



"MY MEAT IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK."

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BIG WEEK: ITS VALUE AND CALL

G. W. WELLS

The primary object of Big Week on the Missions Press Fund was to supply money to establish small publishing houses in various parts of the world. But in carrying out this scheme, it has not only proved to be a great blessing to those who have had an active part in it, but wherever these plants have been established, it has brought joy and rich blessings to the mission fields.

We have been told that "our publications should go everywhere. Let them be issued in many languages. The Third Angel's Message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher." Vol. IX, p. 62.

Our people, conference laborers, colporteurs, publishing house men, and laity have taken hold of this splendid, well-organized plan with an enthusiasm that is most encouraging. The needs are so apparent, the plan so simple, and the efforts thus far have been so effective that all who have given thought to it and observed its growth are convinced that it is a heaven-approved plan.

The first year the plan was tried in our union \$591 was raised. In 1922 we raised \$2080, and last year, by more people having a part, we gathered in \$3857. This was a splendid sum but; it will be an easy matter this year, with the experience we now have, and the co-operation of a large percentage of the laity going out under the leadership and encouragement of all the conference workers and publishing house men, to raise our full goal.

There has been over \$450,000 raised in the whole field through this plan the past three years. A score or more of trained men have been sent to the mission fields, the truth has been published in many more languages, and small printing plants built and others better equipped and strengthened. It has been demonstrated that God's people have confidence in the ministry of the printed page and they are willing to respond to the call of God that "our publications should go everywhere."

The campaign is a highly co-operative one. It calls into active service every conference worker from the chief officer down, all the publishing house officers and employees. The church officers have definite responsibilities to bear and all the laymen are urged to have an active part. If there is any one who finds it impossible to do active service in the field, in small or large book-selling or selling the *Watchman Magazine*, the plan provides that he be urged to give his day's salary to the fund. No one is left out in the reckoning; no one need seek to have a part; no one need ask to be excused. The plan takes us all in, old and young. So let us cheerfully arrange

our affairs to fall in line with duty's call and do our very best to make this plan a genuine success in our union, during Big Week, April 19-26, and reach our entire goal of \$5,000.

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WHY SOME ARE SO SICKLY

Important as the health principles are that God has given this people, there are other reasons for sickly folk among us besides improper diet or disregarding the light on health reform.

Reading in Volume II, page 199, you will find this striking statement: "Those who are acquiring means and adding to their possessions are far behind. They do comparatively nothing to what they might. They are withholding and robbing God, for they are fearful they shall come to want. They dare not trust God. This is one of the reasons that, as a people, we are so sickly and so many are falling into their graves."

Is it not surpassingly strange that so many will openly disregard the plain direct word of God, and permit their covetous hearts to lead them to live in disobedience to the command of Jehovah, and thus bring upon themselves sickness and premature death?

Men whom God has made stewards of His funds often become so infatuated by riches and love of money that they, by robbing God in tithes and offerings, cause the withering curse of heaven to rest upon them and do not discern that by their act they also rob themselves of eternal riches.

Brief is the history, but terribly impressive is the story told by inspiration of Ananias and Sapphira. Think of their grievous offense and how quickly God's retributive justice was meted out to them. This was recorded for our admonition and should lead all to fear and tremble to repeat sins which brought upon them such punishment.

God's command is, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." His charge is, "Ye have robbed me. . . in tithes and offerings." If we acknowledge the charge and comply with the demands, His promise is, "I will open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing."

We should keep in mind that the request to bring in our tithes and offerings is not the call of man. It is not the demand of the church, but a requirement of the most high God. This divine requirement comes to all, rich or poor, learned or unlearned, regardless of nationality, location, or time. "Just in proportion as God

has given His property to man, so man is to return to God a faithful tithe of all his substance. This distinct arrangement was made by Jesus Christ." Vol. VI, p. 384.

"It is a heaven-appointed plan; . . . men and women have no excuse for misunderstanding or evading the duties and responsibilities God has laid upon them. Those who claim that they cannot see this to be their duty, reveal to the heavenly universe, to the church, and to the world, that they do not want to see this plainly stated requirement." Vol. VI, p. 387. "No one can excuse himself from paying his tithes and offerings to the Lord."

"Those who plead that they cannot understand this plain, and decisive statement. . . are not honest before God." "Testimonies to Ministers," pp. 306, 307. If we are obedient it means so much to us in blessings which will be received. Even the windows of heaven will be opened and blessings poured out to overflowing. Let us pray one for another that we may be healed. Prove God and receive His blessing.

G. W. WELLS.



According to the encouraging reports received, Miss Gladys Lambert has made such splendid progress in recovering from her recent operation at the Mason Memorial Hospital, at Murray, Kentucky, that she was expected to return to Nashville the first of this week.

On the evening of March 11, Prof. Frederick Griggs, president of Emmanuel Missionary College, delivered his lecture, "The Eighth Sense," to an appreciative audience in the Publishing House chapel. An interesting coincidence of the occasion was mentioned by Professor Griggs, as it was the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the charter for our first educational institution, Battle Creek College. This was especially interesting to a number in the audience who claim Battle Creek College as their alma mater.

Considerable ammunition has been leaving the office the past few days for the coming Big Week, the date of which is April 19-26. The indications are that this Big Week will far exceed any we have had in the past. Realizing to some extent the great need of the missions printing office in Buenos Aires, the Publishing House workers have unanimously voted to give a day's wages toward the erection of a new building, the land upon which it is to be erected having been purchased in 1921.

Elder L. R. Conradi, who for many years was vice-president of the General Conference for the European Division, and who is still president of the Hamburg Publishing House, spoke one evening last week in the Publishing House chapel to a large company from Northwest Nashville on present conditions in Europe, and particularly in Germany. His talk was intensely interesting, and all were impressed with the remarkable advancement of the work throughout Europe, under difficulties of which our people in this country have but little conception. The following morning he spoke for nearly an hour to the Publishing House family on the sub-

ject of our publishing work in Europe. Among other interesting items he related how it was necessary to change the prices of their books every few days, on one occasion the price being doubled in only three days' time. As the value of the mark decreased the price of one of their subscription books finally reached nine hundred thirty-six billion (936,000,000,000). We could but wonder how our colporteurs in America would like to sell books at such figures. Elder Conradi also showed how book-keeping became almost a hopeless task. At the present time the average wage in Germany is seven dollars (in American money) a week, and the price of our books is \$3, or nearly half a week's wages. And yet, they have between 300 and 400 colporteurs and the work is making splendid progress.

THE SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITY

S. J. C.

COLLEGE NOTES

Those who spent a while at the College during the past week are, Brother W. P. Dougherty, field missionary secretary of the Southeastern Union; Mr. Obie White, from Shreveport, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Cruise, of Rome, Ga.; and Brother A. E. Deyo, field missionary secretary of the Georgia Conference.

Each week new students continue to arrive. Miss Nannie Mae Thornburg, from Kentucky, is the latest addition to the student body.

A very interesting program was given by the members of the African Mission Band at the Y. P. M. V. meeting last Sabbath. The program was a brief and rapid word panorama of the continent of Africa since the time of the distribution of the races at the Tower of Babel, down to the present time, with reference to the influences of light and darkness upon the inhabitants thereof. Truly, Africa needs help.

After going back to primitive methods and burning wood three days, the students welcomed two carloads of coal, and the boys are filling the bins.

Professor Thiel returned Monday, after spending Sabbath with the members of the Birmingham church.

When the Seniors organized last Thursday, the following were chosen as officers; Ralph Watts, president; Bennie Wood, vice-president; Bernice Hollister, secretary; and Ruth Miller, assistant secretary.

Elder Montgomery gave us a very instructive talk on the demand for gospel workers. Surely, this should impel more to prepare for this great calling.

Last Friday morning Mr. Ralph Watts gave a very interesting talk on "The Twenty-three Hundred Days."

A new melting pot has been installed at The College Press to replace the old one. This is a very important item as the type matter in our Union papers and other jobs must go through a refining process before it can be used in our Monotype machine.

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The man who does not know how to learn from his mistakes turns his best schoolmaster out of his life.—
H. W. Beecher.



SOJUCONIANS

A MESSAGE TO SOJUCONIANS

Note—The following is the address that was given by Mr. Leo Odom at a recent Sojuconian Rally.

We, the students of Southern Junior College, have together with our faculty, organized this society for unified effort in such lines as will promote the interests of the cause, the school, and the individual members.

It rests wholly upon us as to whether our aims shall be realized, not upon the body collectively, but upon the individual members. The whole is no greater than the sum of its parts. You and I, separately, are the working parts of this body. So you can see that the efficiency, the success of this association, depends on personal effort and interest.

But, before we can put forth earnest effort and enthusiasm, we must see the possibility of realizing the aims cited in the beginning. For many of us are reluctant to unite in anything unless its success is very apparent or inevitable. Whether this be due to selfishness, disdain of failure, indifference, or any other reason, it remains for each to answer. But of course we believe it to be a wise policy to enter into everything with deliberation, to see whether the gains shall justify the efforts. It certainly appears very clear that we are justified in what we have undertaken in the campaign recently inaugurated.

First, I should like to consider with you the primary interest involved in the purposes of this organization. What is the promotion of the Gospel work? All these interests are so closely related that no distinct line of demarcation can be drawn. Yet we know that this school, that we as students and teachers, stand as a testimony to the active interests and sacrifices which the church has put forth to advance the cause. No other reason for our being here can be paramount to that.

Now with such purposes in view, can we say that our motives are not sufficiently founded? No, we are here for no other purpose than the finishing of the work. Therefore, by considering the second interest, which is the school itself, we can see that to make this institution a better and more efficient one would only tend to make a quicker and more complete preparation for the future students. This in itself would help advance the message. Besides this profit, I can see a personal benefit to be obtained, which in turn will reflect to the advantage of both church and school.

We may never have our names inscribed on the mountain peaks of history, we may never rule with the glory of Solomon, or cause nations to tremble as a Napoleon; we may never sway multitudes with the silver tongue of an orator or delve into the profound mysteries of science to bring forth startling discoveries. But we do know that you and I must each live a life. As to its success or failure much depends upon us, yet if we do our best that is all the greatest can do. Now in this school, we are preparing for the final stand. In fact much of the success or failure we shall make has been and is being determined by our deviations to that end. Many of us are now at the threshold of success or failure. Though not apparent, the one act or decision which shall bear its eternal fruits of destiny in after life may have been made. We well remember the story of James G. Blaine, an American statesman and politician, of great ability and ideals, who in early life had been connected with some questionable business dealing. In spite of his regret and sincere efforts to right this, yet this ghost of inevitable failure, engendered by one act, showed itself at the critical moments of his career. And the result was failure,

for he could never regain the confidence of the people.

Life is too short and the soul too dear for dicking. Let us seek the good things which are now at hand and not wait until the future. In this society there are offered many advantages which will prove useful in after life. Here we can get training in co-operation, which is absolutely imperative to reaching success. The experience of our foreparents amply illustrates this. The law of God is a law of co-operation. We cannot keep it without co-operating with God and man for the eternal good of all.

(To be continued)

LOUISIANA - MISSISSIPPI

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THE TITHE

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3: 10.

The Lord has given His people a message for this time. It is presented in the third chapter of Malachi. How could the Lord present His requirements in a clearer or more forcible manner than He has done in this chapter?

All should remember that God's claims upon us underlie every other claim. He gives to us bountifully, and the contract which He has made with man is that a tenth of his possessions shall be returned to God. The Lord graciously entrusts to His stewards His treasures, but of the tenth He says, "This is Mine." Just in proportion as God has given His property to man, so man is to return to God a faithful tithe of all his substance. This distinct arrangement was made by Jesus Christ Himself.

"This work involves solemn and eternal results, and it is too sacred to be left to human impulse. We should not feel free to deal with this matter as we choose. In answer to the claims of God, regular reserves should be set apart as sacred to His work." Vol. VI, p. 384

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground: neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." Mal. 3: 8-11.

The work of God is always retarded when His people withhold the tithe. In Neh. 13: 10-12, we are told that when the portions of the Levites were withheld (the tithe was their portion) they were compelled to leave the work of God and go to the field to support themselves, and their families, and the work of God was left to languish. Nehemiah corrected this, the people brought in the tithe, and the work of God went forward again. So it will be now, if all our people will bring in a faithful tithe. We are anxious to put on more workers in this conference, but we have been prevented from doing so because of a lack of funds with which to support them.

In Vol. III, page 389, are found these words: "Great objects are accomplished by this tithing system. If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God; and there would be

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN UNION

NAME OF CONFERENCE	Number of Churches	Membership	Baptized During Year	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Book and Periodical Canvassers	Total Laborers	Total Tithes Received	Total Offerings to Foreign Missions	Total Contributions for Home Mission Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work	No. of Sabbath Schools	Membership	Total Sabbath School
Alabama	28	750	49	5	2	7	14	28	22423.56	7519.91	337.97	5089.95	29	905	956
Kentucky	19	834	105	5	5	3	22	38	25923.32	7243.31	367.62	3269.91	21	723	647
La.-Miss.	26	1014	82	6	4	4	20	36	32618.32	9967.39	646.13	4535.46	35	968	1176
Tenn. River Union	23	1333	63	3	5	6	13	27	40079.56	10690.33	1072.74	7906.90	29	1257	1066
			9	3	4	2	18	18							
Total	96	3931	299	28	19	24	73	147	121044.76	35402.94	2424.46	20852.22	114	3853	3846

no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world. The treasury will be full if all adopt this system and the contributors will not be left the poorer."

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

W. R. ELLIOTT.

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BIG WEEK

Big Week comes early this year, April 19-26 is the date. This plan was ordained of God just as surely as was the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The idea was born of heaven and handed down to us by the General Conference. The purpose of the Big Week is to advance the publishing work in the foreign lands. The profits from book and magazine sales during this week will go to build the new publishing house in Buenos Aires.

In Mark 13:10 we read, "And the gospel must first be published among all nations." This we are endeavoring to do by raising funds to erect the much-needed publishing house in South America. We are counting on you to help. When you read of the completion of the new plant, and know that the presses are humming, printing the Third Angel's Message in the native tongue of honest souls in South America, you will be glad that you had a part in making this possible.

Who Shall Take Part?

The time is past when the Big Week is confined to the colporteurs alone. For the past three years the laity have entered heartily into the plan. And now the Big Week plan has grown so large and broad that it includes every Seventh-day Adventist,—conference presidents, ministers, departmental secretaries, Bible workers, school teachers, and students, and last but not least, it includes every lay member. Every one is expected to take a part.

The Plan

Colporteurs will work as usual except for the fact that they will work more hours, making this a real Big Week in gospel colportage. They will give to the publishing house fund the profits from the largest day's sales.

It is expected that each conference worker will give one day's salary, also the profits from the largest day's sale of books or magazines.

Every lay member is invited to give one day's earnings, or its equivalent, if it is not possible to find time to sell some small books or magazines and turn in the profits. Order from the S. D. A. Book and Bible Society two dollars' worth of small books—the Busy Man's Library Series. These will retail for four dollars. Two dollars will reimburse you for the investment and the other two dollars will go to the Publishing House Fund.

C. RAY KINNEY.

EVIDENCES OF PROGRESS IN THE SABBATH SCHOOL

The first statistical report of the Sabbath school work was compiled at the close of 1873, and the number of schools, the membership, and the attendance in seven conferences comprised the entire report. These conferences are, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, New England, New York, and Iowa. The number of schools at that time was 124 with a membership of 4,626. No offerings were reported to missions until the year 1886. In the eight years the number of schools had increased to 1,813, and the membership to 23,364, and the total amount of offerings was \$700. Today there are 2,731 Sabbath schools in North America alone, with a membership of 105,701, and the amount of offerings for the second quarter of 1923 alone was \$284,324.03. The English Lesson Quarterly for the senior division has a circulation of approximately 90,000 copies per quarter.

Coming closer home, the first white Sabbath school held in Mississippi was about the year 1905 at or near Tupelo, Miss., under the shade of a great oak tree, with logs for seats. The first Sabbath school was organized at Hatley, Miss., soon after this. Today we have in the Louisiana-Mississippi Conference thirty-five organized Sabbath schools. The first Sabbath school held in Jackson, Miss., was about 1908. Most of the men were conference workers. At the present time this is the third largest Sabbath school in the two states. The latest addition is a school of twenty, organized in the vicinity of Lake Charles, La.

MRS. E. A. TAYLOR.

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PROGRESS IN SHREVEPORT

We are glad to say that the work in Shreveport is progressing. The Lord is blessing us with a growing interest, both from the public and among the members of the church. Some of our people are gaining a real experience in service. As an answer to prayer for help, since our Bible worker was transferred to Mississippi, Sister Tomlinson has offered herself for service to help in the Bible work and is already much interested in her class of readers. Surely, we are living in the time when God's people will rally to the work.

Our church school, with Miss Wallaker as teacher, is progressing in a pleasing way. Her heart is set on winning each pupil to the Master. The patrons are extending hearty co-operation to the school and Parent-Teachers' Association.

Plans are being laid for a revival, commencing this month. We solicit the prayers of the believers throughout the field that a harvest of souls may be gathered in.

J. BROWNLIE.

CONFERENCE FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1924

Amount of Tithe Appropriated to Fields Outside of Conference	No. of Church Buildings	Estimated Value	Approximate Seating Capacity	No. of Church Schools	No. of Teachers	Total Enrollment	Estimated Value of Buildings and Equipment	Expense of Annual Maintenance	No. of Young People's Societies	Membership	Contributions for Foreign Work	Contributions for Home Mission Work	Contributions for Local Society Work	Total Contributions
2466.00	13	33725.00	2450	12	14	245	5650.00	4730.00	9	250	2321.37	69.19		2390.56
2851.56	17	33200.00	2700	5	7	136	3140.00	4200.00	9	216	2183.30	52.71	39.00	2236.01
3359.35	21	40000.00	2625	10	11	209	6100.00	3837.59	9	150	210.91			210.91
6874.28	20	52000.00	3325	11	15	287	21750.00	5625.00	11	313	2618.14	452.12		3070.26
15551.19	71	158925.00	11100	38	47	877	36640.00	18392.59	38	929	7333.72	574.02	39.00	7907.74

F. L. HARRISON.

LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI WEEKLY AVERAGE IN CENTS PAID ON SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND BY CHURCHES FOR TWO MONTHS ENDING FEB. 29 1924

Church	Average
Conference	\$.26
Cedar Creek	No Report
DeRidder	.36
Hatley	.19
Hattiesburg	.30
Jackson	.31
Mansfield	.17
Meridian	.31
New Orleans	.31
Shreveport	.29
Vicksburg	.15
Talawah	.10

Louisiana-Mississippi Conference \$.23

LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI MISSION AVERAGE ON FIFTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND

Church	Average
Brookhaven	No Report
Columbus	\$.19
Greenwood	.11
Greenville	.03
Hammond	No Report
Jackson	.13
Laurel	.02
Meridian	.25
Mission	.15
New Orleans	.12
Shreveport	.43
Vicksburg	.06
Yazoo City	.06

Louisiana-Mississippi Mission \$.12

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HOW A CHURCH MEMBER MAY SERVE THE DEVIL

"By allowing small matters to keep him away from the services in which Christ has promised to be present.
 "By acting like an unconverted sinner at home with the family, and like a sanctimonious saint everywhere else.
 "By robbing God. A man would not undertake to hold up a policeman. How could he have less respect for his Creator?"

"By taking a verse of scripture as a tonic, and then filling up on about ten pages of newspaper froth.
 "By neglecting secret prayer.
 "By doing nothing. This will strengthen Satan's kingdom exceedingly.
 "By talking about the sins of some other erring mortal when he should be praying God to forgive his own.
 "By nursing a grouch. One the size of a field mouse will in six months, if properly nourished, be larger than an elephant."

"The man who tried to save by putting new wine into old skin bottles, lost. So will every Seventh-day Adventist who tries to save \$2.75 by getting along without the *Review and Herald*."—*Extracts from a periodical church letter from New Orleans by Pastor I. C. Pound.*

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VISITING THE COLORED BELIEVERS

On my return home from the Southern Union Conference in Nashville, I stopped at Greenwood and Yazoo City, Mississippi.

At Greenwood, I found the believers anxious for spiritual food.

At Yazoo City, I found some believers who had accepted present truth by reading our literature, so I remained there three nights and preached for them, endeavoring to confirm and establish them more thoroughly in the faith. The believers there seemed of good courage, and two persons are awaiting baptism.

The outlook for the work in Shreveport is very encouraging, although we are handicapped for lack of a church building. We are determined to work and pray with two objectives: the salvation of souls and a building in which to meet. I beg an interest in your prayers. The work is the Lord's and I am sure that He is attentive to the prayers of the faithful.

N. B. KING.

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KENTUCKY NEWS NOTES

Elder G. B. Thompson, of Washington, D. C., arrived in Louisville Tuesday, March 18, and will conduct a few special meetings with the church.
 Elder C. W. Curtis is conducting a series of Sunday

night meetings at Bowling Green. The outlook is hopeful at the present time.

Elder E. H. Huntley, of Covington, visited the office last Thursday. He reports a real live interest there, having baptized five last Sabbath and several others are awaiting baptism.

The work on the Louisville church is getting under headway again after some delay during the cold weather.

During the month of April the Louisville church will hold their Sabbath services in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at the corner of Third and Broadway. The old church has been sold and possession must be given the first of April.

Brother Risetter, who is canvassing at Lexington, reports finding many interested people eager for truth.

Brethren Reiber and Hughes, who have been canvassing at Corbin since the institute, report a real live interest there. They have been holding a few meetings with the interested people.

We are glad to learn that several more students have turned their faces toward Southern Junior College. We hope that it will be possible to double our enrollment there for the next school year.

Elder V. O. Cole has been in the city during the past week assisting in the colored colporteurs' institute. A number of our colored brethren and sisters are taking training in this institute, and we hope to see several of them in the field soon.

Elder J. G. Dasent has been at Bowling Green for the past two weeks with Brother George S. Pinkard conducting a special series of meetings.

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LOUISVILLE CHURCH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

	<i>Average Grade</i>
Zella Tippy	99
Alma Aebersold	99
Myrtle Winders	96
Mary K. Neafus	96
Russell Winders	95
Francis Curtis	93
Miriam Hiestand	91
Henry Kessler	90

Alice Morton.

TENNESSEE RIVER

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BIG WEEK IN THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

All of our people are no doubt familiar with the fact that the week of April 19-26 has been set apart as Big Week for 1924. During this week every loyal Seventh-day Adventist is asked to sell at least \$4 worth of our truth-filled literature, turning the profits (\$2) over to the church treasurer to be applied on the Missions Publishing Fund; or if it is found impossible to do this you are invited to give your largest day's earnings of that week to this worthy cause.

To place our publishing work in the foreign fields on a substantial footing for 1924, it will be necessary for our people to raise a fund of \$150,000 by the above means. This may seem like a large undertaking to some, but how easy and simple it becomes when each member does his part faithfully, asking God to bless his efforts.

In order that your tract society may be prepared to fill promptly all orders for books and magazines needed for Big Week, a supply of order blanks was sent out last week to each church elder or leader in the conference with the request that these be distributed either last Sabbath (March 22) or next Sabbath (March 29), as may be most convenient. These order blanks should be filled out by our people during the week and handed in the following Sabbath.

The publishing department has suggested the following set of 25-cent books to be used during this effort:

"Steps to Christ"
"What is Coming?"
"The Coming Man of Destiny"
"Story of Jesus"

or the sale of the *Watchman Magazine*.

The set of books will be put up in a neat wrapper and sells for \$1. Four sets of these books sold will make the average goal of \$2 profit for the Missions Publishing Fund, while the sale of fourteen copies, or taking three yearly subscriptions for the *Watchman Magazine* will yield the same amount. Of course many of our people will desire to do much more than this. Our colporteurs are giving the entire proceeds from their best day's sales, while our conference workers will give the profits from their sales and a day's wages.

A Three-Fold Blessing

Our people will find in this work a three-fold blessing. *First*.—We are placing in the hands of our friends and neighbors some of the best literature published, which may mean, under God's blessing, the salvation of many souls.

Second.—With the proceeds from the sale of this literature we are enabling our foreign publishing houses to work more effectively for the mission fields in which they are located; and,

Third.—We ourselves, shall receive such a blessing from taking part in this work that our souls will be watered from on high.

Surely the Lord was speaking to each one of us when He said, "From city to city, from country to country, they are to carry the publications containing the promise of the Saviour's soon-coming." "The gospel of the Kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing; and this message as contained in our publications already in print, and those yet to be issued should be circulated among the people who are nigh and afar off."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, pp. 34, 67. CHARLES FRANZ.

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NASHVILLE CHURCH SCHOOL

The Primary and Intermediate rooms of the Nashville school are very busy. On February 9, a program was given by the two rooms combined, for which we received \$32.60. With this money we purchased new curtains for both rooms; the Senior, Junior, and Primary Reading Course books for 1924; a \$10.50 physiology chart; a set of five Bible maps; refilled the first aid cabinet, and purchased several other necessities.

February has been an interesting month in these rooms with its many holidays and programs. Each room gave a Washington and Lincoln program, also a program on Longfellow, besides the interesting ones given each Wednesday morning by the junior societies. During this month too, Elder Beddoe and Elder Wells gave interesting and helpful talks.

"Good English" and "National Song," weeks February 17-27, were observed by the intermediate room. Several

appropriate posters were made by the children and compositions were written concerning the origin of our National songs. The following is a composition by one of the eighth grade pupils, Margaret Dortch:

Why I Should Use Good English

A prominent literary man has well said, "To be able to speak well is good, but to be able to give a clear expression of ideas is a gift." Without the use of good English our words may not only be lacking in forcefulness but very often may even be misleading. We may express our thought in language which will make our hearers understand the subject under discussion as well as we do ourselves.

From a business viewpoint the use of good English is very essential. The language we use portrays to the world the thoughts we think, whether they be good or evil, also the kind of people with whom we associate. Anyone who is careless in his speech suffers a great handicap in securing a good position in the world. In the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message do we especially need good English, because people are sometimes prejudiced against us and consider us ignorant and uncultured. Good English will be a great factor in winning their confidence and respect, thus increasing our influence for good with them.

Let us not be mistaken as to what constitutes good English. Simplicity is one of the first requisites. We should avoid high sounding words and phrases. On the day of Pentecost the apostles were imbued with the Holy Spirit and "from this time forth the language of the disciples was pure, simple, and accurate whether they spoke in their native tongue or in a foreign language."—"Acts of the Apostles," p. 40.

To be able to speak well is a high mark of culture and I am also convinced that in the Judgment the words of which we shall be most ashamed will be the petty, harsh, and critical words. This is always a safe rule to follow:

"If wisdom's ways you wisely seek,
Five things observe with care;
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak,
And how, and when, and where."

MRS. CLARA NORTON.
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ALABAMA

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ALABAMA NEWS NOTES

Elder Stephenson returned to Clanton Tuesday night from Gilbertown. He brings the sad news of the death there Friday of Sister Mead's little four-year-old son. The precious form was laid to rest Sabbath afternoon, to await the resurrection morning. Our sympathies go to this bereaved family, and we ask the prayers of the conference for them as several other members of this family are quite sick.

Mrs. Haughey spent the week-end in Birmingham in the interest of the young people's work.

Sabbath, March 15, Prof. Leo Thiel, president of the Southern Junior College, occupied the regular preaching hour in the Birmingham church. He congratulated the Birmingham church on the number of young people it had in the school, and the splendid quality of these young people.

Mr. F. L. Harrison, auditor of the Southern Union Conference spent several days in the office on his auditing work.

Miss Edith Stephenson, who has been taking the Nurses' course at Orlando, is visiting her parents in Clanton.

Mrs. Ward, of Birmingham, has been visiting her niece. She also attended the wedding of her grand-niece, Miss Lela Pavey.

Brother Schmehl is back in the office for a few days after helping Brethren Garratt and Barnhart with their deliveries. During the six weeks Brother Garratt has been located in Sheffield, he has delivered seven hundred dollars, worth of books.

Mr. W. A. Crowson has returned to Clanton. He was called to Huntsville on account of the serious illness of his mother, but we are glad to report that she is better.

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WATERS-PAVEY

A very pretty wedding was celebrated Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pavey, in Clanton, when their daughter, Lela Elizabeth, was married to Mr. Norman Waters. Elder Stephenson officiated.

Mr. Haughey sang, "O, Promise Me." and Miss Edith Stephenson responded with "I Love you Truly." Mrs. Haughey played the "Bridal Chorus" taken from Lohengrin, as the bridal couple marched into the parlor, preceded by the ribbon bearers, Misses Louise Stephenson and Maxine Farley. After the ceremony, Mendelsson's Wedding March was played.

Mr. and Mrs. Waters left Clanton immediately for their new home at Sunnybrook, Alberta, Canada.

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SUMMARY OF THE BOOK WORK IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

For Week Ending March 15

Name	Bk.	Hr.	Ord.	Total Val.	Del.
H. T. Barnhart	GC,BML	22	7	46.50	114.25
T. A. Brown	GC,BML	40	5	30.50	70.60
R. D. Capps	BML	27	7	24.50	
M. R. Garratt	DR	34	7	35.00	304.00
J. S. Randolph	PP	23	5	45.75	26.75
Chas. Tenpound	OD	24	8	41.00	1.25
Eva Tenpound	OD	6	2	11.00	.25
N. H. Waters	GC	18			101.05
Colored					
W. E. Autrey	GC	33	22	48.00	3.75
W. H. Baker	CR	30		52.60	22.40
Sr. Baker	CR,OD	20	19	90.75	9.00
R. J. Cook	GC	44	8	71.95	14.50
T. G. Culpepper	BR	34	11	57.50	4.50
A. Davis	BS,BML	22	19	24.00	
M. Jones	DR	52	5	19.50	4.25
Sr. Miller	JD,BMP	9	5	1.50	4.25
S. D. Miller	JD,BMP	7		2.00	2.00
A. Robinson	BML	42	31	30.25	
Irregulars				463.00	278.00
Total		464	161	995.30	960.80

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

For Week Ending March 15

Edw. Lugenbeal	DR	48	7	112.00	4.75
R. W. Fry (2)	PG	86	11	69.50	70.75
F. L. Cushing	BR	40	7	57.00	2.00
H. G. Miller (2)	CK	61	16	38.50	
H. E. Beck	BR	27	5	31.25	

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	1923	1924	Loss	Gain
Kentucky	3969.20	2642.80	1326.40	
Tennessee River	5045.30	1570.25	3475.05	
La-Miss.	2678.21	1150.20	1528.01	
	13830.16	8335.80	6329.46	835.10

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A first-class compositor and make-up man. Washington Missionary College has a good steady position to offer to a man who is familiar with good work. In reply, state age, how long an Adventist, number of years' experience and class of work used to. Apply to Clarence H. Taylor, Superintendent of Printing, Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

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The Watchman Magazine for the year 1923 has been placed in permanent form for those who desire to preserve the magazine for their library or for convenient reference. These are neatly bound in book form, cloth. Necessarily there are but a few copies so we suggest that those desiring one or more order at once, as late orders may find the supply exhausted. The price is \$2, post-paid. Order through your tract society.

G. C. Jenks	BR	10	14	83.00	
Colored					
Richard Wilson	Misc	28	1	13.00	12.50
Total		300	61	404.25	90.00

Honor Roll

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SUMMARY OF THE COLPORTEUR WORK IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FEBRUARY—1924

Conference	Agents	Hours	Orders	Value	Deliveries
Alabama (W)	10	1003	361	2544.70	1223.95
Alabama (C)	3	311	20	427.85	106.50
	13	1314	381	2972.55	1330.45
Kentucky (W)	14	934	316	2285.05	504.00
Kentucky (C)	3	250	59	357.75	156.10
	17	1184	375	2642.80	660.10
Tenn. River (W)	9	833	152	1410.50	920.50
Tenn. River (C)	2	130	14	159.75	59.75
	11	963	166	1570.25	980.25
Louisiana-Miss. (W)	6	392	122	708.75	239.50
Louisiana-Miss. (C)	6	341	88	441.45	305.00
	12	733	210	1150.20	544.50
Grand Total	53	4194	1132	8335.80	3515.30

MAGAZINE SALES

Alabama	\$ 75.95
Kentucky	101.45
Tennessee River	138.75
Louisiana-Mississippi	
Union	\$316.15

COMPARATIVE BOOK SALES

	1923	1924	Loss	Gain
Alabama	2137.45	2972.55		835.10