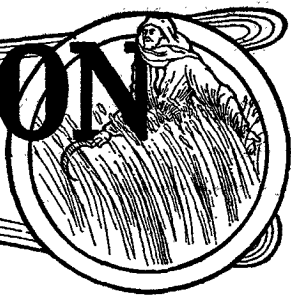


SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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It Couldn't Be Done

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But he, with a chuckle replied,
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he tried.
So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried, he hid it,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it."
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it;
With a lift of his chin, and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quit it,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done.
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you;
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Then take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

— Selected.

Our Educational Work in the South

I have been very desirous for a long time to see our school interests in the Southland taking on new life and power. The work has not gone here as it has in some other portions of the country. It moves slowly. It has been a matter of concern and discouragement in a way, perhaps to all of us. I have felt that the school interests in this field for a number of years have not been those which would best promote the interests of the work of the South.

We have had a varied experience here. The Southern Missionary Society began this work. Doctors Sutherland and Magan came down and began the rural school work. There have been misunderstandings with reference to the school interests, and I think these unhappy conditions have hindered the advancement of the work.

My observation is that a good strong school is one of the greatest avenues through which our young people are drawn into the work. It should send them back as workers into the territory from which they are drawn, to become a wellspring of spiritual life and power in the community.

This is what we should have. It is with this thought in mind that I have been very anxious to see a better understanding and a better organization in every way of our school interests. The conferences have come to have a greater appreciation of the work which is to be done through the rural schools. I think that the appreciation which those who have led out in this work have come to have of our problems—of the great effort which it takes to carry out this work—is real and sincere. It has been truly encouraging.

I have been greatly concerned over the situation in which our training school is here in the South. For a year or two, we have been having only twelve grades of work. The recent council

asked that fourteen grades of work be required of our ministers. I feel that there should be established some place in the South, a strong training school from which we can get our ministers, Bible workers, medical students, teachers, and business workers;—that we should plant a school that will do a mighty work for God, such as South Lancaster, Berrien Springs, etc. Such schools as these are saving features in the development of our work. I think that this school should cooperate with all these rural schools.

I believe that these rural schools have a place in our system for this portion of the country just as much as our church schools, for the spirit of prophecy states it. We should take steps to develop the movement. The second Sabbath reading in June is to be devoted to the Rural School Movement and a collection is to be taken up to assist in the development of these schools. I believe that it will impress men who ought to come South and will put the burden upon the right kind of people to come. We should not seek for boys and girls—I do not believe that is the class to go out. The spirit of prophecy says that there should be farmers and financiers chosen for this work. They are not to be inexperienced youth. Select men of experience and judgment who can come South, and can go in such a place as that occupied by Brother H. N. Walen at Fountain Head, Tenn., and adapt themselves to the conditions that are there. Then they may bring in young people to help them.

We think that Madison should be a training school for this whole rural school work—that those who come South to engage in this line should spend time at Madison. There is where I think our young people come in. The Madison School should be one that trains these old and young people and leads them into this rural work.

These conditions do not exist in all parts of the country. We are not called upon in Kansas, Minnesota, or in other States, to establish such schools, but here in this part of the country we need them.

We have been altogether too slow in taking the steps that have been taken the last few months. I grant you that the fault has not all been on one side. But now we are moving, I believe, in the order of the Lord in these things. I feel sure the blessing of the Lord is going to come in this movement if all concerned move cautiously, prayerfully, and carefully in the adjustment of all affairs.

Here you have great cities. You must have young men and women trained for these cities. The South is a growing and developing land. There needs to be in this land a strong training school; we must have it, and in some way it has to come. I don't believe that the work of these two union conferences can be developed without such a school. There is no way to bring this thing to pass except by the union of these two conferences, heart and soul. I believe it will come to pass some way. I believe that there should be, and is, a strong effort to carry out the principle of true education in all our schools.

Southern Training School

I am very glad to be able to make a report of the work done by the Southern Training School so far this year. We feel very thankful to God for the manifold blessings that have been ours during the year.

The enrolment in the primary grades is twenty-four, with a present attendance of twenty-one; in the intermediate grades, thirty-five, with a present attendance of twenty-four. In the training school department the enrolment is eighty-five and the present attendance, seventy-three. Thus the total enrolment is one hundred forty-four, and the present attendance one hundred eighteen.

A number of reasons for the small attendance this year might be given, if necessary, but it will suffice to mention that there was no opportunity for any

one to be in the field, except a few visits to camp-meetings, as the principal and the secretaries of the two unions were in attendance at the educational council, the summer school, and the convention. The uncertainty of a future location has no doubt been a great factor, and the poor dormitory facilities have militated greatly against the attendance of young ladies.

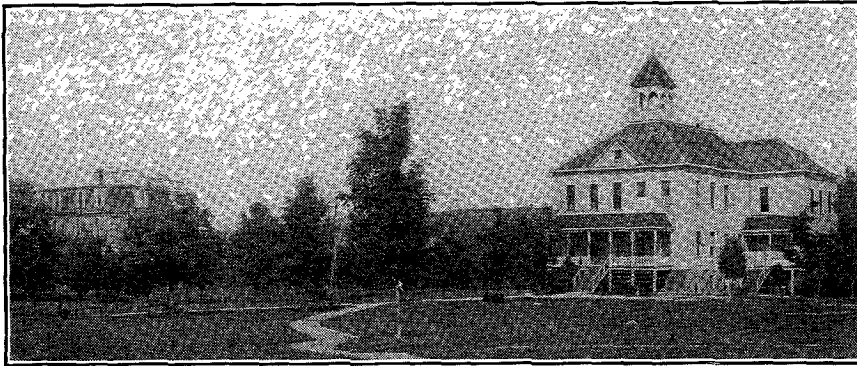
We feel very thankful for the spirit manifested among our students and the willingness to take hold of whatever was asked, including the manual labor. This spirit of work is es-

We are trying to make a practical interpretation of what is coming to us. It is a very easy thing for the Testimonies to be read,—for example that "agriculture is the A, B, C"—and then for men to honestly differ as to how such principles should be carried out. Some of our schools are very improperly located to carry them out.

We want to have here in this Southland a school that is located where we can have the industries; where we can give our boys and girls the practical training they should have, and where we can give them the strong intellectual and spiritual work.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

(A meeting was called at Reeves, Ga., to discuss the interests of our educational work from the standpoint of both the rural and the conference school. There were present at this meeting delegates from our rural schools, our conference officials, and some of the general men from Washington. The above article is taken from the speech made by Professor Griggs at this meeting concerning the work here in the South. We are sure it will make a deep impression upon our people.)



Graysville Campus

pecially good in the boys' home. Not more than two or three dollars' worth of work has been hired since the beginning of school, in all departments. The work has been done by students or faculty. The plumbing and heating apparatus and other things have been greatly out of repair, and a considerable amount of repair work has been necessary to keep these things in operation, amounting perhaps to a hundred dollars in actual work besides material. There was a good farm crop which we cared for, and our boys took hold very willingly to help. On a few occasions three or four boys were out of school for a day at a time, in order to help take care of some of the crops, but this work was given to students who needed credit and we appreciated the spirit of willingness to help out.

The teachers have carried heavy work and deserve credit for their faithfulness and efforts to make the work strong. Parent-teachers' meetings have been held about once a month. These have been quite well attended, and a spirit of cooperation has been manifested that is very pleasing to all concerned.

The outlook for the next year is very encouraging. Certainly we need here in this Southland workers filled with the Spirit of God as never before in order that we may finish the work, and have the joy of seeing those we have labored with and for enter the eternal kingdom. A. N. ATTEBERRY, *Principal*.

The Oakwood Manual Training School

The Oakwood Manual Training School is located five miles northwest of the city of Huntsville, Alabama, on a tract of land of three hundred and eighty-five acres. This land was purchased, and the school founded, twenty years ago for the purpose of carrying forward educational work for young men and young women of the colored race who desire to qualify them-

selves for proclaiming the truths of the Bible for these times as taught by Seventh-day Adventists.

The school has made a slow but steady growth from the time it was started until now. Today there are in attendance in its class rooms about a hundred students of mature age, most of whom are definitely preparing for the work. There are also

about sixty children that come to us from the neighborhood, taking work in the regular grades, who are being taught by the girls in our Normal Department, under the direct supervision of the normal director in our training school.

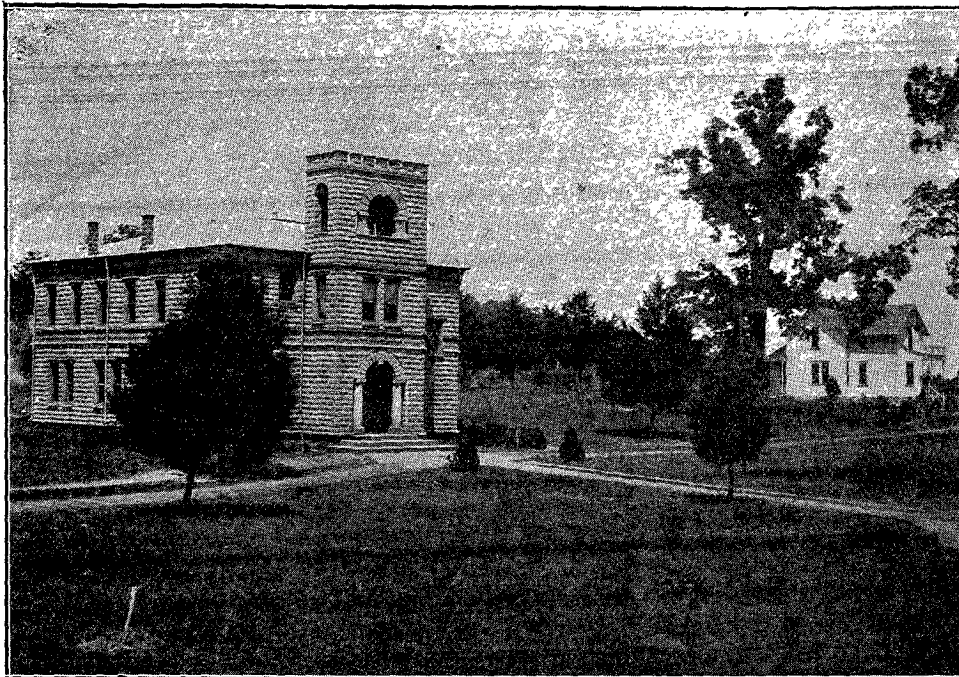
Our institution is housed in eight main buildings located on the outside of an open circle. There are also other cottages, barns, shops, etc. In order that the school may be better fitted to care for its own needs, and at the same time furnish educational employment for its students, assisting them to support themselves, the institution carries forward a line of industries, such

class work in September. Students who make application for entrance should be seventeen years of age, and be ready for the sixth grade.

In speaking of the interest of the colored race an able writer has said that "it is the exceptional men of the race that will do the most for the uplift of the race." It is the exceptional young men and women that we desire to have enter the school to prepare for our work. We believe that the Lord's work requires the very best that exists.

No young man or young woman with active mind and who has an open heart, can come to Oakwood and associate with its people and come in contact with its surroundings without having his or her vision materially broadened. Nature itself has blessed Oakwood with variety. The students come in contact with the farm; with its herds and fowls; the grassy campus with great oaks, living cedars, and flowering shrubs; then too, there are its many trades being carried on, and the privilege of associating with students called together from every State in the South, some from the North, and many from the islands, and lastly the contact with Christian teachers who have had long experience in schools that are promoting the cause of Christian education.

If you desire an education, let nothing hinder you from getting it. If you have health, though you have not much money

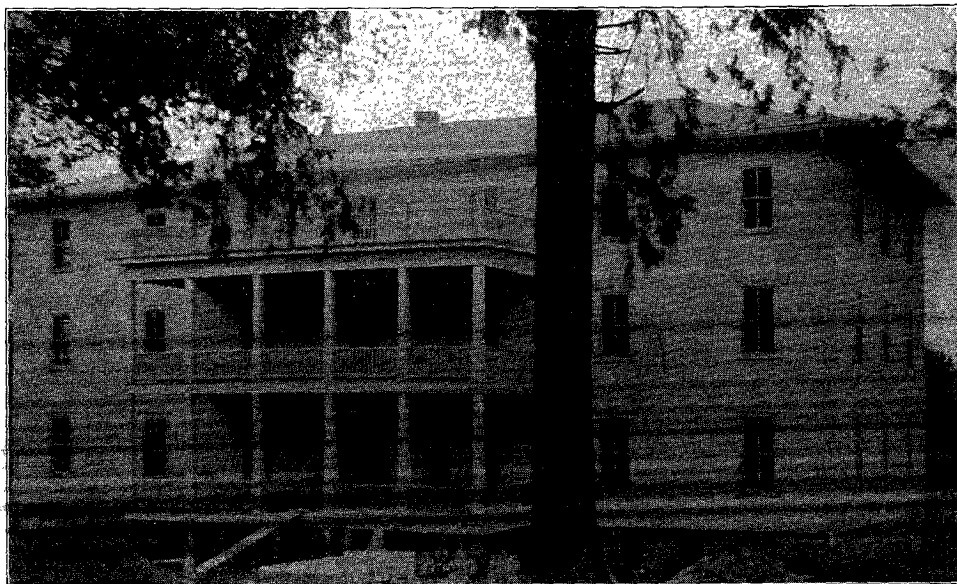


Study Hall

as carpentry, blacksmithing, tent-making, printing, sawmill work, broom-making, farming, gardening, poultry raising, sewing, cooking, and nursing.

In addition to the special Bible training and literary attention which our students receive, we are teaching them how to be systematic in their daily duties, how to work with more intelligence, and how to live in a more sanitary way.

The expenses are moderate, a charge of \$3 a month being made for room, which includes light, fuel, and a limited amount of plain laundry. The board is on the European plan and varies from \$6 to \$8 a month. The tuition is free, our teachers being supported denominationally. The above rates are made with the understanding that each student puts in two hours a day at manual work for which the school allows no compensation. For the convenience of our patrons, we offer three ways for students to enter; namely, full pay students, full work students, and those who pay \$5 a month and work the remainder of their way. Full work students should enter in the spring of the year, work up a credit during the summer, and be prepared to enter



Henderson Hall

you may accomplish your purpose. You need push, ambition, and a determination to succeed. The school can do its part but it cannot do it all. It will require faithful study and application to books on your part. Others have succeeded and so may you.

For calendar, address Oakwood Manual Training School, Huntsville, Ala.
C. J. Boyd, Principal.

The Madison School

The present school year opened the thirteenth of October with an enrolment of about seventy, and a number of new students entered at the beginning of the winter term. Nineteen States are represented by this student body. The young people from this wide territory have come here to receive a brief and practical training for work in needy isolated districts of the South. The first year nurses' class has an enrolment of twenty. The course covers two years. The first year consists of theoretical instruction and practise in the sanitarium. A large portion of the second year is devoted to practical medical missionary work in the field. The other students are preparing for teaching in rural schools, the ministry, Bible work, and canvassing. A few of the students are ready to enter a needy community in the highlands. They are now seeking by correspondence and visiting a suitable place for beginning school and medical missionary work.

One feature of the training of the Madison School is very interesting to some of us students who have spent a large portion of our time on literary subjects. I now refer to the instruction in practical manual training that we are permitted to enjoy here. In order to strengthen this feature of the training as much as possible, the last three weeks of each regular term is so arranged that the entire student body can take practical industrial subjects. This permits students to receive a very practical training without neglecting their literary work. The exhibit that followed the close of the first term was very interesting. The carpenters had a miniature house on exhibition, and with this they told how small buildings should be built. The blacksmiths displayed useful tools made from old pieces of scrap iron. The demonstrations from the classes in Agriculture, Home Science, and Sewing were all very interesting. In this way the students were given a good opportunity to learn the importance of taking as many of these practical subjects as possible.

There is much manual work done during the long courses. For instance, there has been continual work in carpentry ever since the school opened in the fall. However, only those stu-

dents are allowed to work as carpenters on the place who have had training in the short course carpentry class. This applies largely to all the departments. Two four-room student cottages are just being completed. A silo was built last fall and filled with ensilage. The old laundry has been overhauled, and we are all proud of the results. It will be greatly appreciated by the entire school. One building, not yet completed

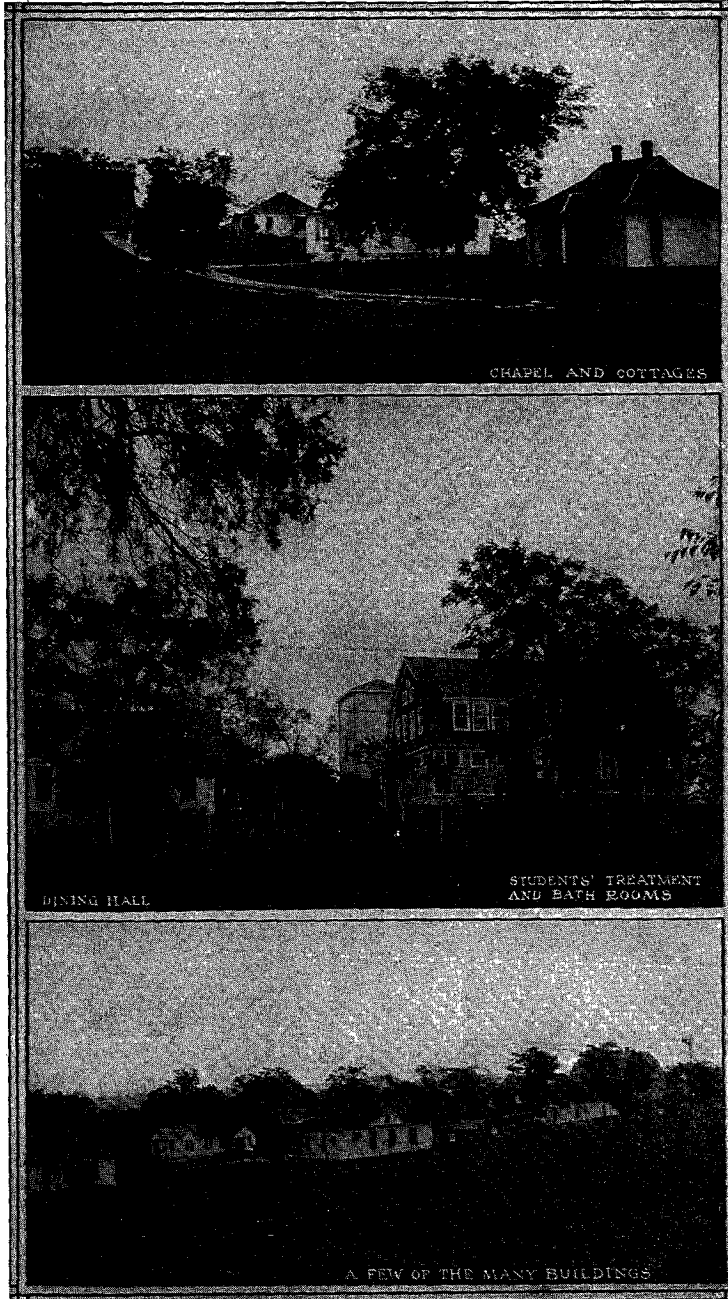
but which we expect will be in about two months, is most interesting to the school. It is called our Good Samaritan Building. It is designed for sanitarium work where sick students, teachers, and needy poor can receive treatments at a price that makes it possible for any worthy person to be treated. This building also contains bathrooms and toilet rooms for the students. Students have also been intensely interested in the building of the printing office. They are now installing a new gasoline engine in this plant.

During the fall and winter, ten acres of new land have been grubbed and broken, to be eventually turned into an alfalfa meadow. The school has now ten acres of alfalfa well established. It has passed through three severe drouths and is a great success. The garden has been furnishing us with an abundant supply of vegetables and greens all winter.

The school has had for several years a band known as the Student Volunteer Band. Some active missionary work is being carried on in the community. Some of the members attend Sunday schools and evening meetings in the near-by churches. Many of them are thoroughly stirred up over the conditions in the South, and are carrying on an active campaign with their friends in the North. A student is made to feel happy when he sees a new

member added to the school as a result of his missionary correspondence.

We were favored not long ago by a visit from Professor Wood, who spoke to the missionary band. He gave us some timely instruction on the need of acquaintance with the Word of God. He presented before the band the plan for making 1916 a "Bible Year." This was heartily responded to by a large number of students who pledged themselves to make



CHAPEL AND COTTAGES

DINING HALL

STUDENTS' TREATMENT AND BATH ROOMS

A FEW OF THE MANY BUILDINGS

On Madison Campus.

an effort to read the entire Bible this year.

The entire school family has been made to rejoice by reading in the *Review and Herald* of February 3, the report from the General and North American Division Conference held at Loma Linda in November. In this report we see that Madison has been recognized by the General Conference as a training school, and that steps are to be taken to encourage a large number of earnest, mature men and women to enter the school for a brief training to aid them to go out as self-supporting missionaries. Our hearts are many times greatly stirred as we see the opening for self-supporting missionaries in this field, and we greatly rejoice as we realize that this action on the part of the General Conference means a great forward movement on the part of a large number of laymen. We earnestly ask the prayers of our friends that many of us may prepare quickly to go into this field.

ELSIE PETERSON.

What Hath God Wrought

It was not until well on into the year that very much was done in our young people's work in this Union. Only those who of their own volition desired to enter into the study of the Bible, or prepare for the Standard of Attainment, or read any of the literature of our missionary volunteer library, did so. At the close of the second quarter we had registered but one Certificate of Attainment in Washington. Only forty-one people had been converted, and fourteen Reading Course

certificates had been issued. Camp-meeting, however, saw a big change in the work of our young people and their desires. There was an enthusiasm to get into line and to do a more aggressive work for the Master than ever before. The result has been that fifty-nine were brought into the truth during the last half of the year, and twenty-nine Standard of Attainment certificates issued, as well as good development noted in other lines. This has been one of the most encouraging features of the work this fall. Everybody is in earnest and desirous of doing all he can to help reach the goal. We all will be glad to see that the goal has been overreached in one or two points, and this makes us understand that it can be done in the future.

At the rate the young people are taking hold of the Bible Year we will see a movement in this Union during the coming year that will produce a great spiritual awakening throughout this field. Let us resolve before the Lord that we will make this the very best year of our lives, that we will read and study and prepare ourselves for an active, energetic part in this closing message. By concerted action it can be done, and this next year will see every conference come out on the goal, and more.

The work in the Southland is progressing, and God's truth is going with an unprecedented energy. This is only one of the many strong evidences that the Lord is setting his hand to finish the work. Surely we want a part in it, and at last receive the "well done" said to us, and become members of the one hundred and forty-four thousand.

LYNN H. WOOD.

Report of Missionary Volunteer Work in the Southern Union Conference for 1915

	Alabama	Kentucky	Louisiana	Mississippi	Tennessee	Total
Letters written	878	202	526	40	206	1852
Letters received	550	54	531	23	96	1254
Missionary visits	2468	299	1092	69	420	4348
Bible readings held	1215	157	534	9	157	2072
Subscriptions for periodicals	139	18	30	2	12	201
Papers sold	1483	574	3376	120	728	6281
Papers given away	5884	2383	3994	492	8217	20970
Books sold	546	305	519	1	328	1699
Books lent or given away	243	138	379	21	186	967
Tracts sold	3324	313	52		861	4550
Tracts given away	4439	1332	788	102	1511	8172
Hours Christian help work	3528	358	1124	84	448	5542
Articles of clothing given away	341	140	386	59	306	1232
Meals provided	931	288	422	14	112	1767
Bouquets given		16	17	8	24	65
Scripture cards given		2	49	13	199	263
Treatments given	293	86	64	23	74	540
Signers obtained to temperance pledge	60		21		12	93
Offerings to foreign missions through the church ..	\$ 191 13	\$ 255 98	\$ 128 17	\$ 2 32	\$ 368 84	\$ 946 44
Offerings to foreign missions through the society ..				1 43	17 77	19 20
Offerings to home missions through the church ..	54 58	14 07	56 99	7 12	55 62	188 38
Offerings to home missions through M. V. Society ..		5 35			138 34	143 69
Offerings for society work	4 72	5 35			1 00	11 07
Tithe paid to church treasurer	60 97	115 68	488 12		505 90	1120 67
Young people added to the church	43	20	13	9	15	100

God's Helping Hand

To the sinner the Lord says, "Come!"—"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden." To those who have come he says, "Go!"—"Go tell how great things the Lord hath done for thee." It is a part of God's wonderful plan that every one who is transformed by the power of his love should become a herald of the good tidings of salvation.

And not only is this true of those of mature years, but "the Lord has appointed the youth to be his helping hand." (Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 64). How thankful our children and young people ought to be that this is true. It is for the full realiza-

tion of this divine appointment that the Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers exists. The young people have been admonished to "unite together upon some plan and order of action," and they have been assured that by consultation with those of experience they should be able, under the movings of the Spirit of God, to "form plans and develop methods" by which they would secure certain results.

To be sure, young people cannot do every line of work, but they are to be "so trained that they may rightly represent the truth, giving the reason of the hope that is within them, and

honoring God in *any branch of the work where they are qualified to labor.*" How encouraging, then, to know that "there are many lines in which the youth can find opportunity for helpful effort." ("Education," p. 269) We shall endeavor in this article to point out a few of these "many lines."

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

One of the broadest fields of usefulness for our young people is in the Sabbath school. Nearly all have opportunity to show their loyalty to the truth by faithfulness in this branch of the work, first by personal Bible study, and second by helping in any way that may open. "The Lord calls for young men and women to gird themselves for lifelong, earnest labor in the Sabbath school work."

Many children and young people might be brought into the Sabbath-school, where God's Word is studied, if we only appreciated more fully the value of souls. Is the little effort it would take to get ready earlier and go to a neighbor's home for the children worth while? Shall we not be held accountable for what we might have done? "Parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children. Sabbath school teachers can instruct the children in the truth, and they will, in turn, take it into the home circle." "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," page 9.

In many places branch Sabbath schools can be organized, especially among the poorer classes of people, many of whom do not have church privileges.

The Home Department offers earnest work for many young people. Interest in the Bible and love for the truth has often been awakened or increased in the hearts of those who cannot attend Sabbath school by the cheerful visits of some wide-awake, consecrated boy or girl. Many Seventh-day Adventists are backsliding. How is their coldness often first manifested? Would it not be well for our young people to arrange to visit those who are absent from Sabbath school and encourage them to regular attendance?

DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE

It has been estimated that one-third of all those who accept the message receive it through reading alone. How far do you think we are responsible for bringing a knowledge of the truth to those living in the territory about us? The following are some ways of distributing literature: Selling papers from house to house in the city or country (just now the Temperance Annual of the *Youth's Instructor* has opened a wonderful door of opportunity for our young people); taking subscriptions for these periodicals; canvassing for books near home; selling or lending tracts; lending books on present truth (in some places circulating libraries have been established for this purpose); sending out papers and tracts by mail, accompanied by correspondence; subscribing for our periodicals for others; placing our books and periodicals in public libraries. Our literature has so increased that we can supply not only the English people, but nearly all of the foreigners in our country. If you have foreigners in your community, write to your tract society for literature. If you have blind acquaintances, send to the *Christian Record*, College View, Neb. There should be hundreds of our young men and women giving all their time to the colporteur work. Not only are many receiving the truth in this way, but a large number of our young people have by this means earned their way through school.

CHRISTIAN HELP WORK

Jesus lived to bless others. He "went about doing good." Cold water to a thirsty soul, given in Jesus' name, is an act for him. Visit the sick, assist the widows and unfortunate ones, prepare appetizing food for the sick, visit and read to old or blind people, take all the burden possible from father's and mother's shoulders, make garments for the poor, write to lonely ones. Let your attitude be that of helpfulness and burden-

bearing. Seek to make others happy. Give of your means to help the poor and unfortunate. "Freely ye have received, freely give." "The hours so often spent in amusement that refreshes neither body nor soul, should be spent in visiting the poor, the sick, and the suffering, or in seeking to help some one who is in need." "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, page 276.

BIBLE WORK

The distribution of literature and helping the needy often leads the people to ask questions. "Be ready always to give an answer." Some will listen to the reasons given by children and young people who would not, perhaps, listen to a minister or older person. A young woman selling a special number of the *Signs* spoke of the Lord's coming to a lady. The lady said, "Is Jesus coming again? I would like to know more about it." This led to an appointment for Bible readings. Daily Bible study will prepare us to do this work.

Many young people have started out with The Family Bible Teacher, leaving a copy of the first reading in all homes where it would be received. When the second reading was taken at the stated time, the workers were prepared to answer questions that might be asked, especially about the previous reading. Often this method of work opens the way for personal Bible readings. Many of our young people feel reticent about taking up anything like this; but while the Lord wants us to sense our own weakness, he desires us to become greatly stirred with a spirit of service, and, trusting in the power of his Spirit to attempt to do things for him.

WORK FOR OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people sometimes feel that older persons who labor for them have forgotten the trials and temptations of youth, and cannot fully appreciate their feelings. Young Christians can enter into sympathy with such, and be the means of leading them to the Saviour. This question is asked in the Testimonies, "Who of our youth will give themselves to God for the purpose of laboring for the salvation of their fellow youth?" "We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth." We are to work for those "who profess to be Sabbath-keepers, and those not of our faith." To those who know the theory of the truth but do not know its saving power, we must show by our lives that God has saved us from sin. We must plead with God and plead with them. O, how many who know the truth have never been sanctified by it!

There is also a good work our missionary volunteers can do in encouraging one another. The plan of societies corresponding with each other for mutual encouragement is an excellent one.

Then there are the thousands of young people who do not know the truth. What can we do for them? We can work for them in all the ways that have been mentioned, and as young people we can work for them better than any one else.

HELP FOR MISSION FIELDS

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." Matt. 24: 14.

How can our young people help in this glorious work?

1. Study the mission fields, and pray for definite fields and definite missionaries. "Prayer moves the arm of God." Give special thought to the work and workers being supported by the missionary volunteers of your conference.

2. Consecrate yourselves to God to be used anywhere. Get ready to go when called.

3. Give for missions. Give of your earnings. Make a covenant with God by sacrifice. Let all our young people take an active part in supporting the enterprise or workers assigned to your conference. Give not less than \$2.50 outside of your Sabbath school offerings. This will bind our hearts to the foreign fields and bear fruit in eternity. M. E. KERN.

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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 O. R. GODSMARK, Secretary and Treasurer of Conference and Tract Society.
 M. L. WILSON, Field Missionary Secretary.
 J. F. WRIGHT, Home Missionary, Y. P. M. V., and Educational Secretary.
 HELEN M. KEATE, Sabbath School Secretary, 715 18th Street, Birmingham, Ala.
 OFFICE ADDRESS, Room 316, Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:26

Friday, February 18

West 5:46

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Goals

MEMBERSHIP 149

	1915	Results	1916	Results
Stand. of Attm't certificates	8	8	12	We
Young people converted ..	16	43	24	can
Bible Year completed	16	12	24	and
Reading Course certificates	24	6	36	we
Money for missions	\$317 50	\$191 13	\$286 00	will!

Mission money used to support Khan Tsun Min, evangelist at Jesselton, British North Borneo.

Red Level Rural Training School

This school located on an eighty acre farm near Red Level in southern Alabama was opened by Mr. and Mrs. Leitzmann for



The Cabin as Found

resident students in the summer of 1911. During the year following it was conducted eleven months with an enrolment of fifty. It has drawn students from the surrounding schools on account of the thoroughness of its work, and the advantages offered in Bible study.

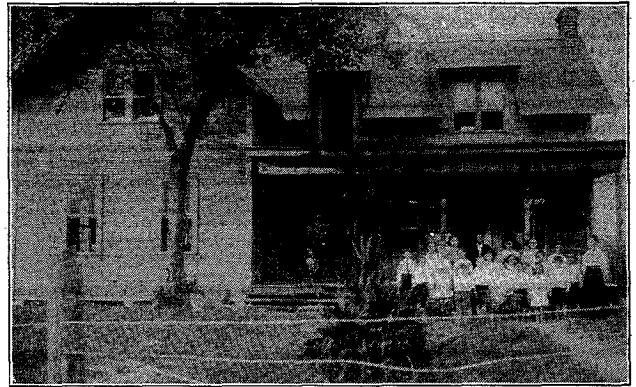
The school was compelled to close in the fall of 1912 on account of Mrs. Leitzmann's failing health, as she found it necessary to have a change of climate and rest a year. On returning in January, 1914, the work was immediately resumed, but for lack of help in the domestic department, boarding students were excluded until late in 1915, when Brother and Sister Whatley connected with the institution.

The school is now carefully graded and offers instruction in church school and intermediate grades, including tenth grade work, also work in some industrial lines. The laborers are endeavoring to build up the work on a better basis, and raise the standard to a higher plane.

A good Sabbath school and young people's society not only aid in the spiritual advancement, but help in training the young people to be workers in the third angel's message. Through the

work of the school, a knowledge of Bible truths has been disseminated in the surrounding country where hitherto it was unheard of.

At present the workers are handicapped for room, as the building shown in the cut still includes both schoolroom and dormitory, while in the rear of the old plantation cabin is the dilapidated hut which still serves as kitchen and dining room.



The School and Home

A tent will be pitched as soon as the weather will permit to be used until a new building can be erected.

"Let us work for the school with our hearts and our hands; Let it never, no never, decline."

Our Missionary Volunteers

"Volunteers." Well, doesn't that word stir every motive of your being, and inspire your very soul? To say the least, it demands our most earnest attention. It means so much when you stop to think about it. A volunteer is one who enters into any service of his own free will, or without compulsion. It is truly a willing service springing forth from the heart.

The nations of the world have called from time to time for volunteers to enter the army for service in behalf of their country, and in response, many of the world's brightest and best young men have considered it a privilege to answer such a call.

Today an urgent call comes from Prince Emmanuel for volunteers — young men and women to join the army of Christian soldiers to help fight the last great battle waging between truth and error. What a privilege to answer the call.

Now the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society is an organization through which our mighty Captain is working against error, and for the salvation of wayward youth. And it is to be hoped that each one who has already enlisted for service will prove to be a real, true missionary volunteer.

The year 1915 has been one filled with rich blessings for the young people of Alabama. Forty-two have responded to the call and joined our ranks during the year. A goodly number read the Bible through, some finished the Reading Course, and eight Standard of Attainment certificates will be issued in this conference, thus reaching this part of the goal. We praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy manifested toward us during the past year, but we feel agreed that past blessings and efforts will not suffice for the present. We shall look to the Lord for greater things, and in return we shall attempt greater things for him. We feel sure that our young people will rally to the front and show themselves to be strong, loyal missionary volunteers.

Your attention is called, dear young people, to the goal for 1916 for the Alabama Conference.

Can we reach it, you say? Why of course we can, and we will. We shall be satisfied with nothing short of it. With earnest efforts, faith, and prayer, we shall reach the mark. Let us,

with faithful Paul, say, "This one thing I do," and by doing our best each day the prize will be won.

The new year is with us. What it will mean to us as young people will depend to a large degree upon how we relate ourselves to the Master's service. We have much to encourage us, and we sound the call along the line for more volunteers. Let us awake, arise, and put all the life and vigor of our young manhood and womanhood into the service of Christ. Do I hear many with one accord beginning to make excuses? How dreadful that would be. No! We believe we hear the young people of Alabama saying with one accord, as did Isaiah, "Here am I, Lord, send me." This is the spirit of a true missionary volunteer.

J. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

A Worthy Example

Elder S. A. Oberg, the leader of our little company of Spanish Sabbath keepers in Caracas, Venezuela, writes of their great appreciation of the Spanish Morning Watch Calendar. He speaks especially of the benefit of "My New Year's Resolve" which the calendar contains.

He says: "All are enjoying the splendid texts, and the resolution has simply captivated us. Our leader said by way of explanation of thoughts in it last Sabbath, that as a temptation came to him during the week, he said to himself, 'No, that is not what I resolved to do. I have resolved not to do that any more.' His argument so impressed us that we all have decided to commit to memory the resolution, taking a part every week, to be recited with the memory verses each week until it has become a part of our natures."

How many of our more favored English-speaking Sabbath keepers are making that resolution a part of their lives? These new Sabbath keepers — the first fruits from Venezuela — have set us a worthy example. The results to one's life and experience from the keeping of that resolution can scarcely be over-estimated.

You do not know what it is? By all means get the Morning Watch Calendar at once. One of our secretaries writes, "I find that our people like to have these little booklets, but unless we practically place them in their hands, they do not attend to getting them."

I fear that this is true. But I think it would not be true if we estimated the value of the Morning Watch as Jesus did.

Will you not take this matter up in your church or society at once, and order the Morning Watch Calendar for all who will take it? It costs only five cents. Aside from this resolution, it has a devotional memory text for each day of 1916, suggested subjects for prayer for each month, a daily blank for reporting missionary work, some very fine quotations, a 1916 calendar, and a sunset table for each Sabbath of the year. Order from your tract society.

M. E. KERN.

Palestine and the War

Some of the most interesting articles that have yet appeared in *The Watchman* are in the March number which is now out. One of particular interest is an editorial entitled "Palestine and the War." This is an article that every Seventh-day Adventist should read and then pass on to his neighbors. It takes up in a most delightful manner one phase of the war in its true prophetic setting.

Another Press Bill

In the February issue of *The Watchman* mention was made of the bill introduced in Congress on January 4 by Mr. Siegel, of New York. A few days later Mr. Fitzgerald, of New York, who introduced a similar bill last year again introduced his same bill in Congress. Read about it in the March *Watchman*.

Kentucky Conference

Conference Directory

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:10

Friday, February 18

West 5:41

NOTICE

All mail for the Kentucky Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Kentucky Tract Society, and departmental secretaries should be addressed to the new office at 1122 Park St., Bowling Green, Ky.

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Goals

MEMBERSHIP 70

	1915	Results	1916	Results
Stand. of Attm't certificates	5	5	5	What
Young people converted . . .	10	20	10	man
Bible Year completed	10	11	10	has
Reading Course certificates.	15	17	15	done
Money for missions	\$172 80	\$231 65	\$173 00	man can do.

Mission money used to support four native Borneo boys in the Singapore School.

Progress of the Missionary Volunteer Work

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world." ("Education," p. 271.) To the Missionary Volunteer Department has been assigned a part of this effort in training raw recruits.

During 1916 we desire each young person in the Kentucky Conference to join our company and do all that is required of a whole-hearted missionary volunteer. This will not only be a help in finishing the work upon the earth, but it will cause each one to make progress in his spiritual welfare. I am certain that all of our young people are anxiously waiting to hear how we came out on our 1915 goal. I am glad to tell you that we overreached our goal in all points except one and we came out even on it.

Up until the middle of October nothing had been done toward reaching our goal except that one Standard of Attainment certificate and three Reading Course certificates had been issued. At first I said it would be impossible for us to reach our goal in such a short time because the work was at such a low ebb, but after I prayed and thought it over I decided by the Lord's help and the cooperation of the young people we would reach it. We then had just a little over two months before the close of the year. Our young people took as their motto, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" and they started with a determination which always means success. I am sure that the young people who daily asked of the Lord to help us reach our goal, are thankful to know that the Lord still hears and answers prayer.

I wish you to especially notice the number of young people converted during the year. We doubled our goal. Just think, twenty young people converted during 1915! To me this shows that our young people can help finish the work if they are only

consecrated to the service of the Lord. What will be our number for 1916? I hope that each young person will determine to win one soul for Christ during this year.

Are you observing the Morning Watch and reading your Bible through systematically? If not, won't you join us at once and receive the spiritual benefit contained in this study? Our goal for 1916 is about the same as last year. We have a full year before us to reach this goal. Why can we not double this during the year? We reached our goal last year in a little over two months, and by the Lord's help we certainly ought to double it in twelve months.

The reports which I have received this past quarter show that

our young people have been spending some of their time in doing missionary work. This report is larger than any during the year.

Let each young person resolve to do some missionary work each day, keep a record of it, and at the close of the quarter send your report to the writer. You can do this even if you are not located where you can attend missionary volunteer meetings.

I shall be very glad to hear from any of the young people throughout the conference telling what they will do during 1916 to reach our goal.

Now is the time to become a missionary volunteer worker.

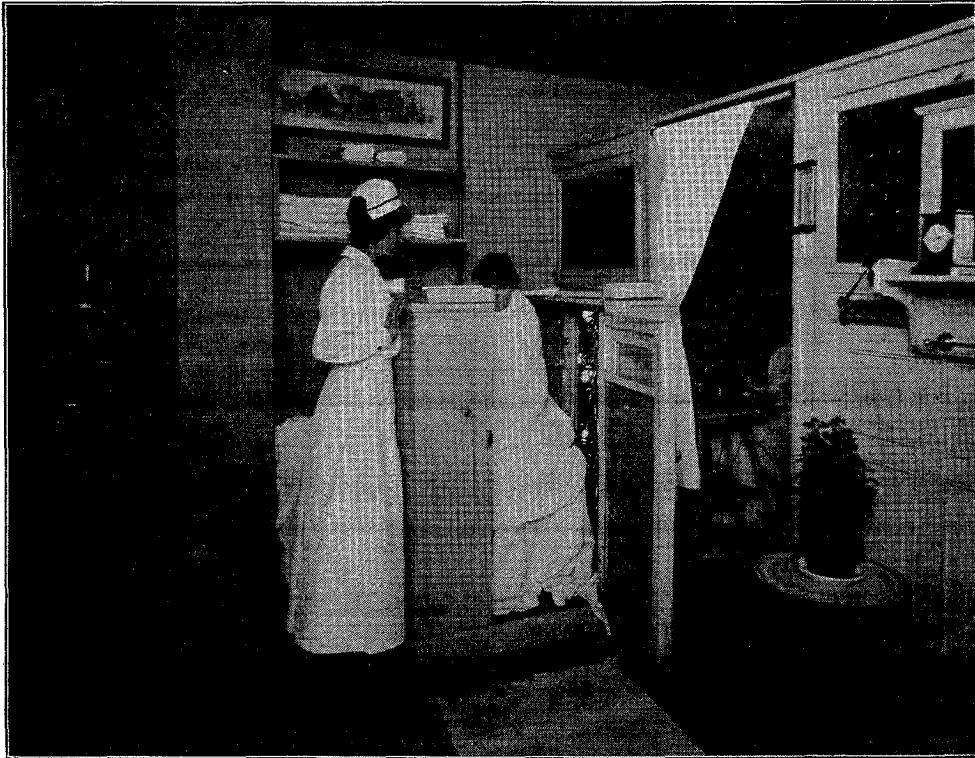
LENA A. BROWN.

Pecenix Treatment Parlors, Lexington, Ky.

It has now been something over a year since my wife and I came to Lexington to open up treatment rooms. Prior to this, there was conducted a gentlemen's treatment room, which establishment we bought.

Mrs. Tyrer had to begin at the first round of the ladder

fees in the medical line here are two dollars, and we hold up a higher standard for our work by asking this. Should we give a dollar treatment we would soon have the reputation of a mere Turkish Bath. This we resent, for Turkish Baths are recognized as for only dissipated people. We attempt to make the



Treatment Parlor

to climb for no ladies' department had been conducted previously. While we have had both sunshine and rain, yet we can say the Lord has blessed our work in a remarkable way, and it has been a financial success from the beginning. Of course our work fluctuates a great deal, and at times we are more busy than others, the same as in sanitarium life. The rain seems as important as the sunshine in human, as well as in plant life. We have had some rather severe lessons to learn that it seems only experience could teach. One was by unwise advertising through papers. We find that decidedly the best method to present the work to the public is through the patients, and the physicians with whom we cooperate. Our patients all enjoy their treatments and are so greatly benefitted that they are only too glad to tell their friends.

We think it best to require a good remuneration. That which people pay the most for they think the most of. All ordinary

word "Treatment" prominent instead of "Baths," and keep our work on a strictly medical basis. We issue tickets for a course of treatments at a rebate. When a patient has a ticket he comes more often and gets better results, so this plan is beneficial to both patients and business.

We are located in the basement of the largest and best hotel in the city. There is a reception room, treatment room, and two dressing rooms. The woodwork is finished in white, and this with the tile floor makes a very sanitary looking apartment. We have very little transcant trade. Most of our patients are the business and the society people of the city. We have some very good friends among the physicians, and their cooperation is a great asset to our work.

We have only the one apartment, and therefore have to divide the hours, the mornings for the ladies, and the afternoons for the gentlemen. This we find very convenient and saves the ex-

pense of running two apartments. All of our work is by appointment, and so far we have been able by proper management to accommodate all of our trade.

The missionary side of our work has caused us more anxious thought to know how to make it a success than the financial side. This being the all-important part, we are very anxious to see results. We have had some excellent talks with our patients. In fact, there are very few that we treat, that we do not have an opportunity to talk with about their soul's salvation. We make it our business to find such opportunities. Many times they admit many points of our truth, but excuse themselves in the same way that one did on the meat question, saying, "I know the hog is a desperately dirty creature, and could never understand why people eat it, but *they all do so* I have to, so do not tell me about it, please." So many willfully choose darkness rather than light. We find a few who are interested enough to like to talk on religious subjects and will read the literature we give them, but they too are unwilling to give up the customs of the world. The people with whom we come in contact, are those who would never attend a tent effort and about the only way the truth can be brought to them is through our sanitariums and treatment rooms. Most of the ailments are brought on by their riotous living, and by helping them to get back into the road that will eventually counteract their physical condition, it is possible that we can help them spiritually. We have recently adopted the plan that with each ticket sold, we give a six-months' subscription to either the *Watchman* or *Signs*, choosing the one with which that particular patient will be most interested. We hope our lives can be silent witnesses for good and that more will be accomplished than we can see. This I know is true in a sense, but we are not satisfied and are earnestly asking God to show us ways and means by which still more can be accomplished for him.

AUSTIN R. TYRER.

Crystal Spring School

We have tried to incorporate into our school some principles which are often overlooked by both parents and children. Among these are Bible, agriculture, fruit growing, and nursing, or simple treatments.

Simple treatments and fruit growing are both successful ways of reaching the people. Our first work in pruning attracted the attention of everybody in the community. All who passed by were ready to offer criticisms. Many said we had ruined our trees. In our last parents' meeting, one of the most influential men of this vicinity spoke of the good work being done by pruning, and their criticism is now turned into praise.

An elderly gentleman of high standing here was laid up with rheumatism for several weeks. When we called at his home he was found to be in a very critical condition, not even able to move. He had decided to call a doctor when we suggested some simple treatments, assuring him there would be no harm from them. In two weeks time he was able to do light work. At the present time we are giving treatments to a family who have been very sick with la grippe, and one of the children had

pneumonia. All are now improving. We can see more and more that medical missionary work has a part in giving this message.

WORKERS OF THE CRYSTAL SPRING SCHOOL.

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:46

Friday, February 18

West 6:10

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Goals

MEMBERSHIP 80

	1915	Results	1916	Results
Stand. of Attm't Certificates	5	5	5	What
Young people converted...	10	13	10	will
Bible Year completed	10		10	the.
Reading Course certificates	15	16	15	harvest
Money for missions	\$192 50	\$128 17	\$192 00	be?

Mission money used to secure chapel at Sarawak, Borneo.

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Work

We are glad to report a degree of progress in this department of our work.

Upon making up my State directory, I find that we have about seventy-five young people, including the colored, in our State. As in other conferences in the Union, we have the common hindrance, lack of finances. This of course is a drawback to many of our young people, especially in educational lines. We are trying, however, to improve, and have succeeded in making

nearly all of the goal as stipulated by the General Conference.

To me this is very encouraging. Those in the State that have worked in this department, helping to bring it up, will appreciate what it means.

At present we are trying to raise money to purchase a missionary volunteer tent to be used at our next camp-meeting. Some have kindly promised to help, but I feel that more must come if we succeed.

If there are those in our State to whom I have not written concerning it, I take this opportunity of calling it to your attention, hoping that you will consider it as a personal request and assist us. We need your help.

We hope for continued progress. FRIEDA HUBER-PAUL.

"Every victory is a seed sown to eternal life."



Rural School Lads and Lasses

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Conference Directory

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:39 Friday, February 18 West 5:58

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Goals

MEMBERSHIP 29

	1915	Results	1916	Results
Stand. of Attm't certificates	2	7	2	Expect
Young people converted . . .	4	9	4	great
Bible Year completed	4	9	4	things
Reading Course certificates.	6		6	from
Money for missions	\$85 00	\$ 3 75	\$46 00	God.

Mission money used to support one native Borneo boy in Singapore School.

The Missionary Volunteer Work

How fortunate our young people are! With such opportunities to be Christians and such hope for the future, they should be and are the happiest young people in the world.

The Standard of Attainment, the Reading Course, the Bible Year Course, and the Morning Watch keep our minds so occupied with good things that the attractions of the world do not tempt us as they would if we were idle. These readings also enable us to give every one a reason for the hope that is within us.

The interest in this branch of the work is growing in this State and we want 1916 to be a success in every way.

Some of the young people write me that they are taking the young people's studies so they will be able to go out and give the message to others.

One young woman that I have in mind takes care of the farm, teaches school part of each day, keeps up the Sabbath school and young people's meetings, takes the Bible Year Course and the Morning Watch, and has passed the Standard of Attainment examination. If she can do this, others can, and what a result we will have!

We ask the prayers of all the young people in this Union for the work in our State.

MRS. R. E. BURKE, Secretary.

A Sunset Thought

I like to think when western skies are bright
 With twilight's gold, that far beyond our sight,
 Beneath the world's dim verge where day has gone,
 Our sunset is,—for other lands—a dawn.
 And ever does it symbolize to me
 The promise sweet of immortality:
 Beyond the darkness waits for us always
 The looming glory of a perfect day!

— Arthur Wallace Peach.

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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 PROF. S. L. CLARK, Principal Hazel Academy, Hazel, Ky.

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:11 Friday, February 18 West 5:48

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Goals

MEMBERSHIP 190

	1915	Results	1916	Results
Stand. of Attm't certificates	11	5	12	Anywhere
Young people converted . . .	22	15	24	provided
Bible Year completed	22	18	24	it
Reading Course certificates.	33	2	36	be
Money for missions	\$412 50	\$386 61	\$400 00	forward.

Mission money used to support Chan En Fook and Tan Teck Sung in Borneo.

Hazel Academy

Once more Hazel Academy has passed the mid-year mark and is fast nearing commencement day. As the weeks pass by, the spirit of earnest endeavor becomes more intense. From early morning to retiring time at night students may be found



Hazel Home and School

on the farm or in the home busily engaged in work or study. The Bible Doctrines class, numbering eleven, has lately been especially interested in a careful study of Christ's second coming and the events immediately preceding. Fifteen enthusiastic Botany students are watching for the first opening buds that they may begin their herbarium work. The Bookkeeping class, too, is hard at work. Several expect to finish this study early in the spring.

We feel there is every prospect for a strong graduating class this year. This is encouraging, for it seems that never before has the call been so urgent for consecrated talent as it is today.

There has been a steady increase in the enrolment since school opened last fall. At present our homes are full, but there is always room for one more. We feel that this is as it should be, for the Word of the Lord says:

It is important that we should have intermediate schools and academies. To us has been committed a great work,—the work of proclaiming the third angel's message to every na-

tion, kindred, tongue, and people. We have but few missionaries. From home and abroad are coming many urgent calls for workers. Young men and women, the middle-aged, and in fact all who are able to engage in the Master's service, should be putting their minds to the stretch in an effort to prepare to meet these calls.—*"Counsels to Teachers,"* p. 209.

Surely, brethren, we should all put our shoulders to the wheel and together bear the burden of saving our young people. The Word of the Lord says:

The church is asleep, and does not realize the magnitude of this matter. . . . All the youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become laborers together with God.—*"Testimonies for the Church,"* Vol. VI, p. 197. S. L. CLARK.

FOR SALE: A nice residence at Hazel, Ky. The lot contains two acres of land, a good well of water, and out buildings. There is a good six-room house on the place also. This is next door to the Seventh-day Adventist church and about one-fourth of a mile from the post office. Price \$700. Address the Tennessee River Conference, 2014 23rd Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

Fountain Head Industrial School

Our school year thus far has proven a success. Not



The School

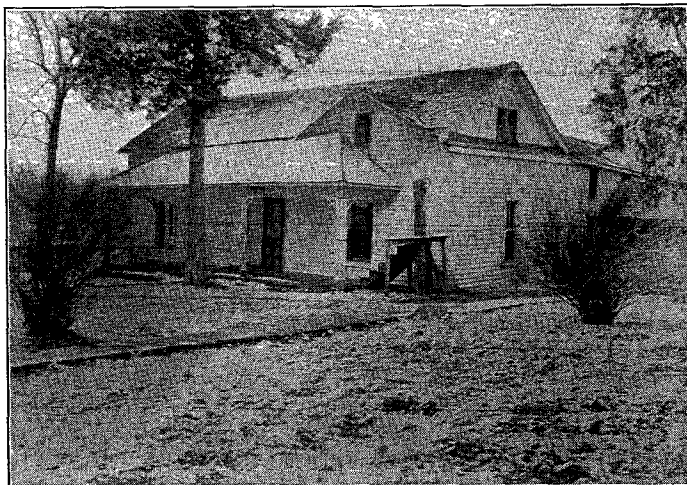
that it has been all that we would like, but we have seen marked growth. In the regular class work good advancement has been made. While some have not accomplished all that they might, others have done exceptionally well. Our lowest average in the advanced classes is 78% and the highest is 94%. We have been carrying grades from one to nine.

The industrial phase of the school has taken new life. It is the girls who now prepare the meals and bake the bread, and our visitors say that the food is fit for a king. One girl who thought that she could never do it is turning out bread that is strictly first class.

The general care of the stock, wood sawing, mill work, and corn husking have occupied the industrial period for the boys during the later weeks. Earlier in the school year, apple picking, potato digging, turnip pulling, and ensilage cutting were some of the lines of work. A good potato house was built by one of the teachers and students, and in this we are storing the forty bushels produced on the school farm, besides something over one hundred bushels for the neighbors. We are now

doing our winter pruning of grapes, peaches, and apples. In this the students are given an experience. The winter spraying is to be done soon, and some peach borers are to be digged out. All this is interesting work for the boys, and is in the highest sense educational.

The advancement our health work has made is encouraging. Our new building is practically done, and we have had several



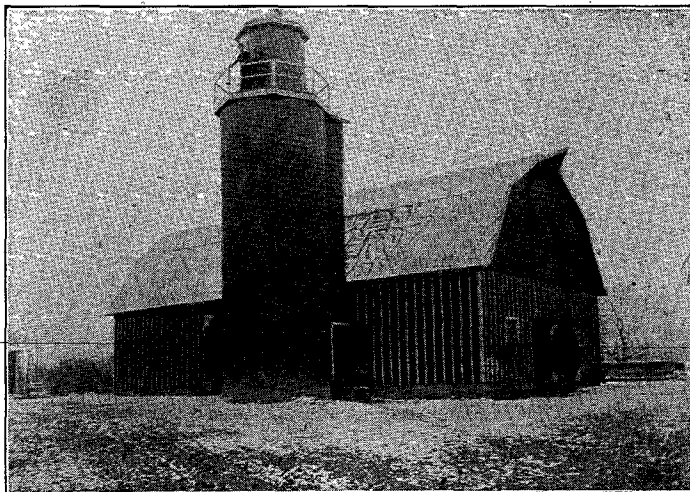
Old Plantation Home

applications from individuals who desire to find a quiet place for rest and treatment.

Though we have not been free from the perplexities of school life, we feel that the present year has been one fraught with rich blessings from God. We are glad to have a small part in the great work of the gospel.

Bible study should become more a part of our daily program. The Bible Year plan was started a short time ago and all were asked to read the Bible through during the present year. As the result of the study twenty-eight persons signed the pledge to do this.

The young people have taken another advanced step. They decided at one of their missionary meetings to have a mission garden here at the school. Members of the faculty were present and agreed to give a good sized plot of ground and do the plowing and other team work; the young folks are to do all the hand work and preparation of the produce for market. Quite an enthusi-



New Barn and Silo

asm developed as suggestions were made for this work. Several families of the neighboring brethren were represented, and each joined heartily in the movement. The young people are so pleased with the plan that they are already planning on what they will have for the first crop.

Another good point in this movement is that there will be a close cooperation between this society and that of the city, for the two must work together. Here, we can produce the radishes and onions, but some one must sell them. It is understood that the Nashville society will join hands with us in this work by looking after the sale of the produce.

The Brooknook Farm and School

We are located about eight miles from Bon Aqua and five



Original Plantation Home

miles from the nearest railroad point. The farm and school are conducted by Elder Martin and family. At present Harland Forsythe and wife are assisting in the work. The farm consists of one hundred acres of hill and bottom-land. Nearly half of this is in timber or is uncleared land.

On this farm the various farm buildings and schoolhouse are located. The schoolhouse is also used for church purposes. It is the design to make the whole work,—farm, school, and church—educational. When we moved here seven years ago the place was an old worn-out plantation. The buildings were of log and in bad condition. The rail fences either had disappeared or were rotting down. At the present time the farm buildings consist of a story and a half, eight-room bungalow, 30x36, a barn, 36x42, brooder house, 10x40, a stone and cement cellar, spring house, and other small buildings. There is also a two-room cottage beside the school building which is 20x24. These houses have all been built of timber cut and sawed and planed on the place. The Brethren Holmes have a saw and planing mill located on one corner of the place. These brethren have always been willing to cooperate in every way they can



Brooknook Home

to help the school. The school furniture has all been made by them. Nearly all of these buildings have been built by the family.

The land under cultivation has been improved by deep plowing, rotation of crops, planting of legumes, etc. New land has also been cleared. An old orchard was on the place when bought. It was badly diseased and had never been pruned. This has been pruned, sprayed, and cared for, till at present it supplies all the family need. A new orchard of over three hundred trees has been set out and will come into bearing this year. Abundance of strawberries and small fruits are grown to supply home needs. Wire fences have replaced the old rail ones. It has been the desire to make this place an example, as much as could be done with the help and means at command, of what God designs his people to do in the earth.

In looking back over the years we have been here we see many mistakes and failures on our part and see wherein if we had been wiser regarding conditions we might have done better. But we also see many things accomplished, victories won, and the way opened up for future work.

On the farm we have been handicapped many times for want of means and help. We have had to leave many things undone or do improperly many things that we would have liked to have had different. However, God has blessed us in every way. We have always raised sufficient for the family needs and in late years a little surplus. The last two years sufficient feed has been raised for our stock too. Last year over one thousand quarts of fruit and vegetables were canned, besides storing away enough potatoes, both Irish and sweet, and other vegetables to supply two families.



Brooknook School

THE SCHOOL WORK

We have never tried to make the school anything but a simple country school. Most of the time only one teacher has taught, at other times two. The attendance has varied. One year we had over thirty pupils, many of whom were young people. Since then most of these have either married, moved away, or else have to work at home and cannot come. At present, most of the children in the neighborhood are small. We have always taught the Bible in the school, and it has always been the favorite study of all the children. Some of the young people have begun keeping the Sabbath as a result of the school training.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK

Besides the farm and school work considerable work has been done along this line. The sick have been visited and many treatments given. Many most interesting experiences have occurred as a result of this work.

We have also been able to help some of our neighbors in a practical way, such as going to their orchards, spraying and

pruning their old trees and teaching them how to bud and graft. One member of the family is a good carpenter and has done most of the building on the farm. He sometimes exchanges work with some of the neighbors and helps them plan and build their houses. In this way they have been enabled to have better buildings than they otherwise would, as they were too poor to hire a carpenter and pay a regular wage.

THE CHURCH WORK

The Bon Aqua church has twenty-two members. Some of these are brethren who have moved in, and others hold their membership here, but live at such a distance they can only come to quarterly meetings. Some are those who have accepted the truth through the work of members of the church.

Elder Martin has had regular appointments at different places and held one series of meetings in which eleven began to keep the Sabbath. Much more of this work might have been done if he could have had time to get out to work. But being so short of help on the farm, he had to be at home most of the time. Another great drawback to the evangelistic work here is the lack of a place to hold meetings. The schoolhouses cannot be secured, and the churches will not permit others to hold meetings in them. We need a tent for meetings very, very much. Many Bible studies are held with families and much literature distributed.

Through the hearty cooperation of the various members of the church and work done by them, seven were baptized last September. Others are awaiting baptism. One little girl from the school is keeping the Sabbath. Just recently a dear woman with eight children has taken a firm stand for the truth. She has had much opposition and has to stand alone.

The other day we were much cheered by the news of a young man being interested and buying our books to study, as an indirect result of a work we had considered a failure at the time. So we are encouraged to sow our seed beside all waters. The harvest is the end of the world, and only then will we know the result of all our labors. But God encourages us along the way by showing us the waving fields of ripening grain. In the parable some proved to be tares, but that is not our business. Our business is to sow.

We love the work and the people. While their opportunities have been limited and the time to work among them is short, yet we have the blessed promise if we connect with Christ he

will be wisdom unto us. We have never for a moment regretted our coming and long to see many of our people entering this field. This is a work for the common people to do. While many cannot receive the training necessary to enter other fields, here in the love and fear of God, all may work. The work that this "little jet of light" is doing is to be done all over the South. This self-supporting work is no longer a theory, it is a fact. What man has done, man may do. MRS. C. N. MARTIN.

Flatwood's Industrial School

Our school started with just our own children and a little later another family sent their children. Last year, however, there were four outside families who were sending their children. Our schoolroom was a small room built in Brother Graves' yard, but this year we decided to build a larger building. Our neighbors have donated liberally in logs for the framework, but we need finishing lumber.

We started our school Oct. 4, 1915, with an enrolment of eighteen pupils, and later when the other two schools closed we had twenty-six. But as the cold weather has set in, six or eight have dropped out for a time. The parents are well pleased with the way their children are learning, and have advertised the school far and wide. One student twenty-five miles away wanted to come.

The children, especially in the first grade, take home the Bible stories which they get in class and tell them to their parents. One woman told me she never studied the Bible so much in her life before as she has since her children are coming to our school, as she must study to keep up with the children's questions.

We have now started our industrial classes. For the girls we teach sewing and raffia work, and for the boys, brick laying, blacksmithing, carpentry, and cabinet work. We will also have classes in bee-keeping and horticulture later on. We are handicapped by not having a shop, but hope to have one soon.

We have also found another way of bettering the neighborhood by having a Farmer's Club which meets in our building every two weeks to discuss better farming, etc.

I have the opportunity of taking the truth and health reform into the homes by nursing. In fact the doctors could keep me busy if I had the time to devote to this line of work.

We are very busy and expect a large attendance at our school next year. MRS. H. L. REESE.

The Colored Institute

December 24 to January 3 there was held an institute at Huntsville for our colored teachers throughout the Union. A great deal of help was given at this meeting, and it was felt that our people would like to hear a word from the different workers who attended that institute.

From Sister Ione Smith, of Nashville, comes the following word:

"It was indeed an encouragement to meet with the different teachers and discuss the work of the Southland. Words fail to express the many good points that were brought out during our short stay. I am quite sure that each teacher went to his home refreshed and with a heart overflowing with good things for their dear church-members as well as their children. As for myself I shall certainly treasure each thought that I received while attending the institute, and at the same time I shall try to impart these lessons to those with whom I associate daily whenever opportunity presents itself."

Sister Susie Campbell, of New Orleans, La., writes:

"I do not know how to thank the Master enough for his kindness and blessings sent us in the form of our institute. I have been teaching a church school for some time with only a vague idea of how to manage it, and now I am so thankful for the better understanding I have gained of management and

methods. Indeed, our institute is just what we needed in the Southland, and I am sure our school work this year will be better and our attendance will increase, because many families will be delighted with the methods used and will send their children. I hope for great success in the entire South this year. I wish to thank the Southern Union Conference for the kind and liberal treat to the colored teachers of the South."

The following words of appreciation are from Sister Ella Alford:

"I cannot begin to tell you the good that I obtained from the institute. The Bible lessons, paper sloyd work, and in fact all the branches taken up were invaluable to me. I can now teach with so much more ease, and the children are delighted with the new lines of work, drawing, etc."

Brother P. J. Johnson expresses his thankfulness that the colored school work has received this help. The following is also taken from his letter:

"As for our class, I can say that every one was filled with gratitude to God and appreciation for the work which was carried on. I feel that the time and means spent will help to bring many more souls into the truth. Already results are seen. Through instruction given at the institute I have been able to get four interested in the truth, and one has taken a full stand. May the Lord continue to add his blessing."

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LYNN H. WOOD.

The Influence of a Cheerful Face

THESE are some people who take life so seriously as to carry a constant look of gloom in their faces. Their very appearance almost seems to say, I would rather you would not speak to me; for I am now carrying in mind all that I can well bear. Few care to approach them socially, and children go out of their way to avoid them. Such people though church adherents, are not really an asset to the church which is set for the uplift of the community in which it is located, because their constant habit of looking at the dark side of life's issues unfits them for encouraging interviews. Besides, their state of mind so beclouds their view of divine utterances as to benumb the power of faith in them.

This is a most unfortunate condition in which to find oneself because when once alive to his needs he is liable to sink deeper in gloom, because he does not see how to better his state of being. What is needed in such cases is a transformation which can be had only by the renewal of mind. The apostle exhorts: "Be ye transformed [or as the original permits, *transfigured*] by the renewing of your mind." Rom. 12:2. It is a fact that the condition of the mind does regulate the figure of an individual. If his mind contemplates something humorous, it is discovered in a cheerful look. If he hears reproof of his course, the countenance indicates it by a rigid look, or by an unnatural transfusion of blood, which reddens the cheek.

The renewal of mind bestowed by the Spirit of God will give an abiding look of peace that is sure to invite quiet commendation and draw toward it the needy solicitor. And though it seems strange how readily one will pick such out of a crowd, yet it is readily done. The Earl of Shaftsbury relates how that once when standing on a busy corner of a crowded London street, awaiting an opportunity to cross, he saw a little child on the same corner among the crowd awaiting the same privilege. When the passage was cleared by the street police, the child

appeared afraid to venture across, and halted a moment, looking into the faces of the moving mass.

Then coming to the great earl, she put her hand trustingly in his, saying:

"Will you take me across the street, please?" Of course she was piloted safely across the street, and with a warm "Thank you, sir," and a pleasant smile, was soon out of sight.

The earl in relating the incident, declared it was the greatest compliment he ever had, that the little child, after looking into the faces of such a crowd, should pick him out as one who could safely lead her through a difficult place in her life.

This but illustrates how it may be with us all when the peace of Christ is in our heart, and displayed in our countenance. May each one soon reach that happy condition in his life. — *Selected.*

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Young People's Missionary Volunteer Goals

MEMBERSHIP 498

	1915	Results	1916	Results
Stand. of Attm't certificates	31	30	36	Emotion
Young people converted	62	199	72	is no
Bible Year completed	62	50	72	substitute
Reading Course certificates.	93	41	108	for
Money for missions	\$1180 30	\$965 64	\$1097 00	action.

Among the Mountaineers

In writing to the author of "The Men of the Mountains," Dr. Edward O. Guerrant, founder and president of the America Inland Mission, states:

"I wanted to tell you how much I am enjoying your excellent book. I haven't seen a finer description of the 'Modern Mountaineer' and 'The Heart of Appalachia' than in your book, and certainly none has given so full an account of religious work among the Highlanders. . . . I find it admirably written, with a remarkably clear apprehension of the peculiar traits of the Southern Highlanders.

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The Bible Year

More interest seems to be taken throughout this Union in the question of reading the Bible through during the year than ever before. There are at present 479 enrolled so far in this worthy enterprise, 299 of these being in Tennessee, 69 in Kentucky, 17 in Mississippi, and 94 in Alabama. The following shows the number enrolled by churches:

ALABAMA	
Birmingham	61
Birmingham No. 2.	33
KENTUCKY	
Lexington	9
Lexington Memorial No. 2.	27
Bowling Green	19
Grove	14
TENNESSEE RIVER	
Cedar Grove	11
Fountain Head	28
Hazel Academy	20
Hazel	11
Hillcrest	13
Jackson	16
Madison	38
Nashville Memorial	77
Nashville Young People's Society	33
Nashville No. 2.	45
Springville	7
MISSISSIPPI	
Meridian	17

In each church there is a chart with the list of names, and month by month this is checked up so that we can tell at any time during the year just how many are up to date on the course.

One person writes, "I consider it a great privilege to add my name to the list of those who love to read and study the blessed Bible. I have read it through several times and find it more interesting now than ever. I usually read the chapters assigned for the day at night, and then again the next morning, which helps me to fasten the lesson in my mind."

All the churches in the Union will probably be visited in the near future in the interests of this work. Let everybody take an active part in it, and surely we shall see the blessing of the Lord in this field as never before.

If any one is isolated and does not have a chance to enroll his name on one of these charts, we would like to have him fill out the blank below and send it to the young people's missionary volunteer secretary of his conference who will then organize a conference Bible Year society, which will receive reports once a month.

L. H. WOOD.

A Bible Year

Please enroll my name as a member of the Bible Year Course. I will make an earnest endeavor to systematically read the Bible through during the year.

Name

Address

Date

"It takes a little courage,
 And a little self control,
 And some grim determination
 If you want to reach the goal,"