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The Portentous Call

By V. G. ANDERSON, President, Southern Union Conference



Southern Union Colporteurs Rang Approximately 1,401,000
Doorbells for God in 1948.

A knock on the door, or a ring of the doorbell—at the lowly hovel, at the elegant mansion—may be the bridge that spans the chasm of destruction between the end of time and the beginning of eternity for some soul. It is the call of that ambassador of truth, the colporteur evangelist. Every hour of every day, he is ringing doorbells for God in the Southland. If the occupants of the home realize the importance of the message of this heaven-sent evangel, they know it is an alarm to awaken them to accept Christ today.

As I reflect upon all that the colporteurs have accomplished, it seems to me a mighty demonstration of the power of God as we have followed His direction in doing the work He appointed long ago. In the book work now, we think in terms of millions, but it was a very small beginning, back when the prophetic gift brought this timely message to His people:

*"Elmhaven," Sanitarium, California
February 5, 1902*

*To Those in Positions of Responsibility
in the Southern Field*

Dear Brethren:

The unworked, barren condition of the Southern field calls for our serious consideration. A work must be done in the South that has not yet been even entered upon.

I feel deeply sensible of the fact that the lines of work to be established in different places in the South will need men and women of wisdom and prayer, men and women who will carry the work forward from stage to stage soundly, intelligently, toiling, praying, working economically, as men and women of God's appointment. The situation calls for personal, untiring, united effort.

*"One brick upon another, and the
highest wall is made;*

*One flake upon another, and the
deepest snow is laid."*

*Patient continuance in well-doing,—this is
to be our motto. We are to put forth persevering*

effort, advancing step by step until the race is run, the victory gained. . .

The Son of man is represented as one taking a long journey, who left his home, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work. What a blessing it would be if those who today are working for the Lord would comprehend the meaning of the words, "To every man his work." To every one there is given a work,—something to do to keep the physical, mental, and spiritual capabilities in exercise. And as the capabilities entrusted to man by the Lord are used in His service they increase in usefulness. . . .

In the night season I was taken from place to place, from city to city, in the Southern field. I saw the great work to be done,—the work that ought to have been done years ago. . . .

My brethren, unquestioning faith in the word of God will enable you to see and do the work God desires to have done. Unswerving faith and unselfish love will overcome the difficulties that arise in the path of duty to hinder the aggressive warfare. As those inspired by this faith go forward in the work of saving souls, they will run and not be weary, and will walk and not faint.

Ellen G. White

Whether or not we accepted this clarion call to give the warning message to the millions in the South, surely can be answered by examining the records of what has been accomplished. All lines of God's work in the Southern Union have been steadily surging forward since this letter was written. It would be impossible to estimate the extent of the work of God-fearing colporteurs in meeting this challenge. During the first year that it was my privilege to labor in the Southland, 1932, the colporteurs delivered \$26,191 worth of our literature in the homes of the people. When I returned to the Southern Union in 1948, I was handed a report showing that in the latest summary, for 1947, 341 colporteurs in the eight Southern states had delivered books in the tremendous total value of \$941,-019 85!

But if the servant of the Lord

could be with us today, I wonder whether she would not, while commending us for the work done, point to the many dark counties and the yet unworked territory. No enterprise for the finishing of God's work in the earth has ever been devised that is more effective than the colporteur work. It is truly the advance guard,

and it prepares the way for the establishment of churches and the rapid spread of the message. But there are not nearly enough colporteurs. Are *you* one whom God is calling to help blanket the South with the printed message that will mean the salvation of many? Are *you* one who should be ringing doorbells for God?

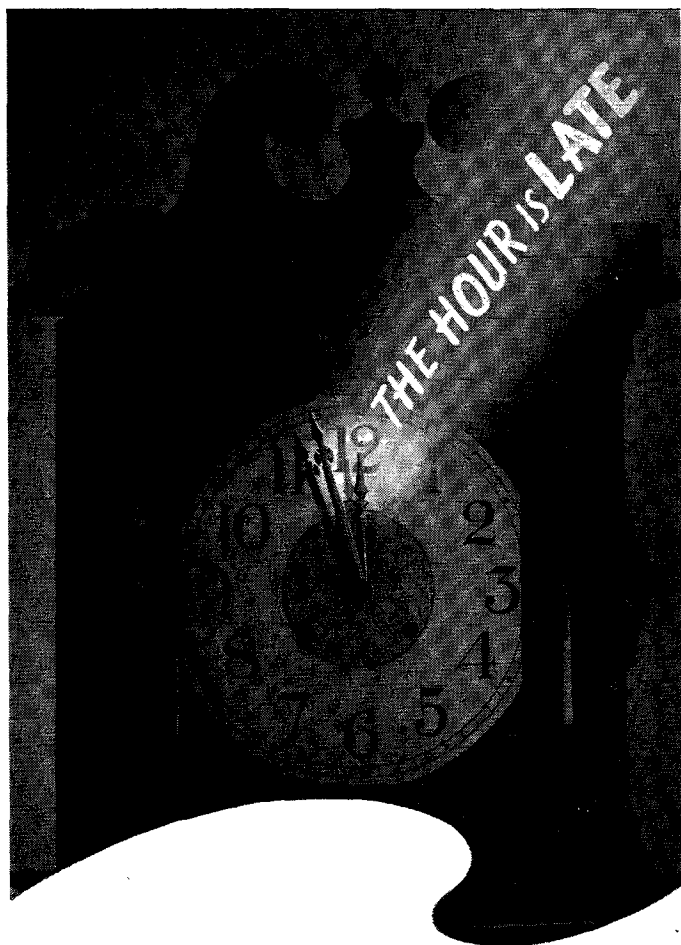
Only a Moment Remains

By B. E. WAGNER, Publishing Secretary, Southern Union Conference

"Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. . . . Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains."—*Testimonies, Volume VI*, page 14. "Men are in peril. Multitudes are perishing.

But how few of the professed followers of Christ are burdened for these souls! The destiny of a world hangs in the balance."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 307.

"The publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God. Throughout the world they are to do the same work



IN HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS

The things of this world are soon to perish. This is not discerned by those who have not been divinely enlightened, who have not kept pace with the work of God. Consecrated men and women must go forth to sound the warning in the highways and the byways. . . . "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled," Christ says. Do not these words plainly outline the work of the canvasser? . . .

Oh, that thousands more of our people had a realization of the time in which we are living, and of the work to be done in field service, in house-to-house labor.—Colporteur Evangelist, page 32.

that was done by John the Baptist."—*Testimonies*, Volume VII, page 139

Hundreds of full-time book and magazine colporteurs are now needed to carry the message from door to door. "There should be men trained for this branch of the work who will be missionaries, and will circulate publications. . . . This is a work which would warrant men to give their whole time and energies as the occasion demands."—*Christian Experience and Teachings*, page 226.

Many of our members who for various reasons cannot devote full time to this work are dedicating ten or

twenty hours a week to house-to-house evangelism. Literally hundreds more could work as part-time literature evangelists with our books and magazines. There should be at least one book evangelist and one magazine colporteur in every church.

"God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers. . . ."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 26.

You cannot respond to God's call too soon. You do not know how soon it will be too late. The trail of a colporteur is the road of a loving heart. Now is the time to share your faith the colporteur way.

A Call for Energetic Work

By H. C. KEPHART, General Manager, Southern Publishing Association

We commend the leaders in the Southern Union for their vision of the publishing work. In our opinion their aim and effort to increase substantially the already large force of literature workers is not visionary but very practical.



The lateness of the hour and the great population of the territory call for energetic work. The effectiveness of our denominational literature prepared for circulation among people of all persuasions is being reported continuously, as here a family and there a group, through reading a book or a magazine, conclude that the truth for these last days is to be obeyed. And all the time we have before us that almost startling

announcement from the pen of the servant of the Lord: "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, *most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications.*"—*Review and Herald*, November 10, 1885. (Italics ours.)

In view of what has been accomplished and what is predicted as the outcome of the extensive circulation of our gospel literature, we do not marvel at the enlarging force of colporteurs engaging in its distribution. We marvel, rather, than many more are not springing into action, joining the ranks of these ministers of the printed page.

As you listen to the appeals made by the publishing men, and you are impressed that God would have you engage in this noble, soul-saving enterprise, obey the impulse to offer your services. It requires many colporteurs to contact even once the twenty-one

million people residing within the borders of the Southern Union Conference. Today's wonderful opportunity to place message literature in the hands of great numbers who need the light to shine across their path may not long continue. Go, work today. Who now will do it?

Racing Against Time

By LOUIS K. DICKSON, Vice-President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

The work of God is now in a race against time and against the forces of destruction. We are in the midst of a crisis that will not pass, but will inevitably be followed by disaster, unless we fight individual apathy, selfishness, and insincerity, and bestir ourselves morally and spiritually against the forces of compromise and lethargy. A new experience and a new quality of life must now be brought into being.

In a time of trouble such as this, when moral standards have reached a new low level and have become breeding grounds for destructive forces threatening to engulf the world, is it not time for the remnant church to seek again the hidden resources of her strength and rise up to a new demonstration of the power of her gospel in service for the Master?

God is now setting His hand to the completion of the work of salvation in the earth. One of the greatest omens, among countless signs which might be mentioned, of the fact that God is setting His hand to the completion of the divine program of redemption, is our colporteur work. We are constantly caused to wonder at the marvelous records which our colporteurs are rolling up in the world field week after week. Sales have mounted in recent years to unheard-of amounts, leading us to believe that this splendid work of gospel literature ministry has entered upon an entirely new era. The final chapter is about to be written, and this fact calls for the gigantic book business which we now see everywhere.

The colporteur work is no longer the tail or a side issue, but the head in personal missionary work from every viewpoint. Men and women need no longer seek outside employment in order to enlarge their income; the col-

porteur work is bearing large fruitage in income for all those who respond to the call and are faithful in service.

We need a much enlarged army of fine upstanding men and women for this work. None need hesitate for fear of starvation wages. The income from colporteur work now will support any family. God is calling many

men and women to this work. If we would but listen to the still small voice and respond to the divine urge of His Spirit, a multitude of our best members would sweep into this great and fruitful work for God. Will you not pray, asking God to impress your heart as you say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do"?

this evangelistic agency already should have several stars in his crown before he even receives his internship papers or credentials.

It is generally understood and accepted that the very best and most productive field in the whole world for the sale of gospel literature is in the territory of our own Southern Union. It behooves many young persons and others to take advantage of this means of saving souls and earning a livelihood while getting a Christian education.

Southern Missionary College, both faculty and students, strongly supports this program. S. M. C. can honestly stand for "Send Many Colporteurs."

"Send Many Colporteurs"

By K. A. WRIGHT, President, Southern Missionary College

Twenty-nine years ago this summer I sold nearly two hundred copies of the book "Our Day in the Light of



K. A. Wright

Prophecy" in one of the counties of western Pennsylvania. One of the greatest thrills of my young life came two years later when another colporteur, who was selling "Bible Readings" in the same county, found an entire family keeping the Sabbath after having read Elder Spicer's book, which I had sold to them.

I have always been a firm believer and supporter of this wonderful evangelistic agency, that of selling truth-filled subscription books to the public. My younger brother, Orville, earned his entire way through college by this means. My oldest son has been a colporteur for three summers and still considers himself belonging to this army of God's workers. It has been my privilege to encourage hundreds of students to spend the summer months in this profitable way of earning a Christian education. Every individual should be gainfully employed in an undertaking upon which he can both ask and expect God's blessing. Surely God is in this work, otherwise it would not make the progress which it has made through the years.

My observation would lead me to consider that there is no surer way for a young man or young woman to earn his way through college. The results or dividends are multiple. The sale of the book and the message it contains saves souls for God's kingdom. It makes for personality development on the part of the young salesman which is second to none. Then,

too, it insures a means of securing a Christian education in preparation for a greater work for God. What other type of employment will do as much? I have also noticed that the colporteur student as he returns to college invariably rises to the top in social, scholarship, and student activities. Young married couples or middle-aged men and women will find it a very satisfactory and remunerative means of earning a livelihood. The bonus which attends the student colporteur scholarship is also open for those of middle age, and I would strongly urge many to take advantage of it by attending college for at least a year, for this will make him a better and more successful colporteur, even though he plans to spend his life in this noble work.

Completed scholarships during the last school year totaled \$35,000. These scholarships represented a credit of \$19,490.88 to the students' accounts. This number of scholarships could be doubled or even tripled if every student who feels the urge to go will go and stay by for the full summer months. The ministerial student who has spent three or four summers in

"Bedtime Stories" Wins a Soul

In a home where Mrs. V. C. Tooley of the Carolina Conference was showing the bindings for the twenty volumes of "Bedtime Stories," the woman whom she was canvassing suddenly looked up at her and said, "You are surely telling the truth about wearing the covers off the paper-bound books. There are only three covers left on my twenty volumes." Then she said she had had an experience that she thought would be of interest to the colporteur, and this is what she related:

Her little boy wanted a story before his mother began her morning work, so she picked up one of the volumes of "Bedtime Stories," not paying much attention to which one it was, and turned to the back, reading to him the story of the new earth, where the lion

HE CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

"The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work."—"Colporteur Evangelist," page 41. "God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers. . . . The canvassing work should no longer be neglected. . . . Canvasser evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls."—Id., pages 26-30. "We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. . . . The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send me.'"—Id., page 27.

PLEADING FOR WORKERS

Night after night I am standing before the people, bearing a very positive testimony, and pleading with them to be wide-awake, and to take up the work of circulating our literature.—*Review and Herald*, April 20, 1905.

and the lamb shall lie down together. The story made such an impression on the child's mind that he turned to his mother and asked earnestly, "How many in our family are going to heaven, Mother?" A baby brother had been laid to rest some time before, so she said, "Why, baby brother will be there."

Turning to the colporteur, the woman said, "You must remember I was a down-right sinner; I could cuss as well as any man." Then she went on with her story, that she had answered her young son by saying she hoped they would all be there, hoping that would satisfy him and that he would not ask the all-important question his mother was trying to avoid. But he drew closer to his mother, and finally look up at her and said, "Mother, are you and Daddy going to be there?"

The mother's heart was broken by her child's questioning plea, and she told the colporteur: "Imagine how I felt, being a sinner. My eyes filled with tears. A lump came in my throat so large I could scarcely swallow, and I prayed for the first time in my life. I told the Lord that if He would spare my life until I could go to church and become a Christian that I would bring up my four boys in a Christian home."

I finally looked down into my son's eyes, with mine full of tears, and said, 'Yes, Son, Mother will be there. I don't know about Daddy.' The following week I gave my heart to Jesus and have given my four boys the influence of a Christian home since last summer. And it all came about through the little book and my six-year-old son. In this little book that has the story about the new earth in it I have written down all this experience and the dates when they happened."

This dear mother has put away the treasured copy of "Bedtime Stories." She says that, next to her Bible, it is the dearest of her possessions. She lost her husband last fall, and her income is meager, but she said she felt that if "Uncle Arthur's" first set could accomplish a thing like that, she surely should put forth every effort to get the next; so "The Children's Hour" is being delivered to her to add to her little son's library that won his mother to Christ. We need many more to minister to the needs of children in this way. B. E. WAGNER

Soul-Winners Are They

By C. H. LAUDA, President, Carolina Conference

The greatest thrill that can come to any individual is see someone come to Christ as a result of his labors. Our colporteurs in Carolina and throughout the world are having this experience, for they are doing the highest missionary work one can do. Do you ask, "Are you sure about that?" Yes indeed! Notice this quotation: "By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary

work that you can do."—*Testimonies*, Volume IX, page 41. Surely our colporteurs, as they go from door to door, are visiting the people; they are talking with them; they pray and sympathize with the families; and, as a result, they are winning hearts to Jesus Christ.

Recently at our Carolina camp meeting we had the pleasure of interviewing our believers in a "Share Your Faith" service, and it was wonderful

to hear the testimonies from those who had accepted Christ as the result of a book purchased from a colporteur. We did not have just one such testimony, but there were many in the audience that had been won to Christ because of the faithful work of the colporteur. We are proud of these soul-winners as they go up and down the roads in Carolina, and as they knock at every door. Surely their visits are timely, for "Now Is the Time" to "Share Your Faith." We are thankful to see in the lives of our faithful colporteurs a resolute, persevering faith, unwearying patience, and a deep love for souls. This is why their work is successful.

The thought comes to me today. Why do we not have more men and women and young people in the colporteur army? Surely God has called many of you but you have not responded yet. Can you be happy doing other lines of work when God has called you to this special work? You need not be a super salesman to sell these truth-filled books, and to win people to Christ. Let us think again of the quotation given above: It is "by visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, (that) you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you can do."

Join our army of earnest colporteur-evangelists. Be numbered among our soul-winners. Help us finish the work of the gospel and hasten the return of our Lord.

"Jesus is calling for many missionaries, for men and women who will consecrate themselves to God, willing to spend and be spent in His service. Oh, can we not remember that here is a world to labor for? Shall we not move forward step by step, letting God use us as His helping hand? Shall we not place ourselves on the altar of service? . . ."—C. E., page 42.

WHOLE CHURCHES HAVE BEEN RAISED UP

Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as the result of their circulation.—*Christian Service*, page 146.





Greater Things in Florida

By R. H. NIGHTINGALE, *President, Florida Conference*

We in Florida are greatly encouraged over what is being accomplished this year in our colporteur work. It looks as if we will have almost as much delivered in the first six months of this year as we had in all of last year. The servant of the Lord has made it very clear that the ministry of the printed page will be of prime importance in the finishing of our work. "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." —*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 80.

In Revelation 18:1 John says: "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. The Spirit of prophecy tells us, "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Testimonies*, Volume VII, page 140. Therefore, we can see the importance that the literature ministry will have in the very

YOUNG MEN ARE NEEDED

When young men take up the canvassing work filled with an intense longing to save their fellow men, they will see souls converted. From their work a harvest for the Lord will be reaped. — *Christian Service*, page 153.

closing scenes of giving the gospel to the world.

It is being demonstrated that our books and periodicals can be sold not only in the winter time in Florida but also in the summer time. Many of our members are qualified to do this type of work who are not now engaged in it. We have many towns, cities, and villages in Florida that need the message for this time. We cannot send a minister to all of these places, but we want colporteurs to take the message to them through our books and periodicals.

We invite those who have a burden for this work to get in touch with our publishing department secretary, Box 1313, Orlando, Florida.

The Colporteur Prepares the Way

By W. E. STRICKLAND, *President, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference*

As the work of God advances in Kentucky-Tennessee, opening dark counties and causing the light of this message to shine in the hearts of new believers, we sense more and more the value of the preparatory work done by the colporteurs. Books that were read, studied, and laid aside, come to light as God's instruments for preparing the heart to receive the gospel through the living minister, and we are made to realize anew the value of the work done by our colporteurs.

God has used and is using His colporteurs in many ways and places to win men and women to Him. His message in book and magazine form is being carried over Kentucky's and western Tennessee's many highways and byways. Up the mountains, along the hollows, and winding in and out down the little country roads, the colporteur goes. God will not forget these faithful laborers for Him, and

WHO WILL GO?

Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on. A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" send back the answer clear and distinct, "Here am I; send me."—Testimonies, Volume VI, page 333.

our prayers continually ascend to heaven for their health, protection, and success.

Where today we have one, we should have many more who are willing to join this army of God to spread the truth over this our great territory. Truly, what the cause of God needs today is men and more men. There is still a great work to be done ere our Master returns. And His colporteurs are doing their share. May God give us more of them.

Tools in Trade

By I. M. EVANS, *President, Alabama-Mississippi Conference*

A good carpenter must have good tools in order to do good work. The same is true with a stone mason, a brick layer, a mechanic, a dentist, an optician, or any other worker. In order for one to do a first-class job, he needs first-class tools with which to work, and he must learn how to use these tools skillfully and effectively.



The colporteur carries the answer for troubled, perplexed hearts.

Good books are tools in trade that are invaluable to ministers, lawyers, teachers, parents, students, young and old, rich and poor alike. The Book of books and its timely message of salvation for a sinful world was never more needed than now. Here in the

South Atlantic Needs

By H. D. SINGLETON, *President, South Atlantic Conference*

One can travel scores of miles, passing through numbers of towns and villages, as well as rural communities, in each of the four states comprising the South Atlantic Conference and have his heart sink within him when he becomes aware of the fact that not a single colored Seventh-day Adventist is to be found in these areas. One may visit the churches in the South Atlantic Conference and each Sabbath find sitting in the congregation any number of persons with talent whom the Lord could use successfully in the giving of this message to these areas which are in darkness.

There are various reasons why these persons have not responded to the appeal to enter the Lord's work; the need, however, still remains—the call of God still stands. Engaging in a work for souls is unquestionably the most satisfying type of employment and activity for one's livelihood that can possibly be entered into. To know that one's full time is devoted to a work in which heaven is vastly interested and for which angels are promised to be by our side, should mean much to every sincere child of God.

"Those who are born again, who are willing to be guided by the Holy Spirit, doing in Christ's way that which they can do, those who will work as

Southland, known as the Bible belt of America, we are blessed with a population of God-fearing men and women who reverence the Word of God and, generally speaking, cherish its precious promises. In this field, perhaps more than any other in the United States, we have a territory that welcomes the Christian colporteur, the man of God who goes from home to home with truth-filled literature, carrying God's last message of mercy as recorded in Revelation 14:6, 7.

Men and women are needed to engage in this line of work while it is yet day, "for the night cometh when no man can work." Respond to the call of service, take up the colporteur ministry, and gain an experience and training that will richly water your own soul as you help our good books, which in reality are "tools in trade," do their appointed work.

if they could see the heavenly universe watching them, will be accompanied and instructed by holy angels, who will go before them to the dwellings of the people, preparing the way for them."—*The Colporteur Evangelist*, page 13.

The South Atlantic Conference needs at least one hundred more consecrated persons of talent who will go from door to door giving God's last warning message. May these persons be aroused at this eleventh hour to go forth to help reap the harvest. God is appealing to you, the South Atlantic Conference is appealing to you, lost men and women throughout the South Atlantic field are appealing to you. Hesitate no longer!

"Let canvassers be faithful students, learning how to be most successful."

A LARGE WORK SHOULD BE DONE

The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers. The world is asleep, and as watchmen they are to ring the warning bell to awake the sleepers to their danger. — Testimonies, Volume VI, page 315.



A Colporteur Wins a Colporteur

By R. L. CHAMBERLAIN, *Publishing Department Secretary*
Georgia-Cumberland Conference

Our hearts were thrilled as we listened to those interesting experiences that our regular colporteurs brought to us on Sunday morning, June 12, during our annual colporteur symposium. Many of them told of finding precious souls who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness, and how their hearts overflow with joy when they find the third angel's message, as they read and study the books and periodicals that we place in their homes.

Murray Turner, who was in the

automobile business about seven years ago, responded to the call of God to have a part in spreading the third angel's message by way of the printed page. He gave up this very prosperous business and dedicated his heart and life to the literature ministry. He has averaged about ten thousand dollars worth of books delivered every year since he started in the literature work.

During the first year that Brother Turner canvassed, he placed a "Bible Readings" in a home and encouraged

the family to read and study it, and also the Twentieth Century Bible Course. The wife accepted the truth and within a few months was baptized. A few months later the husband took his stand for the truth and also dedicated his life to the literature ministry. Brother Turner was really happy when he learned that this family, to whom he had brought the blessed truth; won twelve souls to the third angel's message last year.

The Lord is still calling for volunteers to go out into the highways and by-ways and invite others to come in and be ready for the great marriage feast of the Lamb. If the Lord speaks to you and gives you an invitation to follow Him in the literature ministry, will you have the faith and courage to step out upon the promises of God?

God Calls

By R. P. ROBINSON, *Publishing Department Secretary, South Atlantic Conference*

What is a call to work for God? The answer can be briefly stated. A call to work for God is *the need* coupled with one's ability to fill that need.



After the Babel dispersion idolatry became almost universal, and God needed someone to stand as a light-house in a wicked and perverse age. So He called Abraham and said, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee." Genesis 12:1. The record reveals that "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed." Hebrews 11:8.

Some today might say, "Had I lived in Abraham's day, I would have responded to God's call just as he did. My faith would have been as strong as his. There would have been no wavering on my part. I would have started at once for the country God was to show me." But we read from the pen of inspiration that: "It was no light test that was thus brought upon Abraham, no small sacrifice that was

IN THE PLACE OF THE LIVING PREACHER

Canvassing for our publications is an important and most profitable line of evangelistic work. Our publications can go to places where meetings cannot be held. In such places the faithful evangelistic canvasser takes the place of the living preacher. By the canvassing work the truth is presented to thousands who otherwise would never hear it. . . . Our commission is to let the light shine forth everywhere from the press.—*Review and Herald*, October 7, 1902.

required of him. There were strong ties to bind him to his country, his kindred, and his home. But he did not hesitate to obey the call. He had no questions to ask. . . . God had spoken, and His servant must obey; the happiest place on earth for him was the place where God would have him be.

Many are still tested as was Abraham. They do not hear the voice of God speaking directly from the heavens, but He calls them by the teachings of His Word and the events of His providence." —*Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 126.

To answer a call to work for God

may require one "to abandon a career that promises wealth and honor, to leave congenial and profitable associations, and separate from kindred, to enter upon what appears to be only a path of self-denial, hardship, and sacrifice."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 126.

Fellow believers, there is a tremendous need for more consecrated workers to help finish the task. "God calls . . . He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping wherever there is opportunity. . . . Who will respond to the call?"—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 26.

"God So Loved That He Gave"

By W. E. ROBERSON, *Publishing Department Secretary, Carolina Conference*

During the recent war, as a father and his young son were strolling down



the street, the boy noticed the service stars in the windows and would comment to his father, "Look, daddy, there is one star." Then again he would say, "Look, daddy, there are two stars in that window." A little later, while passing a small home, he exclaimed, "Why, daddy, there are three stars in that window!" And then, coming upon a large, beautiful home, he saw no star in the window. He asked, "Daddy, why don't they have a star, too?"

The father, thinking that his son was too young to realize the significance of these service stars and the anxiety and sadness they brought to

many a home, hardly knew how to answer his son, until a little later, having come to an open space, the boy looked up into the heavens and beheld the evening star. He exclaimed, "Look, daddy, God has a star in His window! Did God give a Son in service, too?"

Yes, dear friend, God did give His Son, for "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." And then God says to us today: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Yes, dear friends, God is calling today for laborers to go into His vineyard. I am happy that many are responding to that call, but we are told by the pen of inspiration that where there is one there should be one hundred. My dear friend, is God calling you? Is there a desire for a closer walk with God, for deeper spirituality? The colporteur work is

one of the best ways to gain this experience.

The Harvest Is Waiting

By M. G. CATO, *Publishing Department Secretary, South Central Conference*

After Jesus had spoken to the Samaritan woman at the well, causing her conversion, she in turn went back into the city telling everyone what Jesus had done for her. As the people went out of the city to see the Man who could tell the past and the future, Jesus looked upon them with pity and said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

I could realize the true import of these inspiring words of our Lord as I visited one of our colporteurs in Mississippi. He related a dream to me which he had had the night before I got there, saying: "I thought I saw you and me working together in the cotton fields. They were all loaded with snow-white cotton. It seemed there was so much all around us. Someone said to me, 'You will never be able to gather in all of this great and abundant harvest. Much is already falling to the ground and perishing.' We replied, 'Oh yes, we can, and we will.'"

My dear Christian friends, are not the words of Jesus our Lord, and the dream of Brother Braddock, our faithful colporteur, a great challenge to us today that truly the fields in the Southern territory are now, right now, white already to harvest?

God is in no uncertain tones calling His children to hear His voice saying, "Son, go work today in my vineyard." How long will Jesus and the Father have to wait on your answer, dear reader? The hour glass of time is running out! We must gather all the energies of the soul and help to gather in the harvest, for we are now living in the end of the world.

"By diligence in canvassing, by faithfully presenting to the people the cross of Calvary, the canvasser doubles his powers of usefulness. . . ."—*The Colporteur Evangelist*.



ANGELS ACCOMPANY AND PREPARE WAY

I ask you, dear Christian workers, to do what you can to circulate the books that the Lord has said should be sown broadcast throughout the world. Do your best to place them in the homes of as many as possible. Think of how great a work can be done if a large number of believers will unite in an effort to place before the people, by the circulation of these books, the light that the Lord has said should be given them. Under divine guidance, go forward in the work, and look to the Lord for aid. The Holy Spirit will attend you. Angels of heaven will accompany you, preparing the way.—Colporteur Evangelist, page 40.

Words That Are Never Said

By CALVIN OSBORN, *Evangelist, Louisville, Kentucky, District*

Have you ever heard anyone say, "I wish I had never entered the colporteur ministry"? The answer is no. Why? Because of the many advantages it offers: the rich spiritual experience in Christian living, an increased knowledge of the Bible, a better understanding of the fine art of dealing with people, and above all a most strategic avenue for reaching the lost.

Just the other day an interested person wrote to our Louisville radio broadcast. One of our workers visited him and found that he knew the Seventh-day Adventist teachings and wanted to be baptized. Where did he

receive his knowledge of the truth? Through a colporteur who in 1937 sold him "The Return of Jesus."

The Southern Union needs many God-fearing, faithful colporteurs to help warn the millions who can be reached only through the self-sacrificing literature ministry. Friend, if you feel the least urge or conviction to do colporteur work, recognize it as a call from God. Put your heart and talents into the work now, and God will bless you. Go forward in faith at once. Soon it will be too late. God is with the consecrated colporteur worker. Why not respond today?

A Second Pentecost Yet to Come

By LEIGHTON R. HOLLEY, *Evangelist, Columbia, South Carolina, District*

"More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications." (Mrs. E. G. White, *Review and Herald*, November 10, 1885.) What a comfort, what an inspiration, yes, what an incentive for future labor is this for our faithful army of Southern colporteurs! Book after book has been placed in home after home, and it is largely from this faithful ministry of our godly colporteurs that "more than one thousand will soon be converted in one day! Surely the greatest days of soul winning here in the South are yet before us.

But if the foregoing statement is an inspiration to the colporteur, it should be an equally mighty challenge to the rest of us. Even our ordained ministers might well pause and consider the unique position which a truly consecrated colporteur has in the eyes of the Lord. Such consideration ought surely to make us bolder and more faithful in encouraging many of our most gifted and consecrated laymen to enter this line of self-supporting ministry.

From the pen of inspiration we read: "The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected; for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister."—*Testimonies*, Volume VI, page 321. Now, some of us might find this statement hard to believe, but it would still be true whether we believed it or not. The rewards of the Lord will be on a different scale from our human reasoning. Not the burdened executive, nor the inspiring, big-time evangelist, nor the busy pastor around whom the activities of the local church revolve—none of these holds a position above that of "the intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser." In order for this to be true, of course, "as much care and wisdom must be used in selecting the workers as in selecting men for the ministry."—*Testimonies*, Volume V, page 405. When these conditions are met, however, the positions of these godly colporteurs, in taking an equal place

alongside the gospel minister, cannot be denied.

And for those of us who received in the colporteur ministry our basic training for the winning of souls this is not hard to understand. When it comes to practical training in reaching the hearts of men and women with the message, I would personally prefer to yield my college training than that of my canvassing experience.

No wonder we read: "As God blesses the minister and the evangelist in their earnest efforts to place the truth before the people, so He will

bless the faithful canvasser."—*Testimonies*, Volume VI, page 340. We have many Seventh-day Adventist laymen in all our churches who are both talented and consecrated, and who need to have their attention called to this great work; for here is something they can do in finding the honest in heart and helping to prepare the world for the Lord's coming. "There is need of men of deep Christian experience, men of well-balanced minds, strong, well-educated men, to engage in this work."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 23.

The Colporteur Is the Advent Movement's "John the Baptist"

By W. O. REYNOLDS, *Evangelist, Miami, Florida, District*

The colporteur work has a very warm spot in my heart, because it proved to be such a great blessing to me spiritually when I first accepted this message that is so dear to our hearts. From my own experience in public evangelism now for a number of years, I am being more convinced all the time that the colporteur work is the greatest forerunner for an evangelistic program that we have in the denomination. If our people could hear the wonderful stories that we hear constantly as souls are being won to

this message through public evangelism, of the first spark of interest that was kindled by a colporteur evangelist, I believe that armies of laymen would respond to the call.

I could relate many experiences of those I have baptized from our efforts, whose first interest was aroused by the colporteur. One in this present effort here in Miami is a thrilling witness to the influence of our literature. A young couple came along until they heard the Sabbath truth, which upset them as it does many. After a few

days and nights of diligent study, they decided to go to the public library and get some books to study all phases of the question. When Elder Thurman, who is with us in this effort, called on this couple, they wanted him to know that they had gotten some books to study the Sabbath question thoroughly. They brought out "The Great Controversy" and "Daniel and Revelation" that they had found at the library. They did not know, of course, that these were our books; so every way they turned the Spirit of the Lord was working out plans for them.

I believe with all my heart that the time has come for our people who want to see the Lord's work finished to rally by the hundreds and join the army of colporteur evangelists to prepare the way for the finishing of the work.

WE NEED MORE!

When one of our colporteurs called at a home recently, a lady said that she could not buy anything, but after the canvass she wanted the colporteur to see her husband. Upon calling to see him, an order with a two-dollar deposit was received, which was all the change he had. This happened in the early afternoon. Later in the evening, while the colporteur was giving a demonstration in a nearby home, this man with his wife and children, all excited, and with check-book in hand, hurried into the room, saying that they had decided to take the book at once. This made it easy to complete the sale with the lady he was canvassing. This and many other experiences prove to us that there are honest people waiting to receive the message in Florida.

We are happy to report that several students are now starting work in Florida, and each hopes to make a scholarship. Florida has delivered, in the first five months of this year, within sixteen hundred dollars of what was delivered in the entire year of 1948, and over fifty people have signed up to canvass in Florida, some part time and some full time. But we still need many more FULL-TIME CONSECRATED COLPORTEUR EVANGELISTS.

If the Lord impresses you to be in His work, write to the publishing department of the Florida Conference, Box 1313, Orlando, Florida.

G. W. Sisson, *Assistant Pub. Dept. Secretary, Florida Conference*



THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN WON

By J. L. McELHANY, *President,
General Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists*

The opportunities for the use of our message-filled literature have never been greater than they are in the



present hour. Our publishing houses should be pressed to the limit of their capacity in preparing literature that will proclaim the message of Christ's soon coming. . . . We know that in order to fulfill our divine commission

we must make large use of our message-filled literature. . . . If there is one class of workers among us who deserve our commendation and our encouragement, it is our faithful colporteurs.

There are thousands of believers in this message today who have been won through the ministry of our colporteurs. There are yet other thousands, doubtless, who will be won this way. We need a courageous and victorious colporteur army. Let us all work and pray together that such an army may be kept constantly in the field.

THERE WILL BE A STILL MIGHTIER ARMY

By L. K. DICKSON, *Vice-President,
General Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists*

Our colporteurs and field workers of the publishing department are performing an unsurpassed soul-saving task which is ever swelling in importance and results in the finishing of the work



There will yet, however, be a still mightier army of men and women entering this sacred ministry under the divine call and outpouring of the fullness of God's power. It must be so; for a large part of the work of that other angel of Revelation 18:1 will be accomplished by the printed page.

My Testimony for



Colporteur Evangelism



THE COLPORTEUR IS A PIONEER

By W. H. BRANSON, *Vice-President
of the General Conference for the
China Division*

Millions who might never be reached in any other way will read the truth if it is carried to them in printed form. The great importance of this work cannot possibly be over-emphasized.



All over the world the colporteur is a pioneer. He goes into city and village and makes the first contacts with those who are potential candidates for heaven. Oftentimes an immediate reward is received by souls taking their stand for Christ and His message. And always the soil is prepared for the reaping of a harvest by the minister and others who follow.

W. H. Branson

NO HIGHER WORK

By H. T. ELLIOTT, *Associate Secretary,
General Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists*

"There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing," is the word from the messenger of the Lord.—*Testimonies*, Volume VI, page 331.



H. T. Elliott

The opportunities for this most efficient means of spreading the light of truth are unlimited. The need calls for missionary colporteurs to carry the truth-filled literature to every man and woman in the country, whether rich or poor,

great or humble.

The growth of the literature work in the Southern Union Conference during recent years has been outstanding. It has been an effective way to win many people. It has paved the way to success for many of the evangelistic efforts and for efforts of laymen and others in bringing people to a decision to accept Christ and to keep the commandments of the Lord. In all the advancement of the work in the

field the colporteur calling from home to home has an important part.

Much more could be achieved if more would engage in this work. Think what the results would be if throughout the Southern Union there were two colporteurs advancing Christ's kingdom where now there is one! Twice as many homes would be visited, twice as many would receive literature, twice as many would decide to follow the Lord. And this would also increase the effectiveness of the efforts of the church in all lines to spread the message. Imagine the results if ten or a hundred colporteurs were heralding the message where there is one today!

Some of our young people from the colleges, some of our men and women of ability throughout the churches, should give their talents to the colporteur ministry. The call for more colporteurs is urgent. Without them the literature work will languish. With them the work will grow and prosper to the glory of the Lord in the salvation of many. We appeal to you to study your own abilities and gifts with a view to responding to the need for more colporteur evangelists.

THEIR SERVICE LIVES ON IN OTHERS

By W. P. ELLIOTT, *Secretary, General Conference Publishing Department*

No worker in the cause of God is engaged in a more promising field of gospel endeavor than the colporteur. The enduring service of those who in



W. P. Elliott

years gone by carried our literature to the homes of the people lives on today in the lives of many of the most capable and outstanding leaders of this movement, as well as in a countless number of substantial and devoted members in our churches. Elder J. L. McElhany, president of the General Conference; Elder C. H. Watson, past president of the General Conference; Elder E. F. Hackman, president of the Inter-American Division, to mention only a few, are examples of the many outstanding administrators who owe their

connection with this cause to the house-to-house evangelism of the colporteur.

The future of our colporteur work will not be unworthy of the past. There will be men and women who love the Lord constantly enlisting and consecrating themselves to the service of God in the field of literature evangelism. And they will be as effectual in winning men and women of large abilities to the faith as were those who have preceded them. Thousands of members will unite with our churches as the result of their labors. This is true because colporteur evangelism is one of God's chosen ways of reaching those whose hearts are possessed of a hidden longing to know Him and serve Him. He is acquainted with their talents and has a place for them in His plans for the days ahead. God always has men in preparation for the future needs of His work.

That is why it is so important that he who takes up this work should first of all make a consecration without reserve to God. It is no ordinary task of book and magazine selling that he is undertaking. He is to be a channel through which the Spirit of God is to flow out with converting power to the men and women he meets. When least expected, God may direct him to the door of an individual or a family whom He has chosen and is calling to carry some special responsibility in the closing hours of probation. The eternal welfare of many souls may hang on that one call. It has happened many times in the past experience of colporteurs and it will happen again. There is a solemn privilege and a sacred trust connected with being such a messenger for God; a joy and satisfaction that cannot be equaled in any worldly service.

Mrs. Ellen G. White wrote: "Night after night I am standing before the people, urging them to be wide awake and to take up the circulation of our literature." God is calling again today. Why not say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." "Where there is no active service for others, love wanes and faith itself beareth witness with our spirit, itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." We do not

understand *suffer* as here used to mean physical suffering primarily. Rather, it refers to sharing the anxiety of the Saviour for lost humanity and working together with Him to save men. It is a condition upon which the promise of our inheritance is based.

If He is speaking to your heart today, inviting you to enter the literature ministry, we would urge you to accept. He is inviting you into a closer fellowship with Him. He is opening a way before you to join Him in a search for souls. As you step forward in faith and with complete consecration, He accepts responsibility for your success. This intimate fellowship with the Saviour will make the eternal inheritance seem brighter and more attractive as the days go by.

NO ONE CAN ESTIMATE IT

By N. C. WILSON, *Vice-President of The General Conference for the Australasian Inter-Union Conference*

No one can properly measure or estimate the value of our denominational publishing program of the past few



N. C. Wilson

years in the up-building of God's work everywhere, for its strength and value have been greater than any one can determine. But as important and vital as have been our publishing interests of the past years, surely in God's plan for the completion of His work they should be even much greater. Much more attention and interest should be centered in our literature ministry, and a much larger group of consecrated workers should now devote their lives to its success.

THE CALL MAY BE FOR YOU

By R. H. HARTWELL, *Evangelist, Memphis, Tennessee, District*

When the Mission Board of the General Conference calls a man to go overseas for service, there is much earnest thinking and praying at both ends of the call. When the conference committee informs a man that the church recognizes his call to the gospel ministry, there is serious thought. If one has been called of God to take up the literature ministry, how can he



or she lightly cast aside such a privilege?

The Bible is full of illustrations revealing the experiences of men who promptly responded to God's call for service, and the rich reward to be given to such. On the other hand, many cases are recorded of those who were called but did not accept the opportunity. Little is said of them later; but what eternal blessings they forfeited! How dare anyone refuse to do God's bidding?

What are the advantages of engaging in colporteur ministry? In the first place, you may have the satisfaction of knowing you are an ambassador for God engaged in soul-winning work in a direct way. Second, you will have no difficulty getting Sabbaths off,

no employer to ask you to work on the Sabbath. In this sense you will be your own boss. Third, you will have a clear conscience, knowing that you are in the path of duty. Fourth, you will keep your Christian experience growing deeper in a healthy manner as you cooperate with the Holy Spirit in spreading the message. Fifth, you will earn a living if you put in faithful time and remember to ask the Lord's help. Sixth, you will gain an ever-increasing education in the art of meeting people, making friends, and influencing the folks you meet. Seventh, you will help the people to invest a small part of their money in something very satisfying to their hungry souls. Eighth, you will know that you are doing a work that is second to none,

and much superior to most branches of employment. And so we might go on and on.

When the literature ministry goes forward successfully, then every branch of the work prospers. Have you heard the call? If so, why are you delaying to enlist in the Lord's army of Christian colporteurs?

THE NEED OF MEN

*God give us men!
For once again
The hour demands
Strong minds, clean hands.*

*Great-hearted souls
With bigger goals
Than earthly aim
Or worldly fame.*

*We cry again,
God give us men
Who see the crimes;
Who know the times.*

*Whose lives they'll live,
Whose powers they'll give,
To woo and win
A world from sin.
—Adlai A. Esteb*

COLPORTEURS ARE NEEDED

*We need more colporteurs,
The Master has said,
A hundred where now there is one;
More men who are willing
To leave all behind,
And work till the setting of sun,*

*Do you want a position
That's noble and true,
A work that's exalted and grand?
Then be a colporteur
And work for lost souls,
Point them to that better land.*

*In city and country,
Wherever you go,
Are hearts that are honest and true.
With prayers and with tears
They are looking to heaven.
God can answer their prayers through
you.*

*So long as probation
Shall last, saith the Lord,
There'll be work in the colporteur field.
'Till the words, "It is finished,"
Are spoken in heaven,
True hearts to this message will yield.
Mrs. Z. J. Ham*

THE TWO PREACHERS

By ROGER ALTMAN,
Assistant Treasurer,
General Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists

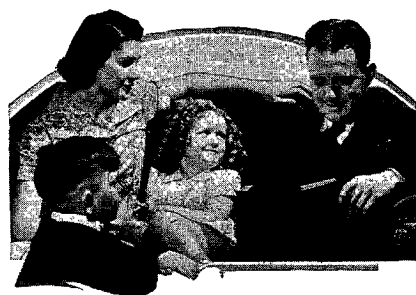
In the first-floor front hallway of the General Conference office is a special bulletin board eight feet long and four feet high. It is covered with newspaper clippings, stories about Pastor Salau, the native Solomon Islander whose father was a head hunter. Pastor Salau is now visiting camp meetings in this country, in company with Pastor A. G. Stewart, a veteran missionary of forty-two years' service.

A few Sabbath mornings ago, I sat in the Takoma Park church and looked at those two men as they sat on the platform together. The one had generations of Christians behind him. He was white-haired, dignified with age, as fine-appearing an example of the missionary ideal as could be found among us anywhere. The other had come from uncounted generations of savagery, devil worship, witchcraft, superstition, cannibalism, and darkness. But they were together now, preaching

as with one voice the good tidings of the manifold grace of God. One had felt the constraining love of Christ and had laid his youth and every earthly prospect at the Master's feet. He had listened to the Voice saying, "Whom shall I send? Other sheep I have, them also I must bring." The other had seen the consecrated missionary life, felt the divine influence of the gospel, and turned to the light.

It seemed to me that those two men, together on that Sabbath morning, represented the entire missionary program of the church. Why should a man give forty-two years to the savages? There was the answer. How could he believe this truth and do otherwise than follow the path of self-sacrificing service? Why should a proud heathen savage give up his ancient customs, his feasts, his dances, his murders, and his lusts, everything in which the depraved and carnal heart takes delight? How could he do otherwise under the impelling influence of the godly example brought to him and lived before him?

They sat there, those two preachers, waiting for their turn to speak. I haven't remembered all they said. But



I shall never forget how they looked and what they represented to me that Sabbath. And when the Midsummer Offering Sabbath comes, as it will July 16, I shall try to see them again in memory and share in the great, glorious enterprise to which they and all of us belong.

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SUBJECTS FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

July 10, "The Kingdom of Grace"

July 17, "The Kingdom of Glory"

Invite your friends and neighbors to listen to the Voice of Prophecy.

VOICE OF PROPHECY CHANGES

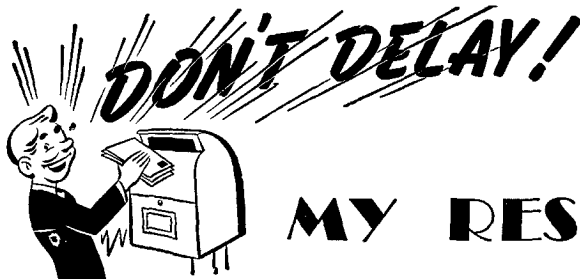
On June 19 the Voice of Prophecy went on a second national network—the American Broadcasting Company—in addition to the Mutual Broadcasting System, on which it will continue as before. The following changes are now in effect:

Asheville, North Carolina—Station WLOS, 1380 kcs, 10:30 A.M., Sunday, Eastern Standard Time, until July 24; 9:30 A.M., Sunday, beginning July 31.

Ashland, Kentucky—Station WCMI, 1340 kcs, and WCMI-FM, 93.7 meg., 10:00 A.M., Sunday, Eastern Standard Time—cancelled.

Birmingham, Alabama—Station WSGN, 610 kcs, 10:00 A.M., Sunday, Central Standard Time—added to network.

Charleston, South Carolina—Station WHAN, 1340 kcs, 9:30 A.M., Sunday, Eastern Standard Time—added to network.



MY RESPONSE

Knowing that we are living in the sunset hour of earth's history, and that what we do must be done quickly, and believing that the colporteur work is one of the most effective agencies in preparing men and women to meet Jesus, I hereby promise to make this work a subject of special prayer, and to answer, "Here am I," if the Lord calls. My interest is in:

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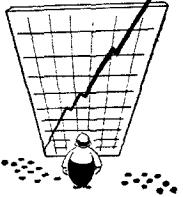
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NEW RECORDS...



In the Southern Union

YEAR	Number of COLPORTEURS	Value of DELIVERIES
1939	84	\$ 54,529.92
1940	81	65,445.63
1941	94	96,834.93
1942	112	180,460.51
1943	151	413,343.19
1944	250	663,775.96
1945	292	789,498.96
1946	340	953,435.60
1947	341	941,018.85
1948	301	840,731.84

Charleston, South Carolina—Station WCSC, 1390 kcs, and WCSC-FM, 96.6 meg., 8:00 A.M., Sunday, Eastern Standard Time—cancelled.

Charlotte, North Carolina—Station WAYS, 610 kcs, 9:30 A.M., Sunday, Eastern Standard Time—new hour of broadcast.

Florence, Alabama—Station WJOI, 1340 kcs, 6:00 A.M., Sunday, Central Standard Time—added to network.

Fort Myers, Florida—Station WINK, 1240 kcs, 12:00 noon, Sunday, Eastern Standard Time—cancelled.

Gainesville, Georgia—Station WGGA, 1240 kcs, 10:30 A.M., Sunday, Eastern Standard Time—cancelled.

Greenwood, Mississippi—Station WGRM, 1240 kcs, 8:30 A.M., Sunday, Central Standard Time—cancelled.

LaGrange, Georgia—Station WLAG, 1240 kcs, 8:00 P.M., Sunday, Eastern Standard Time—cancelled.

Louisville, Kentucky—Station WINN, 1240 kcs, 10:00 A.M., Sunday, Central Standard Time—added to network.

McComb, Mississippi—Station WSKB, 1250 kcs, 1:30 P.M., Sunday, Central Standard Time—cancelled.

Memphis, Tennessee—Station WMPS, 680 kcs, 10:30 A.M., Sunday, Central Standard Time—added to network.

Memphis, Tennessee—Station

WDIA, 730 kcs, 10:00 A.M., Sunday, Central Standard Time—cancelled.

Meridian, Mississippi—Station WTOK, 1450 kcs, 10:00 A.M., Sunday, Central Standard Time—added to network.

Pensacola, Florida—Station WBSR, 1450 kcs, 10:00 A.M., Sunday, Central Standard Time—added to network.

St. Petersburg, Florida—Station WTSP, 1380 kcs, 10:00 A.M., Sunday, Eastern Standard Time—cancelled.

Tampa-St. Petersburg, Florida—Station WSUN, 620 kcs, 9:30 A.M., Sunday, Eastern Standard Time—added to network.

Tupelo, Mississippi—Station WELO, 1490 kcs, 9:00 A.M., Sunday, Central Standard Time—cancelled.

Southern Missionary College

Kenneth A. Wright, President
"The School of Standards"
Collegedale, Tennessee

Question Column

(Send your questions to Dr. Thomas W. Steen, Director of the Testing and Counseling Service.)

Question 6: When should I apply? Shall I wait until I arrive in September?

Answer: You should send in your application as soon as possible. A large

number of the 1949-'50 applicants have already been accepted—some of them many months ago. Rooms in the dormitory have been assigned to them, work reserved, and other preparations made. Remember that the officers must have time to examine the student's transcript of grades, secure his recommendations, and present these to the Committee on Admissions. There are many advantages in applying early, so send in your application at once.

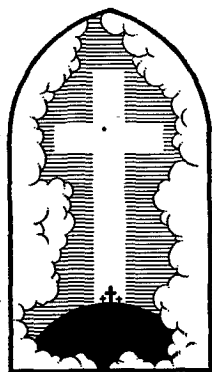
Question 7: Must a student be a church member before he can attend S.M.C.?

Answer: No. The catalogue states that "character, citizenship, reputation, health, scholastic achievement, and intellectual ability" are the factors that determine eligibility for admission.

It is only fair, however, to add that such a criterion as "character" as a factor in deciding a student's fitness for admission is interpreted to mean that the prospective student conducts himself fully in harmony with the standards and ideals of our denomination. For example, the S.D.A. church does not sanction the use of alcohol or tobacco, nor of gambling or dancing, and therefore an applicant who indulged in such practices would be considered as not being eligible for admission.

Question 8: What about accreditation? Some say S.M.C. is accredited and others that it is not. Who is right?

Answer: The lower biennium—that is the first two years—of the college, and of course, the academy, are "fully accredited." That is, they are members of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and have been for several years. When it was decided to add the upper biennium (junior and senior years) to Southern Junior College, the Association retained the institution on the list of Accredited Junior Colleges, and conceded a few years for the college to increase its buildings, and strengthen its faculty, before the inspection of an accredited senior college. These improvements have now largely been completed and application for membership as a senior college is contemplated for this fall. The Association will then doubtless make the inspection and take official action within the course of approximately a year.



Midsummer Offering-- July 16

The General Conference Committee has voted July 16 as the date for the Midsummer Offering. We hope that every church and every Seventh-day Adventist in the Southern Union will respond liberally. The message is onward in the worldwide mission field. Let us do our best again.

V. G. Anderson, President
Southern Union Conference

CHURCH CALENDAR

July 9—Church Expense or Budget
July 16—MIDSUMMER OFFERING
July 23—Educational Day, Elementary Church School Offering

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NEWS NOTES

★ The evangelistic services in Montgomery are well under way. Elder E. C. Banks and his large group of ministerial students from Southern Missionary College are giving the city a well-organized and interesting series of meetings.

★ The Carolina Conference truck will soon reach Meridian to load the Fosters' furniture. The driver, Brother Lang, will be doing double duty on this trip; he will also move the Moore family from Collegedale to Meridian. Elder M. E. Moore is succeeding Elder Foster as M. V. and educational secretary.

★ John Morgan, our new ministerial intern for the Mobile district, will move to his new field on July 1.

★ Robert Chism, ministerial intern for the Montgomery district, has taken up his work. He and Sister Chism are carrying the business responsibilities of the Montgomery effort.

★ The juniors' big week has just come to an end at Oak Mountain State Park. Ninety-three lively boys and girls enjoyed this good time together in the great out-of-doors. Most of them, with many others, will be looking forward to this wonderful experience next year.

★ The most recent addition to our office family is Carolyn Frances. Carolyn is the 7½-pound daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Neece. She arrived on June 11.

★ Brother I. W. Young, publishing department secretary of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, spoke in the Meridian church on Sabbath, June 25. His sermon was taken from one of our most loved scriptures, John 3:16.
★ In the absence of Pastor Robert Wood, M. J. Harvey brought the Sabbath message to those who attended the church in Gilberttown, Alabama, on June 25. The title of his sermon was "The Road to Happiness."

FAREWELL

For four years Mrs. Foster, Faye, and I have enjoyed working in this delightful conference. Eighteen months ago Patsy joined the family—a native Mississippian. We can say sincerely that everywhere we have gone throughout the conference the warmth of friendship and love during this time has made our hearts to sing.

Those wonderful rallies we have enjoyed together; the splendid co-operation of pastors, elders, youth leaders, teachers; the stimulating response of eager youth—we'll never forget. May you shower upon my successor the same measure of willingness and co-operation.

Our wish for each of you is the continual blessing of our Heavenly Father. May He keep us faithful to Him and this glorious cause and give us each a new determination to finish the job. Then we can be together where we'll never part again.

It would be wonderful to hear from you occasionally. Our new address will be Box 930, Charlotte, North Carolina.
F. W. FOSTER

PARENTS' SERMON AVAILABLE

Elder J. M. Cox's sermon was one of the highlights of the parents' meetings held at the recent camp meeting in Meridian. It was most interesting and instructive. Requests poured in to the conference office for copies. This material has been mimeographed, and you may have a copy of this outstanding sermon upon request. Write to Box 1311, Meridian, Mississippi.

MYRON HARVEY

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SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS —JULY 30

Promptly at 3 P.M. on Sabbath, July 30, the Sabbath school associations of the Carolina Conference are scheduled to meet at their regularly assigned places: Salisbury, Raleigh, Goldsboro, and Hendersonville. Association No. 4, which normally meets at Kingstree, South Carolina, will meet at Sumter. The meeting place there is on the second floor of the Masonic Hall, 12 West Liberty Street. Association No. 6, which normally meets at Hildebran, will meet at Banner Elk, North Carolina. The church address there is Linville Gap Road.

A most cordial invitation is hereby sent to every association member, which includes all Sabbath school officers, division leaders, teachers, and conference workers. All members are expected to be present at the association meeting in their respective districts.

A very special rally day program will be conducted at Banner Elk. Brother Frank A. Kohler, the Sabbath school superintendent, has arranged an interesting program which should prove to be most helpful in Sabbath school advancement. Elder A. D. McKee, the new pastor, and the conference Sabbath school secretary, together with the members of the Banner Elk Sabbath school, will have parts on this rally day program. All the members of this association may feel free to attend the rally day program at Banner Elk.

It is suggested that everybody traveling a distance to these association meetings make special plans so that none need be late in arriving.

We expect to have the agenda in the hands of all Sabbath school superintendents on the first Sabbath of the new quarter, which will give four weeks for thoughtful preparation and assignments.

R. H. FICKLING,
Sabbath School Secretary

Florida

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SABBATH ACTIVITIES IN MIAMI—JUNE 25

On Sabbath morning, June 25, our people of the Miami district were found in three separate churches. All who were present enjoyed a Sabbath morning blessing.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, Elder R. H. Nightingale presented the message in the big tent in which Elder W. O. Reynolds has. The tent was well filled, as the speaker emphasized the importance of remaining faithful to the organized church, as God's church will go through to the kingdom of heaven and it is part of His plan for our salvation.

Shortly after this service, many of our people went to the central church to witness the baptism of fifteen people who have recently accepted the truth. We are happy to receive each one and hope that each will grow daily in the Christian way of life.

Following this ordinance, the Sabbath hours were closed with an im-

pressive vesper service, and the good record of the day passed into eternity.

R. H. NIGHTINGALE

MIAMI YOUTH RALLY

Those who attended the inspirational Youth Rally in Miami on Friday, June 24, came away with a Christian fighting spirit, after having heard the thrilling soul-winning experiences from the warriors of God who had just returned from the battle front of service.

The congregation greatly enjoyed the beautiful musical selections by the male quartet and the violin solo by Miss Marion Offer. Miss Offer played "The Holy City" while colorful illustrations were being shown on the screen.

Elder Lee Carter spoke with rousing interest, saying it was the youth who were chosen to win the great World War; likewise, it is the youth who will spread this great Advent Message in all the world.

Elder Carter then introduced Joseph Crews, Henry Carubba, Jack Just, and L. A. Kraner, who in turn brought fresh experiences of how souls have been saved through their efforts.

After these thrilling experiences, many, determined to enlist in the great army of God, stood, consecrating their lives to the salvation of others.

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Department of Education

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FAREWELL

It has always been hard for me to say goodbye. I like the French expression "au revoir," better, "till we meet again." As I pen these few parting words to the loyal believers of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, it seems that all the good and pleasant experiences of the past six years come to my mind. It has been a pleasure to serve in this field and to see the work grow and prosper. A more loyal and cooperative group of workers and laity would be hard to find anywhere, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed our united efforts.

Mrs. Evans joins me in this farewell message and in extending best wishes to one and all. Within a few days we plan to be in our new home at 910 38th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, where we shall continue our labors in the Southern field. Let us pray that we may all remain faithful until the end.

I. M. EVANS

SUMMER EFFORTS

Three strong summer efforts have recently been authorized. One of these is to be a large tent effort in the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, under the direction of Elder J. A. Dewald. The tent has already been erected in a fine location in that city. Elder Dewald will be assisted by: Thomas Hansen, a new ministerial intern; Mrs. Thelma Pinson, Bible instructor; and a director of music. Knoxville is a city of about 250,000 inhabitants who must be given the message for this time.

An effort will also be held in the new church building at Monteagle, Tennessee. Monteagle is a resort area, and has a large summer population. Elder H. T. Anderson will be in charge of this campaign. He will be assisted by Ben Wheeler, who is also a new worker in the conference. Miss Corrine Graham will serve as Bible instructor. When the Monteagle church was built, it was made large enough to accommodate three or four times the present membership, and it is hoped that the membership will be doubled as a result of this effort.

Beginning about the middle of July, a strong effort will be held in the city of Waycross, Georgia. This will be in the tabernacle which was used so successfully in Albany last winter. Elder E. A. Lemon will conduct this effort, assisted by R. Guy Hyder, who will serve as song leader. Mrs. H. W. Smith will be the Bible instructor.

We know that it is only through prayer that souls are born into the kingdom of God. We ask our people throughout the conference to pray earnestly for the success of these meetings.

R. S. BLACKBURN

M. V. ACTIVITIES

The missionary reports of the M.V. societies for the first three months of 1949 give us the following information.

Of the fifty-three societies there was an average of twenty-four reporting each month. This is less than 50 per cent reporting. We hope every society secretary who reads this little article and who has not yet sent in his report, will do so. The average membership of our societies for the first three months was 1,320. Of this group we had an average attendance of 560. Some are missing a real blessing by staying away from the M. V. society meetings. There were 397 Bible readings and cottage meetings held and 5,848 missionary visits made. The number of pieces of literature distributed amounted to 44,948, and the number of young people baptized during the first three months was twenty-three. We should give thanks to God for what has been accomplished and pray that He will give us courage, strength, and vision to make the M.V. activities of our society a real spearhead throughout the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. In this way we will share our faith by living out our motto, "The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation."

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT CAMP MEETING

Camp meeting just closed in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, and it was well attended in the junior and senior youth departments.

On the first Sabbath, June 11, there were 182 juniors in attendance, and an offering of \$16.82 was taken. On the second Sabbath 215 juniors attended the meetings, and \$25.79 was given in offerings. There was an average of 215 senior youth for the two Sabbaths, and the total offerings in this division amounted to \$156.24.

We appreciated the fine response of the youth in mission offerings. The various speakers in these departments were much appreciated, and I am sure the activities of the senior and junior young people throughout the Georgia-Cumberland Conference in the months to come will be enhanced by their having attended the recent camp meeting.

We solicit the prayers of all the members that God may lead our young people in service for Him in the months ahead.

WARD A. SCRIVEN,
M. V. Secretary

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! Get Your Applications In Now!

Applications for Junior Camp are coming in. We trust that every boy and girl of Junior Camp age will have his application blank in our office by the middle of July.

JUNIORS: Have you been working on your *Life and Health* subscriptions? Be sure to have all of these in not later than the middle of July, if it is at all possible.

WARD A. SCRIVEN,
M. V. Secretary

INVESTMENT EXPERIENCE AT COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Mrs. Horace Williams, a member of the Columbus, Georgia, Sabbath school, is a firm believer in and a real booster of Investment. Last year when the Investment was presented, Sister Williams wondered what she could invest. They have a dairy farm, and Sister Williams has the money from the sale of all used sacks. But let not amount to very much, but she decided to invest even the little for the Lord, so she promised she would give Him 10 per cent of the proceeds from the sale of all used sacks. But let her tell the story in her own words:

"When I first began selling the sacks, we were milking about twenty cows. I would have about thirty or forty bags every two weeks and I never got a definite price for them; sometimes it would be three cents and sometimes ten cents for the larger ones, and they would discard any torn ones. And often they would refuse even to take them. But after I invested the percentage for the Lord, our herd increased so much that we are now using from eighty to 112 sacks every two weeks; and I get a set price of ten cents per bag regardless of size or condition, and they are always glad to take sacks whenever I bring them in. I thank the Lord for Investment."

During the year Sister Williams turned in \$21.29 to the Investment Fund.

MRS. EDNA J. CARDEY

"We have a grand work to do for the Master, to open the word of God to those who are in the darkness of error. Young friends, act as though you had a sacred charge. You should be Bible students, ever ready to give to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you. . . ."

Kentucky-Tennessee

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CAMP MEETING

The Kentucky-Tennessee camp meeting for 1949 is over, and 1,600 people have returned to their homes feeling uplifted and refreshed spiritually, better able to meet life's battles for having "come apart to rest awhile" with the Saviour of mankind.

Morning by morning, and day by day the meetings seemed to grow better until climaxed with the sermons on Friday night and Sabbath morning, June 24 and 25, the first by Elder V. G. Anderson, president of the Southern Union Conference, and the Sabbath service by Elder H. T. Elliott, Secretary of the General Conference.

Another highlight of the camp meeting was the ordination service on Sabbath afternoon when three of our young workers were set aside for the work of the gospel ministry: R. M. Hillier, L. C. Strickland, and C. C. Cress. Elder Hillier, formerly of the Jackson district, is the dean of boys at Highland Academy. Elder Strickland, son of the conference president, Elder W. E. Strickland, has been leader of the Dyersburg, Tennessee, district. Elder Cress has charge of the Jackson district. The mothers of these three young men were present for the ceremony, Mrs. Hillier having come from Canada and Mrs. Cress from Ohio.

Following the ordination, and in connection with it, Elder Anderson mentioned the seventy who went out with the ordained twelve to carry the gospel, and called for all who had done any colporteur work during the past year to come forward and stand around the platform. It was a beautiful and impressive sight to see the large number who have had a part in giving the message through the literature ministry. Out on the campground later, it was inspiring to hear some of the colporteurs who are just now entering the field or who are re-entering it talk about going into dark counties, hoping to plant lights in them before their work is over.

The departmental leaders of the Southern Union were all on the cam-

pus at some time during the camp meeting: Elder R. H. Wentland to assist in the activities of the home missionary and Sabbath school departments; Elder L. M. Nelson to help with the youth; Elder B. E. Wagner, who in addition to his regular meetings with the colporteurs each morning on Friday gave a study on the Spirit of prophecy, outlining its value to the remnant church; and Elder H. S. Hanson, present in the interests of the department of education. Elder J. M. Cox worked with Elder J. O. Marsh to keep the progress of the meetings before the public eye through the medium of the newspapers.

The final meeting was conducted by the conference evangelist, Elder H. R. Veach. In connection with his sermon on tithing and stewardship, he showed the color film, "The Lord Is My Landlord," the story of a tithing experiment carried on by a community in Michigan with the aid of Henry Ford.

A total of \$6,000 was given and pledged to the Sabbath school, mission, dark-county, and other offerings; and enough was raised to purchase two jobbers and a paper cutter for the print shop at Highland Academy.

Yes, another camp meeting has come and gone, and the canvas has been put away and the equipment stored. But it will always be alive in the memories of those who attended, for we have been assured that God knows the way we take and His grace is sufficient for our every need.

NEWS NOTES

★ Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jacobs and their family attended camp meeting the last week end and were welcomed by their many friends in this conference. Brother Jacobs is now manager of the Alabama-Mississippi Book and Bible House.

★ Brother J. M. Jansen reports that the camp meeting sales in the Book and Bible House amounted to \$3,250.

★ One of our student colporteurs from Highland Academy, Eddie Parris, Jr., has taken orders for \$1,467.55 in the three weeks that he has been out. That shows what working twelve hours a day can do.

★ Elder Calvin Osborn baptized four persons in Louisville on June 11.

★ Mrs. Julia Grow, Mrs. Frances Browne, and Mrs. George Cain are among the number to rejoin our col-

porteur ranks. Misses Ruth Maucher and Delaiah Jordan, student colporteurs from Madison College, are at Lebanon, Tennessee. John and Charles Harris and Wallace Welch are canvassing in Savannah, Tennessee, and the surrounding territory. Gloria Britton and Crystal Morris have made their headquarters at Springfield, Tennessee. Rainey Hooper has come for another summer to work with Eddie Parris at Bolivar, Tennessee. Houston Skidmore is back with us and will be working Ballard County in Kentucky. Another student colporteur from Southern Missionary College is Amos Harrelson, at Selmer, Tennessee. We rejoice to have these workers with us and look forward to their reports week by week.

A COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCE

Brother Noble K. Shepherd writes of an experience which he had while taking orders for "Desire of Ages" in Dunnville, Kentucky, a little town of five hundred population.

While making his home with the McDonald family and giving them a few studies on prophecy and other doctrinal points, he was asked to speak at the Christian church, the only church in town. Though a little hesitant, he felt impressed to present the two covenants. A number of his customers were there to hear it, and he wondered how it would affect his delivery which was to come soon. Instead of turning against the book, however, they spoke favorably of the talk, and he was able to make almost one hundred per cent delivery.

The McDonald family have now expressed their desire to keep the Sabbath and have asked for a Seventh-day Adventist minister to come and give them further studies.

Colporteurs are soul-winners, not merely book agents.

"Are you ambitious for education that you may have a name and position in the world? Have you thoughts that you dare not express, that you may one day stand upon the summit of intellectual greatness; that you may sit in deliberative and legislative councils, and help to enact laws for the nation? There is nothing wrong in these aspirations. You may every one of you make your mark. You should be con-

tent with no mean attainments. Aim high, and spare no pains to reach the standard."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 82.

"In the days of Israel the tithe and free-will offerings were needed to maintain the ordinances of divine service. Should the people of God give less in this age? . . . The work of the gospel, as it widens, requires greater provision to sustain it than was called for anciently; and this makes the law of tithes and offerings of even more urgent necessity now than under the Hebrew economy."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pages 528, 529.

South Atlantic

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NEWS NOTES

★ On the week end of June 24 and 25 Elder H. D. Singleton visited the church in Savannah, Georgia. He found Elder and Mrs. Davis, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert White and members of the church, busily engaged in evangelism. The tent has been up since April, and on Sabbath, June 18, the first baptism was held, when seven were received into the church. On Sabbath, June 25, five persons took their stand for the message. Their plans are to continue for some weeks in this evangelistic program, and we are sure that a number more will be baptized before the campaign is over.

★ A very large and commodious school is in the process of erection in Savannah, Georgia. It is hoped that it will be ready for occupancy by September.

CORRECTION

In the June 29 issue of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS we reported that Elder E. E. Cleveland had recently baptized fifty-two new members in St. Petersburg, Florida. This number should have been seventy-one.

"Take the books to business men, to teachers of the gospel, whose minds have not been called to the special truths for this time. The message is to be given 'in the highways.'" . . . —*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 37.



Five converts to the message from Mrs. Hall's work in one small town

"... By your true Christian dignity, give evidence that you know you have a truth that it is for the interest of the people to hear. If this truth is inwrought in the soul, it will manifest itself in the countenance and demeanor, in a calm, noble self-possession and peace which the Christian alone can possess."

The Journey's End

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Revelation 14:13

SKAGGS:—John Harvey Skaggs was born in Elliot County, Kentucky, on July 21, 1873, and passed peacefully to rest at Muncie, Indiana, on May 6, 1949. On

October 11, 1893, he was united in marriage to Therissa Terry, and they made their home in and near Morehead, Kentucky. In 1936 he was baptized by Elder M. R. Garrett. A member of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference church, he was a semi-invalid during the latter years of his life, but his one desire was to pass on encouragement in the love of Christ to everyone. He was preceded in death by his wife, a year and a half ago, and a son. Brother Skaggs is survived by six daughters and six sons. Brother Kenneth Mathews, leader of the Ashland, Kentucky, district, conducted the funeral services, and interment was at Morehead, Kentucky.

DART:—Annie Mae Morgan-Dart was born in Lewisburg, Kentucky, on March 6, 1866, and died in Takoma Park, Maryland, on May 10, 1949. She accepted present truth from reading the *Review and Herald* and *Signs of the Times* given

her by a Seventh-day Adventist neighbor. At her first camp meeting, which was in Nashville, Tennessee, she was baptized by Elder A. O. Tait. From this camp meeting, she went to Graysville, Tennessee, and was among the first to enroll in the Southern Training School, now Southern Missionary College. While at Graysville, she met Charles Francis Dart, to whom she was married at the close of the school year. Together they labored for the Lord in Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee. Although confined to her bed for the last twelve years of her life, no word of complaint escaped her lips. Her greatest joy was the hope of her soon-coming Saviour. She leaves to mourn, her devoted husband; one son, Elder Archa O. Dart; two grandchildren, and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted by Elder H. J. Detwiler, and interment was in the Washington Memorial Cemetery. Our sister awaits the call of the Lifegiver on the glorious resurrection morning.

GRANT:—Nathaniel J. Grant was born in the West Indies in 1882. Early in his life he attended school in Cuba. In the year 1906 he came to the United States to study medicine, but received a call to the ministry which he accepted and cherished until death. While preparing for the ministry, he met Miss Neva Mae Mackey to whom he was married in 1914.

In 1916 he was graduated from Oakwood School, now Oakwood College, and began his public ministry in the city of Newark, New Jersey, where he founded his first church in 1917. During an eleven-year period in the state of New Jersey, he established churches in Englewood, Asbury Park, Jersey City, Camden, and Burlington. He was then transferred to the Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, church. Two years later he was called to work in the cities of Richmond, Norfolk, and Newport News, Virginia. For the past fifteen years the church in New Bern, North Carolina, has been blessed by his ministry.

Elder Grant fell asleep on Wednesday, April 6, 1949, at the age of sixty-seven. He leaves to mourn a devoted wife, Mrs. Neva Mae Grant; three sons, Sylvester, Charles and Walter; two daughters-in-law, Mrs. La Pearl Grant and Mrs. Doris Grant.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

F. S. KEITTS

WOOLDRIDGE:—Mrs. Marv Eliza Wooldridge was born in 1864 and fell asleep in Jesus on May 7, 1949. At an early age Mrs. Wooldridge became a Christian and in 1913, after studying and accepting the principles of Christianity as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist church, she united with that organization and remained a faithful member to the end. We laid Sister Wooldridge to rest at Deer Lodge, Tennessee, to await the call of the Lifegiver. She leaves to mourn, a brother, and a daughter Julia, whose husband, Elder T. R. Perkins, is chaplain of the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital at Hinsdale, Illinois. Sister Wooldridge will be missed by many, but the hope of the soon return of our Lord, which burned constantly in her heart, will continue to burn in the hearts of God's children even to the end.

B. W. LIGHTHALL

SUNSET TABLE

	July 8	July 15
Atlanta, Ga.	7:52	7:50
Charlotte, N. C.	7:40	7:37
Collegedale, Tenn.	6:58	6:55
Huntsville, Ala.	7:02	7:00
Memphis, Tenn.	7:17	7:14
Meridian, Miss.	7:04	7:02
Nashville, Tenn.	7:07	7:04
Orlando, Fla.	7:27	7:24
Wilmington, N. C.	7:26	7:23

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PUBLIC ADDRESS EQUIPMENT:—Church chimes; wire, disc or tape recorders; intercommunication sets; ham equipment; any thing in the electronic line—all at substantial savings to you. Estimates and technical advice given free of charge. Paul M. Jenkins, 5079 Wise Way, Chamberlee, Georgia. -31

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81 x 108 \$2.60 postpaid
90 x 108 \$2.75 postpaid
Hercules pillowcases, 140 thread, 45 x 36—59 cents postpaid. Send check or money order to Department of Purchase and Supply, Box 4233, Takoma Park, Washington 12, D. C. -27

WANTED:—Registered nurse for duty as night supervisor at Pisgah Sanitarium and Hospital, near Asheville, North Carolina. Widow with children of academy age will be given preference. Write C. W. Brooks, Superintendent, Pisgah Sanitarium and Hospital, Candler, North Carolina. -28

NOW AVAILABLE:—Woven bookmarks with religious and patriotic verses, enclosed in an appropriate folder; also Christmas cards with hymns woven into the bookmarks enclosed. Made to sell for 15 cents. Available in lots of 50 of one subject at 9 cents each. Write for list of subjects. DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASE AND SUPPLY, Box 4233, Takoma Park, Washington 12, D. C. -27

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BURNHAM:—Charles Burnham of Washington, D.C., died suddenly at the Washington Sanitarium on June 6, 1949. Brother Burnham accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith in Glendale, California, in 1911. He was a retired mechanical engineer. Surviving are: his wife, Beatrice; his son, Charles Jamison, and his wife of Hyattsville, Maryland; two grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Sheldon C. Peck of Newark, New Jersey, and Mrs. F. D. Warner of San Diego, California. Brother Burnham's faith was strong until the end. Funeral service was conducted in the Takoma Park S. D. A. church by the writer, Elder Lynn Wood, and Elder D. E. Rebok. Interment was in Washington, D.C.

C. S. LONGACRE

WEST:—Mrs. Cora Lee West was born in Spring City, Tennessee, on January 19, 1899, and passed to her rest on April 1, 1949. On June 1, 1919, she was united in marriage to Thomas A. West. A little over ten years ago she heard, studied, and accepted the truth as presented by the Seventh-day Adventist church, of which she remained a member to the end. Sister West leaves to mourn, her husband and two sons; also her mother, Mrs. Ellen Tinker; three brothers, Luther and Charles Tinker of Coalfield, Tennessee, and Harrison Tinker of Lynch, Kentucky; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Miller of Oliver Springs, Tennessee, and Miss Gertie Tinker of Coalfield, Tennessee, and many other relatives and friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, as we laid Sister West to rest in Coalfield, Tennessee.

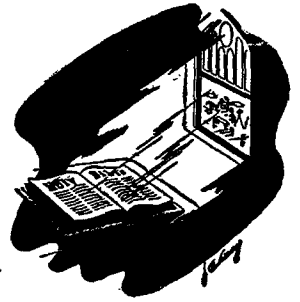
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HORNER:—Harry Edward Horner was born in Bethlehem, New York, on August 19, 1887, and died in Newark, Ohio, on April 2, 1949. On June 16, 1914, Brother Horner was married to Bertha M. Robbins. Two years later they moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, where they attended a series of lectures conducted by Elder W. A. Butler and M. R. Coon, and were baptized, becoming staunch members of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. They greatly enjoyed fellowship with the believers in Orlando, Florida. Brother Horner leaves to mourn: his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Howard Grooms of Vallejo, California; two sisters, Miss Bertha Horner of Holyoke, Massachusetts; and Miss Ida M. Horner of Arcadia, California; and two brothers, George F. Horner of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Francis E. Horner of Agawam, Massachusetts. Elder H. P. Gram conducted funeral services in the Wellington Funeral Home in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and interment was in the Pittsfield Cemetery.



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IN THE SOUTHERN UNION



Colporteur Soul-Winning

By V. G. ANDERSON, *President, Southern Union Conference*

THE work of Mrs. Evelyn Hall of Atlanta, Georgia, is typical of many of our soul-winning colporteurs. God seems to multiply their efforts, as is evidenced by recent events in Mrs. Hall's experience.

Earlier this year a story was published on the back page of the SOUTHERN TIDINGS about the circumstances surrounding an Atlanta baptismal service, in which Mrs. Hall had a very definite part. With her work in Douglasville, Georgia, as a beginning, two fine young women of that city were led to unite with the remnant church and went forward in this baptism. At the same time Mrs. Hall visited a man a few doors up the street from where the young women lived. This man joined the Bible studies held in this home and took his stand for the truth. A girl who lived next door also came over for the studies and accepted the Sabbath truth.



Mrs. Evelyn Hall

more souls brought to the truth through these studies."

Mrs. Hall made a good delivery of literature in Carrollton, Georgia, where one woman is already keeping the Sabbath, attending church in Atlanta, and taking studies from Elder W. J. Keith. She plans to join the church very soon.

Even at the filling station where she has her car serviced, Mrs. Hall witnesses for the beloved work she is

doing. Instead of tipping the station attendant she gave him literature, with the result that he is taking Bible studies and, after he is baptized, plans to be a colporteur!

As she tells of the paralyzed man, Mrs. Hall's voice and expression become even more serious. She was deeply moved by the experience. The man, a Catholic, who was paralyzed from the waist down and helpless, was a seeker for truth. Once more the godly colporteur met the need. The spiritual needs of those she visits are always uppermost in Mrs. Hall's mind, and this was no exception. When she went back to deliver the "Bible Readings" this man had ordered, even her own strong faith had a surprise to have the door opened for her by this man, who had been healed and was able to walk. She stayed then for another Bible study, which proved to be his last, for he fell asleep a short time afterward. His wife later told Mrs. Hall that he had read "Bible Readings" three or four hours every day, and that when death was near and he was not able to hold the book, he asked his wife to read it to him. Mrs. Hall confidently expects to meet him as one of those who will say to her, "It was you who invited me here."

Mrs. Hall would not exchange places with the wealthiest woman in the nation. She finds indescribable joy in experiences that money cannot buy. She is just one of the many whose influence will reach beyond to the farther shore. Wherever the faithful colporteur goes, souls are won.

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