



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

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### What the Months Bring

January decks the trees  
In gems that sparkle bright,  
And when the north wind loudly blows  
They are a pleasing sight.

In February, if the sun  
Warms up the willow tree,  
Just putting on her furs of gray,  
Miss Pussy you may see.

March blusters in a noisy way  
To rouse the sleeping flowers;  
Then April smiles to coax them forth,  
And waters them with showers.

In May upon grass carpets green  
They dance the livelong day;  
In June upon each wayside bush  
Bright roses proudly sway.

July's the month when we depart  
To mountain and seashore.  
August is hot, and we are glad  
To stay till it is o'er.

September brings us back to school,  
With faces plump and brown.  
October decks the trees in red,  
And shakes the ripe nuts down.

When gray November comes, we know  
Thanksgiving's almost here.  
We welcome it, although its winds  
Are bleak and cold and drear.

And then our Christmas month's the one  
We always shall remember,  
The month of ice and frost and snow—  
Our dearly loved December.

—Helen M. Richardson, in *Zion's Herald*.

### Now

If I were to give you a motto to go through life with — one that would stand you for a warning and counsel in any straight in which you might find yourselves, I would give it in this one word, "NOW."

Don't waste your time, your strength, and your opportunities, by always meaning to do something — do it! Only weakness comes of indecision. Why, some people have so accustomed themselves to this way of dawdling along from one thing to another, that it really seems impossible for them to squarely make up their minds to anything. They never quite know what they mean to do next; their only pleasure seems to consist in putting things off as long as possible, and then dragging slowly through them, rather than begin anything else.

Don't live a single hour of your life without doing exactly what is to be done in it, and going straight through it from beginning to end. Work, play, study, whatever it is, take hold at once, and finish it up squarely and cleanly, and then do the next thing without letting any moments drop out between. It is wonderful to see how many hours these prompt people contrive to make of a day; it's as if they picked up the moments that the dawdlers lost. And if you ever find yourself where you have so many things pressing that you hardly know how to begin, let me tell you a secret: take hold of the very first one that comes to hand, and you will find the rest fall into file and follow after like a company of well drilled soldiers; and though work may be hard to meet when it charges in a squad, it is easily vanquished when brought into line. You may have seen the anecdote of the man who was asked how he accomplished so much in life. "My father taught me," was the reply, "when I had anything to do, to go and do it." There is the secret — the magic word "NOW."—*Selected*.

### Efficient Use of Time

The one priceless gift dealt out to all men equally and impartially is time. What comes without effort is liable to be squandered without thought. Time is so free that many are lavish in its expenditure. Does time hang so heavily on my hands that I feel the need of indulging in various *pastimes*? My neighbor cherishes those quarter hours spurned by me, and utilizes every moment to increase his efficiency as an artist, as a musician, as a writer, as a financier, or he uses it in the service of his fellow men.

Because, when his fellows a generation or so ago were "passing the time" in one or another diversion, "John D." treasured his moments and put them to good use, he now has possessions with which he could almost finance a war or pay off a national debt. Is he an exception? There are scores, hundreds, thousands, of men and women who are what they are as financiers, as statesmen, as musicians, as artists, as writers, as soul-savers, as workers for their fellow men, because in years gone by they treasured the spare moments.

Have you some great ambition, some dream of a worthy future which you crave, but which seems entirely beyond your capacity? Is there in your heart a longing to do something or to be something worth while, something that appears to be beyond the possibility of attainment? That longing, let me suggest to you, is a prophecy of your future, provided you give up day-dreaming, and make faithful use of your spare time in the accomplishment of your purpose.

This is true even when the purpose is entirely selfish and unworthy. It is more true when the purpose is, under God, to accomplish a large work in the salvation of souls. I would not dare to place a limit on what an awakened soul, by prayer and the careful utilization of his time, might accomplish.

Does this seem an exaggeration? Its proof is in the fact that those who stand in the forefront, who are doing the things worth while, who are the accepted leaders in various activities, are precisely those who, ten, fifteen, or twenty years ago, were plodding in comparative obscurity, working eight or ten hours a day for a moderate wage, but utilizing that spare five minutes while waiting for dinner, that half hour while riding in the trolley, that other odd morsel of time which otherwise might go to gossip or be lost in day-dreaming. It is remarkable how much can be accomplished by the utilization of odd moments. A language has been mastered by the diligent improvement of five minutes a day.

But there must be a purpose and a plan. Hit-or-miss effort — reading a little here, skimming a little there, “browsing” around libraries, looking over a multitude of books and mastering none — accomplishes nothing. There is no surer way than this to deceive oneself. One may appear to be hard at work poring over a book, while the mind is wool-gathering with every conceivable fancy. Many a voracious reader drinks in books and magazines by the score, to have all the mental impressions disappear, as footprints on the beach are effaced by the incoming wave.

To get value from his time, one must have a definite aim, and must plan to use his spare time to the furtherance of that aim. This does not mean that one should neglect recreation, relaxation, physical exercise, and the like. To make the most of self, one should devote some time (daily if possible) to each of these activities. Perhaps the reader wonders in dismay when he can find time to devote to Bible study, to relaxation, recreation, physical exercise, the toilet, meals, sleep, etc., and leave any time for home duties and self-improvement. The reply is that some of the busiest people, whose regular occupations would seem sufficient to keep two or three persons busy, have time for the several activities mentioned. And it is the variety afforded by these diverse activities that prevents staling on the job.

But in order to be assured of sufficient time for each proposed activity, it is necessary to plan the day or the week beforehand, assigning to each five minute period, say, its duty. In order to do this intelligently and profitably, one must know exactly how much time is required for each operation. For instance, one may by experience assign, say thirty minutes, to the toilet, bathing, dressing, etc. Later, by studying methods and eliminating unnecessary movements, he may succeed in reducing the operation to twenty minutes. This, then, should be the standard time allowed for toilet in making out his daily schedule. Whether it be the furnace fire or garden work, or getting breakfast, or washing dishes, or some other task, the time necessary to do it right, *and no more*, should be assigned.

If one thus schedules his time, allowing only sufficient to perform each duty well, he will find that after allowing for all his present duties he still has some unoccupied time which can be used in self-improvement. No one who has not been planning his time methodically can adopt the method without effecting a saving.

As one thus systematizes his time, he becomes aware that he has time to spare that under his former practise would have been wasted. The new method has practically created, so far as the individual is concerned, some time that otherwise would not have existed. The manner in which this time, thus rescued from total loss, is utilized, will determine largely the future of the individual — whether he will continue to be a plodder working in a rut, or a growing individual, achieving day by day his purpose in life. —G. H. Heald, M. D., in *Life and Health*.

“Let us have the assurance of His personal presence as we visit others.”

## Southern Union Conference Young People's Missionary Volunteer Goals and Results

Those who read the WORKER last year will remember seeing the report of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer goals for each local conference and the union. These goals are set as our portion according to membership of the North American Division goal for the young people for the year 1916.

We know that the young people in this union will now be anxious to know the result of our work last year. It ought to be an encouragement to us for this year's goal to know that the greater part of this work was done in the last quarter of the year, and that as a whole the union reached its goal in every line. Let us determine that at the close of 1917 our local conferences shall also come out even, at least, on every point. Most of the money for missions was raised by the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Four hundred and twenty-eight finished reading the Bible through in 1916, and each one has been sent a William Miller Bible card, and a ribbon bookmark, on which is printed the 1916 goal and results for each conference.

The following report shows by conferences the goals and results for the year 1916:

ALABAMA		Goal	Results
Standard of Attainment Certificates .....	12		9
Young People Converted .....	24		38
Bible Year Completed .....	24		76
Reading Course Certificates .....	36		36
Money for Missions .....	\$286.00		\$260.00

KENTUCKY			
Standard of Attainment Certificates .....	5		8
Young People Converted .....	10		30
Bible Year Completed .....	10		163
Reading Course Certificates .....	15		19
Money for Missions .....	\$173.00		\$236.40

LOUISIANA			
Standard of Attainment Certificates .....	5		5
Young People Converted .....	10		19
Bible Year Completed .....	10		25
Reading Course Certificates .....	15		3
Money for Missions .....	\$192.00		\$283.72

MISSISSIPPI			
Standard of Attainment Certificates .....	2		2
Young People Converted .....	4		13
Bible Year Completed .....	4		28
Reading Course Certificates .....	6		6
Money for Missions .....	\$46.00		\$124.42

TENNESSEE RIVER			
Standard of Attainment Certificates .....	12		12
Young people Converted .....	24		28
Bible Year Completed .....	24		136
Reading Course Certificates .....	36		47
Money for Missions .....	\$400.00		\$582.81

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE			
Standard of Attainment Certificates .....	36		36
Young People Converted .....	72		128
Bible Year Completed .....	72		428
Reading Course Certificates .....	108		111
Money for Missions .....	\$1097.00		\$1487.35

“The real force of a man's character must be measured by its weakest place.”

## Mississippi Conference

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### "Local Church Is Prosperous"

We know that our people in the Southland will be pleased to hear of the work of Elder C. S. Wiest, former president of the Mississippi Conference, since leaving this field. Under the above head, the following recently appeared in a Battle Creek daily. Since this report, Elder Wiest has been called to the presidency of the South Wisconsin Conference.

#### REPORT FOR PAST YEAR SHOWS ADVENTIST TABERNACLE HAS MADE NOTABLE GAINS

Report on the progress and growth of the membership and church work of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Battle Creek has just been completed by Elder C. S. Wiest, of the Tabernacle. The report which is for the year 1916 has been sent to members of the Lake Union Conference and indicates that the church is advancing very encouragingly along different lines.

"In our financial statement for 1916, there are a few items that may be of interest to those not intimately connected with our church here," says Elder Wiest in his report.

"The tithe paid by the church amounted to \$16,439.69. This is an increase of \$2,000 over the year 1915. We were glad also to reach our full quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund, with a surplus of \$442.34. The Sabbath school has taken an active interest in raising our quota for missions. During the year 1915, this auxilliary of the church raised the round sum of \$1,600; the year 1916 it raised the grand sum of \$2,606, a gain of \$1,006. The money raised by the church for all purposes during the year 1916 amounts to \$29,443.45.

"During the year sixty persons were added to the church by letter, vote, and baptism.

"Sabbath, January 27, was a good day for the Battle Creek church. On this day fifteen souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Then on February 10, seven more followed in this same ordinance. On this day twenty-two persons were admitted into the church by the right hand of fellowship. We are indeed pleased by the awakened interest and that souls are seeking the true way. Since the beginning of the new year thirty-six individuals have been taken into the church by letter, vote, and baptism.

"On Tuesday nights we are holding a Bible class with an attendance of from fifty to eighty persons. In these studies we take up the doctrinal points of the message. By this we hope to develop Bible readers and establish all more thoroughly in the faith."

### News Items

A very interesting letter was received last week from Sister McLeod. She stated that two souls have accepted the truth through her efforts. She also enclosed in this letter a bank draft for \$550, of which \$540.50 was tithe.

Susie Beasley is now located at Clarksdale with Annie Watts and Rosa Willis. They expect to put out a great number of our books this year.

Brother Walter Edmonds arrived in Jackson Monday, the

nineteenth, on his way to join our army of colporteurs. It is not definitely decided yet just where he will locate.

Sister Ben Morgan, of Bogue Chitto, sent in a check a few days ago of \$150.25 for tithe. She is contemplating entering the canvassing work soon.

The measles have been making a raid in the Jackson church school. Several of the pupils have been unable to attend school.

A letter from Brother G. Z. Clark, ordering two "Bible Readings," was received a few days ago. He stated that he sold one "Bible Readings" before breakfast one morning.

Brother Buhalts spent Sabbath, the seventeenth, at Hattiesburg, visiting both the white and the colored church. On his way down he visited Brother Rowland's family at Collins, and also Brother Speed's at Seminary. He returned for the services Sunday night at Jackson.

## Kentucky Conference

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### The Lexington Institute

At the appointed time for the institute to begin there was a good number present. The first meeting was a social service. It was encouraging to hear the faithful canvassers tell of their experiences in the field and how God had blessed them as they went from door to door. From the first to the last meeting the Spirit of God was present in a marked way.

As we studied how God could use us with more power in finishing the work, the Holy Spirit convicted us of sins that must be gotten rid of, and as confessions were made the Lord came very near to each one present and gave us a clearer view of what we as workers must be in order to carry this message to others. If our people throughout the conference only could have been present to enjoy the blessings that were showered upon that little company of workers, I am sure many who today are doing almost nothing in the cause of God would have been inspired to go and do work to save their neighbors and friends.

It was the opinion of all present that this meeting was the best ever held in our conference. From the beginning of the meeting the Lord took hold of hearts and there was a deep sense of the responsibility that rests upon us as a people to live so that the Holy Spirit can be poured out. All lightness was banished from our midst, and as the days went by showers of blessings fell upon each of the workers.

The last Sabbath will long be remembered by all who were present, as the Lord came very near us and gave clear evidence that he had called us to a holy work. During the meeting four persons were baptized; another young man gave his heart fully to God and expects to enter the work in a few weeks.

As the workers went to the different parts of the State to carry the printed page, it was with hearts full of love and courage, knowing that God would go before them; and I am persuaded to believe that this will be the best year in the history of our work. I am sure it should be, for we are nearing the end of time and it behooves us to go quickly and finish the work of God.

The work that Brother M. W. Shidler, the union field secretary, did was appreciated by all. His instruction along the line of faith and courage was excellent. Brother Hickman, our field secretary, did good work helping the workers to choose the books they should handle and also gave good public in-

struction. Brother Williams was present to get in closer touch with each worker and to give instruction along the line of finance.

We are sure that drops of the latter rain fell upon us as we were together, and now what God has done for us while at this institute he is willing to do for each one out in the field, so let us all put in full time; then we can soon shout the shout of victory and the work will be done. Then we can be present at the great meeting of God, when all the workers will come from every land and sing the song of triumph.

B. W. BROWN.

### Obituary

**TERRELL.**—Ann M. Logan was born Sept. 17, 1829, in Pleasure Ridge, Ky., and died at her home near Louisville, Mar. 11, 1917. She was married to Henry M. Terrell, and to them three children were born. She united with the Methodist church about thirty years ago, and in 1902 became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Louisville. She died at the age of eighty-seven years five months and twenty-two days, with the hope of a part in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

CHAS. E. ALLEN.

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### Among the Churches

March 2 we left Birmingham for Montgomery. Although the weather was threatening we had a good meeting that night. A sister from New York City who was visiting relatives in Montgomery was present, also a superannuated Methodist minister. Next day, Sabbath, was a rainy day, but the same minister was again present and seemed well pleased with the services. So many have moved away from Montgomery and others live so far away that not many are left to attend the regular services. Brother Dennis is doing well in holding the church together. He is also faithful in tithes and offerings. They expect to raise their twenty-cent-a-week fund. We ask those who live at a distance to do their part and send Brother Dennis \$2.60 for missions by March 31.

Sunday we left Montgomery for Ashford. There was much rain all the way, and the next train after ours, a freight, was wrecked and blocked the road for nearly a day. At Ashford we held two meetings and had some good visits with the people. Brother Smith, the elder, had presented to the church the possibility of their raising their part of the twenty-cent-a-week fund, and the church promised if their elder would raise a certain amount, they would raise the remainder. This is good, and we will look for them to do it. Plans are laid for the church to do much more aggressive missionary work. We hope each one will "win one" for the Master this year.

Wednesday we came to Dothan. We were made sad upon our arrival here to see a cab take Sister Morris to the infirmary for an operation. We arrived at the home just in time to have prayer before she was taken away. We trust the operation will be successful.

We spoke at the colored church that night to a well filled house. Brother Blackwood says they are now raising their fifteen cents a week, this is, those who are still there. This church has a membership of twenty-five, twelve of whom have

gone North or elsewhere, leaving them but thirteen members. The addition of three new members this year gives them a present membership of sixteen. Brother Blackwood says they are expecting four or five more additions in the near future. Sister Blackwood is teaching the school there and has fifty-six scholars. I was glad to be privileged to pay the school a short visit.

A. L. MILLER.

### News Items

This word comes from Elder J. F. Wright, "Last Sabbath, March 10, we spent with the Missionary Volunteer society at Borden Springs, Ala., at which time the society was reorganized and eight new members added. Some time was spent in talking over the work for the year, and plans were laid for the raising of their part of the \$350 for missions, which is the amount to be raised in our conference this year. The members seem to be quite enthusiastic. Some are making articles to sell, others will plant missionary gardens, so we look to this society for good results. We ask that you remember these dear young people in your prayers, that the Lord will bless their efforts."

Our educational secretary is pleased to report that the school work in the conference and mission is progressing nicely, and that the pupils in most cases seem to be doing good work. We are sorry, however, to report that the school at Elkwood has had to close. We hope that a good school will be carried on there another year.

### To Our Missionary Volunteers. Special Notice

In a few days from this, it will be time to gather in the reports of work done during the quarter. We trust that each one of the young people will be prompt and faithful in reporting all work performed, and that these reports will be in the hands of your secretary by the last Sabbath in this quarter, so that he can send us his quarterly report on time. We shall appreciate your kindness in this matter very much.

J. F. WRIGHT, Y. P. M. V. Secretary.

### Y. P. M. V. Charts

We would like to mention again the large chart which has been prepared for our societies, so that they can check up the work done each week during the quarter, and thus keep before our young people what is being done. Some societies have supplied themselves with this chart. If yours has not, kindly arrange to send in your order to the tract society as soon as possible, so that you will have it to start with this next quarter. The price is only ten cents.

### Words of Encouragement from Pensacola

My Dear Fellow-workers:

I am sure we have all returned to our fields of labor much refreshed and greatly strengthened through the efforts put forth at the institute held at Borden Springs. It can truly be said of the institute that the Spirit of God came into the meetings from the very start and reigned supreme through all the meetings. Many hearts were touched, and all came away feeling a greater burden for the work to be done at this time.

As the conditions which are to be met require the very best that is in us, the need of a double portion of the Spirit of God and a deeper consecration is obvious. I believe that the Lord has been blessing the colporteurs in a special way since the institute.

Having been working in Pensacola for the last three months, I have had occasion to see the working-of the Holy Spirit in many ways. I got into conversation with an engineer the other day while canvassing near his home. It was with a little difficulty that I secured his interest, but knowing it would be fatal to my

object to mention "book" on the start, I simply appeared as one in ordinary circumstances as we talked over the railroad strike, international conditions, etc. As his views were quite in harmony with mine along these lines, I soon learned just what to present to him from the prospectus. After we had talked the best part of an hour I began to show him how God's Word plainly foretells the very conditions existing in the world today and how necessary a knowledge of the prophecies is concerning these things. He seemed much interested, and after the canvass was given asked me to show the book to his sister, and if she liked it too, he would order one. This I did with the same result, so he gave me an order for the \$5.50 binding, assuring me I would have no difficulty in delivering the same.

The above incident has impressed several of his neighbors who marveled at the thought of this man (who does not profess any religion) buying a religious book. They say it must be a good one.

Another time in which it seemed as though I could almost feel the presence of heavenly helpers was at a home on the east side of the city. Being met at the door by a fair maiden of about eighteen who cordially invited me in, I entered the parlor, where to my surprise were seated a number of women from different parts of the neighborhood. One of them was playing the piano. After introducing me around, the young lady immediately mentioned my being engaged in a line of Christian work. This of course started the questions coming my way, which I quickly overcame by taking the situation in charge. Until then I was a little nervous, but now I remembered the promise of heavenly assistance. This strengthened me, so I briefly explained the object of my call, for there was no possible way of excusing myself out of it for a future call.

After arranging the chairs a little, I stood up before them all, and gave an exposition of "Bible Readings." An interest was easily secured, but questions were wedged in from every side. Seeing I had a very suspicious audience, I determined to answer truthfully and frankly. Some wanted to know if it was a Russell book, while others thought it was all right. Finally the fatal question was asked, "What church are you a member of?" I replied that I was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. "Well, we don't want any Advent books in this house," said the lady at the piano. "Don't you know that Christ nailed the old Sabbath on the cross." If you knew what I am you would be glad to get away from here. I belong to the — church." (Much laughter followed.)

Seeing that a spirit of self-conceit had seized the speaker, I simply stated that I had not come in for the purpose of any argument or discussion of doctrinal subjects. But the lady continued with a number of remarks quite ill-suited to the occasion. I made it plain to all that I was not an impostor, and that the book that I was handling was a reliable course of studies on the Bible, highly endorsed by some of the leading men of this country. Seeing that I could not secure any order then, I thanked them for their time and attention, and assuring them all that to present Christ was the object of my work and that I had not time to consider prejudice, nor was it my business to assail other churches, I left.

Did I fail? No. A few moments after I left a couple of the young ladies came running to the next house where I was giving a canvass. Entering the room, one of them began to express how she regretted what had happened, and then said, "We all could plainly see that you were a gentleman, for you acted one."

Oh that we could command the respect of the world regardless of accusations hurled against us!

Let us work with rejoicing, not fearing what men shall do unto us nor what we shall say, for the promise is ours, "I will be with thy mouth and teach thee what thou shalt say."

J. E. FOLEY.

## Tennessee River Conference

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### The 1917 Bible Year

Last year one hundred thirty-nine persons in the Tennessee River Conference read the Bible through. When we consider the time in which we are living, is it too much to read it through every year? The experiences through which we must soon pass will make it imperative for us to know our Guide Book.

If you are reading your Bible through this year and your name has not been given in by your church elder, or if you are isolated, please send your name to me at 1547 Trimble St., Paducah, Ky., and I will enter it on the list of those who are taking the 1917 Bible Year, and will also send you one of those daily assignment leaflets.

MRS. I. C. POUND.

### Work for the Jews

I have been working with the Yiddish magazine among the Jews, and am greatly encouraged with the success I have had. Nearly every Jew who reads Yiddish will buy the magazine if canvassed, and seems glad to get it. I also take some Hebrew tracts and give to those who cannot read Yiddish. I have also had good success selling "World's Crisis." I am crippled and cannot walk very far at one time, but for the time I have put in my success has been wonderful to me. To the Lord I give all the praise.

MRS. JULIA BRADLEY.

### News Items

Brother E. R. Allen, secretary of the Kansas Tract Society, made the office a very pleasant visit last week. He reports a good work being done in his field, and says that he and his assistants are kept busy with the orders. Brother Allen is on his vacation trip.

Brother H. Halverson, of Portland, Tenn., was in Nashville a few days this week on business. Brother G. B. Woodall, of Fountain Head, is also in Nashville for a few days.

Mr. Barnes Broiles, a former student at Ooltewah, has decided to take up the canvassing work, and is now in Robertson County engaged in selling the good book "Bible Readings."

Mr. Ernest Templeton, one of our student colporteurs, will take up the canvassing work about the first week in April. He will probably go to one of the Kentucky counties belonging to this conference.

Brother W. D. Wade visited Brother Tripp a few days and assisted him in his work. From there he went to the institute at Memphis. A telegram was received from Memphis calling for twelve prospectuses to be used by the workers from the two churches there who have decided to engage in the colporteur work.

Brother J. N. Womack, one of our former workers, is again in the field, and writes that he is meeting with good success. He is located in Belford County, making his headquarters at Shelbyville, Tenn.

Brother W. A. Gilbert, elder of the Cedar Grove church, reports that the work there is making good progress and that the attendance at the services is improving. Brother Gilbert came to our conference last summer from Iowa and has been doing good work in connection with the Cedar Grove church.

The missionary meeting which has been held each Sabbath in the Northside church in this city has been largely attended,

and the interest increases each Sabbath. Last Sabbath nine bands were organized to distribute the *Present Truth* series. An order for 1,000 was placed with the tract society, and Sunday morning the members of these bands went out and in a very short time distributed the papers. All report having enjoyed the experience and being desirous of continuing in the good work. Judging from the number of orders for the *Present Truth* series, and for the small books, the home missionary spirit is spreading in our field.

## Louisiana Conference

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### News Items

Since closing the series of meetings recently held at Perkins, the interest has been such that Elder Frank has returned to continue his work there a while longer.

M. B. Wilson of Ringgold, La., who has again entered the colporteur work, writes, "I thank the Lord that he has helped me to begin, and I feel the sweet peace and satisfaction that goes with the Lord's work. In considering the times in which we now live it makes me anxious to see Monday morning come so I can go out again."

An order for a prospectus for "Bible Readings" to be sent to A. B. Cheek at Randolph (his headquarters when canvassing) indicates that we can very soon add another name to our list of faithful colporteurs. Brother Cheek's health has not been the best during the winter, but he is determined to do all he possibly can for the Master.

Elder Sanders spent Sabbath and Sunday at Hammond. The members there are putting forth every effort possible to raise their twenty cents a week for this quarter, and they say they will meet it too. We hope that this spirit will spread over the entire conference.

While at Hammond Elder Sanders visited some of the isolated ones and secured some subscriptions for the SOUTHERN UNION Worker.

Brother A. R. Bell and Sister Lucy McDonald are working in Hammond for the colored people. Brother Bell reports an interest, and expects to see a few take their stand for the truth. By invitation he spoke Sabbath evening to a large audience in the colored Methodist church. Sister McDonald has secured some Bible readers and expects soon to have more.

Elder C. G. Manns is continuing his meetings and reports a good interest. Some have already begun to keep the Sabbath.

A letter just received from Brother Boswell tells of his good success. Last week he took \$100 worth of orders for "Bible Readings," and Brother Ben Wilson, who was canvassing with him, secured \$98 worth. Brother Schmehl, now at Minden, reports fairly good success in his work, with many rich experiences. He has succeeded in delivering a number of "Bible Readings" to Catholics.

### Missionary Volunteer Trees

The winter freeze in Louisiana did not injure one kind of tree—the Junior Missionary Volunteer money tree. Each tree will hold just ten dimes.

The children at Shreveport are very successful in getting their trees to yield a complete crop. At last report, Horton McLennan, Jewell Mann, Rubie Roach, and Katie Sevier had

their crop ready to turn in to the church treasurer. Others by this time have completed the work, and their names will appear later. The youngest member of these workers is Walter McLennan, aged four years, who is very enthusiastic to see his tree loaded. This fruit looks very tempting when you think what it means to those who shall receive the bread of life from its production and of the spirit that is instilled in the hearts of the youth in training them to think of others. Let the readers of these lines remember the children and youth in their prayers, and as opportunity affords try to encourage our boys and girls to work for others.

MRS. C. N. SANDERS.

### Report of Funds Received from the Churches for January and February

Church	CONFERENCE		
	Tithe	20c-a-Wk.	Other Fd.
Alexandria .....	\$ 9.86	\$ 2.45	\$
Arcadia .....			
Conference church .....	67.61	14.83	1.00
Hammond .....	30.56	15.66	2.25
Hobart .....	21.50		
Lake Arthur .....	20.90	3.26	
Lake Charles .....	31.91	4.28	
Lena Station .....	11.25	2.04	
Mansfield company .....	32.21	5.84	
New Orleans .....	241.96	73.03	15.76
Ringgold .....		2.00	
Shreveport .....	138.30	41.64	1.05
Sugartown .....	12.26	7.57	.90
Welsh .....	206.06	2.98	.45

MISSION			
Mission church .....	\$	\$	\$ 1.01
New Orleans .....	110.28	32.21	1.65
Newellton .....			
Shreveport .....	43.35	14.06	3.25
Received late .....	130.74	40.41	1.25

These last figures represent remittances for February which were received too late to be included in the February report. The churches will receive credit for the same in the March report.

The amount credited to the conference church is for its entire membership, including those residing in Mansfield, whose record is given separately also.

### Atlanta Dairy Farm for Sale at a Bargain

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

EVERY DOLLAR GOES TO THE SCHOOL.

THE MONEY IS NEEDED NOW.

Write the Southeastern Union Conference, 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga., for particulars.

W. H. BRANSON.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

## Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending March 17, 1917

### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
U Bracy . . . . .BS	29	3	\$ 2 25	\$ 70	\$ 2 95	\$42 75
R L Etheredge .BF	27	13	26 00		26 00	
D A Fisher . . .PG	2	3	12 50		12 50	
J E Foley . . . .BR	27	17	65 50	35	65 85	3 50
H W Jones . . .HM	49	18	45 00		45 00	
F M Reiber . . .BR	46	12	46 00	3 50	49 50	
N A Reiber . . .HM	32	10	30 00	1 40	31 40	
Q Tew . . . . .HM	32	14	39 00	1 05	40 05	
C A Stewart . .D&R	16	15	55 50	1 90	57 40	
Bibles . . . . .			2 40		2 40	

Totals (Agts. 9). 260 105 \$324 15 \$8 90 \$333 05 \$46 25

### MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Emily Billups .HM, PG	36	17	\$52 50	\$ 2 15	\$54 65	\$
Susie Beasley . .HM	35	19	31 00	4 55	35 55	
Hattie Jacob . .HM	33	73	187 00	2 45	189 45	
A A Johnson . .PPF	35	15	37 50	3 55	41 05	11 50
Mattie Lee . . .HM	15	5	16 00	1 25	17 25	
L J McElroy . .D&R	36	17	57 50	3 25	60 75	3 50
E B Stowall . .PPF	36	18	39 00	4 75	43 75	
Virgil Smith . .BR	33	22	78 00	9 20	87 20	
E A Taylor . . .GC	34	17	59 50	5 40	64 90	
Annie Watts . .HM	38	33	77 50	8 20	85 70	

Totals (Agts. 10) 331 236 \$635 50 \$44 75 \$780 25 \$15 00

### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE\*

W J Keele . . .D&R	57	16	\$62 00	\$9 00	\$71 00	\$12 00
R H Hazelton . .BR	56	25	90 00	3 70	93 70	
Mrs. Philpott . .BF	27	8	12 00	3 85	15 85	
J N Womack . .BF	69	34	59 50	8 25	67 75	
Barnes Broiles .BR	11	5	17 50	95	18 45	

Totals (Agts. 5). 220 88 \$241 00 \$25 75 \$266 75 \$12 00

### KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

B E Wagner . . .BR	25	15	\$52 50	\$ 4 50	\$57 00	\$
A Schroeder . . .BR	47	1	3 50	5 25	8 75	216 00
C Keith . . . . .CK	34	28	48 50		48 50	22 00
F L Harrison . .BR	39	25	91 50	1 00	92 50	
Mrs F Page . . .CK	25	7	13 50		13 50	
Lee Page . . . .CK	25	21	41 50	70	42 20	
D E Lindsey . . .SB	30	61	15 25		15 25	
Bibles . . . . .			4 50		4 50	6 00

Totals (Agts. 7). 225 158 \$270 75 \$11 45 \$282 20 \$244 00

### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

F W Schmehl . .BR	18	7	\$24 50		\$24 50	\$
M S Hubbell . .BR	39	27	102 50		102 50	
M B Wilson . . .BR	40	27	98 50		98 50	
T S Sligh . . . .BR	26	8	30 00		30 00	12 50
G B Boswell . .BF	40	28	100 00		100 00	

Totals (Agts. 5). 163 97 \$353 50 \$355 50 \$12 50

G'd Totals (A. 36) 1199 684 \$1826 90 \$90 85 \$1917 75 \$329 75

### Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference .	1348	\$1186 45	\$125 40	\$1311 85
Kentucky Conference .	1760	2318 95	78 00	2396 95
Louisiana Conference .	536	891 50	28 45	919 95
Mississippi Conference .	1638	2555 85	186 10	2742 95
Tenn. River Conference	640	685 55	53 40	738 95

Totals . . . . . 5922 \$7638 30 \$471 35 \$8109 65

### Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending March 17, 1917

Agent	No.	Value
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE		
Mae Keele . . . . .	30	\$3 00
Mrs. Gerald Tripp . . . . .	46	4 60
Totals . . . . .	76	\$7 60

### Report of the Fireside Correspondence School for the Year 1916

Year	New Students Enrolled	Subjects Completed	Lessons Cor'd	Cash Receipts	Cash Expenditures	Gain
1910	175	3	no rec.	\$1860.10	\$2124.76	\$
1911	162	24	no rec.	2149.29	2688.79	
1912	125	34	no rec.	1668.27	1852.86	
1913	229	46	no rec.	1896.80	2141.18	
1914	214	52	3475	1380.54	2476.98	628.53
1915	208	66	4207	2057.45	2030.82	26.63
1916	318	86	5381	3784.19	3022.46	761.73
Totals	1431	311	13063	\$14796.64	\$16337.85	\$1416.89

### NOTES OF EXPLANATION

1. The item \$628.53 in the gains column is the total gain for the first five years, taking into consideration the inventory of lessons and other stock on hand. The gain of \$26.63 is also based on receipts, expenses, and inventory. But the last item in the gains column, \$761.73, is simply the excess of receipts over expenditures for the year 1916, the auditor's report, embracing inventories, not having been given when the above report was prepared. Judging from the figures for the other years, the gain for 1916 ought to be the greatest of any year. The other items, also, show 1916 to have been the banner year

in the history of the school, having an increase of fully one-third on all the items over any other year.

2. Some of the subjects in which the largest number of lessons have been corrected in 1916 are Bible Doctrines, 977; Old Testament History, 518; Academic Rhetoric, 480; Literature, 351; English Grammar, 239; Algebra, 233; Church History, 220; New Testament History, 216; and New Testament Greek, 212. The total number of subjects now offered is 47.

For descriptive booklet write to the Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

### A Handy Help

Have you one of those little five-cent maps showing the route of Paul's three missionary journeys and his trip to Rome? It is only six by four inches in size, but it is plain. You can carry it in your Bible, open the Book to the verse you are studying, and consult your map without losing the place. Every teacher and every pupil needs one. Suppose you order for yourself and your pupils. Hundreds have done so; why not you?

"Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for his children."

\* Two weeks.



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## News Items

Elder S. E. Wight and family arrived in Nashville Friday from their trip to Michigan, where they went to attend the funeral of Mr. John Hayes, Mrs. Wight's brother. Elder Wight visited Grand Rapids and Berrien Springs also while there, and they made two or three calls on their way home.

Mr. M. W. Shidler has just finished a colporteurs' institute in Memphis, and is now holding one at the Oakwood School, Huntsville, Ala. He reports some very interesting and profitable meetings.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood, as all will notice from the articles appearing in the WORKER, is spending his time in the interest of the new dormitory of the Southern Junior College, which is to be dedicated in time for school next September. For the past week he has been visiting the churches in Georgia, making Atlanta his headquarters. The Lord has greatly blessed in his work, and we know all are interested in the reports of the progress that is attending his efforts. Let us lift too.

Brother A. F. Harrison, the field missionary secretary of the Southwestern Union, stopped in Nashville two days last week on his way to the meeting at Huntsville.

Brother G. H. Curtis arrived in Nashville Friday afternoon after spending a week with the treasurer of the Kentucky Conference auditing the books of the different departments.

In the *Review* of February 15 the first announcement of the *Present Truth* War Special was made. By March 9 the Special had been prepared, printed, and 200,000 copies had been ordered and mailed—22 days' work, 9,000 copies per day, including three Sabbath days. The orders are still coming in large numbers.

The War Special strikes the keynote of the present world crisis in such a concise, forceful way, it is not only read, but judging from many reports, it leaves a deep impression; and besides, it is so cheap in price that all can afford to use it in large numbers.

## Just as Sister White Said

Tamaqua, Pa., Feb. 6, 1917.

Gentlemen:

In 1913 I purchased a magazine from a party traveling through here, entitled *Signs of the Times*, September, 1913, issue, which I laid away at the time, not knowing what valuable reading it contained. Last Sunday, when I was somewhat short of reading, I discovered this magazine, read it, and found it to be most interesting. Can you furnish me with the October, November, and December issues? Kindly let me know promptly and oblige,

(Signed)

In "Manual for Canvassers" is this statement of Sister White's:

"It is true that some who buy the books will lay them on the shelf or place them on the parlor table, and seldom look at them. Still God has a care for his truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read."

# Southern Junior College

## News Notes from Collegedale

Mrs. C. L. Belue, mother, and daughter arrived the first of the week from Spartanburg, S. C. They are located in a little cottage just south of the farm, which the school has rented from one of the neighbors. Mr. Belue has entered the school and is working on the ministerial course.

Accommodations are very limited at the Southern Junior College. The girls are rooming four and five in a small room, and the boys are crowded in the dormitory. When all are present at the Sabbath meetings in taxes our small chapel to provide seats for every one.

Miss Violette Howard left the last of last week for her home in La Grange, N. C.

A car of lumber was unloaded last Wednesday for our new store building. Work is being pushed on this building just as rapidly as possible, and we expect to see it completed by the end of next week. Mr. Gorich is superintending the building, and things are moving along rapidly.

We find it necessary to call attention to our correspondents that Collegedale is not a post office. We have received several letters lately that were addressed to the school at Collegedale, Tenn. Some of these were returned from Chattanooga to the writer. All mail for the Southern Junior College should be addressed to Ooltewah, Tenn.

Mr. B. H. Broiles recently dropped school work and went to the canvassing field. At present he is located at Springfield, Tenn. He reports a good field and expects to be successful in earning a scholarship for next year.

Miss Ethel Mae Van Voorhis, of Graysville, Tenn., visited friends at the Southern Junior College over Sabbath and Sunday.

Last Saturday night our first musical recital was given in the chapel. Professor Adams and his pupils gave themselves much credit in the presentation of an interesting program. Piano solos and selections by the double quartet and the chorus were greatly appreciated by a large audience. We were glad to have a large number of visitors from Ooltewah, Apison, and other parts of James County. Every seat in our small chapel was taken, and every chair that could be crowded in anywhere was occupied. Some of the selections that were especially worthy of notice were: "Nocturne," by Lettie Harrold; "Longings for Home," by Addie Curtis; and piano duets by Professor Adams and Miss Harrold, Clarence Field and Miss Hardin, and Mr. Field and Miss Curtis. A cornet solo by Glenn Curtis was especially enjoyed. One of the most pleasing numbers on the program was a selection by the double mixed quartet, "Come Where the Lillies Bloom." The chorus sang two selections, "The heavens Resound" and "Evening Blessing." "On the whole, it was a very pleasing program and one that did credit to the music department of the Southern Junior College.

## Wanted for Missionary Work

For distribution among needy poor by our Christian Help Band, any clothing of all sizes and for both sexes will be greatly appreciated. Mrs. Eva Robie, leader. Send to Elder W. P. McLennan, 2756 Virginia Ave., Shreveport, La. Any literature will also be gratefully accepted.

The Sabbath is the golden clasp which binds together the volume of the week.—*Longfellow*.

# A date to be remembered--May 14-26