M. McAlister | 37 | 43 50 | 26 00 |
| Mary Miles | 113 | 156 05 | 128 05 |
| F. M. Reiber | 645 | 338 40 | 218 50 |
| Frank McRae | 242 | 255 35 | 145 35 |
| Quinnie Tew | 1211 | 806 35 | 536 93 |
| N. H. Waters | 771 | 749 35 | 589 35 |
| E. C. Widgery | 632 | 441 60 | 304 60 |
| M E Whatley | 653 | 750 00 | 331 55 |
| Irregular | | 251 15 | 213 15 |
| Bibles | | 129 00 | 100 50 |
| Camp-meeting Sales | | | 129 20 |
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| Agents 24 (1916) | 12413 | \$10001 80 | \$6322 26 |
| Agents 34 (1915) | 13800 | 9740 15 | 5793 20 |
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| Loss 10 | 387 | Gain \$261 65 | \$529 06 |

MAGAZINE SALES FOR 1916

| | Copies | Value |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------|
| Watchman | 8174 | \$817 40 |
| Signs Monthly | 268 | 26 80 |
| Life and Health | 725 | 72 50 |
| Liberty | 244 | 24 40 |
| Temperance Instructor | 400 | 40 00 |
| Signs Weekly | 2852 | 142 60 |
| Miscellaneous | | 5 00 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total | 12663 | \$1157 50 |
| Books Delivered | | 6322 20 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Grand Total | | \$7479 70 |

M. L. WILSON, *Field Missionary Secretary.*

"You can never be successful unless you have confidence in others besides yourself."

News Items

The remittances from the church treasurers all came in promptly, the last coming in by special delivery mail Saturday night, January 13. We appreciate very much the cooperation of the treasurers, and we are glad to say that the receipt of funds for 1916 exceeds that of 1915 in almost every particular. Our tithe came in very nicely, and we can report a gain of \$511, while in the mission offerings there was a gain of \$1,134 over 1915. The conference at large averaged sixteen cents per member.

Brother W. D. Wade, one of our faithful colporteurs, is in Nashville for a few days attending the Publishers' and Home Missionary Convention. We are glad to have him with us.

Brother Keele writes that after a little rest at home during the holidays he has returned to his field, and will be located at Rutherford, Tenn. We hope he will have as good success in the work this year as he did in the year 1916.

Brother R. H. Hazelton, of Nashville, has taken up new territory in Ballard County, Ky., and writes that he is having good success. Despite the increased prices on the books, he is having usual success and averaging over \$1 per hour. Part of the county is threatened with a flood because of its proximity to the Mississippi River, but he will not be daunted on this account.

We have just received word from a brother in Michigan that he is expecting to attend our institute in Springville, Tenn., February 6 to 15, and will lend his efforts to help make some good reports for the Tennessee River Conference for 1917.

We have just received an order from Elder Wood, of the Memphis church, for thirty copies of "Christ in Song," to be sent at once. He reports an increased interest in the meetings there and hopes to add to the membership through a series of meetings in which good music will form a leading part.

A report of the twenty-cent-a-week fund by churches will appear in the next issue of the WORKER.

Crushed by a Stone

Failure marks the attempts of great men, Napoleon pre-eminently among them, to break the power of those seven short words found in Dan. 2: 43, "They shall not cleave one to another." Carlyle B. Haynes, in the February *Signs Magazine* wants to tell your neighbors why it could not be done. "The World's Waterloo" is the title of this superlatively good article.

This "Cry for Bread" number has a particularly striking cover that shows a loaf of bread just beyond the finger tips of a number of outstretched hands. Two splendid articles on this important topic are among the features. They are, "Lengthening the Bread [Line]," and "Cornering the Earth." Nor are these all.

Notwithstanding the fact that the number of pages in the magazine is being increased from sixteen to twenty-four, the prices will continue as heretofore. You will make no mistake if you order a liberal supply for use in your neighborhood.

"Oh, how good it is and how it tendeth to peace, to be silent about other men, and not to believe at random all that is said, nor eagerly to report what we have heard."

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News Items

All those who have finished the 1916 Bible Year will receive a book mark with the 1916 Missionary Volunteer goal printed on it and the results attained by the conference. Please see that your name is handed in to the young people's missionary secretary at once if you wish one of these book marks.

In answer to the call of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference for a field missionary secretary, Brother J. W. Davis, who has filled that position in our union for the past four years, is on his way to that field. He and his family left Nashville Tuesday night and will stop at Washington on their way. The prayers and best wishes of the WORKER family go with Brother Davis to his new field of labor.

News Notes from Collegedale

We have been pleased to have quite a number of visitors the past week. Elder W. H. Anderson, who has been in Africa for several years, spent the entire week with us, leaving only on Sabbath for a visit to Atlanta, Ga. On Friday the school board met here. Elders I. H. Evans and G. B. Thompson, of Washington, and also Elders B. M. Heald, C. B. Haynes, and H. B. Allen, of the local conferences, were in attendance. Wednesday, Brother D. W. Dillen and Frank M. Washburn, of the Union Conference and Cumberland Conference respectively, spent a few hours with us. On Sabbath, Prof. A. W. Spaulding, of Hurlbutt Farm, Reeves, Ga., visited us between trains. Brother T. R. Treese and John Finley, of the Cumberland Industrial School, at Daylight, Tenn., also spent a few hours with us Friday and Sabbath.

Elder W. H. Heckman, president of the Florida Conference, remained after the board meeting to stay with us over Sabbath. He spoke to us in the morning regarding our duty to be thankful to the Lord for the many blessings which we often unthankfully receive. His talk was very interesting and was especially enjoyed by the students.

Prof. A. W. Spaulding spoke to the young people in the young people's meeting about the transformation that those who are of the tribe of Reuben will and must have before they can become inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

The Collegedale Sabbath school is in a flourishing condition. Under the leadership of Marian B. Marshall the school is endeavoring to meet its three-pointed goal. We are going to try

to have one hundred per cent attendance in our Sabbath school, and we are also going to endeavor to have, by the end of the quarter, all the memory verses learned so that every member of the school will be able to repeat each one. We are also endeavoring to raise between \$50 and \$60 for our offering to missions this quarter.

On Friday the chapel was devoted to hearing from the visitors that were present to attend the board meeting. Elders I. H. Evans and G. B. Thompson spoke at some length of the interest of the field as a whole in this school. Then each member of the board was called upon and responded in a few words.

Foreign mission work at the Southern Junior College was intensified last week by four missionaries either returned or under appointment. All parts of the field in the world were represented. Elder W. H. Anderson was present as a representative from Central Africa. Elder F. W. Field, who is our Bible teacher, represented the work in Japan. Elder H. B. Allen, recently returned from Cuba, and Elder R. W. Parmele, who is under appointment to the North American Latin Union, were both with us.

For Exchange

Brother H. M. Walen, of Fountain Head, has an extra copy of "Testimonies for the Church" Vol. II in the cloth binding, which he desires to exchange for a copy of Volume III. Any one willing to make this transfer please communicate with Brother Walen at the above address.

FOR SALE: Fifty acres of land, with new house, barn, concrete cistern, good spring, concrete cave with potato house above; located twenty-five miles from Chattanooga, and six miles from Trenton, Ga., county seat and railroad town; within a quarter of a mile of Seventh-day Adventist church and school, and near rural mail route. Fifteen acres are under cultivation and the remainder is in woods pasture. There are two hundred fruit trees in bearing, including apple, peach, pear, plum, and cherry, also grape vineyard and various small fruits. Excellent fruit and truck farm. \$1,000 cash. Reason for selling is that I may go as a self-supporting missionary to a South American field. Address E. W. Graves, Long Island, Ala.

Some have secured the vest pocket edition of the Psalms to use in connection with the Morning Watch this year. The American Bible Society manufactures a leather cover that will slip over the Psalms or any of the other Bible parts which they publish in this size. Some may wish this cover. It costs 10 cents. Order of your tract society, or the American Bible Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York.

Have you seen the Bible Facts Cards printed by the Southern Publishing Association? They are just what you want to use in your missionary work. They answer tersely and convincingly many of the questions you must meet. There are sixteen kinds in the series. Here are some of the subjects:

- "Facts about the Coming of Jesus Christ."
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