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

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He Leads Us On

He leads us on,
By paths we do not know,
Upward he leads us, though our steps are slow.
Though oft we faint and falter by the way,
Though storms and darkness oft obscure the day;
Yet when the clouds are gone
We know he leads us on.

He leads us on,
Through the unquiet years;
Past all our dreamland hopes and doubts and fears
He guides our steps. Through all the tangled maze
Of sin, of sorrow, and o'er clouded days
We know his will is done;
And still he leads us on.

And he at last,
After the weary strife
And the restless fever we call life,
And the dreariness we call pain,
The wayward struggles which have proved in vain.
After all our toils are past
Will give us rest at last.

—*Australasian Signs of the Times.*

Professor W. E. Howell's Visit

The students and teachers of the Southern Junior College were much favored last week by a visit from Prof. W. E. Howell, educational secretary of the North American Division Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. While Professor Howell's visit lasted but part of a day, yet he took time to thoroughly inspect our institution. He remarked that there were a great many changes already made that were for the better, and he felt very hopeful that we would be in a position soon to do even better than we are doing now. Professor Howell spoke in chapel and said in part:

"We are not to despise the day of small beginnings. Since I have been here I have heard more notes of happiness than at any other school I have ever visited. This is not the first school that has ever started in a small and unpretentious way. My mind goes back to the time when old Battle Creek College was established. We as a people date our beginning back to the 1844 movement. From that time our work continued for thirty years before we had a single school among us. There was deep conviction on the part of the people of that time that the gospel was to be carried to all the world, and in the year 1874, thirty years after the 1844 message took form, it was decided that we should have a school for the training of our boys and girls. Before that our children were sent to public schools, and our leaders thought that was all right. However, they found that when their boys and girls were old enough to take up our work they were not trained for it. So we saw the need

of an educational institution. We established a college first. It was a small beginning in one of the back rooms of the old Review and Herald. We started small, but by the fifth year we had one hundred ten students and five teachers on our faculty.

What is it that now actuates us to leave the world and help build up a place of this kind? Why is it that our fathers and mothers will take money out of their own pockets to provide a place of education for their children, when they have to pay taxes for public schools for them? It is that their children might receive a preparation for the Lord's work. Now you young men and women are here, a part of a large body who are preparing themselves for the service that lies before them. In 1882 South Lancaster and Healdsburg academies were on opposite sides of this continent. In eight years our first missionary left for the old world. He started in a simple way over there, but now the European Division Conference numbers 32,000 souls as the result of that first single-handed man over there in the heart of Europe. This should give us reason for great courage. The Spirit of God is doing its work in spite of hard conditions. So we see the work of God prospers wherever it is and under any conditions and hardships. Our work is progressing the world over. Our present membership is 136,000. The pioneers of this message had much harder experiences to go through with than you ever had or will have, and we should be greatly encouraged. There is scarcely a field left which has not been entered by this message. I have been very much pleased to note the words of courage that every one seems to be speaking. You will find this year's experience the most valuable that you will ever have. What is education after all but a preparation to meet the issues of life, whatever they may be?"

Our Annual Offering

According to appointment, our annual offering for the year 1916 is to be taken on Sabbath, December 9. Heretofore the Mission Board has looked forward to this final special ingathering for missions with considerable anxiety. This year we are more than anxious that there shall be a very liberal contribution, in order that all our plans for the work may be more nearly carried out.

Never before have we had so many new workers departing from North America for the foreign fields as during the year now closing. Never before have we had so many touching and urgent appeals for additional laborers to be sent forth into the fields now white, ready for the harvest. Never before have our forces in the foreign fields been so well organized for the directing of a large and great work as at present. New workers and additional facilities call for more generous donations from our people in the homeland. Our work can move forward only as the means is provided.

In view of these many calls from fields now white for the harvest, we appeal to our brethren everywhere for a most generous offering to foreign missions on December 9.

W. T. KNOX, *Treasurer.*

Annual Report of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute and the Madison Rural Sanitarium, Madison, Tennessee, Sept. 1, 1916

The Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute was established in the year 1904 by a small company of teachers and students from Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich.

The object of the new school was to provide an institution offering a practical training to men and women who desired to use their educational ability in uplift work in needy communities. Several of those who formed the nucleus of the company at Madison were already acquainted with conditions in the mountain sections of the South, and they felt that the Southern States offered unusual opportunities for the development of a system of education which closely connects the home and the school.

A training school with such work in view should be located on a farm within easy reach of a city, and yet the land ought not to be in a high state of cultivation. Students would be better fitted for pioneer work if they were not provided with all the modern conveniences, and yet it was necessary to avoid taking such poor land that the effort would prove futile. A farm of over four hundred acres, containing much rock and some badly worn fields, capable of being renewed, however, was purchased on the banks of the Cumberland River, about nine miles from the city of Nashville. This farm and all related industries were to become the laboratories for demonstrating the technical instruction given in the class room.

The founders were fully conscious of the difficulties of the undertaking. Teachers with the necessary literary qualifications very often lack the required ability along practical lines, and, on the other hand, skilled workmen are not often good class room teachers. This has been one of its perplexities. It was necessary to develop a faculty capable of doing the work of such a training school as well as to train students for rural communities.

The land was purchased by teachers, and they built cottages for themselves and their families. They had friends who helped in a modest way by furnishing money for student cottages and other small buildings, but the teachers had to meet the running expenses of the school from their earnings. This policy was adopted because the school is training teachers for rural districts who will be obliged to maintain themselves in their community work. The Madison School has met its expenses without an endowment, proving the possibility of establishing a school with an earning capacity capable of self-maintenance while at the same time giving a practical training to men and women. It has in a very substantial way linked school life with community life. It is endeavoring to develop a new class of home makers and a new grade of school teachers,—home makers who will devote a part of their time to teaching, and teachers who will closely identify themselves with home and farm activities.

The organization of a school on these lines demanded a decided change from the ordinary scholastic program. The program of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute is an adaptation of the school program to the normal activities of the farm and the home. In many cases farm life is dull and unattractive to youth, and they desire to forsake the farm for the city. It has been our object to make the farm life so interesting and so attractive, so all-absorbing, that the students forget that farm life may be monotonous. We have endeavored to maintain a healthful social life on the farm conducive to physical, intellectual, and spiritual development.

While working out these changes in the class room, the policy has been to forsake the one-crop idea on the farm and make the soil produce as far as possible all the school family consumes. Or, in other words, to study local conditions and adapt the crops to these conditions.

If students are to become leaders in all the normal activities of the community in which they locate and establish schools, these students must receive here in the training school lessons in independent thought, in leadership, and in the power of initiative. These traits of character are developed here by enabling students to be self-supporting while receiving their education (the Madison School affords opportunity for a large number of its students to meet school expenses by work); by a system of self-government which puts every student on his honor and encourages him to assist every other member of the institution in maintaining a high standard of Christian integrity and conduct; and by so organizing the work that teachers and students together settle practically all the problems of school and farm management, together planning crops, deciding upon improvements, etc.

The class coordination of class room and industrial work made it necessary to so arrange the daily program that each student can devote enough time to manual labor to make his services remunerative. The problem is solved in this way: Each student carries one major study to which he devotes a three-hour recitation period daily. He then has a half day free for work in some manual department. In addition to solving the problem of industrial work, this plan is proving its merits by enabling the teachers to carry on a very strong work in correlation. It does not lengthen a student's time in school, but it is an intensive way of covering in one year practically the same amount of work that a student would cover providing he took four subjects at a time.

It must be recognized, however, that this system demands a teaching force of no mean ability. The workers in this training school must be masters of the subjects they teach; they must be skilled in the didactic art. They must be able not only to carry class room work, but they must head a manual department and correlate manual and class room work.

Another feature of the training school is represented by the Rural Sanitarium. Madison is training students to teach hygiene and sanitation, to care for the sick of the community, and to teach simple, rational methods of treatment for the more ordinary diseases. In fact, at Madison it is the object so to live and so to teach that students are prepared to meet the various conditions of rural community life.

During the twelve years of its history, the Madison School has sent into the field a number of teachers capable of wrestling with hard problems in isolated, rural communities. Some thirty schools represent this work, not the proverbial one-room rural school, but schools maintained by some two hundred fifty men and women, permanent representatives in the communities, owning approximately sixteen thousand acres of land, and maintaining a school as the center of community uplift.

During the earlier years of its history the feasibility of the plan was questioned, but year by year it is receiving wider recognition. As briefly as possible let us review the work of the past year here at Madison.

ON THE FARM

South Park has been cleared of underbrush and rock, and thirty acres in North Park have also been cleared of underbrush. About twenty acres of land on the one-hundred-acre tract have been cleared, broken up, and put into crops for the first time. The rock has been taken from ten acres of land south of the old orchard. Hundreds of loads of rock have been put on the land, ground by the rock crusher into lime which was put back on the land or into crushed rock for roads, foundations of buildings, and walks. Many gullies have been filled and washes prevented, and considerable work has been done in

draining ditches. Ten acres of land have been subsoiled; fifteen acres have been limed for alfalfa; and about three hundred twenty rods of fence have been made. A small individual farmer's threshing machine has been purchased, also a fifteen-horse-power gasoline engine which runs the thresher, the ensilage cutter, the rock crusher, and the buzz saw which cut seventy-five cords of wood during the year. A five-horse-power engine was purchased to run the presses in the printing shop.

CROPS RAISED

Since last convention the institution has harvested 300 bushels of wheat, 80 bushels of rye, 150 bushels of oats, 50 bushels of soy beans, and about fifteen bushels of cow peas. The yield of corn last season was light, amounting to 400 bushels, but the promise is good for a much larger harvest in this crop this year. During the year, 75 tons of hay have been put up, and over 250 tons of ensilage have been ground. Last year the orchard yielded a bumper crop of peaches and plums. This season we harvested 2,500 pounds of grapes.

In the early summer the garden did unusually well. About one hundred bushels of potatoes have been grown, the quality surpassing any Irish potatoes we have raised on the place. The family has consumed a large amount of sweet corn and has canned 400 quarts. It has canned 2,500 quarts of tomatoes and used a large quantity of this garden product. We picked 2,000 quarts of strawberries, eating a large proportion and canning the excess.

LIVE STOCK

Three fine filly colts have been added to the work stock. The small flock of 17 goats has been increased by 21.

The dairy herd now numbers 22 milch cows, an addition of four during the year, three grade Jerseys and one thorough-bred. Three registered Jersey heifers and one grade Holstein will be fresh in a few weeks. Sixteen heifer calves have also been added this year. The herd has produced 9,000 pounds of cream and 45,000 pounds of milk, worth about \$1,800 to the school. The herd's average per cent butter fat is 4.5. The highest test, taken only a few days ago, was five per cent and the lowest, four per cent.

ROADS

The institution has built very little new road, but it has endeavored to keep in good repair a mile and a half of macadam road on the farm.

BUILDINGS ERECTED DURING THE YEAR

The institution has completed the two four-room cottages, the frames of which were seen at last convention. It has built an addition to the sanitarium containing medical offices, operating room with anæsthetic and sterilizing rooms, a medical laboratory and dispensary, a linen room, a head nurse's room, and four private rooms for surgical patients; a small granary, two silos with a capacity of 35 and 85 tons respectively, a two-room cottage and tank tower; has finished the Gotzian Health Home and has remodeled the old school bath rooms into a commodious school laundry and put an addition on Phelps Hall to accommodate the machinery for the printing department. It has used five barrels of roof paint on its various buildings, and between three hundred and four hundred gallons of house paint, with few exceptions repainting all the buildings on the place.

THE SCHOOL

During the year we have enrolled approximately one hundred students, the proportion of men to women being about three to five. Forty-eight weeks class work have been given, and the following subjects have been taught: Old Testament, New Testament, Bible Doctrines, Physiological Chemistry, Physics of Agriculture, Botany, Zoology, Elementary Agriculture, Bookkeeping, and Commercial Arithmetic, History and Philosophy of Education, Psychology, Simple Treatments, Elementary

and Advanced Carpentry, Blacksmithing and Horseshoeing, Gardening, Dairying, Stock-raising, Cabinet Work, Sewing, Dressmaking, Pattern Drafting, Weaving, Domestic Science, Household Chemistry, Dietetics, Cooking and Baking; and for the nurses, Anatomy and Physiology, Practical Hydrotherapy and Massage, Theoretical Hydrotherapy and Massage, Practical Nursing, Diseases and Treatments, Dietetics, Obstetrics, Bacteriology, and Materia Medica.

The teachers of this school are supported by the earnings of the institution. Our plan for the future is to further develop the work already begun and make it stronger and more helpful in preparing students for the life work they may choose.

M. BESSIE DEGRAW

(To be continued)

Alabama Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time

East 4:29

Friday, December 8

West 4:54

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

GOAL, \$5.00 PER MEMBER

CONFERENCE

Birmingham

Elder R. I. Keate	Mrs. H. M. Keate
Mrs. H. M. Newsome	Mrs. Elford
Mrs. W. McClure	Mrs. T. J. Hoskins
Miss Vinnie Goodner	Mrs. W. B. Garrigan
M. L. Wilson	Mrs. Joiner
Mrs. Hawkinson	Elder A. L. Miller

Borden Springs

Hugh W. Jones

Montgomery

Elder J. F. Wright J. F. Dennis

Sheffield

Mrs. Mollie Miller

Long Island

Mrs. W. R. Tolman Mrs. E. W. Graves

Anniston

Mrs. C. E. Kelly J. H. Reams

Mobile

Mrs. Sarah Fowler C. P. Odell
C. G. Meyer

MISSION

Huntsville Pensacola
Classie Powers C. A. Wilson
Bessie Powers

Mobile

Eliza Gardiner

Oakwood

Prof. C. J. Boyd Elder Bird

News Items

The *Church Officers' Gazette* is published to give help to the different officers of our churches. The many perplexing problems which continually arise in our church work are discussed each month, and the experiences of others who have had years of service are given.

The following list shows the names of those in Alabama

who are subscribers to the *Gazette*. We note that not a single church is represented by all its officers, in fact about one half of the churches are not represented by a single officer. Right now is a splendid time to subscribe before the price is raised on our periodicals the first of January. The price now is 50 cents per year for one subscription, or 35 cents each when two or more are sent to one address. Order of the Alabama Tract Society.

Conference church: O. P. Ivie, C. G. Leitzman, Clarence Waldron, and J. L. McLaughlin; Birmingham: Mrs. F. D. Hunt, R. I. Keate, Mrs. A. C. Helms, and A. L. Miller; Long Island: L. C. Scott and W. R. Tolman; Mobile: C. G. Meyer; Silver Hill: B. D. Clark; Borden Springs: D. A. Fisher; Elkwood: E. E. Williams; Montgomery: J. F. Dennis; Sheffield: Mrs. J. W. Reynolds; Stapleton: G. H. Ward; Birmingham colored: J. J. Pearson; Dothan colored: Angeline Long; Mobile colored: S. D. Miller; Oakwood colored: Bertha Bartholomew; Huntsville colored: C. A. Powers; and Montgomery colored: Mrs. L. Frazier.

Brother C. G. Meyer, writing regarding the Harvest Ingathering work done by the children in the Mobile Sabbath school, says: "The children up until this year have never taken an active part in this particular part of the work, and we are all glad to see them take hold this year. They have sold about twenty papers, and every Sabbath they get up before the school and tell each other how they sold the paper. One little boy said, 'I just handed her the paper and just took the quarter.' This little boy seems to have learned the secret of the work. He first handed the lady the paper and then took the quarter."

The Birmingham church was favored Wednesday, November 15, by a visit from Prof. L. H. Wood. He spoke to the church that evening, and a goodly number were in attendance to enjoy the talk.

Sister C. E. Kelly, writing from Anniston, sends in a report of the Harvest Ingathering work in that city. Five of the believers there have been working with the Harvest Ingathering papers and have collected \$8.01. They have set for their goal \$30, which is a splendid average for each.

Mrs. A. G. Herndon, of Dayton, sends in her subscription for the weekly *Signs of the Times*. She also orders a supply of the December *Watchman*.

Brother D. A. Fisher writes that the Borden Springs church has pledged itself to raise \$115 for foreign missions. This looks as though it was a pretty big task, but the different members there are going to work with the Harvest Ingathering papers, and each will do his part.

Brother E. M. Blount, of Sulligent, writes that he has been having some good experiences in giving Bible readings in his neighborhood. He orders a supply of tracts to use in his work there.

Brother Earnest F. Waters, of Elkwood, sends in six names, including his own, as a club for the weekly *Signs of the Times*. Brother Waters is to be complimented for his effort in this line of missionary work.

Sabbath, November 18, Brethren E. C. Widgery and O. Tew attended services in Birmingham. We were glad to welcome these faithful colporteurs, and they seemed to enjoy meeting with those of like precious faith.

Elder Miller and Brother M. L. Wilson left the office November 21 for an extended trip through the central and southern parts of the State for the purpose of visiting several who have expressed a desire to enter the colporteur work this year. It has not been definitely settled just where the institute will be held, but those who are contemplating entering this important branch of the Lord's work should get in touch with Brother Wilson at once, so that arrangements can be made for the entertainment of all those who attend the meeting.

Kentucky Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 4: 13

Friday, December 8

West 4: 44

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

GOAL \$5.00 PER MEMBER

CONFERENCE CHURCH

J. P. Salmon

HENDERSON

Mrs. A. T. Bom

BEE SPRINGS

W. H. White

FORD

Genevieve Robert R. W. Harris

BOWLING GREEN

B. W. Brown Mrs. B. W. Brown

T. L. Bryant

DAVISVILLE

Mary Ramey Lytha Ramey

Halah Ramey

LOUISVILLE

Mrs. M. A. Ewald Mrs. C. Heinig

Mrs. S. D. Bossing Miss Anna Hornung

Mrs. Caroline Hornung Mrs. Anna Todd

LEXINGTON

Mrs. R. Eason Mrs. H. Steele

TRI CRTY

W. H. White

A Visit to Louisville

It was my privilege to join Brother Allen in a meeting at Louisville from November 16 to 27. The blessings of the Lord were showered upon us as we studied the truth for this time. The attendance from the city was not large, but a number attended regularly. There were several who sought the Lord for the forgiveness of sin. Baptismal service was held, and four persons were buried with their Lord in baptism.

There were a number who promised to seek God for help to enable them to decide to keep the Sabbath. The church was strengthened by the meeting, and a deeper consecration was sought by all on the last Sabbath of the meeting.

I was glad to associate with Brother Allen in the work during this meeting. He has been working hard to build up the work in that city, and during the past three months he has been able to raise about four hundred dollars for the church school and church debt.

I was glad to find the school progressing nicely with Miss Reichenbach as teacher. She has gained the confidence of both parents and children.

I was pleased to learn that plans were laid so that each member in the church could have a part in the Harvest Ingathering work. I wish that each of our church members would get under the burden of soliciting Harvest Ingathering funds so that our quota can be raised. Our conference ought to raise \$1,000 between now and the close of the year through the Harvest Ingathering work. Will you who read this begin at once to do your part? If you need more papers, order of the tract society.

B. W. BROWN.

News Items

Brother and Sister Dow are engaged in the Harvest Ingathering work, and at the present time are working in the city of Lexington.

Brother R. W. Harris writes a very encouraging letter, and states that the Lord blessed him with the Harvest Ingathering papers. One woman gave him a check for \$12 for one paper.

Elder J. H. Lawrence is on the sick list at this writing. He has a case of la grippe.

Elder W. H. White is working with the Harvest Ingathering papers in the city of Covington.

Brother J. F. Lewis writes from Mt. Vernon, Ky., that he is of good courage and doing all he can to spread the message in that part of the field.

Sister Latitia Steele writes from the Louisville Chestnut Street church that she is of good courage and that they are expecting to raise their quota in the Harvest Ingathering funds.

Sister Anna Hornung, of Louisville, leads the list so far in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, having received over \$20. Others have received nearly this amount.

Brother Keitts writes from Lexington that they plan to raise a large amount on the Harvest Ingathering fund.

Now is the time for all our people throughout the conference to order their church papers for the coming year, as the club rates are now in effect. After the first of January, 1917, all our papers will be higher. Please send in your orders to the Kentucky Tract Society at once.

Brother J. W. Grimes and wife were callers at the office the past week. They turned in some missionary money, which was gladly received.

Brother Felia Pierce and Andy Schroader, who are working Allen County, send in an encouraging report.

Brethren Jesse Miller and J. O. Wheeler write that they will soon have canvassed all of Simpson County.

We are making a special price of 25 cents on the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER for the year 1917 to all those who will send in their subscriptions before the first day of January, 1917.

Elder Brown spent the past week in Louisville and reports the baptism of four persons.

Brother Winston writes from Owensboro that the work is progressing nicely in that place. He is conducting a campaign with the Harvest Ingathering papers.

Misses Mary and Lytha Ramey, of Davisville, write a very encouraging letter of their experience with the Harvest Ingathering papers. They traveled about fifty miles soliciting funds, and the Lord blessed them to the extent that one received \$5.50 and the other \$8.75. This should be an example for our people throughout the conference to follow.

We have only four more weeks in which to raise our mission funds, and it is hoped that every member of the church throughout the conference will put in at least one week soliciting funds for missions between now and the first of the year.

The annual offering for missions will be taken this year on Sabbath, December 2, and it is hoped that every believer throughout the conference will give as large an offering as possible for missions.

Brother D. E. Lindsey has just finished his delivery and states his intention of taking a lot of orders this week.

The end of the year is drawing near, and when it is gone it is gone forever, and if we have not done our duty towards God and man, it is too late to make amends. Let us ask ourselves the question, "Have I paid an honest tithe, and done all in my power to assist in gathering mission funds? Have I gone out with the Harvest Ingathering papers and solicited funds to get means to spread the message?" If not, may the Lord impress us to do our duty, that our records may be clear when the year closes.

Louisiana Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 4: 51

Friday, December 8

West 5: 20

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

GOAL \$5.00 PER MEMBER

CONFERENCE

Mrs. Roy Clevenger (Baton Rouge)

Mrs. J. W. Swimm (Rayville)

LAKE CHARLES

Mrs. J. T. Ezell (Fullerton)

NEW ORLEANS

Elder J. A. Morrow Mrs. V. Ordieres

Mrs. Emma L. Morrow Elder C. N. Sanders

Mrs. J. B. Collie Mrs. C. N. Sanders

Dr. A. K. Brown C. B. Caldwell

O. R. Grantham Mrs. Fred Cain

Mrs. J. P. Ulmer

NEW ORLEANS No. 2

A. F. Schemell Elder C. G. Manns

Lucile C. Williams E. Z. Schemell

Alene Harrell Lou Ellen Smith

Elder C. G. Manns Alene Harrell

Lou Ellen Smith Lucile C. Williams

SHREVEPORT

Elder W. P. McLennan T. S. Sligh

SHREVEPORT No. 2

Lacotte Greene Lucy McDonald

R. Roberts

WELSH

T. S. Stegal Mrs. T. S. Stegal

Mrs. C. A. Lantz

News Items

Occasionally we are reminded that we are still human and liable to make mistakes. The total amount for missions in the Sabbath school report for quarter ending September 30 should have been \$588.94, instead of \$468.22, as reported. We failed to include the camp-meeting offering, which was \$102.72.

The treasurer of the Welsh church writes: "Brother and Sister Stegal have raised their quota. They received \$20 for three papers."

The Shreveport No. 2 church is doing excellent work with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. One member who has raised \$15 has set her goal at \$50. Another member gathered in \$5 from 15 papers. As a church they are now working for \$150.

Mrs. Sanders has returned to the office from Shreveport, and reports a very profitable time with the members there.

Answering a call from the Alabama Conference, Elder McLennan and family will soon be leaving for Birmingham. They will doubtless pay a visit to their home city before leaving the State.

Christmas Gift

Why not a subscription to the *Signs of the Times Magazine*? This twelve-time reminder of your love and thoughtfulness would be greatly appreciated. Send five or more subscription at one time, and get our special sixty-cent a year rate. Do it today, and say you want the subscription to begin with the January number.

Mississippi Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 4: 41

Friday, December 8

West 5: 07

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

\$25 GOAL

JACKSON

Henry Balsbaugh

CONFERENCE

Mrs. J. N. McLeod

\$5 GOAL

JACKSON

Mrs. Ida Harrell

MERIDIAN

A. H. Friberg

Mrs. A. H. Friberg

CONFERENCE

Marietta Menees

Mrs. C. R. Welch

Mrs. Henry Balsbaugh

News Items

Elder N. B. King leaves this week for Amory, where he will spend a few days. There is quite an interest in Amory among the colored people. We are hoping that Elder King will find many honest souls at this place.

Brother Smith has completed a very successful delivery in Simpson County. He stated that out of two hundred orders he has lost only twenty-four. This is almost a ninety per cent delivery and is certainly good considering the crop conditions in that county.

Brother Roscoe Watkins states that he is holding meetings at Vicksburg with a very good interest. He expects to visit the church at Jackson during the week of prayer and then to go back to Natchez and Sibley.

Brother Staton left Sunday, the twenty-sixth, to visit our colored workers in the Delta. He expects to visit on this trip Brother Weathington, Brother Johnson, and Sister McElroy. These workers have been having very good deliveries this year.

B. C. Marshall made a business trip to Meridian Tuesday, the twenty-eighth.

Sister C. R. Welch, of Durant, called at the office a few days ago and took with her fifty Harvest Ingathering papers. We have received a letter from her in which she enclosed a five-dollar money order, saying that she had secured this from the use of the papers and expected to get much more.

A letter from Brother E. A. Taylor states that he expects to finish his delivery and be in Jackson by Christmas.

Colporteur Institute

The institute for the white workers will be held in Jackson from January 1 to 10. By the time this reaches its readers it will be none too soon to begin preparing to attend this institute.

We are hoping that we will have many new ones attending this year to get a preparation to enter the Lord's work. We want all those to attend who have a deep love for souls and are willing to engage in a self-sacrificing work in order to reach them.

We hope that no one will come without writing either to Brother Staton or the writer, so that proper arrangements can be made for their entertainment.

BEN C. MARSHALL.

Tennessee River Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 4: 10

Friday, December 8

West 4: 51

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

GOAL \$5 PER MEMBER

NASHVILLE

W. A. Harvey

M. F. Knox

R. L. Pierce

F. C. Bruce

F. E. Pfeiffer

Mrs. F. E. Pfeiffer

J. L. McConaughey

H. A. Varney

Paul N. Pearce

Mrs. Bessie McAlexander

Virginia Ritchey

Clarence Stagg

L. H. Wood

G. H. Curtis

Mrs. R. C. Gray

Lenna Simkin

Mrs. L. H. Wood

Mrs. J. G. Haggard

NASHVILLE No. 2

J. G. Dasent

Francis Taylor

Hattie Hyde

JACKSON

Mrs. F. C. Hightower

Mrs. Ethel Holland

Mrs. Johnson

James Bellinger

Mrs. E. Howell

SPRINGVILLE

Mrs. F. S. Parker

LANE

Mrs. I. M. Hamilton

PADUCAH

Mrs. I. C. Pound

Mrs. T. S. Gordon

TREZEVANT

BON AQUA

Mrs. A. H. Jones

Elder C. N. Martin

MEMPHIS No. 2

Sydney Scott

Mrs. Fannie Scott

Do You Want to Know?

What that Sabbath school class of restless and seemingly incorrigible boys needs? Those boys who have well-nigh exhausted your resources of energy and patience to interest and help them and seem to you to be hopeless?

The December number of the *Sabbath School Worker* gives an incident of just such a class. This incident was passed out to a number of experienced teachers, and their replies on "What Those Boys Need", are given in this number of the *Worker*, and form a symposium of rare value, dealing as they do with the most practical and spiritual part of the teacher's work.

These replies are given under such headings as the following:

"What the Teacher Did Next."

"How Those Boys Got What They Needed."

"Who Knows But What This Would Work?" etc.

Have you such a class in your school? Nearly all schools have. If so, you need the December *Worker*.

"No matter how darkly the clouds may envelop the sun at noonday, we know that the glorious orb is shining behind the gloom; no matter how heavily the hand of pain and poverty may be laid upon us, God's great love is behind it all, and he will make all bright in his own good time."

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Nov. 25, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
U Bracy	BF	49	5	\$ 7 50	\$ 70	\$ 8 20 \$11 00
B D Crawford . . .	BR	9	1	3 00		3 00
H L Edwards . . .	BR	32	15	51 00		51 00
D A Foster	CK	4	1	1 50	25	1 75
F M Reiber	BR	48	2	6 00	1 05	7 05
Totals (Agts. 5). 142 24 \$69 00 \$ 2 00 \$71 00 \$14 00						

J Weathington . .	HM	22				22 00
Bibles						6 00
Totals (Agts. 6). 219 13 \$45 00 \$ 7 40 \$52 40 \$317 00						

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
E B Edwards . . .	BR	10		\$	\$	\$30 00
R H Hazelton . . .	GC	44				120 00
W J Keele	D&R	20			21 00	21 00 99 00
W E Templeton . .	BR	40	37	127 00	3 80	130 80
M Wheeler	D&R	30	15	62 00	11 90	73 90 45 00
Totals (Agts. 5). 144 52 \$189 00 \$36 70 \$225 70 \$294 00						

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
A Schroader . . .	BR	39	15	\$45 00	\$	\$45 00 \$
F Pierce	BR	37	18	55 00		55 00
A Rainey	BR	37	15	46 00		46 00
R F Hickman . . .	BR	26	9	27 00		27 00
F L Harrison . . .	BR	32	15	47 00		47 00
J Miller	D&R	85	18	56 00	2 25	58 25
C B Sherer	BR	24				51 18
J O Wheeler . . .	BF	38	18	27 00	75	27 75
Bibles				11 30		11 30
Totals (Agts. 8). 318 108 \$314 30 \$ 3 00 \$317 30 \$51 18						

G'd Totals (A. 29) 967 2 9 \$780 80 \$53 85 \$734 65 \$821 93						
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Summary to Date			
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference . .	\$ 9668 70	\$ 400 65	\$ 3950 95
Kentucky Conference . .	15722 28	645 08	8237 03
Louisiana Conference . .	8842 80	119 90	6162 62
Mississippi Conference .	21437 52	1079 20	7150 05
Tenn. River Conference .	10017 70	870 69	4379 39
Totals \$65689 00 \$3115 52 \$29880 85			

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
J B Hardy	BR	32		\$	\$	\$90 00
M S Hubbell . . .	BR	29				25 00
T S Sligh*	BR	42	4	14 00	4 75	18 75 12 75
A B Cheek	BR	23	6	21 00		21 00
Louis Ratcliff . .	HM	9	6	12 00		12 00
E P Campbell . . .	HM	9	6	12 00		12 00 4 75
Bibles				4 50		4 50 13 25
Totals (Agts. 5). 144 22 \$63 50 \$ 4 75 \$68 25 \$145 75						

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending Nov. 25, 1916

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE †		
Agent	No.	Value
Jones	225	\$22 50
Allen	225	22 50
Heinig	50	5 00
Mrs. M. A. Ewald . . .	50	5 00
Hornung	50	5 00
Miscellaneous	50	5 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Elmer Chastain* . .	BR	77		\$	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00 \$131 00
A L Hamm	D&R	27	13	45 00	3 00	48 00
AA Johnson	HM, D&R	10				15 00
E A Taylor	BR	48				86 00
J L Waller	D&R	35		1 40	\$ 40	57 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE		
Mrs. A. H. Kelly	601	60 10
Totals 1251 \$121 10		

Home Missionary Report of Southern Union Conference for Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1916

	Ala.	Ky.	La.	Miss.	Tenn.	Total
Membership	691	718	509	411	812	3141
Number reporting	350	245	95	32	178	900
Number of churches holding meetings	12	8		3	10	33
Letters written	785	217	171	154	160	1487
Letters received	490	139	132	117	181	1059
Missionary visits, personal work	2119	827	696	217	811	4660
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	1012	391	235	261	196	2096
Subscriptions taken	74	24	24	228	17	367
Papers sold	1147	2041	681	166	1725	5760
Papers mailed or given away	5345	3301	1574	1086	5291	16597
Books sold	345	160	73	51	180	809
Books lent or given away	412	270	86	119	135	1022
Tracts sold	330	179	659	1	251	1420
Tracts lent or given away	2106	1490	636	521	4494	9247
Hours of Christian help work	5700	853	398	312	749	8012
Articles of clothing given away	720	139	101	57	553	1570
Number of meals provided	1086	201	124	367	151	1929
Treatments given	450	100	51	43	164	808
Signers to temperance pledge	44	16	20	2		82
Offerings to home missionary work	\$67.49	\$35.65	\$5.78	\$5.46	\$37.82	\$152.19
Conversions	15	11	4	5	3	38

* Two weeks. † Previous work unreported. ‡ Month of November.

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News Items

Prof. A. N. Atteberry with two of the student of the Southern Junior College spent a few days in Nashville this week.

Brother G. H. Curtis is spending a few days at the Madison School auditing their books for the year.

Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell left Nashville Friday, December 1, for Bon Aqua, Tennessee. They will spend the week of prayer with this church.

Elder Sydney Scott spent a few hours in Nashville recently on his return to Memphis from his visit to Lexington, Ky.

Does your name appear on the Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll for this week? If not, may we not have the privilege of placing it there next week?

Ministerial Institute for Colored Workers

At the recent autumn council it was recommended that an institute for the colored people of the North American Division conference be held in Huntsville, Ala., January 3 to 11. It is desired that all the ministers and the licentiates, as far as possible, come together from the North and the South to spend nine days in earnest study as to how we can increase the efficiency of the ministry.

The institute will be held at the Oakwood Manual Training School. Elders I. H. Evans and G. B. Thompson have promised to be present and give instruction.

The conference will pay traveling expenses and allow salaries. The Oakwood School will furnish rooms. The delegates will have to pay board only.

The school has opened with more students enrolled than ever before in the same month, and many others are expected to come. The institute will be a great inspiration to them, and we are sure our ministers from all over the field will enjoy the time spent with us at Oakwood. Write to your president and make arrangements to attend. Be in the chapel at nine o'clock on the morning of Jan. 3, 1917.

If ministerial permit books cannot be secured in time, thousand-mile books can be used at the same rate. C. B. STEPHENSON.

"Present Truth," January List

A new subscription list is now open. It is called *Present Truth*, January List. It closes Jan. 1, 1917. This list is for all classes including relatives and friends and general missionary names.

It will doubtless exceed the present September list of thirty thousand.

To this January list will be sent a copy of the new *Present Truth* every two weeks throughout the year, twenty-four numbers in all, containing the same subjects, in the same order, as printed in the old *Review* Extras. Subscription price is twenty-five cents for the year. Names for this list should be sent in before January 1.

News Notes from Collegedale

Mrs. C. R. Cox recently returned from a visit to Douglasville and other Georgia points. She was accompanied by her little son Clifford, who is staying with his mother at Professor Adams' cottage.

Mr. Gene Ward, from Graysville, recently visited friends at the Southern Junior College. He agreed with the opinion expressed by all our visitors that the students and teachers at Collegedale were about the happiest group of people they have ever seen.

Miss Masie White and Mr. Claud Terry are recent additions to Brother Magee's force in the printing office.

Considerable work has been done in the past week on the horse barn. Space has been provided for a large amount of corn fodder which will be shredded soon. The stalls for the horses have been improved, new doors have been added to replace the old worn ones, and the barn has been thoroughly remodeled, making it as comfortable as possible.

Several friends through the conference have written to us recently regarding sending books to the library. We feel confident that we will receive from this source something like two or three hundred books, which will be a welcome addition to our library facilities. It has occurred to us that perhaps there are others who will be willing to donate from their libraries some of their books. We will welcome correspondence with such.

Brethren J. H. Thorne and Clarence Field have practically finished painting the large house. They have put two coats of yellow paint on it and are now putting on the white trimmings. The house is greatly improved and excites favorable comment. These young men have done an exceptionally neat piece of work.

Professor Atteberry, Mr. Carlyle, and Mr. Bozarth left the middle of the week for Nashville, Tenn., to load the equipment that the Southern Junior College is getting from the Hillcrest School.

Mr. Charles Cramer and Mr. Glenn Curtis, who have charge of the dairy, report that our cows are giving nineteen gallons of milk per day.

Watch

The Saviour said, "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." What are we to watch? These words are addressed to us, for we are part of the "all." We are to watch that we are not found sleeping when Christ comes, but what must we watch?

We need to watch the signs that show Christ's coming to be near. How can we watch them? Read the *Review and Herald* every week, for in its pages will be found reports of important movements foretold in God's Word, accounts of new developments in the political, social, and religious worlds. There are reports of our world-wide work, the finishing of which will bring the end.

The new rates go into effect Jan. 1, 1917, so now is the time to subscribe. Every Sabbath-keeper ought to read the *Review* every week. I have read it ever since I became a Sabbath-keeper and expect to as long as I live in this world. Hurry in your subscriptions before the price goes up, and through the pages of the *Review* watch for the ever increasing indications of Christ's soon coming.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.