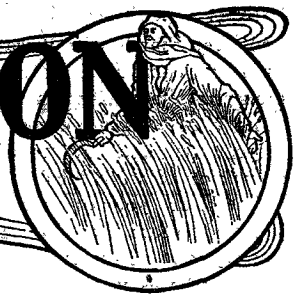


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## He Knows

I know not what will befall me!  
God hangs a mist over my eyes;  
And o'er each step of my onward path  
He makes new scenes to rise,  
And every joy he sends me comes  
As a sweet and glad surprise.

I see not a step before me,  
As I tread the days of the year;  
But the past is still in God's keeping,  
The future his mercy shall clear;  
And what looks dark in the distance  
May brighten as I draw near.

For perhaps the dreaded future  
Has less bitterness than I think;  
The Lord may sweeten the water  
Before I stoop to drink;  
Or, if Marah must be Marah,  
He will stand beside the brink.

It may be there is waiting  
For the coming of my feet  
Some gift of such rare blessedness  
Some joy so strangely sweet,  
That my lips can only tremble  
With the thanks I cannot speak.

O restful, blissful ignorance!  
'Tis blessed not to know;  
It keeps me quiet in those arms  
Which will not let me go,  
And hushes my soul to rest upon  
The bosom which loves me so.

So I go on not knowing;  
I would not if I might;  
I would rather walk in the dark with God,  
Than go alone in the light;  
I would rather walk with him by faith,  
Than walk alone by sight.

My heart shrinks back from trials  
Which the future may disclose,  
Yet I never had a sorrow  
But what the dear Lord chose;  
So I send the coming tears back  
With the whispered word, "He knows!"

—Selected.

## Elders' Meeting

About half of the elders from the white churches were in attendance at the elders' meeting held in Birmingham, Ala. This meeting began Tuesday morning, the sixth, and closed Thursday night. Elder S. N. Haskell occupied the morning hour each day and Sister Haskell the night period. Elder Haskell's long experience in this work made his studies with the convention of intense interest. Great benefit was derived from the instruction of these workers. Various important features of the work were considered, such as the relation of church officers to the work, how to conduct meetings, the colporteur work, the young people's work, Sabbath school work, the home missionary work, and in fact almost every phase of church activity.

It was the expressed determination of those present to raise during the first quarter of the year \$2.60 for every member of the church, which is the amount of foreign mission money that the churches are asked to put in the hands of the General Conference for the carrying on of the work in other fields. The Lord richly blessed those who attended, and we expect to see marked improvement in every line in the churches represented by these elders.

It is very clear from the evidence given by the instructors that the work of the Lord is fast closing up in the earth. This led to a consecration and devotion such as is rarely seen. Great

things are expected of Alabama in the future. We should pray that the Lord will richly bless the laborers and especially those who are carrying great responsibilities in this conference.

S. E. WIGHT.

## Preparedness

If there is one word at the present time that is more used than any other it is the word "Preparedness." As soon as the diplomatic break with Germany took place, President Wilson assembled the cabinet and they took stock of all the resources in the United States that could be commandeered for use in the war should hostilities be opened with the Central Powers. Factories that have been turning out commercial commodities will be taken over with the idea of turning all their resources to the making of munitions. Statistics are studied to find out how many men are available in case conscription becomes necessary. Every line of usefulness connected with the training, equipping, and handling of a large army is studied, and plans are laid to know just how in the shortest possible time to mobilize not only troops but every form of industry that will help to advance the interests of the nation.

At the time of the Mexican crisis, word was sent to several of our sanitariums in the West asking them for a statement of their capacity regarding beds, nurses, and physicians, and warning

was given that in case it was found necessary these institutions would be commandeered by the United States government for use as hospitals. It is remarkable when we think of it how close tab the government keeps on all the institutions throughout the country, and how it knows just where to put its finger on every line of work incident to the handling of military forces.

One of our young men, a German, had left his native country about six years ago, and had traveled quite a bit here in this country, and at the outbreak of the war a little over two years ago, word was immediately sent him through the consul that he must hold himself in readiness for a call from the Fatherland. He thought they did not know anything of his whereabouts.

In this present crisis it seems as though we as a people should study the word "preparedness" with a view of giving a definite ring to this last message. As do no other people on the face of the earth, we know the events that are to transpire in the very near future. We can see the silver lining to the dark clouds that hang over the world's horizon, but there are thousands and millions who cannot see this light—who have never had it brought to them. We should therefore sit down and seriously study how we may prepare for the coming conflict. The insurrection has come to us that what we fail to do in times of peace and prosperity, we will have to do in times of great adversity.

There are three hundred fifty million people in India who must know this message. Only twenty millions of these can read, and so we must train the native worker to carry the message to his own people. Our young men and women must go over

there and train these native workers to take charge of the work. The forty million natives of South America must yet hear the gospel before this generation passes. How can it be done? Just as this great world crisis came in the shortest space of time, so God has promised to cut short his work in righteousness, but this can be done by us only when we consecrate ourselves fully to the accomplishment of his purpose here upon earth.

We should study the Guide Book that God has given us with an intensity never seen before among us. We must spend much time in earnest secret prayer that God may show us just the place he would have us fill. Times of perplexity are ahead of us. We must be leaders and know just what stand to take in every crisis. More than human wisdom must be used if we are to be masters of the situation. Let this be the year when every one of us will study the Bible with renewed determination to find its message for us. Let us find by the aid of the Holy Spirit the power that is contained therein for those who are living according to its instructions. In order to facilitate the study of the Bible, there has been prepared by the Missionary Volunteer Department a Bible insert which may be slipped into the Bible or pasted in it, and as the assignments are read day by day, they may be crossed off. Let every one determine he will read the Bible through this year. If these inserts have not been sent to you, write to the young people's secretary of your conference and ask for a supply of them for your church.

LYNN H. WOOD.

## Southern Junior College

### News Notes from Collegedale

Brother W. H. Gorich returned from Chattanooga last Wednesday. He was accompanied to Collegedale by Mrs. Gorich. They are now living in a tent house on Colporteur Row. Their permanent quarters will be in a tent house just east and south of Elder Field's cottage.

Mrs. Rose Cox and her little son, Clifford, left Thursday for Portland, Tenn., where they will visit relatives. Before going, Sister Cox expressed her great interest in the work of the Southern Junior College and said that she was determined to do her part in putting the roof on the new girls' dormitory.

Miss Zoa Shreve returned last Thursday from Atlanta. Miss Shreve spent a week or two visiting friends in Atlanta and returned much refreshed and ready for work.

Mr. Eugene Ward, of Graysville, visited the Southern Junior College between trains Thursday.

Mr. Jesse Curtis, of Nashville, Tenn., who was working on the farm the first of the year, and who has been working in Chattanooga for several weeks, visited the school the first part of the week. He has returned to his home at Nashville, but expects to be with us at the opening of school next year.

Miss Bernice Williams visited Miss Sadie Rogers and other Collegedale friends over Sabbath. Miss Williams is from Graysville.

Tuesday, January 30, was a beautiful day. In fact it was predicted that spring was here at last. As school had been running very steadily since its opening last October, it was felt by nearly every one that some diversion would be very proper. So it was decided that instead of spending the time in recitations as usual, the afternoon be devoted to the taking of a long tramp in the woods. With Professor Marshall acting as guide, we first visited the site for the new buildings of the Southern Junior College. Then passing along the south line of the farm we went up the valley to where the wood is being cut. Thence, following an abandoned trail, we visited the picnic grounds on the west part of the farm and climbed to the top of

the mountain just west of the girls' dormitory. From there we went back to the old iron mines and followed the railroad track home. It was an occasion much enjoyed by every one and was a welcome diversion from the usual routine.

Immediately after this beautiful day, which we predicted to be the beginning of spring weather, we experienced the coldest winter weather that we have had since school began. However, there was a good supply of wood on hand so no one suffered from this cold wave.

Professor Marshall has changed his poultry business office from the underground apartment in which it was formerly located to the second story of the business office occupied by Professor Atteberry.

### Efficient Service

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

"Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." Eccles. 11: 6, 2.

Our efforts are largely spasmodic, our service rather intermittent. By such efforts we can never hope to effect any very decided reformations. Morning, noon, and night, we must be on our guard. We must watch for souls as they that must give an account.

We are never to become weary in well doing. We must never think that we have done all that God requires of us. We must never feel that we have reached a stopping place. "Give a portion to seven (seven represents completeness), and also to eight." Always go on to do better. This is to constitute the basis of our activities.

"Give a portion." It might be very profitable to study just what this means. Whatever our occupation, whatever line of work we are engaged in, whatever we may be, we can and we must give sympathy, show kindness, extend courtesy, to every soul with whom we come in contact. We are to let them see and feel the grace of Christ in action. This is a ministry within the reach of all, and it must be made of paramount importance.

"There are many ways in which church members may give

the message to those around them. One of the most successful is by living helpful, unselfish, Christian lives. Those who are fighting the battle of life at great odds may be refreshed and strengthened by little attentions which cost nothing. Kindly words simply spoken, little attentions simply bestowed, will sweep away the clouds of temptation and doubt that gather over the soul. The true heart-expression of Christ-like sympathy, given in simplicity, has power to open the door of hearts that need the simple, delicate touch of the spirit of Christ." "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, page 30.

If one has given himself to Christ for service, and dedicates every entrusted talent anew each morning to this blessed ministry, he will find opportunities on every hand to witness for Christ. We must constantly remember that the right attitude maintained while performing the more menial tasks will open the way for work in advanced lines of Christian service. It is results that we are seeking, and we know that right causes produce right results.

F. W. PAAP.

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### The Colporteurs' Institute

The colporteurs' institute for the State of Louisiana was held at Shreveport January 24 to 31. It was a period of many and varied blessings for those who were present. The meetings were held in the new church there which had just been completed, the members of the church graciously opening their homes for the entertainment of those in attendance. Their new church building is one which the members are justly proud of, for it is a very neat structure and represents much earnest labor and real sacrifice on their part.

Although there were but four regular colporteurs in attendance, the institute was a real success. The workers present were of the ideal type. They were men who had entered the work with full purpose to continue in it till the work is all accomplished and the reapers are gathered in. The youngest was above forty years of age.

At the beginning of the meeting each one related the story of his conversion and acceptance of present truth, and how the Lord had directed him in the matter of his entrance into the colporteur work. All eyes filled with tears when Brother Hubbell in relating his experience pointed to the field secretary, G. B. Boswell, and cited him as a portion of the fruits of his labors that God had given him. All were equally impressed as our dear aged Brother Sligh told how his children had offered him a home with them where he might enjoy every comfort that loving hands could bestow, but he chose to remain in Louisiana, where he felt the Lord had greater need of him because of the scarcity of laborers. Will not God honor such convictions and consecration and prayers in sending more laborers into this needy field?

As these experiences were related, the hearts of the workers seemed to unite in a greater personal interest in each other and for the finishing of the work God has appointed us.

Elder Sanders was present to assist with the evening studies, the burden of which was the victorious life. The church as well as the colporteurs were benefited by the thoughts presented upon this timely subject.

All the colporteurs pledged themselves to faithful service for the Master, and their combined goal in book sales for this year

lacked but a little of reaching \$10,000. The goal set for the whole State is but \$12,000. "There is no restraint with the Lord to save by many or by few." Who else will join this band of faithful men?

M. W. SHIDLER.

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### News Items

At this writing the institute for our colored workers is in progress at Greenwood. We have not heard just how many are in attendance at this meeting. A complete report will be given in next week's paper.

Brother Roscoe Watkins called at the office Monday, the fifth. He was on his way to Natchez after having spent a week with the church at Vicksburg. He expects to spend the next few weeks with the companies at Sibley and Natchez.

Brother E. A. Taylor left Jackson Thursday, the first, on his way to Montgomery County, where he will be located for the summer.

Sister Dora Wilson made a short call at the office last Monday on her way to Clarksdale to visit her mother, who has been ill.

Elder N. B. King is holding a series of meetings in Yazoo City. He reports a very good interest at that place.

Brother J. L. Waller left Thursday, the first, for Lawrence County, where he will complete his delivery. He expects after his delivery to join Brother Taylor in working Montgomery County.

Word from Sister Harp, of Laurel, states that they have secured the use of a church building in which to hold their Sabbath school. This will be of much help to them, as the interest is still growing at that place.

### Obituary

KING.—Hester Ann Cowart was born in Marion County, Miss., May 14, 1838, and fell asleep in Marshall, Tex., Jan. 16, 1917. She was married to W. H. King Oct. 16, 1856. To this union were born thirteen children, seven of whom survive. Her aged companion preceded her to the grave eighteen months ago.

A colporteur came to her home in Natchez, Miss., twenty years ago, bringing to her the light of the precious truth, and although she believed the message she did not fully identify herself with God's people until about nine years ago. She was a noble, God-fearing woman, and was given to hospitality. She always welcomed the Adventist workers, even before she accepted the truth. She was a subscriber for the *Review* for a number of years, and always enjoyed reading it. We hope to meet her on the great resurrection morning.

ETHEL WARREN.

### The Prescription for Success

"A resolute purpose, persistent industry, and careful economy of time, will enable men to acquire knowledge and mental discipline which will qualify them for almost any position of influence and usefulness."

## Alabama Conference

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### News Items

Monday, January 29, we received the sad news of the death of Brother J. H. Reams' little boy, Leslie Wilson Reams. Little Wilson was but a little past two years old. He was sick only four days. Elder Miller conducted the funeral services in the Missionary Baptist church, seven miles south of Sylacauga.

The colporteurs' institute at Borden Springs, which opens February 16 and continues until the twenty-fifth, will be well attended according to the word received from the colporteurs who have worked this year and also from a goodly number of prospective workers who are deeply interested. The following letter from Brother Tew expresses the thought which seems to be permeating this field:

"I am sending herewith my report for work last week. It is not as large as I would like, but I trust that God will bless it to the good of souls. Week before last I was at Crocker Camp. I arrived there at dark and after trying several places to get lodging and failing, I was just about to give it up and go to Crocker Junction, about one and a half miles distant, when just as I started down the railroad track something seemed to say, "Stop at this place," and although I had passed by the house, I turned back and knocked at the door. Upon giving them a canvass I found that I had sold their daughter a book and she had told them of it and they were real anxious for a book. No doubt if I had gone on I would have failed to reach that home. It seems to me that the Lord spoke to me just as plainly as you could have done had you been right by my side. I can hardly wait until the time of the institute."

The Birmingham church experienced a great treat in having Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell with them Sabbath, February 3. Elder Haskell spoke to the church at the eleven o'clock hour, and Sister Haskell spoke that afternoon.

The elders' meeting began Monday night, February 5, with the following elders and leaders in attendance: Elder R. I. Keate, of Birmingham; A. W. Welton, of Borden Springs; O. P. Bolinger, of Lynn Haven; O. A. Prieger, of Marlow; W. W. Hickey, of Sheffield; B. D. Clark, of Silverhill; and G. H. Ward, of Stapleton.

Word has come that Brethren L. C. Little, of Mobile; C. E. Giles, of Gadsden; and J. F. Dennis, of Montgomery, will not be able to attend. Brethren W. R. Tolman, of Long Island; J. L. Smith, of Ashford; and J. J. Miller, of Elkwood, are doubtless on their way at this writing. Without doubt these leaders of churches in the Alabama Conference will have many good and encouraging things to give to their churches upon their return home after the meeting.

Elder J. F. Wright reports an interesting visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Norrell, near Clanton, Ala. While they have not as yet united with the church, yet they believe the message and have been keeping the Sabbath for some time. It is their intention to unite with the church at an early date. Through their missionary efforts some of their neighbors have become interested. Elder Wright also states that some interesting meetings were held recently in Montgomery.

Brother H. G. Miller, who is now located in Iowa and will be kindly remembered by many of the WORKER readers, writes

that his mother was laid to rest December 31. We sympathize with Brother and Sister Miller in this loss of their loved one.

Brother W. H. Daniels follows his usual custom by sending in a nice order for *Present Truth*, also subscriptions for the *Signs Magazine* and *Signs Weekly*, with the book "Questions and Answers," and several *Watchman* subscriptions. Brother Daniels believes in home missionary work.

Sister M. E. Anderson, writing from Chicago, states that she is of good courage and sends a subscription for *The Watchman*. *The Watchman* is winning its way in the hearts of our people and is splendid for missionary work.

Brother H. Pittman, from Pensacola, sends in his usual order for fifty *Watchman*. Brother Pittman is doing well with his *Watchman* each month.

Brother L. C. Little, of Whistler, orders a supply of the *Present Truth*, asking for a large number of nine different issues.

Remember, do not order supplies until you are sure you have the correct price. You can get the correct price by referring to a catalog. We have a new catalog for you and will send it upon your request, free. So many of our publications have either advanced or decreased in price that every Seventh-day Adventist family should have a catalog upon their reading table. Ask us for one today. A post card will do.

Although somewhat late in mentioning it, we are glad to say that Brother W. H. Daniels, of Citronelle, reached the \$5 mark in the 1916 campaign, and his name should be added to the Honor Roll for that year.

## Kentucky Conference

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### News Items

Brother R. J. Hyatt, of Indiana, has recently located in our conference. He is an old canvasser, and we welcome him to our State.

Brother Andy Schroeder writes an encouraging letter from Frankfort, where he is canvassing for "Bible Readings."

Elder O. A. Dow is holding meetings at Moreland. He reports some interest in that place.

Word received from Sister Huston Kindred informs us that since the death of her husband her children have been sick in bed with the measles.

Sister Pauline Grimes, of the Sand Hill church, sent in her remittance a few days ago.

Elder J. H. Lawrence reports the interest at the Chestnut Street church at Louisville increasing every Sunday night.

Brother F. F. Harrison, writing from Ludlow, tells of the work he is doing by helping the poor at this time. He also speaks of a young man who has recently begun to keep the Sabbath.

Elder J. Marion Campbell writes from Lexington that they are finding a good interest among the people in that city. We hope and trust that the membership of the colored church will be doubled this year.

Word has been received from Lexington announcing the death of Brother Pemberton. He was a member of the Memorial church in that city.

Brother James Hickman has been assisting Brother Wheeler this week and expects to go next to the Sewellton church.

Our aim for 1917 is for each member in the Kentucky Conference to win one soul for Christ.

Have you read *Liberty* for the first quarter of 1917? If you

have not, you should place your order for one at once, and it would not be a bad idea for you to order a number and give them out to the lawyers and judges in your city.

Brother F. L. Harrison was an office caller the past week and reported \$97 worth of orders taken in Warren County.

Brother Jesse Miller spent Sabbath, February 3, with the church in Bowling Green.

Brother Allen, of the Louisville church, reports his children improving. They have been sick with measles.

Brother B. E. Wagner has just sent in a good order for books to be delivered February 19.

The severe cold weather the past week has been quite trying on the canvassers, but the Lord has blessed them with success.

The March *Watchman* is a good one. It would be well for our people throughout the conference to subscribe for this good magazine.

In order for us to raise our mission funds, it will be necessary for us to make a special effort during the first part of the year. It would be encouraging indeed if we could raise our full quota for the first three months. Will you not help us by paying in a good amount during the month of February?

Brother E. Harp sent in a remittance the past week. We are glad to know that he is still anxious to see the message advance in his community.

Word just received from Mary Ramey states that the work is moving along nicely in the Davisville church.

Mrs. F. S. Keitts sent in the remittance for the Memorial church in Lexington the past week.

Brother D. E. Lindsey, of Hopkinsville, writes, "I have delivered seventy-five 'Shadow of the Bottle' today and expect to deliver the same number tomorrow." We are indeed glad for this good report.

We have two young ladies in the Kentucky Conference that are anxious to obtain employment among Seventh-day Adventists as domestic girls. Any one interested in securing such help will please write to Elder B. W. Brown.

### Our Institute

In John 10: 11, 16 we find that Christ has a people who are not of this fold whom he desires to be gathered in. If Christ was willing to come from heaven for us (2 Cor. 8: 9) for the joy that was set before him of gathering a people (Heb. 12: 2), why should we stand all the day idle (Matt. 20: 2), when people are dying all around us without this saving truth?

In Eccles. 9: 10, we find that God's people should do what their hands find to do while the day lasts. The Lord tells us in Phil. 2: 4, 5 to be interested in the welfare of others and in Luke 19: 13 to use our talents until he comes. Let us ask ourselves if we are using our talents for God or burying them in the earth. If you have a talent of salesmanship or feel a call of God to enter the harvest field, please get in touch with the writer at 1346 High St., Bowling Green, Ky., and attend the colporteurs' institute which is to be held in Lexington February 26 to March 5. Elder Brown and the union field missionary secretary will be with us, and Elder Wight is also expected to be present.

Through the kind assistance of our brethren in Lexington, comfortable quarters have been provided for holding the institute. If you hear the call of the Lord, come to the institute and enjoy the feast of spiritual food and help us spread the message among our two and one half millions of people in Kentucky and thereby hasten the coming of the Lord.

JAMES HICKMAN.

### Books Sell at Advanced Prices

A lady whom I was canvassing for "Bible Readings," would not order because her husband was not present. But in a few

minutes she said, "I will call him in. He is one of the greatest readers in the country." He came in, and after being introduced to him I showed him the book and took his order for a \$4.50 "Bible Readings." This man told me he had been intending to study the Bible for the past fifteen years, but said he hadn't read twelve chapters in forty years. I also took his order for "Best Stories," and he gave me his check in advance for \$5.25. On an adjoining farm I took orders amounting to \$15.

The last part of the week I worked in a Baptist community. After taking orders from the Sunday school superintendent and one of his teachers for \$5.50 worth of books the minister came in, and the teacher had him look the prospectus over. He seemed pleased with the book and thought it would be a help in Bible study.

I also gave an exhibition where a Methodist minister was stopping. After looking the book over, he said he wished I might place a book in each home. I told him if he would write his recommendation in the back of my prospectus it would be a help to me in placing the books in the homes of the people. This he did. Although it was zero weather the last part of the week, the Lord blessed me with \$97.75 in orders.

I find books sell at the advanced prices. Truly the fields are white already to harvest. Let us work "while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

FRANK L. HARRISON.

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### Experiences in Burma

(Continued)

Rangoon is a beautiful city of three hundred thousand people of all classes and colors. There are the rich and the poor, the slave and the master, the white and the black and all shades between. As I said, it is a very beautiful place. In general it is considered about third in beauty of all the Eastern cities. To us it comes first. The streets are broad and well paved. Many of them are as smooth as a street can be made. The lighting system is about as good as most of the smaller cities in America. We have also a very good tram or car system. We can get a tram car right at our front door every three or five minutes all day and a good share of the night. It is about thirty minutes' run to the heart of the city. Rangoon has almost every conceivable mode of transportation. There are some three thousand automobiles and motorcycles. Then there is the gharry, horse cart, bullock cart, rickshaw, and wheelborrow. You can travel in any way that you like, or walk if you want to.

The climate here is far different from anything you have in America. We have six months of rain and six months of dry weather. We got here just about a month before the rains were over, and now it is as dry as one wants and getting drier all the time. We are having our winter now too, and it is nice and cool. During the day the sun warms up almost as warm as it does there during August, but the nights and mornings are about as pleasant weather as I have ever seen. Along in March it will begin to get warm, and by May we will have our hottest weather. It would get hotter and hotter right on through the year if it were not for the rains. They begin along in May and continue until the first of October. It rains every day without fail, and sometimes it rains three or four times a day and often three or four days without stopping. The fact that

people can live in Burma is due to three things — hot sun, crows, and rain. The sun kills all the small germs, or at least thins them out, the crows eat the large ones, and the rain regulates the heat so we can live through it. I think there are at least a half million crows in Rangoon. They are everywhere, worse than the sparrows in the towns in Tennessee. I can look out of my window now and count any number of them.

You do not find much of Burma here in Rangoon, as there are so many of the natives of India here. They are the coolie class and do all the work. The Burmese people prefer to live out in the country where they can have a small farm and raise their rice. However, they do not live in the country as we do in America, but they live in small villages of from fifty to three hundred inhabitants. They build their houses right among the trees and do very little to change the appearance of mother nature. As I go out through the plains of Burma I can see these small villages dotted here and there everywhere and in every direction. Their houses are framed with bamboo poles and closed in with bamboo mats and covered with leaves. A leaf roof will last about three years and turn water as good as any shingle roof. Not all the houses are built in that way, as many of the Burmese people are wealthy and have houses made of wood, but the vast majority of them live just as they have been living for generations. Rice instead of bread is the staff of life, and then there are many varieties of native fruits, nuts, and plants growing in every part of Burma which the people eat, so you see that they can get along on a very little money. In this connection I might tell you something about rice-growing in Burma. Burma is among the leading rice countries of the world, but they do not plant it as it is planted in Louisiana. It is planted in beds as you bed out your sweet potatoes, and when it is about seven inches high it is pulled out of the beds and transplanted by hand into the fields while they are covered with water about four to six inches deep. They plant only one blade at a time and put the blades about five inches apart. The crop is also harvested and threshed by hand. With all that, there is enough raised here to supply Burma's twelve million people, and hundreds and hundreds of shiploads are exported every year.

There are ten million Burmese people and two million Karens. I find that the Burmese are very well satisfied with their religion, and it will be hard work to get very many of them to accept Christianity. However, the Baptists have been working here a long time and they have seventy thousand members. They do not like us though, as they are afraid we will get some of their converts, which we do when we can. They have taught the people that they should keep Sunday, the seventh day of the week, for the Sabbath. So all these seventy thousand Baptists are very zealous in keeping Sunday, the seventh day of the week, in memory of the resurrection of Christ. I am sure that they have been sincere in what they have taught. I think the devil was trying to fortify himself against us, but you see it is a very easy matter to show the people that Sunday is the first day of the week, and then they see that we are right. The Baptists are doing everything they can to hinder our work, and I take that as an evidence that God expects us to get some of these people into the truth. They say when we do get one of their members that we get the very best that they have, and so we do. That is the kind we want and the kind that God wants.

The Karens are devil worshipers. They are tired of their religion, and I don't know that I blame them very much. They gladly welcome what we have to teach them about Christ, and, by the way, I am glad to tell you that we are the first to open up work for them. However, you must not get the idea that we are going to sweep them in by the thousands as fast as we can baptize them. You see these people have never heard about the plan of salvation. They know absolutely nothing

about it, and in that respect their minds are just like the minds of little children. So we have to tell them about the creation, the garden of Eden, and the sad story of the fall of man. Then they must be told all the Bible stories and about Jesus and his work on earth and what he is doing now. After they learn all these things, they are ready to be taught the special truths that we are giving the world, and if they show by their lives that they are really converted and desire to go forward in baptism and unite with this people, then we baptize them. So you can easily see that it will take at least two years to get such people ready for baptism. There is certainly a great work to be done in these mission fields, and if we view it from a human standpoint I am afraid we could not see how the Lord can come any time soon. We are not looking at the question in that light. We know that God has ways and methods of work that we as a people know nothing about yet, and when we get where he can use us to cut this work short in righteousness the work will be done. It has been a source of strength and courage to us as we have read about the world-wide work in the Week of Prayer readings.

(To be continued.)

### News Items

Elder Elliott and Brother Wade left Nashville the first of the week for Springville, Tenn., where a colporteurs' institute is being held, commencing February 6 and continuing for ten days. A good attendance is expected, and we hope to see a large number of recruits in the field within the next few weeks.

Clinton Buchanan and W. S. Herron, of the Nashville No. 2 church, have decided to heed the call of the Lord and enter the colporteur work. These men have already taken up their work, and we wish them much success.

Brother Keele writes that he is expecting his son from Wyoming to come to Tennessee and take up his residence with him at Cedar Grove. Brother Keele will spend a few days visiting his son before attending the institute. Brother Hazelton will attend the institute and plans to be on hand at the beginning and remain throughout the meeting. Brother Shidler, the union field secretary, and Elder R. I. Keate, the union missionary secretary, are also expected to be present at this meeting. A report will be given later.

Sabbath, February 24, has been designated by the General Conference as Religious Liberty Day, and special articles have been prepared by Elder Longacre and others. These articles will appear in the *Gazette* and possibly in the *Review*. An offering will be taken on that day for Religious Liberty work, and inasmuch as the Tennessee River Conference has had some expenses in connection with the recent trial of the brethren at Goodlettsville, we hope a good donation will be received from our churches and isolated members.

We have just learned of the marriage of Miss Frieda Fleisher, a former colporteur in this field, to Mr. Thomas R. Huxtable, of Parkin, Ark. We wish to extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Huxtable and wish them a very happy and useful life in the Master's cause.

Brother H. Halverson, of Portland, Tenn., has a large quantity of sweet potatoes which he desires to dispose of at very reasonable rates. Shipments can be made promptly to any point. Any one interested in buying some good potatoes should write Brother Halverson at the above address.

Mr. Jesse Allen writes that a colporteurs' band has been organized at the Hazel School with a full set of officers, and that a large number of the students from the school will engage in the work this summer. We are certainly glad to learn of this and feel sure that it is a good work.

Miss Maude Jones, formerly of the Memphis church, but lately of Nashville, has gone to Washington, D. C., to take preparatory



teacher's work. She writes that she had a very pleasant journey en route to the capital city.

The tract society office has recently installed a nice book cabinet, which adds to the handiness of our work. We are getting straightened out now after a few weeks' time.

Have you renewed your subscription to the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER yet? Quite a number of our former subscribers took advantage of the recent offer made to renew at the old price of 25 cents. For the convenience of those who did not get their subscriptions in, the offer will be extended to February 20. No reductions will be made after that date, but the old price of 50 cents will remain in effect.

### Fountain Head and Portland

Thursday, January 26, in company with Brother W. D. Wade I left Nashville for a trip among the churches in the eastern part of the conference. We stopped first at Portland and walked out to the home of Brother Halverson, where we stopped for the night. The next day Brother Jesse Miller took us over to the Fountain Head Industrial School, which is being conducted by Brethren Mulford and West and their associates. We found all well and busy at the school. I was very much pleased to find such an interesting school being conducted in the mountains of Tennessee. At the roll call for breakfast and morning worship twenty-two responded. We found some earnest Christian young people in this school, a number of whom will take up canvassing and magazine work this summer. Others will stay to help on the farm and prepare for the support of the school this winter.

We had preaching Friday night, January 27. Sabbath, at the eleven o'clock service, the home missionary work was taken up, according to the outline given in the January *Gazette* for the fourth Sabbath program. There was a large attendance of our people, and all seemed much benefited and revived by the study. Sabbath afternoon a meeting was held with the young people. Sabbath night and Sunday night services were conducted also. A few of the neighbors came in and manifested quite an interest in the words spoken. Brethren Mulford and West are doing good work, both in the school and the sanitarium. We were well pleased with all we saw and enjoyed our visit very much.

From here we went by team to visit the brethren at Brother Walen's school. Brother and Sister Walen have a nice place way up in the hills, and are doing a good work. At this place Sister Butcher is teaching, and when the weather and roads permit, a number of the children from the neighborhood are in attendance. Brother and Sister Walen are doing a great deal of home missionary work, showing their faith by their works.

I spent one whole afternoon traveling over the hills with Brother Walen visiting the sick. We had some good talks with the people, and the privilege of kneeling by their bedsides in prayer, asking God to bless, comfort, and sustain them, and to heal them in his own good time and way. Our own hearts were rejoiced and souls fed as we saw the people drink in the truth.

Brother Wade left me at this place to make a visit to Goodlettsville. Tuesday, January 30, I came to Portland again. Here while waiting for Brother Halverson to come into town I sold twelve copies of *The Watchman*. Wednesday I spent at Brethren Matthews' and King's school. In both these schools a number of the neighboring children are being taught the ordinary branches, and are also being taught of Jesus and his love. Thursday the cold weather forced me to stay by the fire, but Friday I visited Brother and Sister Thornton at Gallatin, and went to Madison that evening and spent the night with Brother Staines. Sabbath, February 3, was spent with the Cedar Grove church, returning to Nashville Sunday morning.

JAMES BELLINGER.

## Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending Feb. 3, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Turner Battle ..BF	41		\$	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 5 00
Mrs M F Drillard HM						11 00
J E Foley .....BR	30	9	31 50	35	31 85	
L H Perley ...D&R	23			1 65	1 65	
Q Tew .....BR	8	2	9 00		9 00	
Totals (Agts. 5).	102	11	\$40 50	\$4 50	\$45 00	\$16 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
F L Harrison ..BR	40	22	\$91 00		\$91 00	
Andy Schroader BR	31	12	43 00		43 00	
B E Wagner ...BR	23	12	43 00		43 00	
Bibles .....			1 50		1 50	
Totals (Agts. 3).	94	46	\$178 50		\$178 50	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Floyd Booth ...BR	13	5	\$17 00	\$ 70	\$17 70	\$17 00
Perthia Hampton BF	85	15	36 00	11 65	47 65	3 00
Virgil Smith ...BR	26	21	73 50		73 50	
Bibles .....						2 75
Totals (Agts. 3).	126	49	\$126 50	\$12 35	\$138 85	\$22 75

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
R H Hazelton ....	36	10	\$35 00	\$ 1 20	\$36 20	
G'd Totals (A. 12)	358	108	\$380 50	\$18 05	\$395 55	\$38 75

Summary to Date						
Conference	Orders		Helps		Deliveries	
Alabama Conference ..	\$ 475 50		\$ 114 60		\$ 165 90	
Kentucky Conference..	1027 60		15 85		155 50	
Louisiana Conference..	15 00		17 25		25 00	
Mississippi Conference.	126 50		12 35		22 75	
Tenn. River Conference	249 90		11 10			
Totals .....	\$1894 50		\$171 15		\$369 15	

### Yiddish Magazine Ready

The "World on Fire" number of the Yiddish magazine is ready. Although delayed because of our being dependent upon an outside house for the composition, the magazine now comes forth with a strong message for the Jews, profusely illustrated and attractive. One page lists in English all of the leading articles, thus making it easy for any one to handle it. The last edition of the magazine was exhausted long before the end of the quarter, and some of our larger churches in eastern cities where there are thousands of Jewish people were unable to get any. A number of these have now worked up large club orders to begin with the first quarter's number. In view of the increasing interest in the magazine and its work, we shall print larger editions and make efforts to bring out succeeding numbers without delays. Our churches and magazine workers everywhere will want to have a part in the circulation of this "World on Fire" number of the Jewish Gospel Messenger. Orders should be sent at once to your tract society. Five to fifty copies - cents each; 50 or more, 4 cents each. Retail for 10 cents. Quantity rates one cent higher in Canada.

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### Colporteurs' Institutes

Alabama Conference.....Feb. 16-25  
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### How Many?

Do you know how many Morning Watch Calendars are being printed for 1917? Australia is planning an edition of 20,000; England, China, Japan, and other countries are printing for their own use; Spain is printing for the Spanish fields. But it is the American edition that concerns you most. Last year the Review & Herald published 35,000.

For 1917 a large edition has been printed, and other editions will be printed as fast as necessary.

There is

One Morning Watch Calendar for you,

One for every Missionary Volunteer in the North American  
Division,

One for every church member in the North American  
Division,

One for every student in our colleges and academies,

One for every church school pupil,

One for every boy and girl in our Sabbath schools,

One for every isolated person (young and old),

One for every minister and other conference worker,

One for every doctor and nurse,

One for every worker in our sanitariums,

One for every employee in our publishing houses,

One for every patient's room in our sanitariums,

One for the spare bedroom in your home, and

One dozen for you to give to some of your friends who are  
not Seventh-day Adventists.

Just this morning a letter came from a nurse who is in the Red Cross service in Bulgaria. She regrets very much that she failed to get the Morning Watch Calendar for the present year and says, "Please send me one when they come out." The calendar is helping thousands in their endeavor to live the victorious life. It will help all in your community who will use it; then will you not try to get all of them to obtain copies of this little daily reminder that it may help them in their personal devotions?

They can be secured from your tract society.

### Atlanta Dairy Farm for Sale at a Bargain

There has been donated to the Southern Junior College, our new central training school for the Southern and Southeastern Union-Conferences, a good dairy farm in the edge of Atlanta, Ga. This farm is to be sold and the proceeds used in building up the new school. The farm is described as follows: twenty-two and one-half acres, twelve acres of which are good bottom land, about five acres up-land in small grain, and the rest in beautiful pine grove. Good three-room house, barn, well, splendid stream of running water. Twenty-minute walk to car line, church school, and Curtis Sanitarium. A most healthful location. Just the thing for a family desiring to have church and church school privileges and yet live in the country. Suitable for dairy or general farming. Price \$4,850.

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### Two Books Wanted

Edith Oliver, a student of the Oakwood Manual Training School, is desirous of purchasing a copy of "Desire of Ages," and one of "Acts of the Apostles" for use in her work during the school year. Because of lack of funds, she is unable to purchase these books brand new. Any one desiring to send her these books or offer them at greatly reduced prices, please communicate with her at Huntsville, Ala., Box 414.

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

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

### Efficient Living

What more practical subject for one who is striving after increased efficiency than "The Daily Program" treated in the symposium in the *March Life and Health*? The following are some of the articles: "The Daily Program," "Efficient Use of Time," "Physical Exercise in the Daily Program," "Recreation an Essential to the Balanced Program," "Time of Meals," "Rest and Sleep," "Practical Religion Essential to a Perfect Day."

A few of the other topics considered in this issue are: "Vegetarianism Based on Sound Science," "Lower Animals and Human Disease," "Man's Worst Enemy — Drink," "Whole Wheat and Graham Flour," "Scalp Disease," "Coddling Colds," "Movies and Morals," "The Child and Faulty Environment."

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Events point to the fact that our country is and has been nearer the verge of war than we realize. The question has been raised regarding the physical fitness of the men of this country in case of war. "What Is Wrong with Our Men" is the third of a series of articles by Dr. Kress in the March number of the *Watchman Magazine*. This article shows the physical condition of the men of our nation.