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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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Southern Junior College

The New Dormitory

The school board of the Southern Junior College met at Collegedale recently and laid plans for the development of the work. It was very gratifying to look over the past year and observe what has been done. One year ago about this time, arrangements were being made to move the school from its location in a village to a farm at Collegedale, near Ooltewah, Tenn. There was at this time a debt on the old Southern Training School of \$14,500. During the past year this entire indebtedness has been paid, the farm at Collegedale has been bought and paid for, and the school is now being operated on this farm. The boys and some of the faculty are living in tent houses and rough board shacks, and the girls are located in the large, beautiful farm house that was secured with the farm.

Brother W. H. Gorich, an expert builder, was recommended to this school by the North American Division men, and his services have been secured to superintend the erection of the new buildings on the place. A committee was appointed to lay out the grounds and anticipate all that would have to be used for the plant. Ground plans have been prepared and pictures drawn so that we can have a bird's eye view of what is to be accomplished. From time to time these will be published in the WORKER so that the readers of this paper will be able to follow as the work proceeds. We know the readers of the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER are interested in what is being accomplished, as many have willingly donated large sums of money to the securing of the plant. The first building to be erected is the girls' dormitory. It will be a large building sufficient to accommodate comfortably one hundred girls. It is expected to make this building as simple and still as beautiful as possible, and the architect has taken into consideration the possibility of fire, durability, and beauty, combined with economy. Pledges are now being secured for the erection of this building, and it is hoped to complete it by the fourteenth of September, the date set for the commencement of school next fall.

A few who pledged during last summer have not yet paid. If these pledges could be paid early, it would enable the faculty to improve the farm and bring in an abundant harvest with which to provide food for the students, which every one knows will be desirable. In our plans for the work of God, we should remember our young people and do our best to get them into the school to secure an education that will fit them to become workers in this cause. Young men and women above the age of fifteen years can secure work at the school during the summer, and in this way will be able to get enough money ahead so that they can work their way during the coming year. We should not get the idea that one can enter the school in the fall and then work his entire way and take full studies, for this is almost impossible for the ordinary student. It is too trying on the student, and with few exceptions ought not to be tried. This emphasizes

the necessity of applying for work at once in order that a credit account can be secured before school opens. The desirability of doing this cannot be sufficiently emphasized in this article, and we trust the fathers and mothers and the young men and women who read this article will speedily interest themselves in the new school dormitory, that they will provide money for its erection, their boys and girls for students in the school, and their service as students in the school. May it be that all Seventh-day Adventists will be intensely interested in this, and work and pray for the success of this institution which the Lord has planted.

S. E. WIGHT.

The United States Drifting into World War. God's Work Closing

For many years Seventh-day Adventists have been telling the world that before the end the whole world would be torn by war and by many other great calamities by land and sea. Their prediction was based upon the prophecies of God's Word, and they have never doubted that it would surely come true. We have watched and waited in expectancy while the world has scoffed at the idea that trouble was ahead.

But today the scene has changed. We do not need to look forward to the time of trouble. It has already begun. Two-thirds of the world is at war, and already millions of lives have been sacrificed. Our government has earnestly endeavored to keep out of the trouble. But now it is also being drawn into the great world struggle. At the time of this writing diplomatic relations have already been broken off between the United States and Germany, and every hour apparently brings us nearer a declaration of war. Only the special providence of God can turn aside the awful calamity from this country now. If he does not intervene, this nation, like all others now engaged in the war, will soon be bleeding to death at the point of the sword.

Brethren, the time of trouble is here — not the falling of the seven last plagues, but the time of trouble that is to immediately precede the plagues. The end of the world is near. “We have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known . . . the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” And now that the troubles of the last days are here, brethren, what does it mean to you?

There are many of our people who have property or money which they have planned to put into the work before the end. They have been waiting for some definite evidence that the end was really at hand. Some have been tempted to believe that it would be best to keep it in their own possession for the present, and are still holding on to it; but surely in the light of the terrible condition of the whole world today they will wait no longer. What will our property be worth to us or to the cause if the war does for this country what it has done for the countries of Europe? What will our bank accounts be worth during the time of trouble? All that we will save out of this world is that which we invest in souls that will be saved in the kingdom.

The whole thought and purpose of every Seventh-day Adventist today should be to help finish the work. We have time

to plan for nothing else. To accomplish this one purpose we should invest all that we have on earth. It will take all to buy the field.

The greatest need in the Southern field today is a strong educational institution where the hundreds of young men and women in our ranks in the South can quickly receive a training for the ministry and Bible work, as well as other lines of missionary activity. We must have hundreds of workers immediately. Where shall we get them? They must come from our own homes here in the South. We must train them here, and that without delay. It is perilous to wait; the end is upon us.

Brethren, who will respond quickly to help us erect suitable buildings at the Southern Junior College at Ooltewah so that we can begin this coming fall to train at least two hundred young people for service? Money thus invested will not be lost as a result of the war. God's work will go on regardless of conditions surrounding it. Are there not those who will respond liberally to this most urgent appeal for financial assistance to put this school plant in shape? Will you not respond *now*? We should at least erect a girls' home and a dining hall this year before time for school to open in the fall. Who will help? These opportunities to sacrifice for the cause of God will soon be passed. Now, however, we still have opportunity to help. Let us do so without delay.

W. H. BRANSON.

News Notes from Collegedale

All at the college are breathing long sighs of relief now since the final examinations for the first semester are safely passed. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week were devoted to the giving of these examinations. The students in each subject were given two hours in which to write a comprehensive review of the work done in that subject.

Elder S. E. Wight and Prof. L. H. Wood from Nashville spent last Sunday at the college meeting with the building committee in discussing plans for the new dormitory. Elder W. H. Branson also attended this meeting.

- Mr. Rex Coble, of Graysville, visited his brothers and sister at the Southern Junior College last Monday.

The Southern Junior College board held their meeting at the college last Monday. Many important items connected with the upbuilding and improvement of the institution were considered. Practically all the members of the board were present.

Dr. E. A. Sutherland, of the Madison Agricultural and Normal Institute, of Madison, Tenn., spoke at chapel on Monday. He emphasized the opportunity for real character building that is presented in pioneer work in an institution such as this. He also spoke of the need for a change in the attitude of many people regarding living in the country. Dr. Sutherland is a member of the Southern Junior College board.

Mr. G. H. Curtis, of Nashville, spent Sunday at the Southern Junior College making up the budget for next year.

Two new students were enrolled at the school at the beginning of the second semester.

Mr. Fred Kalar, of Jackson, Miss., a brother of Miss Addie Mae Kalar, arrived at Collegedale last Monday. He intends to attend school the second semester.

The Morning Watch Calendar helps all who use it. It gives to all a good thought for the day. It gives the minister good texts for his talk. It gives the timid young Christian a thought to give in social meeting. It gives the young worker a short outline for a good, helpful Bible study. To all who use it, it is indeed a friend in time of need. Do not fail to get one for 1917 from your tract society.

The Mississippi Colored Institute

Although I had the privilege of spending only three days at the institute for colored colporteurs which was held in Greenwood, Miss., they were days long to be remembered. It was with a degree of expectancy that I had waited for the time of this institute. The "fame" of their "mighty works" had been "spread throughout all the region round about," so I had been anxious to see the doers.

There were twelve in attendance who plan to enter the work this year, most of them beginning immediately. Had one come upon the company unexpectedly, he would not have taken them for the ones who sent in such good reports last year, and who are counted on—and safely too—for more than one-half of the book sales in that conference this year, as all but two of the number were women, and the work had to be conducted largely in the rural sections, where, owing to the age of some, and the excessive *avoids* of others, the work would seem most difficult, as they must go on foot.

But to be present at one of their meetings would be sufficient to convince the most skeptical that they were the workers who had accomplished the faithful service that has been recorded to their credit; especially would he be convinced if "Aunt" Emily Billups had the floor. The deeds of this faithful soul have been used as a stimulus wherever the book work has been urged forward. Although she is now in her seventies, she seems as "able to go out and come in" as when she entered the work twenty years ago. She set her goal to put in eighteen hundred hours in the field this year, and she confidently expects to be able to do it, and to sell more books than any previous year in her experience.

The burden of service seemed to rest peculiarly heavy upon each one, and their prayers and testimonies expressed the deep longing of their hearts for more power and physical endurance to accomplish the work that needs to be done for their race. The Spirit of God was felt in mighty power on several occasions, and each consecrated himself to greater service than he had yet accomplished, and set a goal higher than he had before thought of being able to reach, trusting God to help him beyond the extent of his natural ability.

The outlook for the work in Mississippi is very encouraging, and they expect this to be their banner year in book sales. Brethren, remember those workers in your daily devotions, and if the Lord suggests that you join them, "harden not your heart."

M. W. SHIDLER.

In Tune with God

"All stringed instruments quickly get out of tune. The action of the atmosphere, and the constant vibration in playing relax the strings so that they need to be retuned very often, sometimes many times a day.

"Man is like a violin. He soon gets out of tune with God. The wear and tear of life, and the demoralizing atmosphere which sin creates, so affect his disposition that he needs to be brought into harmony with God every morning. It is not surprising, when we consider the subtlety of sin and the weakness of the flesh; rather it is 'strange that a harp of a thousand strings should keep in tune so long.'

"Nothing else will bring the believer into touch with God so soon as a little taste of the divine Word. For devotional purposes the Psalms are perhaps the best, because they cover so wide a range of experience. Here we find aspiration and confession, joy and sorrow, adoration and praise. Here we behold the calm confidence which grows out of a sublime faith: 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.' Again we meet the bitter anguish which comes from ingratitude or unrequited love; or the ecstasy of sins forgiven, as in Psalm 32; or the passionate plea for mercy, in Psalm 51; or the shout of triumph, in Psalm 68. It is doubtful if there is any experience in life

for which we cannot find a duplicate in the Psalter, and, noting how the man after God's own heart behaved in similar emergencies, we are unconsciously led into the same feeling."

Could any words be more appropriate as an introduction to another admonition to procure the Morning Watch Calendar and form the Morning Watch *habit*? For your own soul's sake, and for other's sake, we again invite you. For the joy and comfort, for the strength and victory, and for the added power for service that will come to you we *urge* you to make haste.

"Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,

Or others, that we are not always strong?"

True, the year has already begun. Wait till next year to begin? Wait? Does any one dare say that? Another year without the joy of daily fellowship with Him? To some who read these lines, it is "now or never." M. E. KERN.

Winning Souls

A friend of mine was giving a Bible reading in an Eastern city. At the close a lady came to her and said: "Mrs. Walker, I do not agree with all you said today. You said that all Christians can lead souls to Christ if they will. But that is not true. Look at me, for instance. I am a mother with several small children. I could not have attended this meeting today only that my mother came to take care of the children. So you see that there are some people who cannot lead others to Christ."

Mrs. Walker replied: "Perhaps so, but I do not quite see it yet. May I ask you a few questions?"

"Certainly."

"Very well. Do you employ a milkman?"

"Yes."

"How often does he call at your house?"

"Every morning."

"Is he a Christian?"

"I don't know."

"Does the grocer call at your house very often?"

"Yes, once a day, at least, and sometimes twice."

"Is he a saved man?"

"Well, really, I cannot say. I have never asked him."

"Does the meat man come every day?"

"Yes."

"Has he been converted?"

"Mrs. Walker, I don't know anything about it." And with that she turned and went out of the room.

Two years afterwards Mrs. Walker was in the same city, giving Bible readings in another church. At the close a lady came up to her and said, "Do you remember me?"

"No, I think I have never seen you before."

"Well I remember you very distinctly." Then she recalled their former interview, and said: "I went out of the room vexed with you and myself and everybody else. I couldn't sleep very much that night. I pondered the matter long and carefully, and finally came to the conclusion that it was just as much my business as any one's to know about the spiritual condition of those who were daily coming to my door.

"I made up my mind that I would begin with the milkman, and I thought out a nice little speech to fit his case. I arose early, built my fire, and waited for him. Pretty soon he came hurrying in as milkmen do, poured out his milk, and was about to leave. Meanwhile I had been casting about, trying to find my speech; but somehow I could not get hold of either end of it. Finally, in despair, I shouted out his name just as he went out of the door. He hurried back, and began to tip up his milk can saying, as he did so, 'Do you want another quart?'"

"No," I replied; "I want to ask you if you are a Christian."

"He sat down in a chair; and, looking me straight in the face, he said, 'Mrs. ———, why didn't you ask me that question last year? You remember there were special meetings in our church; and I was interested, but I felt ashamed to let it be

known. However, I knew that you were a Christian; and so I kept telling you about the meetings, and talking to you every morning about one and another who had come out for Christ, hoping that you would say something to me about my soul. You never said one word, Mrs. ———; and now I don't care one cent about the whole business'; and with that he picked up his milk can and left the house.

"Mrs. Walker, perhaps you can imagine how I felt. I lay down on my kitchen floor; and there I lay, and sobbed out my shame and grief before God until I was assured of his forgiveness. I promised him that if he would forgive me this time, I would try to live so that no one who came to my door should ever have just cause to say that I did not care for his soul. Then I arose and prepared for business. And there were nine persons who came to my house that day to whom I was able to give a gospel message, and today seven out of the nine are professed Christians. I believe that you are right when you say that every Christian can, if he will, lead souls to Christ."—*Rev. Howard W. Pope.*

"What Flesh Food Does"

For years Seventh-day Adventists have believed in what they termed "Health Reform." They do not use hog meat at all, and have practically discarded all flesh food, believing that because of so much disease among animals they are better off without it, and have adopted the vegetarian diet. The world in general, and the medical profession especially, are now recognizing this fact, not only because of disease, but because flesh food has a demoralizing effect upon humanity. The following is taken from an article on this subject by Najeeb Hadad in the January number of *Health Culture*:

"Little do we realize the demoralizing effect which butchery is working to the so-called civilized world. The underlying cause which brutalizes the animal instinct in man is the use of animal flesh as food. Man is an affectionate and intelligent being, but becomes perverted through the use of an unnatural food.

"The vicious animal instinct in man is manifest only when aroused, and is dormant the rest of the time. It is a potent agent in creating the criminal tendency to murder, and criminals will be found to be great meat eaters.

"The low animal spirit has been transmitted by the constant use of animal flesh, and the blood of the generations contaminated. For hundreds of years man has practised the crime of butchering animals, merely to satisfy his appetite.

"Man is growing more and more irascible through an animal diet. Meat is responsible for impeding the ease of action in the organs of the body, and makes men think impure thoughts. Animal flesh has been a detriment to society, especially when taken frequently and in large quantities.

"Flesh eating creates quarrelsomeness, nervousness, and the feeling of distrust, and has killed more people than all other things combined because it leaves a poison in the system which cannot be eliminated. The animal's blood creates the vicious animal spirit. Short lived people were great meat eaters, and such diet is a leading cause of premature old age.

"Some argue that plants have life as well as animals. The vegetable when it is gathered does not suffer the hardships which the animal does. Plant suffering, if any, is inaudible, while shrieking cries of the animal going to its death plead for mercy. What a ghastly spectacle it is for animals to see their kind go to their death. . . .

"When you take meat you are taking a substance, the quality of which you cannot be certain, because animals, like human beings, may be diseased only part of the time.

"Animals eat natural foods, and if man were to subsist on a natural diet he would be better off, and would not be taking a substance which is second handed. Dogs and cats subsisting on meat are disposed to be pugnacious. It develops excitable

temper, the same way that the human being becomes affected.

"Meat promotes constipation and is frequently the cause of appendicitis. To live in conformity with the laws of one's nature, people should take natural foods. The evils of meat eating cannot be eradicated until the practise ceases. The high flavor in meat is a great factor in promoting voracious eating.

"Mind acts in accord with the blood and the quality of one's intellect. Meat, therefore, when taken frequently, has much to do in forming the quality of blood and brains one possesses. Two years before the present war in Europe broke out the statesmen of various nations agreed that there could never be another war, because civilization and education had become such potent factors in the uplift of mankind that the brutal instinct in man had vanished.

"Yet here we have a war which is felt the world over. When the butchering of animals ceases, then one of the main causes for war will cease. If there had been no meat eating for one hundred years before the world war started, war would have been improbable.

"There is severe punishment imposed upon those who violate the laws of nature. All sickness implies that the laws of nature have been trampled through the use of unnatural foods. Before you transgress the laws of nature, think of the consequences, because nature's laws are the laws of Providence, and set for you to obey them. Break them and the punishment becomes overwhelming."

An Incident of a Shipwreck

Have you ever read the incident of the shipwrecked mariners near South America in the Atlantic Ocean? They had been floating for days in an open boat, and had not gotten a glimpse of a sail or the smoke of a passing steamer, and they were losing their minds.

They were thirsty and hungry, specially thirsty, as the water had all been used up. There was no more water to drink, and the scorching sun beat down upon them for days and days. At last all but one had become partially deranged mentally. Finally the one whose mind was still intact saw a boat, and he took off his coat and waved it on an oar and signalled to them the best he could. At last the signal was seen and the boat came nearer. And as soon as they were close enough so they could hear, he called out, "For mercy's sake, give us water." Back came the reply, "Dip it up."

He thought, how could men be so cruel as to tell him to drink that briny ocean water. And again he cried out, "Give us water." They said, "Dip it up." And one of the men in the small boat, catching the expression and not quite understanding it all, got the idea and dipped up a hatful of water and drank from it. And sure enough, it was sweet and fresh water.

They had floated to that portion of the ocean where the mighty Amazon flows out and pushes back the salt ocean water, and there they were surrounded by sweet, fresh, pure water and didn't know it.

That just illustrates our own souls. Many times we are completely surrounded by the ocean of God's love, and yet we are perishing without putting forth an effort to dip it up.

It would seem that in this world of sorrow, pain, and suffering, we would cry to God for help. It wouldn't seem as though the Lord would have to plead with us to come to him. But how thankful we should be that he extends to us that invitation. David cries out, "As a hart panteth after the waterbrooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." Ps. 42: 1.

In the sixty-third Psalm he says, "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is."

Again, in the eighty-fourth Psalm, "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth

for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God."

God promises that they who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled, for "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry grounds: I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: and they shall spring up as among the grass." Isa. 44: 3, 4.—*Selected.*

"Present Truth" War Special

Our readers will be interested in the new *Present Truth* War Special issued as No. 5 of the new *Present Truth*, and ready to mail February 20 — "The World on Fire" issue, fresh and up to date in all matters pertaining to the "angry" nations fulfilling prophecy, the United States and all neutrals being involved, peace movements a sign of the times, peace and the Vatican, the everlasting gospel being mankind's only hope for salvation and peace — *the very last word in the present world crisis.* Millions will go into circulation within the next few days. They will be furnished at the regular *Present Truth* prices: 25 copies, 20 cents; 50 copies, 35 cents; 100 copies, 60 cents; 1,000 copies, \$5.00.

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Religious Liberty Offering

Swiftly another year has run its course, and while our country has been saved from the ravages of war, yet the enemy has not been idle. There have been several Sunday law bills introduced in our national Congress, but so far none have become laws. We can thank God for this.

Sabbath, February 24, has been set apart by the North American Conference for the Religious Liberty offering. A special program has been prepared, and all our churches have been furnished with a copy of it.

We are calling your attention to the need of a liberal offering. We have not been able to send the *Liberty Magazine* to State officials and lawyers for lack of funds. We ought to be able to place this excellent magazine in the hands of all those who have to do with the making of the laws in our State. They need to be acquainted with the principles of religious liberty.

Every Seventh-day Adventist should be well informed on the principles of religious legislation, but especially should our law making bodies and those men who help largely in shaping public sentiment, and there is no better means of their becoming informed than by reading *Liberty*.

We hope that all will give at least 25 cents, as the money is greatly needed. Let all determine to have a part in the offering taken on February 24. Let us begin now to plan.

Let us obtain as many subscriptions for *Liberty* as we can. Single subscriptions 35 cents a year. In club rates, four or more to separate addresses 25 cents each. C. N. SANDERS.

News Items

Elder Sanders arrived at the office Sunday after an absence of a few weeks. At the close of the colporteurs' institute he visited the church at Mansfield. They have been struggling for several years to get a building. They have it all completed with the exception of the lights and pulpit, with all bills paid. They certainly deserve commendation for their determination.

The company at Ringgold are of good courage. One brother is burdened over his entrance into the book work, and he is planning on taking up this line of work as soon as he can shape his affairs. Sister Gladys Clark is teaching their church school. She reports that the school is progressing nicely. They are planning to continue their school for eight months.

The little company at Alexandria are rejoicing that since Brother Schmehl moved to Minden they have been blessed by the coming of Brother J. H. Shasky, a nurse from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, who is nursing a rich merchant. His help is greatly appreciated.

A very interesting and profitable program was rendered by the young people of the New Orleans church No. 1 February 3, at which time a young people's missionary volunteer society was organized.

Elder C. G. Manns began a public effort Sunday evening for the colored people. He reports that the two meetings have been fairly well attended.

The following is from an appreciative member of the conference church: "I am sending again for the quarterly lesson pamphlet and the Morning Watch Calendar. One feels isolated indeed, and away out to one side without the Quarterly to keep track of the lessons from Sabbath to Sabbath. And those of us who have become used to the comforting verse and little season of prayer to start the day certainly miss the Morning Watch Calendar. I copied the month of January from mine before I sent it to Sister ———, but now I have no February mornings' verses, so you must send it to me this week if you can. I will enclose ten cents in stamps.

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Experiences in Burma

(Concluded)

I know you will be interested to know about our work in Burma as a whole, so I will tell you something about that. We have a church here in Rangoon of nearly one hundred members. However, many of them are scattered all through Burma, as they have no church where they can keep their membership here. I suppose that there are about fifty of them here in Rangoon. Our Sabbath school numbers about sixty-five, and last quarter the donations to missions amounted to almost one hundred fifty dollars. All the members are poor too, and it means that this money comes by sacrifice. I think the Memphis church or the Nashville church, and I might say all the churches in Tennessee, could double their donations to missions as easily as this Sabbath school gives what it does. At present we have no pastor for this church, and I am having that work to do. It keeps me awfully busy trying to do all that should be done, and I am afraid if I don't get help that I will not have the time that I want to study the language. I hope to get a man to come here as pastor after the union conference that is going to be held next month. Outside of Rangoon we have started work in only three places, and there are other calls that we should answer as soon as possible. We have a school for boys in Meiktila, and there are at present over one hundred boys in the school. Brother and Sister D. C. Ludington have the school in charge. Their influence over the boys is very good, and every year some of them accept the truth. I am going up there this week, and we will have a baptismal service next Sabbath. This is an industrial school and a number of trades are taught there. We gather all the boys that we can get to come and give them an education and teach them a trade. We do this with the hope that we can have the opportunity of teaching them the truth. At present we have a number of young men that have come to us in that way and are now being trained for workers. In order to run this school we have to employ teachers that are not Adventists, and we very often get them into the truth also. We have done that until now our school is quite well manned with teachers of our faith. Thus you can see that our school will be more successful as the years go by.

In Mandalay, the old capitol of Burma, we have Brother and Sister Beckner working. They have a small Sabbath school there, and we hope soon to organize a church up there. Brother and Sister Wyman are there too, but they are studying the language and will go into some new place and open up work as soon as they get the language so they can begin work.

Aside from these two stations, we have one that has been opened for the Karens up in northeast Burma. Pastor and Sister Hamilton have the work in charge up there, and Brother and Sister Hare and Sister Gibbs are associated with them. This is one of our most interesting and promising stations. I have told you something about the Karen people already, and I will not take the time to write any more about them now.

Last Sunday morning I conducted my first baptismal service since coming to Burma. The candidates were two Burmese sisters, and I wish you could have attended this service. We baptized in the beautiful Royal Lakes of Rangoon Park. Rangoon Park is considered second in beauty of all parks in the world. That may seem strange to Americans, but it is true

nevertheless. I have never seen any flowers, shrubs, and drive-ways as grand. The entire park is as well kept as any good housekeeper would keep her parlor. There is one thing about the baptismal service that you never see in the homeland, and I want to tell you about that. As soon as we finished, the Burmese served us with refreshments which consisted of lemonade, cake, and oranges. It was real nice, and everybody had all they wanted. All the Burmese are very polite and are always ready to do something to show their appreciation. You can never leave their homes without taking something to eat or drink.

By the way, I must tell you about a trip that I made out in the jungle. About seven or eight miles back from the Solween River we have four believers that came into the truth two years ago, and as no one had been to see them since that time, I went back there to see them as soon as I could after we got here. I walked the entire distance, and on the way I had to cross a bridge almost a mile long, and the boards that it was made of were from six to ten inches wide. I was about six feet above the water, and the water was three to ten feet deep. It took me a long time to cross the bridge, as there was nothing to hold to. Brother Williams was with me, and we got to the first house just as the sun was going down. We found that the believers were all faithful and were doing what they could to teach others. As a result of their work five others are wanting to be baptized. I will go up there again as soon as possible and instruct them some more and then baptize them. Well, we studied the Bible until about eleven o'clock. We were all sitting on the floor around a candle. When we got ready for bed we picked the softest place we could find on the floor and lay down. I decided before morning that I had picked the hardest place instead of the softest place. However, morning soon came and we got up early, as we wanted to study the Bible some more before we left. About seven thirty the woman of the house brought a little table out for us to eat our breakfast on. The table was about eight inches high and three feet square. It had two plates of rice about a gallon each and another plate with two dozen duck eggs on it. They expected us to eat it all. One of the girls was back in the room doing something, and I think she was boiling more duck eggs so they could supply us in case we ran short. I was very hungry, and when I thought of the eight miles we had to walk, and inasmuch as we were to eat the rice without salt, sugar, or cream, I didn't care if they did bring on a good supply of duck eggs. However, when we finished there were a few left on the plate. The woman was very much concerned about me. She told Brother Williams that I was so large and she was sure I would faint by the way if I didn't eat more duck eggs. I had eaten seven and a part of the rice. Brother Williams ate all he could, and urged me to eat more so they would not feel that we didn't care to eat what they had fixed for us. For my part, I really thought that I had given them a fair demonstration that I was willing to eat what they had.

There are many interesting things that I wish I had the time to tell you about, but I see that I have written you quite a letter and I must close. Burma is the most interesting place I have ever seen, and there is a great work to be done here. There are many difficulties and many perplexities, and we can never do the work that must be done in our own strength. In closing I want to ask an interest in the prayers of all the brethren and sisters in the Tennessee River Conference that God will bless us with health and strength and give us the wisdom that we need to direct the work in this needy field so that many souls will be won to the truth. Taking everything into consideration, Burma is a promising field, and I am expecting better days for our work in the future. We are glad that so many of the general men are visiting our union this year, and I feel sure that their help and counsel will be of great value to us in the future. They are in India now and will come to Burma after the union conference in January.

C. F. Lowry.

Twenty-Cent-a-Week Report for Tennessee River Conference, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916

Church	Memb.	Quota	Amt. Paid	Amt. Short	Amt. Over	Rate
Ashland City	9	\$93.60	\$110.04	\$	\$ 16.44	\$.23
Bon Aqua	26	270.40	308.98		38.58	.22
Cedar Grove	18	187.20	21.81	165.39		.02
Fountain Head	44	457.60	627.02		169.42	.27
Goodlettsville	27	280.80	55.36	225.44		.04
Hazel	15	156.00	326.54		170.54	.41
Hustburg	12	124.80	35.49	89.31		.06
Jackson	18	187.20	175.32	11.88		.19
Lane	5	52.00	62.22		10.22	.24
Lawrenceburg	10	104.00	64.52	39.48		.12
Leach	38	395.20	60.08	335.12		.03
Madison	15	156.00	95.03	60.97		.12
Memphis	122	1268.80	745.73	523.07		.12
Nashville	200	2080.00	2202.54		122.54	.21
Paducah	14	145.60	116.86	28.74		.16
Springville	45	468.00	107.91	360.09		.05
Trezevant	12	124.80	23.95	100.85		.04
Conference	10	104.00	537.71		433.71	1.03
Totals	640	\$6656.00	\$5677.11	\$1940.34	\$961.45	\$.17
MISSION						
Nashville	58	\$452.40	\$218.21	\$234.19	\$	\$.07
Memphis	35	273.00	150.13	122.87		.08
Jackson			32.64		32.64	
Totals	93	\$725.40	\$400.98	\$357.06	\$32.64	\$.08
Grand Totals	733	\$7381.40	\$6078.09	\$2297.40	\$1004.09	\$.16

A Special Bargain

The tract society has just purchased from the Southern Publishing Association a large order of 25 cent tract packages, which we are offering to the readers of the WORKER at the reasonable rate of three packages for fifty cents. Each package contains 30 cents worth of tracts at retail prices. They cover eleven different subjects. Think of it, 90 cents worth of tracts for 50 cents. All the packages are alike, and contain 480 pages of present truth, neatly enclosed in a paper envelope. Order a good supply for your missionary society or for individual use in your community. Transportation paid on all orders. Address Tennessee River Tract Society, 322 Jackson Building, Nashville, Tenn.

"Sin's Last Orgy"

This is a title of a *Signs Magazine* article which describes actual conditions in the social, religious, and political spheres. A new idea in every paragraph.

Note these other particularly striking titles: "Antics of Modern Pew Fillers," "The Paradox of Peace," "Neither in nor out of Purgatory," "Labor's Warning to Wealth," "Europe's Deliberate Hara-Kiri," "Bankrupting the World."

A message in this March number for every one. Will your neighbors share in the feast?

"Frugality is good, if liberality be joined with it."

Mississippi Conference

Conference Directory

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Colporteurs' Institute

February the second, Brother C. J. Buhalts, M. W. Shidler, and the writer went to Greenwood, Miss., where we were to hold our colporteurs' institute for the colored workers. Upon arriving there we found all in readiness to begin the meeting. Twelve colporteurs were ready to take the drill. The writer conducted the first meeting, rehearsing how God had blessed us the past year. At this first meeting an opportunity was given each one to express himself as to how he felt about the work this year. I wish it had been possible for the readers of the WORKER to have heard these testimonies. The spirit of God seemed to take possession of each one present. All expressed themselves as determined to be more faithful than ever before. There was a unity existing between the workers that I am sure will help them do a mighty work for God this year.

Brother Shidler, our union secretary, could be with us only a few days on account of the institute in the Tennessee River Conference being held at the same time.

I am glad to say that this was a very spiritual meeting from the beginning to the close. In the morning meetings every heart was uplifted to God. All renewed their consecration to the Lord and determined to do a greater work for him this year.

As the meeting progressed, studies were given on being faithful to answer the call of God, the preparation that one needs to be in the work, the qualifications for each worker, and the importance of using our time right. These and many other subjects were discussed at this meeting. The twelve workers present united as one and pledged themselves to obey the instruction given.

We had four women colporteurs at this meeting who pledged themselves to deliver one thousand dollars' worth of our books this year. Some of the workers have set their goal at one thousand five hundred dollars. I am glad to say that the colporteurs in this State have a determination to do their part in the finishing of the great message that God has given us. We are going, by the help of the Lord, to deliver fifteen thousand dollars' worth of books this year.

One night during our institute we were entertained by a nice program rendered by Sister Murphy's school. All present enjoyed the exercise. I am glad to say that Sister Murphy is doing good work with her school there. Just as soon as her school year closes she expects to enter the canvassing work.

We closed our institute the night after the Sabbath with a praise service. I am sure that if the readers of the WORKER could have been at this meeting they would have said, "Surely God will go with these workers." After the meeting all went to the dining hall where Sister Johnson and Sister Barnes had prepared a nice supper. I am sure those present at the feast will not soon forget it.

All left for their fields of labor full of courage and hope. I hope the readers of this article will remember these dear workers in their prayers day by day.

J. R. STATON.

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending Feb. 10, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
T R Battle	BF	32	8	\$15 50	\$	\$15 50	\$ 3 00
R L Etheredge . .	BF	20	16	24 00		24 00	
J E Foley	BR	11	4	16 00	35	16 35	3 50
Mrs N C Freeman .		2	1	2 00		2 00	2 00
Bibles				2 00		2 00	

Totals (Agts. 4).		65	29	\$59 50	\$ 35	\$59 85	\$ 8 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
I L Harrison . . .	BR	31	14	\$50 00	\$	\$50 00	\$
Hatton Ford . . .	BF	40	36	64 50		64 50	
R F Hickman . . .	BR	45	14	49 00	3 00	52 00	
J O Wheeler . . .	BR	31	3	10 50	3 00	13 50	
A Schroader . . .	BR	35	12	44 00		44 00	
C Keith	CK	16	3	6 00		6 00	
D E Lindsey . . .	SB	32	16	4 00		4 00	41 00
Bibles				8 50		8 50	

Totals (Agts. 7).		230	98	\$236 50	\$6 00	\$242 50	\$41 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
T S Sligh*		26	7	\$25 50	\$ 25	\$25 75	\$ 4 00
F W Schmehl . . .		19	13	48 50		48 50	
E P Campbell . . .		29			10 20	10 20	14 00

Totals (Agts. 3).		74	20	\$74 00	\$10 45	\$84 45	\$18 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Mrs. Philpott . .	BF	8	2	\$3 00	\$	\$ 3 00	\$
Mr. Buchanan . .	GC	28	16	14 15	5 00	19 15	1 95

Totals (Agts. 2).		32	18	\$17 15	\$ 5 00	\$22 15	\$1 95

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
P Hampton	BF, PPF	45		\$	\$ 4 20	\$ 4 20	\$13 25
AA Johnson	PPF, D&R	15	5	11 50	1 05	12 55	
Virgil Smith . . .	BR	35	32	113 00	4 35	117 35	

Totals (Agts. 3).		95	37	\$124 50	\$ 9 60	\$134 10	\$13 25

G'd Totals (A. 19)		496	202	\$511 65	\$31 40	\$543 05	\$82 70

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	737	\$535 00	\$114 95	\$649 95
Kentucky Conference . .	920	1264 10	21 85	1285 95
Louisiana Conference . .	106	89 00	27 70	116 70
Mississippi Conference . .	231	251 00	21 95	272 95
Tenn. River Conference . .	244	267 05	16 10	283 15

Totals	2228	\$2406 15	\$202 55	\$2608 70

"Prayer and faith will do what no power on earth can accomplish," says "Ministry of Healing," and again, "Time must be redeemed from things temporal, for meditation upon things eternal." If we want power for service we must take time for prayer; and let us remember that there is no time like the morning hour in which to talk over the plans for the day with the Master.

* Two weeks.

"So long as we do not get discouraged, our work is not a failure."

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News Items

Monday, February 12, a school board meeting was called at Ooltewah, Tenn. A good representation was present, and important plans were laid for the advancement of our educational work in the erection of the new buildings at Collegedale. Elder S. E. Wight, Prof. Lynn H. Wood and G. H. Curtis from Nashville attended this meeting.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood left Nashville Thursday night, February 15, for his campaign in the South. This is in the interest of the new dormitory which is to be ready when school opens September 14. He begins his work in South Carolina, and reports will be given in the paper frequently of the results attained.

Elder S. E. Wight left the city Friday, February 16, for New Orleans, La., stopping at Jackson, Miss., on his way South to meet with the Mississippi Conference Committee.

Brother M. W. Shidler, who has been busily engaged in institute work since the first of the year, stopped at the office Thursday, February 15, on his way to the Kentucky colporteurs' institute at Lexington.

"Win One" Campaign

A call to service. A great campaign is on for the finishing of the work. Will you enlist?

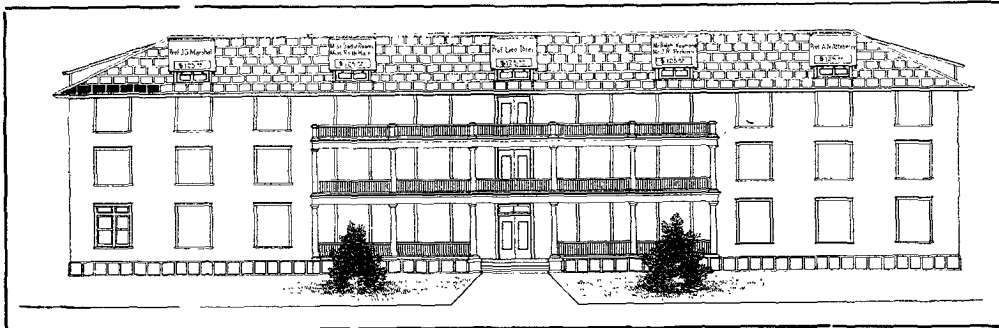
Campaign Begun

The campaign for \$20,000 for the girls' dormitory at Collegedale has begun in earnest. It is planned to raise this money before the middle of August, and \$20,000 in cash should be in the school till before the first of September. In order that all the field may know the progress that is being made from week to week, it has been planned to get out the cut shown on this page and represent thereon the pledges and total cash received. This is a cut of the dormitory that will be erected.

The Board has pledged \$1,250, and this is represented by the squares in the foundation. There are fifty of these squares shown, and each square represents \$25. As soon as the money comes in these squares will be blocked in solid. The windows represent \$200 each, and as soon as the money is pledged a window will be placed in the opening as is shown in the lower left hand corner of the cut. This window has been pledged by Mrs. Catherine I. Elford, and is the first window in the new

275 shingles which count \$5 each. The students have the honor of paying in the first money on this new building. It will be noticed that six shingles are already blocked in solid. This shows that \$30 has been paid in by the students and faculty on their pledge of \$2,000.

It is earnestly hoped that every one will pay in his pledge as soon as he possibly can and that all our people throughout the field will take an active interest in this campaign and do everything in their power to make it possible for our girls to have a comfortable home this next winter. We ought to have two hundred students in school the coming year, and this is possible if we will all take hold and lift hard. The times in which we are living demand the deepest consecration on the part of all. It will be a campaign of faith, and I am sure our brethren and sisters throughout the field will remember this work in their prayers daily, that God may open the way whereby the funds can come into the treasury that building operations may not



PLEDGES

School Board and Colporteurs	\$1250.00
Faculty and Students	200.00
First Window, Mrs. Catherine I. Elford	200.00
Total Pledges	\$3450.00

building. This represents sacrifice, but it is the kind of sacrifice that will finish the work. When the amount pledged on the window has been paid, the curtains will be placed inside of the window. Any person pledging one or more windows will be given recognition that week in the regular issue of the WORKER.

The faculty and students have pledged themselves to the amount of \$2,000, and so they have been given the roof, together with the dormer windows. These windows represent \$125 each and the shingles \$5 each. There are five windows, which total \$625, pledged by the persons whose names are above them, and

be hindered. There will be a great song of victory rise from this whole Southland when we dedicate the building absolutely free of debt on September 14.

This cut will appear in the WORKER every two weeks. Be sure to watch the pledges and cash grow, and let every one take an active interest and do his utmost to see the work of the Lord prosper in the field.

LYNN H. WOOD.

"You can run into debt, but it's a slow walk getting out."