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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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Dedication

The dedication of the Shreveport church building took place Sunday, February 25. The program rendered was of a character which showed that much thought had been bestowed upon it.

After the reading of the eighty-fourth Psalm by Elder W. P. McLennan, and invocation by the writer, Brother W. J. Singletery gave a brief but interesting history of the struggles they encountered in erecting their church. Three years ago Elder McLennan came to the city, at which time the few believers were holding their meetings three miles out in the country. They were advised by Brother McLennan to come to the city, and they obtained the privilege of holding their services in the council chamber of the city hall. Brother McLennan immediately started plans which have developed in the erection of a church which cost \$2,100, and which at the time of its dedication had not a dollar of indebtedness upon it. They had many struggles, but were blessed by God, and thus a memorial to his name stands among the churches in Shreveport. The citizens of Shreveport, when solicited for money for this enterprise, liberally responded in nearly every instance.

Katie Sevier recited "The Passover" very nicely, and all paid marked attention. The music was exceptionally fine, and Sister John Elliott Roach, of Mansfield, rendered several

impressive vocal solos, which added to the interest of the program.

The dedicatory services were held at 3:00 P. M., Elder S. E. Wight of Nashville, Tenn., delivering the dedicatory sermon. Elder W. P. McLennan, pastor of the church, offered the dedicatory prayer. There was a fairly good attendance from the outside, and all seemed to enjoy the service.

The church is equipped with a nice church school room in connection with the building, and they expect to have a church school next year. There is also a fine baptistry. There are two nice rooms for the kindergarten and intermediate classes of the Sabbath school. It is nicely decorated and electrically lighted.

The brethren and sisters are cooperating with their pastor and are determined to give the third angel's message to the city of Shreveport. We trust their efforts will be successful.

C. N. SANDERS.



Obey and Live

Out of the wreck and ruin of sin and apostasy, God is saving his people. Men and women of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people are turning from the service of disobedience to the wisdom of the just; from the traditions and rubbish of the creeds and dogmas of men to the pure word of the living God, and to the keeping of his commandments.

They are learning that the Sunday institution, which they had been taught to believe was from God, has no place in

the Bible, nor in God's commandments; that it is a man-made sabbath, the mark of the "man of sin"; and thousands are giving their lives in full obedience to the word and law of the God of heaven, observing the true Bible Sabbath.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14.—A. R. Bell.

"God expects his church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world."

Southern Junior College

News Notes from Collegedale

Mr. W. F. Rocke, of Nashville, Tenn., stopped a few hours at the Southern Junior College one day last week. He was on his way to Reeves Ga., to visit the rural school there. He was accompanied here by Miss Davison, a trained nurse who entered the sanitarium at that place. Mr. Rocke is farm manager of the Madison Normal and Industrial Institute at Madison, Tenn.

Mr. P. C. Ennis, of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived at the Southern Junior College last Monday. Mr. Ennis will be connected with the school as bookkeeper and stenographer. He expects to take school work next year.

The seniors and juniors of the Southern Junior College are organizing. The seniors expect to have a class of four. The juniors will number about six or seven.

Mr. Magee, who has charge of the printing department of the Southern Junior College, informs us that he has a fine line of work ahead of him. Considerable equipment has been added to the college printing department since the first of the year, and we are better qualified than ever to do satisfactory service. Why not give us a trial?

The students and teachers of the Southern Junior College are all busy doing the spring cleaning up. The brush is all being cleared away from around the big house, and the place is being brightened up very materially as a result of the work.

The executive committee has marked out the garden sites, and plans are being laid for extensive gardens for the college this spring. Every one seems full of the garden idea. Even the girls are busily engaged in making flower gardens. Professor Adams planted his garden several weeks ago, and it is doing fine now.

Brother M. W. Shidler, who is field missionary secretary for the Southern Union, spent a few hours at the college Sunday. He was busy all the time inspiring our students with the canvassing idea for the summer.

We are having good times in our canvassers' band, and most all of the boys are getting anxious to be out in the field again.

Miss Margarette Locken arrived at the college last week. We are glad to welcome her as one of our student body.

The Thatcher station sign has been replaced by one of which the students are very proud. It is now Collegedale, and will be recognized as such by those who pass through on the trains.

Mr. Thomas Huxtable and wife are expected to arrive at the college farm Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Huxtable was one of our students the first of the school year. We are glad to welcome him and his wife to our college again.

"WIN ONE" CAMPAIGN

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

"Were every one of you a living missionary, the message for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people and nation and tongue."

"The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

With the Men Behind the Books

The Last Hour

The sunset burns across the sky;
Upon the air its warning cry
The curfew tolls, from tower to tower,
O bookmen, 'tis the last, last hour!

The work that centuries might have done
Must crowd the hour of setting sun;
And through all lands the saving Name
Ye must, in fervent haste, proclaim.

The fields are white to harvest. Weep,
O tardy workers, as ye reap,
For wasted hours that might have won
Rich harvests ere the set of sun.

We hear his footsetps on the way!
O work while it is called today,
Constrained by love, endued with power,
O bookmen, in this last, last hour!

—Selected.

A Time of Crisis and Opportunity

As the days go by and new developments take place, it becomes more and more evident that a most tremendous responsibility rests upon Seventh-day Adventists in this time of crisis and opportunity. For the country it is surely a time of crisis, while for the circulation of our literature it is a time of unparalleled opportunity.

In the past the problem has been to create an interest, but this is no longer a problem. Because of the present relation of the United States to the European situation, the people are stirred as never before since the war began. On every hand they are inquiring as to what it all means, and there is now a demand for Seventh-day Adventist literature that has never existed before. Many are not only waiting for our colporteurs and other workers to bring them our books, but some are actually hunting them up and giving their orders for our various publications without solicitation. They recognize in our literature the correct interpretation of the prophecies, and they wish the light which is contained in them.

Bible publishers also report an increased sale of Bibles during the past few months, notwithstanding the fact that their prices have been advanced from thirty to forty per cent. There is unmistakably a desire on the part of thinking men and women everywhere to seek a higher authority than mere human speculations for the solution and real meaning of these most perplexing and gigantic difficulties into which the world has been plunged.

The small raise in the price of our large books, caused by the increased cost of paper, seems to be doing them good. Every time our books have been raised in the past, a larger number have been sold, and there is every indication that this will be true this time. At this writing, the February reports have not been received, but in most of the conferences there were good gains made in January over the corresponding month of last year. In sending in the report of the Southwestern Union for January, Brother A. F. Harrison wrote as follows:

"It is \$2,100 ahead of January last year. I can assure you that this looks good to me. . . . We have nineteen colporteurs at this place (Little Rock, Ark.) and each one of them has set a goal. When they were counted up, the total amounted to \$25,700. Twelve of these nineteen start to work Monday. Look out for 'poor old Arkansas.' This is one of the best institutes that I have attended this year."

The goal set for the Southern Publishing Association ter-

ritory is a quarter million, and every person who agrees to sell a hundred dollars worth of books or more, is entitled to to wear a goal button.

"The World War

Its Relation to the Eastern Question and Armageddon," is the title of a new book by Elder A. G. Daniells, which will be ready in a few days. The study made by Elder Daniells in connection with his theatre lecture courses has qualified him to present the subject in a manner both interesting and convincing. No doubt the fact that Elder Daniells has written this book will be a strong appeal to our people — particularly so because of the interest which his lectures in some of the larger cities have created — to procure the book for their own information, and also to circulate it among their friends and neighbors. Not only does it embody the lectures referred to, but at the same time it presents a most up-to-date survey of the present situation. The following is the table of contents:

The World War
 The Cause and the Meaning
 The Great Nations Speak for Themselves
 The Eastern Question
 The Fate of the Ottoman Empire
 Armageddon
 The Present Outlook
 A Kingdom of Righteousness

The book will contain 128 pages, well illustrated, and will be similar in style to "The Vatican and the War," "Christian Sabbath," etc. The price of the cloth bound book will be 50 cents, papers covers 25 cents, less regular subscription book discounts in lots of ten or more. This will be a book that almost any one can sell, and should be used in large quantities by our home workers. It will be published by all three of our larger publishing houses, and it is expected that thousands of copies will be sold in every conference. Order through your tract society, and the books will be shipped as soon as ready.

Home Office Notes

These are busy days at the Home Office of the Southern Publishing Association. A good stock of books is being prepared for delivery later in the year, while the circulation of *The Watchman Magazine* is steadily increasing. One order has been received for 50,000 copies of the April number to be sold in the various conferences of the Columbia Union for the benefit of Washington Missionary College.

On February 28, 5,000 copies of the April *Watchman* were mailed to the Washington Missionary College for the students to sell during the Inaugural celebration.

Recently a new Dexter combination wire stitcher and feeder was placed in our bindery. This is not only a great time and labor saver, but it does much more satisfactory work than the ordinary stitcher. It will be a great help in handling the Harvest Ingathering *Watchman*. We are informed by the manufacturers that it is the first machine of this particular make sold south of Dayton, Ohio, and St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Clyde Callicott, who has been working at the Loma Linda, Cal., Sanitarium, is expected to reach Nashville about the middle of March. She has accepted the position of stenographer in the circulation department of *The Watchman Magazine*.

During the past few days a new Miehle press, with color attachment and combination extension delivery, has been installed in our press room. This takes the place of our oldest one-color press. The first run to be printed on it was 100,000 copies of the April *Watchman*. In printing the Harvest Ingathering *Watchman*, this press will be a most valuable asset to our equipment. It enables us to print two colors at the same time and thus effects a material saving in time and labor.

Surely we are seeing many evidences of the Lord's blessing upon our work. May the Lord help us all — both those in the field and those in the office — to do all that we ought to do in this time of "crisis and opportunity," and to realize more keenly the tremendous and solemn responsibility that now rests upon every believer in the third angel's message.

R. L. PIERCE.

The Tennessee River Colporteurs' Institute

"And Jonathan said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few." 1 Sam. 14:6. When Jonathan made this wonderful statement many hundreds of years ago, and acted out his faith, a mighty victory was wrought in Israel.

It is thus that we look forward to the good work that is soon to be accomplished in the Tennessee River Conference by "the men behind the books." Although there were but five in attendance at the colporteurs' institute, which was held at Springville February 6 to 14, and but two of these went direct to the field, from the earnestness and zeal manifested by these workers we expect to see them accomplish great results. And we believe their prayers to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his harvest, will be heard and we shall very soon see their ranks greatly augmented by recruits.

Four bright young men from Hazel Academy who plan to engage in the colporteur work at the close of school were present with us three days during the institute. Their enthusiasm was contagious and helped to bring a good spirit into the meetings. These young men have organized a colporteurs' band in their school and have a lively interest awakened in the colporteur work. We feel sure their efforts along this line will prove to be of real value in preparing the school for the colporteurs' institute to be held there the latter part of April.

"They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage." Isa. 41:6. It is only by a united effort, an encouraging word from every faithful soul, dear brethren and sisters of the Tennessee River Conference, that the book work is to be brought up to where it should be in this, the strongest conference, numerically, in the Southern Union family. Conditions in a material way were never better than at present, and with the intensified conditions in the political world, and the additional evidence of the nearness of the end, it makes this the most opportune time for one to enter this important branch of the Lord's work. The call of God for service never sounded more clear and urgently.

"Who will respond to the call? Who will go forth to labor in the wisdom and grace and love of Christ for those nigh and afar off? Who will sacrifice ease and pleasure and enter the places of error, superstition, and darkness, working earnestly and perseveringly, speaking the truth in simplicity, praying in faith, and doing house-to-house labor? Who at this time will go forth without the camp, imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit, bearing reproach for Christ's sake, opening the Scriptures to the people, and calling them to repentance?" "Colporteurs' Manual," page 72.

This is the Lord's call for volunteers. His army is far below fighting strength, and a great battle is imminent. Will the Lord's patriots see discomfiture come to his ranks for lack of recruits? Will they be less loyal than the citizens of earthly governments to the call of their nation? Send your application to W. D. Wade, the recruiting officer for this division, at 322 Jackson Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.

M. W. SHIDLER.

"Speak quietly, however great the matter;
 Loud talk makes wise truth seem idle chatter."

A Missionary in Captivity

The events related in this narrative by Brother J. G. Mandalian happened in the city of Constantinople several years before the outbreak of the present war. It is a significant fact to note that Brother Mandalian's father, as well as Brother Baharian, another of our Armenian brethren, have several times been given up as having been massacred by the Turks. Brother Baharian's daughter managed to make her escape last spring to New York before the last massacre took place, but as for the present safety of the brethren we cannot say.

The hatred of the Turk for the Armenian is far-reaching and extends back many years. After the Young Turks had been victorious over the Sultan, the old man could stand it no longer, so ordered a general massacre of all Christians. The people of Turkey were divided into two classes — the nobility, or the favorites of the Sultan, and the commons. The state was corrupted and the unfortunate class subjected to a most miserable condition. It was in the midst of this turmoil that Brother Mandalian, now a graduate of Union College, had the experience which he relates as follows:

A PRISONER OF THE SULTAN

"Before I start on my narrative, in order to make it more easily understood, it will be best to locate the city of Constantinople with reference to its various portions.

"The city itself is situated on the juncture of the Marmora, the Bosphorus, and the Golden Horn, the most beautiful and one of the most strategic positions in the world. Besides its suburbs, there are four important parts which constitute the city in the main — Galatia, a European residence, and Stamboul, on the European side; and the Skutari and Kadi Keny on the Asiatic. It was in this last place that Dr. George, our first missionary, made his headquarters in the year 1905, and it was at this time that I had my first opportunity of being with a missionary and acquainting myself with the English language.

"As most of the political stirs tending toward a revolution had been caused by persons coming from the United States, the Turks were very prejudiced against all Americans. Naturally they were anxious to find out the character of Dr. George's work, lest he might be a revolutionist promoting his views and plans under the protection of missionary operation.

"A peculiar incident offered them an opportunity to ascertain this in a more aggressive way. As the town of Kadi Keny is somewhat distant from the business centers of the city, Dr. George had been planning to move his headquarters to the European side, and to establish his sanitarium in that section. So presently we started to move to the more populous part of the city, Stamboul. But while the Doctor's furniture was passing through the inspection of the custom house, some of the spies had managed to steal away four of his letters, and it was on account of these letters that I experienced something of what life in a Turkish prison means.

"We were just about ready to move when one Sabbath day early in the morning some one knocked at our door. Presently the waitress came to my room notifying me that I was wanted at the door. Dressing hastily, and anxious to know who the visitor was, I hurried downstairs only to learn that I was wanted at a near-by store. After arriving there, I was still surprised to discover that some one desired to see me at still a farther place.

"Well, I followed this unknown friend, who later proved to be a secret policeman, hoping that soon his curiosity would be satisfied and I could be set free. After walking about a mile we arrived at a police headquarters. I now began to realize that the thing was taking a serious nature, and began to be somewhat alarmed. The spy led me into the room of an officer who was yet in bed (although it was time for all honest men to be up); and offered me a chair. The officer sitting in his bed

began to question me as to my home, parents, the place where I was staying, and many other things too numerous to repeat. Upon learning that I could speak the Armenian, Turkish, and English, he handed me some letters which I immediately recognized as belonging to Dr. George. To give the matter a still graver aspect, some of the letters proved to be reports of missionary visits from one of our brethren in Asia Minor stating how many were baptized, and how the message was progressing. After listening to the translation of all the letters, he sent me down to a room where a number of soldiers were staying. There I had to wait nearly an hour. I was very restless and anxious to be let free, as the Doctor knew nothing of where I had gone, and was doubtless waiting for me. But I was destined to go still a little farther to a higher court.

"Presently they commissioned a soldier to escort me to this higher court over at Skutari, some three miles distant. The accompanying soldier, seeing I was somewhat agitated, began to cheer me up, urging me that whatever I should be questioned to tell only the truth even if I were to die. Upon arriving at the place I was led to a room where a number of secretaries of the court were busily engaged in writing petitions and reports with reference to the cases brought there. My guardian now departed, leaving me alone in a strange place with strange faces, surrounded by Turks, not a single Christian. I thought I surely would come to my end.

"As it usually is in all Turkish courts, I had to wait that day until late in the afternoon before my turn came. The pasha (the highest officer in any political department) desired to see me, and I was led to his room. After saluting him in the Turkish manner — making a gentle bow, and raising the hand to the forehead — I stood before him who proved indeed a very kind man. Seeing my question could not be solved right away, he wanted to make arrangements for the night, and upon my request he sent me to the Armenian bishop in the town on condition that I return the next day. The bishop's residence was some four miles distant. After walking all this distance at night, and changing guardians at each station, we arrived at our destination; and as the bishop was absent just then, we made our way to the house of the janitor of the church.

"Here I was treated with the greatest kindness. The good man even thought of returning me to the Doctor, but his wife cautioned him not to get himself into trouble. The next day I was conducted back to the court.

"It was not until late in the evening that the pasha condescended to call me into his presence. After saluting him in the usual manner, I stood before him waiting for what he had to say. Our conversation was on religion this time, and was indeed very pleasant. He began to enumerate the personalities of the Godhead — the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost — in Arabic terms, and upon my correct presentation of the Arabic terms, he was much delighted to know that I had studied some Arabic, as are all Turks when they find a Christian who is acquainted with the language of Mohammed. He was very unwilling to believe that God had a Son. He believed in the Father and the Holy Ghost, but could not recognize the Son. Finally, after bringing the interview to a pleasant close, he dismissed me.

"Next I was taken before the council of the officials of the court. There I had to read and translate again the letters of Dr. George, which were being carefully recorded by some faithful secretaries.

"At the close of the day, they decided to forward the matter to the highest court in Constantinople. It was too great a question for them to solve, and consequently it was to be taken to the more able authorities. This court, called Hayeti Tahkikie, meaning "court of investigation," is the highest

and most hated court in Turkey. This is the court which has connected with it those famous prison cells where the prisoner cannot lie down, or do anything but stand on his feet all the time. So bad is the impression of this place over the people, for the cruelty of the officials and the degradation of the place, that the very name of it is dreaded everywhere.

"Later in the evening, together with a guardian, I was led to this place. The streets, the building, the faces, and all the surroundings were unknown. Upon entering the building, the first compliment I received was the remark of a passing officer, 'What, is this a deserter, too?' Well, you could have knocked me down with the flat side of a palm leaf, for I felt that I would surely be imprisoned for life, or banished, or in some way disposed of; nevertheless, I followed the guardian, who led me to a room, and departed. Here I was somewhat consoled, seeing several others in my situation. There were a great number of prisoners, being questioned one by one.

"Among the prisoners there was one who looked like an Armenian from my own town. I was eagerly waiting for his case to come up to determine for sure who he was. Finally the time came. This poor man was guilty of having come to Constantinople. He was seriously ill, and had come to the national hospital; but there was no permission to come to the capital under such an excuse. However, there was some allowance for commercial affairs, so this man in answering why he had come to the capital, said that he had come for shopping, as his daughter was going to be married. I certainly was greatly astonished to hear this. I knew well that the man did not have a daughter old enough to be married, and I was wondering how in the world that could be accounted for.

"Finally the turn came to me, and in turn that poor man was surprised to learn that I was from his home town. After our cases were over, we came together and had a good sympathetic visit. I was next taken to the office of a secretary, where I had the honor of dictating to him in translating those letters, and he had the pleasure of putting them down for me. It was the longest report I ever saw. He had those Turkish hieroglyphics written on both sides of two long sheets, with the minutest details of our work in Turkey. He then authenticated the papers by having my signature affixed.

"It was now midnight, and we were waiting for the good, pious pasha who had been taking his Womoz-worship. Finally the hour came. We were introduced into the presence of one of the greatest personages. After the usual salaam, I waited in breathless anticipation. The first question was: 'Do you believe in Mohammed?' I told him we believed in Jesus. 'Who is this Jesus?' 'The Son of God.' 'Can God have a son?' 'That is what the Bible says.' Well, we had a long conversation, all the courtiers standing around, silent and respectful. He finally dismissed me, and now those courtiers were much interested in the subject and would like to know something more. So they invited me to their chamber. While going one of them remarked, 'These are the seeds that Baharian has sown.' Here in the chamber they offered me a seat, which I somewhat hesitated to take, but they encouraged me, and coming closer began to ask: 'Well, when that Jesus comes again, what will he do with the righteous and the wicked? Then what will happen?' I tried to answer them to the best of my ability. After we had had a very pleasant visit they committed me to the care of some good man to give me a fine supper and a fine bed. The fine supper was composed of some dry bread that night; and for the bedding, I was led to the bed of another prisoner. The poor man was almost scared at night, seeing a second person in his bed.

"Shortening our story, the next day I was taken back to the former court, where I was imprisoned a week, and then dismissed with the good instruction not to tell the Doctor anything about his letters.

"Meanwhile, the Doctor had been running to and fro, to

the American consulate and everywhere, but in vain. A whole week after my arrest I was thus glad to again return to him to narrate the story of an adventurous experience."

P. N. PEARCE.

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Canvassers' Institute

At this writing we are just getting started in the work of the canvassers' institute which is being held in the city of Lexington. Brother M. W. Shidler, the union field secretary, and Brother Hickman are both on the ground and have the classes all arranged. We have fourteen who are taking the drill and preparing to go out from the institute to sell the printed page. Others are expected to arrive today. The outlook for the canvassing work in our conference was never brighter than at the present time. As the workers have come together there has been a spirit of consecration manifest on the part of each one.

As we consider the events that are taking place in our world, it should cause every Adventist to seek God for a closer walk with him. We must have more power in our lives to present the truth to those who are in darkness. Let every believer in Kentucky determine that by God's help he will win one soul for Christ during this year, and let all pray to that end. Brethren, I ask that you remember the canvassers in your prayers, because as they go out to sell the printed page, the enemy will meet them many times, and we can be their body-guards if we will seek God to give them of his Holy Spirit. We may expect a great work to be done as all unite in praying for those who carry the printed page. Then we will also see a great movement on the part of all our people to win souls for Christ, and the work will be speedily finished.

B. W. BROWN.

News Items

Brother Schwarz, of Bee Springs, writes a very encouraging letter and sends in a remittance for tithes and offerings.

Brother R. Eason, of Lexington, reports that there are a number of people who are asking for readings in that city.

Sister Hammond, of Salyersville, writes that the message is making progress in that place. She also states that she finds the people interested and anxious to read our papers. She reports that one family has begun the observance of the Sabbath.

Sister Lindsey, our Sabbath school secretary, reports the work moving along nicely. She says the young people are taking a lively interest in reaching their goal for missions.

Sister Peek, of Lawrenceburg, has been visiting friends in Louisville. She attended the church services while there.

Elder B. W. Brown spent Sabbath, February 24, in Louisville and spoke at the Chestnut Street Church. At the close of the meeting two people came forward and united with the church.

Sister Pearman, of Hodgenville, has been spending a few days in Louisville.

Sister Wagner reports from Lexington that she finds a number of people who are anxious to study the Bible and learn about present truth.

Brother M. W. Shidler, the union field secretary, arrived in Lexington February 26 to attend the institute.

Tennessee River Conference

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The Astronomer's Psalm

As I gazed at the sky last evening
 With its glowing stars in view,
 It brought to mind the Astronomer's psalm
 In the Morning Watch review.

"The heavens declare God's glory
 His handiwork shows in the sky.
 From day to day they speak to us.
 At night they bring *him* nigh.

There is no speech or language
 Where their voice cannot be heard.
 Their line has gone through all the earth;
 They bring to the world his word.

As a bridegroom from his dwelling,
 Or a man that runs a race,
 The sun rejoices in his strength.
 In heaven, God made his place.

Under all the shining heaven,
 There is nothing hid from his rays.
 His circuit is unto the ends of the earth
 To measure the nights and days.

As we look at the starry heavens,
 And notice how perfect the whole;
 It makes us think of the law of God,
 Converting the troubled soul.

If his testimonies we study,
 And see him through nature's eyes
 We find that his word is sure and true,
 Making the simple wise.

The statues of God are right.
 They make our hearts rejoice.
 His commandments teach us purity.
 Should he not be our choice!

The fear of the Lord is clean,
 It will forever endure.
 The righteous judgments of God are true.
 His promises are sure.

This is the end of the last week's
 Verses about the sky.
 But not the end of the lessons there
 I know you can learn if you try.

ETHEL MURPHY.

The above poem was written by a member of the Nashville young people's Missionary Volunteer society, for the Morning Watch review for Friday night, February 23.

"Words are but leaves, deeds the fruit."

News Items

Brother J. N. Womack left Nashville Monday morning, February 26, with Brother Wade for Bedford County, Tenn., where he will canvass for a short delivery. He is working with "Bible Footlights," one of our good books.

Brother Wade and Brother Bruce visited the Madison church Sabbath, February 25, in the interests of the colporteur work. An hour in the afternoon was given to discussing the needs of the work.

Brother Gerald Tripp and wife, of the Fountain Head School, departed for Clarksville a few days ago where they will make their headquarters in the canvassing field. We are glad to welcome these workers and wish for them good success and much of the Lord's blessing.

Brother William J. Keele wrote that he reached his territory safely and will go to work at once. Mrs. Keele is with him and they expect to turn in some good reports when the weather improves.

Mrs. I. C. Pound, our Sabbath school and young people's secretary, has recently received a typewriting machine, which will assist her very much in her work.

A large number of orders have been received for the new Extra of the *Review and Herald*, also for the new book "The World War," by Elder Daniells. Order at once.

Mr. Ernest Templeton, one of our colporteurs, but at present in school, has been ill with the measles. He has recovered slightly, but will not be able to resume his studies for some time. He expects to canvass during vacation.

Elder Elliott reached Nashville Thursday night, March 1. He reports a very good meeting with the white and colored churches in Memphis. Church institutes were held with the two churches, and those who attended have pronounced them a grand success.

Have you seen the April *Watchman*? It has been pronounced the "best yet." Order a copy, or subscribe for a year.

Mississippi Conference

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News Items

Brother Virgil Smith spent the Sabbath at home with his family in Jackson, after having spent four weeks canvassing in Copiah County. His report for last week was \$121 worth of orders and \$11.50 worth of helps sold. He left again Monday morning for his territory. Brother Smith is putting in faithful time this year and the Lord is wonderfully blessing him.

A letter from Brother E. A. Taylor states that he is now ready to put in full time in the canvassing field. Last week in thirty hours he took \$52 worth of orders for "Great Controversy." This is Brother Taylor's first experience with this book.

Elder C. J. Buhalts spent Sabbath and Sunday at Vicksburg, speaking to both the white and colored churches there.

We are pleased to note the interest that is being manifested by the "outsiders" in the Sunday night services that are being held in Jackson.

Elder Buhalts expects to leave Friday for Meridian, where he will spend Sabbath and Sunday visiting the white and colored churches there. He will also visit the Quitman, Laurel, Ellisville, and Hattiesburg churches before returning.

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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News Items

Elder J. F. Wright has been sick for a couple of weeks, but is better at this writing and hopes to be able to work in a few days.

The colporteurs' institute at Borden Springs was an excellent one. Twelve were present who expect to enter the work. M. W. Shidler and M. L. Wilson were the principal instructors. Elder A. L. Miller was the Bible instructor.

On the last Sabbath of the institute at Borden Springs four were baptized, one being rebaptized.

Elder A. L. Miller starts Friday to visit a number of churches in the southern part of the conference. Elder J. F. Wright starts the same day to visit a number of the churches in the northern part of the State.

We were made sorry a few days ago when the news came announcing the death of Brother Harry Campbell's wife at Reeves, Ga. Sister Campbell was the daughter of W. C. Vaughan, formerly of Santa Rosa, Fla.

The funeral services for the baby of C. C. Hunt, of Birmingham, were conducted Sunday, February 11, by Elder A. L. Miller in the Birmingham church. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

The colored colporteurs' institute is being held this week in Birmingham.

We hope every elder is keeping a close watch on the progress of the twenty-cent-a-week fund in his church, and that he will do all he can to raise the full amount in his church this quarter. The sum of \$2.60 a member is the amount to be raised by the end of March.

Three More New Foreign Magazines

Two more new regular foreign quarterly *Signs of the Times* magazines have been added to the list published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association at Brookfield, Ill. These are the French magazine, succeeding the French paper formerly published in South Lancaster, Mass.; and the Hungarian, published for the first time. These magazines, attractive, up-to-date in appearance, and filled with articles on present truth, will be welcomed by our churches within reach of people of these nationalities. They will be issued quarterly at subscription prices of 40 cents a year each (Canada and foreign countries, 50 cents). Quantity prices are uniform with the German, Danish-Norwegian, Swedish, Bohemian, Italian, and Yiddish — namely, \$4 a hundred; 5 to 50 copies 5 cents each (Canada and foreign one cent higher).

The third new publication is a *Signs of the Times* magazine in Roumanian just coming from the press. This is similar to the others, but as yet has not been planned for regularly. Further numbers will be published as the demand warrants. Quantities of this may be secured for \$5 a hundred (Canada and foreign \$6).

This gives a splendid line of foreign magazines with which to reach thousands of our foreign-speaking people. Every one can circulate them. Most encouraging letters are coming from those into whose hands some of these magazines have fallen.

The Russian field is being served with an eight-page monthly *Signs of the Times* paper, the subscription price of which is one dollar a year; in clubs 80 cents (Canada \$1.10 and \$.85). This is eagerly read by Russians, and is exerting a wonderful influence where circulated.

Thus, to an extent, the instruction to multiply our publications "in many languages" is being carried out. The time has come for them to be given a large circulation. All can have a part in this. Further information will be furnished by your tract society, to whom all orders for these and other supplies should be sent.

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending Feb. 24, 1917

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
D E Lindsey . . . SB	32	66	\$16 50	\$	\$16 50	\$14 50
Alex Perry . . . BR	40	19	68 00		68 00	
Hatton Ford . . . BF	10	4	7 50		7 50	
Ethel Hickman CK	8	5	9 50		9 50	
R F Hickman . . . BR	22	12	43 00	17 25	60 25	143 75
Jeff Hickman . . . BR	11	2	8 00	25	8 25	15 00
A Schroader . . . BR	31	6	21 00		21 00	
B E Wagner . . . BR	34	8	28 00	2 00	30 00	94 50
Miscellaneous D&R	18	9	43 50	1 45	44 95	5 50
Bibles			9 50		9 50	2 44

Totals (Agts. 8). 206 131 \$254 50 \$20 95 \$275 45 \$275 69

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Emily Billups .HM	33	28	\$74 50	\$ 2 10	\$76 60	
Perthia Hampton BF	48	14	29 50	3 85	33 35	
AA Johnson PPF, D&R	43	10	24 50	2 75	27 25	
Lou J McElroy D&R	33	26	88 50	1 75	90 25	
Virgil Smith . . . BR	32	32	121 00	11 50	132 50	
E A Taylor . . . GC	30	15	52 50	3 00	55 50	
Rose Willis . . . PPF	45	26	65 00	4 00	69 00	
Annie Watts . . . HM	45	33	84 50	4 55	89 05	
Bibles			7 10		7 10	

Totals (Agts. 8). 309 184 \$547 10 \$33 50 \$580 60

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
F W Schimchl . . . BR	23	9	\$35 50		\$35 50	
T S Sligh BR	26	8	29 00		29 00	

Totals (Agts. 2). 49 17 \$64 50 \$64 50

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Mrs. B. Philpott BF	21	5	\$ 7 50	\$	\$ 7 50	
R H Hazelton . . . BR	35	26	95 50	1 90	97 40	

Totals (Agts. 2). 56 31 \$103 00 \$1 90 \$104 90

G'd Totals (A. 20) 620 363 \$969 10 \$56 35 \$1025 45 \$275 69

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	857	\$628 70	\$116 15	\$744 85
Kentucky Conference . .	1322	1736 70	53 55	1790 25
Louisiana Conference . .	155	153 50	27 70	181 20
Mississippi Conference .	744	979 95	77 25	1057 20
Tenn. River Conference .	300	370 05	18 00	388 05

Totals 3378 \$3868 90 \$292 65 \$4161 55

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Faith Is the Victory

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews sounds in clarion tones the victory won through faith, and yet, after recounting the mighty deeds accomplished by this "substance of things hoped for," the chapter closes with these words: "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." What a wonderful promise! Through the ceaseless ages of eternity, those who in this last great crisis of the world, in this terrible drama of nations, act with the faith God wants to give them, will have their names engraved in the hall of fame with these worthies, and together they will demonstrate the perfection of God's creation. As sure as God's Word is true, this will be the propelling power of those who pass through the latter rain. Rising from the depths of sin and misery, God's people demonstrate to all the universe the marvels of the power of salvation.

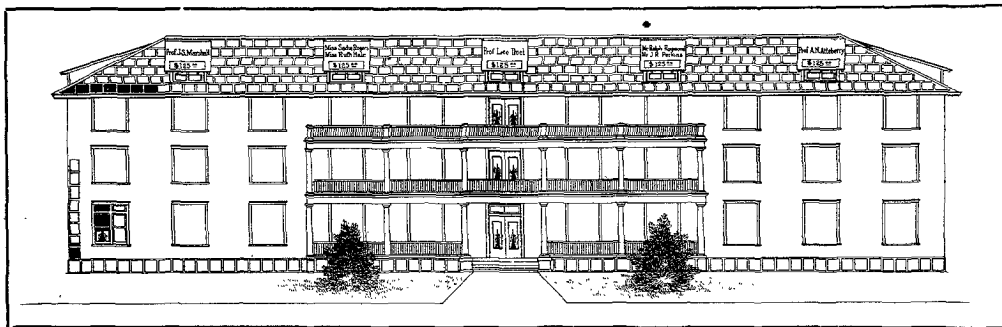
With millions waiting here in the South to hear the message,

selves, lift the soul to God in songs of thanksgiving." Testimonies, Vol. VII, p. 236, 237.

Isn't that wonderful? "The Lord is at the helm." Should we not rally then as never before? Could we have a better commander?

Eternity alone will reveal how God has gone ahead of us these past few months. Money is being turned loose that has been held for years. Individuals are coming forward with the spirit of ancient Israel. Willing hearts are reaching forward for the blessing that means an eternity of rich reward. Will Satan oppose the efforts of God's children as they strive to provide facilities for the speedy finishing of the work? Oh, yes! But, thank God, that makes the victory all the more complete. Notice in the reference just quoted, "You will have to meet a doubting, objecting spirit, but this will give way before firm, consistent trust in God. When perplexities or hindrances present themselves, lift the soul to God in songs of thanksgiving." Is that not an experience just like the conquering of Jericho or the victory of Gideon's band? The Lord is at the helm! Who is there throughout this great Southern field today who will believe this, and joining that glad throng will press on to victory by singing the songs of thanksgiving to God when perplexities or hindrances present themselves. As though this was too good to be true, the servant of the Lord adds this, "Remember that the Lord looks in compassion upon this field, and that he knows its poverty and its need. The efforts you are making will not prove a failure." Id., p. 237.

"Now brother, sister, you cannot afford to lose out now. We are too close to the end to consider anything else but doing the work God has for us to do. Says he, "Our churches in the South are to have a spiritual resurrection. A great and solemn work is before the members of every church. They are to come close to Christ in self-denial and self-sacrifice, their one aim being



PLEDGES

School Board	\$1250.00
Faculty and Students	2000.00
Mrs. Catherine D. Elford	200.00
S. E. Union	200.00
Total Pledges	\$3650.00

God is going before us and preparing hearts to sacrifice so that this truth can go with a power never seen before. Speaking of the confidence we should have in this work, the Lord says, through Sister White, "My brethren in the Southern field, I ask you, in the name of the Lord God of Israel, to quit you like men. The Lord is at the helm. He will give his servants grace and wisdom. It is God's purpose that men entrusted with responsibility should counsel and pray together in Christian unity. In unity there is a life, a power, that can be obtained in no other way. There will be a vast power in the church when the energies of the members are united under the control of the Spirit. Then will God be able to work mightily through his people for the conversion of sinners.

"God lives and reigns. He will open the way for the neglected Southern field to be cultivated for him. Let the workers there come up to the help of the Lord, and with joy proclaim his truth. The Lord is soon coming. Talk it, pray it, believe it. Make it a part of the life. You will have to meet a doubting, objecting spirit, but this will give way before firm, consistent trust in God. When perplexities or hindrances present them-

to give God's message of mercy to their fellow men." Id., p. 237. Let us come in self-denial and self-sacrifice to build up the institution here in Ooltewah, that the last message of mercy may be hastened. Then if true and faithful, we, with the worthies of Hebrews 11, will be able to recount the mercies of God throughout eternity.

During the past fortnight God has revealed himself in a wonderful way in the collecting of funds. Hearts are being touched and sacrifices are being made. One person said that though he knew nothing about the purpose of the meeting when he came, yet for two weeks he had been deeply impressed that he must sacrifice for the school.

Now is the time, brethren, to put your funds into an institution for the training of workers who will stand as God's sentinels during these days of stress. Let all of God's children remember this work at the family altar day after day. Remember, faith is the victory. An institution build by prayer, yes, and your prayers will help.

LYNN H. WOOD.

"The way to forget self is to remember others."