

SOUTHERN UNION WORKER

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

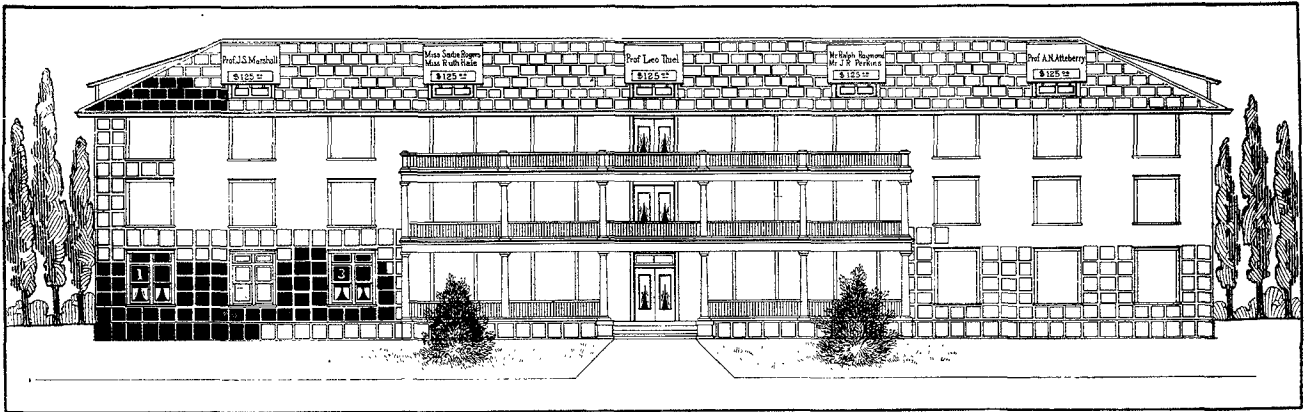
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Free set of "Testimonies," or "The Captivity and Restoration of Israel." Particulars in the next issue of this paper.

Twenty Thousand Dollars in Twenty Weeks to Build Girls' Dormitory at Southern Junior College, Ooltewah, Tennessee



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Each outlined square represents \$25 pledged.
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Each window represents \$200 pledged.

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3. Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Curtis

RESULTS MARCH 28, 1917

	Pledged	Paid
School Board	\$1250.00	\$200.00
Faculty and Students	2000.00	90.00
Windows	600.00	400.00
Southeastern Union	1016.50	183.50
Southeastern Union (Cond.)	1000.00	
Southern Union	2500.00	1000.00
Totals	\$8366.50	\$1873.50

The Consecration of the Hour

With the United States on the brink of war, with the nations of the earth enraged and tearing at each other's throats with the ferocity of beasts, hearts are failing for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the world. Speaking of this time, the spirit of prophecy says:

"At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out." "Early Writings," pp. 85, 86.

Surely God is setting his hand to prepare institutions where this training of the saints can be accomplished. Especially here in the South is this to be accomplished. But because God is going to do a great work, let not any member of the church

feel he is excused from the complete and absolute consecration that is needed today. God is providing the institutions, but our young men and women must furnish the consecrated lives to be used of God in the finishing of the work. God was ready years ago and is now waiting for his people to open the doors of their hearts and bid him in as a welcome guest. Money will accomplish nothing without the consecrated lives back of this means. But if this people will rise up in faith to do their allotted task, nothing in all this world can hinder the flow of means into the treasury. There will be many an interesting story told in eternity of the connection between consecration and the pouring of money into the work, and with sorrow we will see where a lack of consecration has definitely hindered the Lord from sending the message at the most opportune time. Notice what he says:

"Unless your hearts are touched in view of the situation in foreign fields, the last message of mercy to the world will be

restricted, and the work which God desires to have done will be left unaccomplished." Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 446.

This consecration must be started in the hearts of the leaders and extend from them to every lay member. Referring to the workers here in the South and the success that will attend their efforts, we are told, "The workers in the South must reach the highest spiritual attainments, in order that their work in this field may be a success." Vol. VII, p. 239.

This is in direct harmony with the instruction of Joel 2: 17. "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them; wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?"

The times demand that all, both old and young, pledge their lives anew with untiring zeal to finish this work. "At this time God's cause is in need of men and women who possess rare qualifications and good administrative powers; men and women who will make patient, thorough investigation of the needs of the work in various fields; those who have a large capacity for work; those who possess warm, kind hearts, cool heads, sound sense, and unbiased judgment; those who are sanctified by the Spirit of God, and can fearlessly say, No, or Yea and amen, to

propositions; those who have strong convictions, clear understanding, and pure, sympathetic hearts; those who practise the words, 'All ye are brethren'; those who strive to uplift and restore fallen humanity." Vol. VII, p. 249. Consecration coupled with proper educational training will produce this class of workers. The doors of cities that have been closed to our work for the past twenty-five years are now swinging open, but where are the laborers to enter them? Young man, young woman, God in his great love for humanity is calling you to enter school, to devote your entire energies to his work and prepare to answer these very calls. The world is today trying to enlist men by holding before them the advantages of travel, but God promises those who will volunteer in this last great war against sin the unspeakable joy of going with him throughout the universe. It is the greatest call for enlistment ever made, and well may we as young people count ourselves fortunate to have such a wonderful privilege. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and in wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." Rom. 13: 12-14. LYNN H. WOOD.

Home Missionary Department

Win One Campaign News

The following items are gleaned from my correspondence:

The leader of the Birmingham missionary society writes: "You will be glad to know that our home workers are getting to work lively with the books. Sisters Helms, Spencer, Garrigan, and Panza have been selling the books and magazines and are doing fine. Little Clarence is selling magazines like everything. Mr. Helms would not let her go at first, but finally gave his consent, and when he saw how well she did he was as proud of it as she is. Sister Spencer is getting her Sabbath school offerings this way."

In another letter she says:

"I invited the band leaders yesterday to come here next Thursday to study and plan for the work. We got a nice lot of reports yesterday. Sister Randall went around to all of her band and got the reports from them. I gave her all the members on the south side, and Sister McLure brought in Sister Hakan-son's. Making the leaders responsible for the reports is going to get more reports. We now have definite territory again, so we can do definite work, making each member responsible for the people he is going to, and not do hit-and-miss work. I told them we were not to go to the door time after time and not know what the people were thinking about the papers. Sister Kelly has forty who are reading *Present Truth*, and Brother Wales went to twenty and handed them the first number and told them to read it and if they liked it he would bring the other numbers to them for three months for ten cents. So some are going to work in that line, and in that way help to pay for the papers."

From Elder W. R. Elliott comes this word:

"I was very pleasantly surprised when I got to Lawrenceburg to find that Brother Reese had already called the church together and set before them the Home Missionary campaign, and had them organized for work. They had divided the church into bands, had districted the territory, and were all ready for work. They are all enthusiastic over it, and say they are determined to do all they can to build up the work. I had one good study with them from the Testimonies, and every one of them will do something. I brought some literature with me and sold them all I had.

"They had also taken up the matter of mission funds, and all have pledged to raise their part, or twenty cents a week. I am sure they will raise it.

"They are all of good courage, and confident that this means the finishing of the work. They have all signed the WIN ONE pledge."

Again, of the Memphis white church he writes: "Brother Dawson has been chosen leader. He is very enthusiastic and is doing everything he can to build up the home missionary work in the church."

Elder C. N. Sanders, president of the Louisiana Conference, has announced the following home missionary institutes: New Orleans No. 1, beginning Friday, April 6; Shreveport No. 1, beginning April 13; and Lake Charles, beginning April 20.

On Friday, March 16, the writer went to Sheffield, spending the following Sabbath and Sunday with the church there. The WIN ONE campaign plans were presented, and nearly all present signed the WIN ONE pledge. Bands were organized, and territory was assigned to each of them. A supply of *Present Truth* was ordered with which to begin work. Sister Reynolds and Sister Cothren are going to sell the Home Circle Library books, and the church expects to raise money to repair their church by selling the *Watchman* and our small books. They are also going to put forth an earnest effort to raise their twenty cents a week for missions.

R. I. KEATE.

1213 N. 23rd St. Birmingham, Ala.

Has your quarterly Home Missionary report been sent in yet?

A period to be remembered and planned for—May 14 to 26.

Know thou, my heart, if thou art not happy today thou shalt never be happy. Today it is given thee to be patient, unselfish, purposeful; to be strong, and eager to work mightily. If thou doest these things, and doest them with a grateful heart, thou shalt be as happy as it is given man to be on earth.—*Havergal*.

With the Men Behind the Books

Entering the Field

Now that the general institutes are past, many of the workers have entered the field. Already some splendid reports are being received. One conference in our territory has already reached the thousand dollar a week mark, while every colporteur seems determined to reach the goal which he has set. It becomes more and more apparent that the present is a most opportune time for the sale of our literature. As a result, excellent success is attending the efforts of the faithful "men behind the books."

Alabama

In a letter received a few days since from Brother M. L. Wilson, he writes as follows regarding the condition of the work in Alabama:

"No doubt Brother Shidler has written you regarding our institutes and the prospects for 1917. I believe we have the best prospects this year that we have had since I have been in the conference. We had fifteen who took the drill in the white institute and twelve who will enter the field at once, and then we had five well developed men in the colored work. This institute just closed Wednesday, and the men all returned to their fields of labor with new courage and high hopes. The goal set by the men themselves at the institutes was \$21,000, and there were two who did not set any goal at all. We yet have our schools to draw from and have definite arrangements made now for three from Ooltewah, and expect two or three from Oakwood. I believe we will round up altogether twenty good strong workers. We pray God for a good year, with peace and prosperity. It looks now as if we will be plunged into an international upheaval, and then, to add still more to our national perplexity, be drawn into the great European struggle. Truly we are living 'in a grand and awful time.'"

The Oakwood Institute

At this writing the union field secretaries of the Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Union Conferences are conducting an institute at the Oakwood School, Huntsville, Ala. A letter received from Brother Shidler, written shortly after his arrival, conveys the following information:

"I arrived here O. K., and right on the scheduled minute. I found Brethren Harrison and Dillen had already done one day's work. There is a class of over twenty that expect to take the instruction with a view of entering the work this season. . . . The prospects are good for a splendid institute, and I hope to see some good work done by these students this season."

Shortly before the opening of this institute, Brother A. F. Harrison spent two or three days in Nashville, coming here from holding an institute at the German Seminary in Missouri, where he "signed up" some fourteen student colporteurs who will work this summer in the Southwestern Union. The Southwestern goal is \$100,000, and Brother Harrison reported that the ninety-one colporteurs who attended their institutes set individual goals that totaled \$110,000. We understand these figures do not include any of the goals of the students who will enter the field at the close of school. Therefore, it will readily be seen that the outlook before the work in Brother Harrison's territory is very promising.

Florida

Some encouraging reports of the work in Florida are reaching us, notwithstanding the fact that the "freeze" killed nearly all of the fruit in that State. A recent letter from Brother J. W. Siler, field secretary, contains the following paragraph regarding the progress of the work in that conference:

"The work is coming up nicely here in Florida, and we are getting some good reports each week. I am enclosing a report from one of our new canvassers. This gives his work for five

weeks, or rather, four weeks and one day, as he just got started the first week. We are planning the biggest institute that ever was held in Florida."

The report referred to was 137 hours, 118 orders for "Bible Readings," value \$461.50, \$4 worth of helps sold, making a total of \$465.50. This is indeed a splendid report.

Does This Apply to You?

A circular letter sent out by a tract society contains the following suggestive paragraph:

"Last Sabbath while visiting the ——— Sabbath school, I was talking with Brother John ———, and he said, 'You know, it just makes me sick whenever I see one of those reports and see how all are doing so well, and I am not one of them.' Brethren, it should make any man sick [when he sees the greatness of this work, and he is not in it. We hope that Brother ——— and others will enter the work soon. They are surely needed. Never was there a time when the people were so eager for our books."

Surely this needs no comment.

The Times Demand It

A conference president writes:

"We hope we shall see the S. P. A. do a large amount of work this year. The times demand it. If we can only formulate plans whereby we can get our people out in the field, we are certain we could keep the Publishing House running twenty-four hours a day six days in the week. There is nothing that we would like to see better than that."

The demand for literature never seemed greater than at present. Orders for both large and small books keep pouring in, which indicates that not only are our colporteurs at work, but many of the lay members are also taking an active part in helping to spread the message. A considerable number of our regular colporteurs are securing advance payments on their orders for the large books, which should materially assist in their delivery.

Let every worker be faithful in putting in his *time*, and under present conditions there need be no question as to the results. The following rather expressive lines were taken from the North Carolina "Weekly Campfire," and might well be the motto of every colporteur throughout the entire field:

"We put in forty hours last week,
Forty week before,
And we're going back this coming week
To put in forty more."

R. L. PIERCE.

"Alone with God"

This stirring little book is a timely and stimulating call, *first* to prayer and *then* to service, which, of course, is the true order. It is a call to young and old to "live in the *highlands* with God," and then go forth with his spirit to battle for the souls of men in the *lowlands* of sin.

In her quiet and convincing manner, Miss Erickson reminds us, with well chosen illustrations and intensely interesting bits of biography, that God's mighty men in all ages were those who had been in "the school of God"—in the secret place with him alone. And in that solitude, hallowed with the divine Presence, men were and are equipped for the battle.

The reader of this genuinely helpful little volume will surely be drawn into closer fellowship with the Son of God and have his faith in the power of prayer greatly enlarged.

Bound in cloth, price 50 cents postpaid. Order through the tract society.

Alabama Conference

Alabama Colporteur's Institute

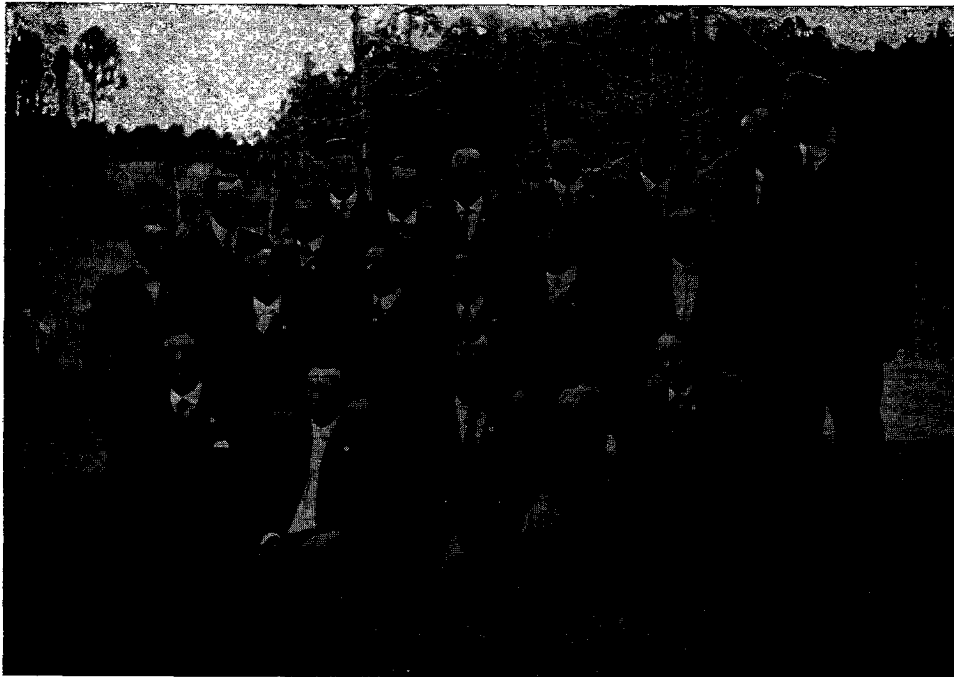
Nestling back in the pine hills, surrounded with the beautiful scenes of nature, is the little church to which all our minds turn when we speak of the colporteurs' institute. Like Israel of old, we reverence the place made holy by Jehovah's presence. These meetings are looked back to by the colporteur as the beginning of a new era and as an oasis in the desert. This institute was one of great refreshing to the workers who came in from their fields of labor, and the many experiences given, mingled with tears of joy and determination to finish the work, bore witness of this.

In the accompanying picture, beginning with the first row to the left, we have Brother C. A. Stewart, of Florence, Ala., who

By his side is Brother H. L. Edwards, a colaborer of Brother Tew for the first year. Like Paul and Barnabas they thought it best that they separate in their labors, but did it good naturedly, and only because of conditions that did not favor their being together. Brother Edwards will be located in Dothan near his home town this year.

Next is the one from whom all the workers look for weekly news from both home and abroad, our Brother Godsmark. The *Review* and the *SOUTHERN UNION WORKER* coming from the office each week, accompanied by a good cheering letter, are the colporteur's Sabbath school teacher and minister.

Brother E. C. Widgery, our next name, whose field of labor



has had a short but blessed experience in the colporteur work, his first report reading 7 hours, \$49.50. Brother Stewart set his goal for 1917 at 1,800 hours and \$1,800.

Next to the right is Brother F. M. Reiber, of Borden Springs, who had his first experience in the colporteur work just after the big July rains last year. He had some trying experiences, but having passed through them, Brother Reiber is pressing forward for the goal which he set for himself at 1,800 hours and \$1,800.

As a colaborer of Brother Reiber, we have Brother H. W. Jones, who for a time has been laboring to catch fish on the lake, but on seeing the Master beckoning to him from the shore to cast his net on the right side of the ship, he has again united his efforts to those of the company of workers who are working to reach their goal. He pledged himself to put in 1,500 hours and to deliver \$1,500 worth of books for the Master in 1917.

Brother Luther Miller is one of the student colporteurs who won for himself a good reputation in the work, but because of the destructive rains and boll weevil, failed in making his scholarship. Yet he is not discouraged and plans to attend the Southern Junior College next year.

Beginning with the second row, we have the faithful and energetic worker, Brother Quinnie Tew, of Cardiff. Brother Tew has passed the amateur class in the colporteur work and is now pressing forward in the broad field of service.

will be in Morgan County this summer, is an Englishman by birth, but was taken for a German spy. Brother Widgery is not a beginner in the colporteur work, and therefore we confidently expect great things from him.

New in our midst, but one in mind and purpose with us, is our new union secretary, Brother M. W. Shidler, who has won his way into the hearts of all the workers, and who has enthusiastically entered into the work in this field to make 1917 the best year Alabama has ever had.

Brother N. A. Reiber, a new worker in this field, but an old worker in the cause, decided that he would not follow the bad example of "petering" any longer and has united his labors with Brother Q. Tew in working the mining camps and surrounding country in the northern part of Jefferson County.

We feel that all our institute work would be a failure — in fact all our work — were it not for the good Bible instruction we received from time to time by the president of the conference, Elder A. L. Miller. We are glad for the many considerations given the colporteurs and their work by the conference officials.

The second in the third row is Brother J. E. Foley, who has been working for the past year in Escambia County, Fla. Brother Foley has been in the colporteur work only one year, yet he has won for himself the reputation of being one of our best workers.

Standing just to the back and with some isolation, which

we know was only due to his physical stature not being able to get into the line, is Brother Paul Jones. He was at one time numbered with the Gideons, but like John Mark, because of the hardness of the way he went home, but we are glad to know that Brother Paul has renewed his allegiance to this great cause and plans to attend the Southern Junior College next year.

It is with more than just an ordinary welcome that we receive into our band of colporteurs Brother T. M. Woodruff, of Texas. Brother Woodruff is a veteran worker and a native of Alabama, and has heard the Macedonian cry to come over and help us. It was very touching to hear him tell how God had given him a burden for the folk at home and the associates of his boyhood days.

For the last year Brother D. A. Fisher was held out of the work, but we are glad to have his name on the list again and his united labor with us in reaching the twelve thousand dollar goal for Alabama.

Brother H. A. Lynd is one of the pioneers in the book work in Alabama, and while circumstances the past year were such that he did not get in full time, yet he feels that 1917 will close with greater results from his labors.

New in the work, but not altogether an amateur, standing to the right of Brother Lynd is Brother R. L. Etheredge, of Stapleton, who is now working the northern part of the State in Lawrence County. Brother Etheredge has canvassed before, but he feels that after receiving the institute training he can do much more effective work.

Brother S. W. Lorren, who was at one time connected with the work, and whose heart burns now when the matter of the colporteur work is being considered, is standing on the last row to the right.

This institute we feel was one that will be long remembered by the workers in attendance and by the church at Borden Springs, because of the victories gained and the marked manifestation of the presence of God. Words cannot express our appreciation of the kindness shown by the church to the colporteurs and workers during these meetings. Like one large family as it were, we had "all things in common" and were of one accord and shared the blessings of the Lord together.

COLORED INSTITUTE

Just one week from the close of the institute for the white workers we began our meeting for the colored colporteurs with the church in Birmingham. We had only five workers in attendance at this meeting, but the Lord is not partial to numbers, and we enjoyed many of the rich blessings of heaven in this meeting.

Brethren U. Bracy, Robert Cook, T. R. Battle, and B. D. Crawford are old workers, and we had only one new worker, G. W. Powers, from Huntsville. A spirit of consecration came into the meetings from the first, and when the matter of the 1917 goal was considered, although the colored people in the South had suffered more the last year than any one else, yet they set just as high a goal as the white workers.

Uniting the individual goals set at the institutes by both the white and the colored workers, we have a \$21,600 goal for Alabama. One colored worker placed his goal at \$2,000, which is the highest individual goal set, and we have every reason to believe he is going to reach it. His report for week ending March 24 is \$103.50, including Bibles, in 32 hours, the rain having held him out of the field one day. We thank God for this earnest, faithful company of workers, and ask that you unite your prayers with ours that God will give us a prosperous year, and that we shall see a great work done in the proclamation of the message through our books in 1917.

M. L. WILSON.

"To possess friendship is to have one of the world's sweetest gifts."

News Items

Since the raise in price of several of our periodicals, some have gained the impression that there has been a raise in price on the *Church Officer's Gazette*. This is not the case, however. The prices remain the same as formerly: Single copy per year, 50 cents; two or more copies to one address, 35 cents each. Our church officers who are receiving the *Gazette* appreciate it highly, and those who are not receiving it are missing much, and their work is hindered thereby.

Elder Buckner tells us that the Montgomery church is beginning active work with the *Present Truth*. In fact, they plan to raise a goodly share of their money for missions through the sale of these papers. What they can do others can do. Our periodicals open the way.

The Mobile missionary society is keeping steadily at work, and very few days pass but what we receive an order from them for supplies. In addition to the religious liberty offering, they sent in eleven names to receive *Liberty Magazine* the coming year. This is the kind of work that counts.

Brother R. L. Etheredge, working near Courtland, took two orders from young ministers. The remainder of his orders were from prosperous farmers. He enjoys the experiences which come his way, and states that two or three of them were wonderful.

Brother U. Bracy in the past has been accustomed to coming in on the street car from Bessemer to the office to get his books, but he says that in the future we will see very little of him at the office, as he has a goal set and it will take all of his time to make it. He appreciated the institute greatly, and says that he is going out with the assurance that the Lord will give him strength and that this coming week he will reach the proportionate part of his goal.

The colporteur work in Alabama is taking a firm hold. As proof of this, we submit the poem written by the wife of one of our colporteurs. It is full of good cheer, determination, and courage. God speed the colporteur and bless those who stay by the stuff.

TO THE SUCCESSFUL COLPORTEUR

You came and sold me a book one day
When I was wandering in sin.
You showed me Christ, the living Way,
Bade me a new life to begin.

You have made me what I am today;
I am glad you came to my door.
O'ercame the trials along the way
And made a successful colporteur.

Thanks, thanks be to you, I read that book;
I learned to love God's Word,
And so rejoicing with you I look
For the return of our blessed Lord.

Go on, dear friend, your heavenly way,
Go save yet other men.
Work yet the harder while it is day
Nor pause from duty plain.

The world may offer position high
With also wealth of gold;
But see your reward is by and by
With treasures there untold.

May God reward you when life is done.
In heaven your joyful part
To see like stars the souls you have won,
That's the prayer of a grateful heart.
By a Colporteur's Wife.

Elder R. I. Keate was an office visitor recently and brings encouraging words from the different home missionary institutes which have been held recently. The Lord is blessing the efforts put forth by our home workers, and we expect to see this department accomplish much in the giving of the message.

Tuesday, March 20, Brother M. L. Wilson left Birmingham to visit Brother and Sister M. E. Whatley. We expect Brother Whatley's name to appear among the colporteurs' reports shortly after his school closes.

Word has reached us that Brother Nelson, of South Port, passed away the latter part of February and was buried at that place. Brother Nelson had passed the allotted threescore and ten years, and awaits the call of the Redeemer when the trumpet sounds at the last day.

Tennessee River Conference

News Items

Brother Ernest Templeton former colporteur in the field, left Nashville on the evening of March 29, for Hickman County, Ky. He was preceded a few days by B. N. Broiles, and together these two young men will canvass that county for "Bible Readings" and "Great Controversy." Before going to Hickman County Brother Broiles visited friends and relatives at the Fountain Head Industrial School, spending Sabbath there.

Earl Strawhum, of the Memphis church, has gone to Lauderdale County to work for a delivery the latter part of April. He expects to make his delivery at the time the strawberry crop is moving. Brother Wade spent a few days with him the latter part of March, getting him started.

H. G. Miller writes that he is nicely located in his new territory and thinks that he will like his work in this new field very much. He sends in a remittance of tithe and offerings and an order for a good sized shipment of books. We are glad to say that Brother and Sister Miller have united with the Tennessee River Conference church, and we welcome them as members of this body.

We have just learned that Sister Mary E. Wales, of the Memphis church, has gone to the hospital for a serious operation. We sincerely trust that she may have a speedy recovery and be able to resume her former work soon. Sister Wales was making her home with Brother Lee Lambert.

Brother M. Wheeler left Nashville April 1 for Springville, Tenn., and will move into the place formerly occupied by Brother Stahl. Sister Stahl has gone to Indiana, and Brother Stahl and Brother Wheeler will canvass together. They have not as yet selected their territory, but will do so upon reaching the field.

We have just received word that Monroe Hixson, formerly of Springville, Tenn., will move to Humboldt, Tenn., and engage in the canvassing work at that place. He orders a large shipment of books, and we hope that the workers will remember Brother Hixson in their prayers that he may have a continuation of his present good health. It will be remembered that he was compelled to give up his work on account of ill health, but he is now sufficiently recovered to enter the field. He will probably use a horse and buggy in making his rounds.

An institute for the students of the Hazel Academy will be held at the school the latter part of April. Brother Shidler and Brother Wade will be present to give assistance, and we hope that a large number of the students will go from that place into the field in actual service.

Elder Dasent, our local colored minister, had a slight accident a few days ago which has inconvenienced him somewhat. He has been carrying his arm in a sling because of a dislocation.

Elder Elliott is in Nashville for a few days and will visit some of the churches in this part of the field.

Elder S. N. Haskell occupied the pulpit at the Memorial church Sabbath, March 24, and rendered a very able discourse which was enjoyed by all. Elder Haskell stated in the course of his remarks that the work had gone beyond the comprehension of the early pioneers, and that it is only through the spirit of prophecy that the work on the Pacific Coast was started, as it was thought at that time that the plant in Battle Creek could carry all our publishing work.

Elder Elliott visited the Cedar Grove church Sabbath and spoke to the congregation assembled at the 11 o'clock hour. He returned to Nashville late in the day and was present at the rousing missionary meeting which was held in the north-side church.

The several bands of missionary workers organized in the Nashville Memorial church expect to go out with the *Present Truth* No. 6 and visit the homes that were formerly visited with the War Special, known as No. 5. The workers seem to take hold of this missionary work with much enthusiasm, and it seems that more papers will be necessary because the demand is much greater than the supply.

Mississippi Conference

News Items

Brother A. L. Hamm, who labored in the colporteur work in Tate County last summer, was in Jackson over Sabbath, the twenty-fourth. He left Sunday morning for Washington County, where he expects to labor this summer.

Brother Walter Edmonds is now nicely located with Brother Taylor at Winona. Brother Staton is with him this week getting him started in the work. Sister McLeod has given Brother Edmonds a nice horse and buggy to use in his work.

Elder C. J. Buhalts and Brother B. C. Marshall had a very pleasant visit in the home of Sister McLeod at Enid, Monday, the twenty-sixth.

Brother J. L. Waller and wife were in Jackson over Sabbath, the twenty-fourth. Brother Waller has just completed his delivery in Lawrence County. Sister Waller has been spending a few weeks with her sister at Harrisville.

We are receiving many orders for the new book, "The World War," and we hope that these orders will continue to come in.

Elder Buhalts visited the believers at Natchez on Sabbath, the twenty-fourth. While on his trip he visited the company at Stampley and also Brother Stewart's family near Foster.

Brother Virgil Smith has over \$700 worth of orders in Copiah County. He leaves this week for Sunflower County, where he will take orders for a fall delivery.

As the *Present Truth* War Special was printed as No. 5 of the series for this year, and as it will not be a standard topic of the regular series after this year, and as other changes in the series will probably be made during the year to meet emergencies, thereby still further confusing the numbering of the series, it will be best for all to order hereafter by the subject rather than by the number only. It will be but little more trouble, and will insure against disappointments in having orders filled with numbers not desired.

"It is not always necessary to bow upon your knees in order to pray. Cultivate the habit of talking with the Saviour when you are alone, when you are walking, and when you are busy with your daily labor. Let the heart be continually uplifted in silent petition for help, for light, for strength, for knowledge. Let every breath be a prayer."

Louisiana Conference

News Items

Elder Sanders was at Hobart Sabbath, March 31, to attend quarterly meeting, and at that time Brother L. B. Spear was ordained local elder.

Brother A. R. Bell reports an increased attendance and interest at the meeting which he is holding in Hammond.

An interesting home missionary program was conducted at the New Orleans church No. 1 Sabbath, March 24.

March 24 Elder Sanders spoke at the New Orleans church No. 2. They are planning to bring in a good donation for their thirteenth Sabbath offering.

Sanford Ulmer is the first junior Missionary Volunteer member in New Orleans to bring in returns from his "money tree." Others are enthusiastically working with theirs.

While the colporteur work in Louisiana seemed to move somewhat slowly during January and February, the report in this issue shows what can be accomplished when effort and perseverance are accompanied with the Lord's blessing, which is offered freely to all who will devote their strength to this great work. Three of the weekly reports show orders for more than \$100 each, and the average for all is about \$2.25 an hour for the time put in. The field is ripe waiting for the workers.

Brother Schmehl writes, "I am thankful to the Lord for the past week's labor. I took one order from a man who had

purchased a copy of "Bible Readings" nineteen years ago, which is now worn out. I sold him one that will last him the remainder of his life."

Writing of his work in the canvassing field, Brother Hubbell says, "I am grateful to God for these evidences of his love and overshadowing care. . . . Many blessings have come to me in my work here, and a few precious souls have already indicated their desire and determination to change the manner of their lives. Pray for me, as I need your prayers."

On account of his health and throat trouble due to a severe cold, Brother Hardy has been kept out of the field some of late, but he writes that with the spring weather coming on his health is fast improving, and the \$79 worth of orders taken in parts of four days last week indicate that we may soon expect his usual one-hundred-dollar reports again.

In a recent letter Elder W. P. McLennan reports that all of his evenings are filled holding Bible readings. Tuesday night he held a study with a prominent physician and his wife in Shreveport. There were also present the vice-president of one of the banks and his wife, also the wife of the president of the bank. These people became interested through reading an article on the Eastern Question by Elder Daniells. The banker's wife was so interested in it that she sent away for some copies to distribute among her friends.

If you have not already ordered one, send at once to the tract society for a copy of "The World War" — the new book by Elder Daniells. Price only 25 cents, with liberal discounts to those desiring to secure copies for distribution or sale.

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending March 24, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
U Bracy GC, BF	32	33	\$99 50	\$	\$99 50	\$5 70
B D Crawford . . BR	24	10	35 00		35 00	
H L Edwards . . BR	38	13	47 50	50	48 00	
J E Foley BR	25	15	56 60	1 40	57 90	
H W Jones HM	54	22	55 00		55 00	
F M Reiber BR	29	14	55 00	1 75	56 75	
Bibles			9 50		9 50	

Totals (Agts. 6) 202 107 \$358 00 \$3 65 \$361 65 \$5 70

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

F W Schmehl* . . BR	107	62	\$231 00	\$	25	\$231 25
J B Hardy BR	24	19	79 00			79 00
E P Campbell . . BR	46	4	12 00	6 90		18 90
M B Wilson BR	21	14	53 00			53 00
G B Boswell BR	21	16	60 00			60 00
M S Hubbell BR	47	31	119 00			119 00
T S Sligh BR	29	13	53 00			53 00
Bibles			48 80			48 80

Totals (Agts. 7) 295 159 \$655 80 \$7 15 \$662 95

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

W J Keele D&R	32	6	\$25 00	\$2 25		\$27 25
R H Hazelton . . BR	30	11	39 50	1 55		41 05
J N Womack BF	24	10	14 00	75		14 75
Gerald Tripp . . BR	24	12	43 00	2 25		45 25
Mrs Philpott . . . BF	15	4	6 00	2 40		8 40

Totals (Agts. 5) 125 43 \$127 50 \$9 20 \$136 70

* Three weeks.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

B E Wagner BR	32	19	\$70 50	\$		\$70 50	\$
J Miller D&R	75	14	73 00	1 50		74 50	
R F Hickman BR	23	9	33 50	17 00		50 50	54 50
Lee Page CK	20	18	34 00			34 00	
Flora Page CK	4	6	10 00			10 00	
F L Harrison BR	39	15	54 50			54 50	
Hatton Ford BF	40	58	96 50	4 20		100 70	96 50
D E Lindsey SB	31	41	10 25			10 25	25 00
Ethel Hickman . . . CK	2			2 25		2 25	9 50
Miscellaneous	138		97 30	46 06		143 36	64 30
Bibles			4 50			4 50	3 75

Totals (Agts. 9) 404 180 \$484 05 \$71 01 \$555 06 \$253 55

G'd Totals (A. 27) 1026 489 \$1625 35 \$91 01 \$1716 36 \$259 25

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	1550	\$1544 45	\$129 05	\$1673 50
Kentucky Conference . .	2164	2803 00	149 01	2952 01
Louisiana Conference . .	741	1547 30	35 60	1582 90
Mississippi Conference .	1638	2555 85	186 10	2741 95
Tenn. River Conference	765	813 05	62 60	875 65

Totals 6858 \$9263 65 \$562 36 \$9826 01

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending March 24, 1917

Agent	No.	Value
ALABAMA CONFERENCE		
U. Bracy	2	\$ 20
B. D. Crawford	129	12 90
H. W. Jones	1	10
Totals	132	\$13.20

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Elder S. E. Wight left Nashville March 27 for Ooltewah, Tenn., for a council with Elders Branson, B. N. Heald, and R. I. Keate, and Prof. Lynn H. Wood.

Brother G. H. Curtis is spending the week at the office of the Tennessee River Conference auditing their books for the year 1916.

Some needed and much appreciated improvements are being made at the new office headquarters of the Southern Union Conference. The dwelling house at 2006 24th Ave. N. is being rapidly transformed into very comfortable and commodious offices. At the present time new cement sidewalks are being put down on the street fronting the property, also on the grounds. Our friends are invited whenever in the city to visit us in our new home.

OUR MOTTO	1917	OUR AIM
The Love of Christ Constraineth Us.		The Advent Mes- sage to all the World in this Generation

"WIN ONE" CAMPAIGN

It is a call to service.

It is a great campaign to enlist every member, man, woman, and child for the finishing of the work. It gets its name from the individual goal of one soul won, or every member win a member in 1917.

Some Fundamentals

"It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs is to make it his first business to proclaim this truth." Vol. 7, p. 13.

"The church of Christ has been organized for missionary purposes." "An Appeal," p. 11. "Not one-hundredth part has been done or is being done by the members of the church that God requires of them." Id., p. 11.

"Let the gospel message ring through our churches summoning them to universal action." Vol. 9, p. 27.

"Time is short and our forces must be organized to do a larger work." Vol. 9, p. 27.

Every elder, leader, missionary secretary, and band leader should have a full set of the Home Missionary Series leaflets. These cover the various phases of this line of work. Each church, young people's and junior Missionary Volunteer society should have one of the missionary charts each quarter, and every church should have one or more copies of the *Church Officers' Gazette*. Use the Morning Watch Calendar as a means of keeping a record of the missionary work you do. Make

a record of it each evening. Money earned for missions should be reported on the blank space on the individual missionary report.

Don't forget your quarterly home missionary report. It includes the work of every member of the church.

The plan is:

Every member definitely enlisted by signing the WIN ONE campaign pledge.

Every church organized into bands with definite territory for each band to work.

Every member instructed and trained for service.

Will You Enlist?

The plan also calls for:

Weekly reports from every member.

Monthly reports from every church.

Every church holding weekly missionary meetings and observing the

Fourth Sabbath Missionary Service.

Monthly reports from the conference showing what each church is doing, the same to be published in the WORKER.

Southern Junior College

News Notes from Collegedale

Mr. James L. Cooper, of Hattiesburg, Miss., arrived at Collegedale last Monday. Mr. Cooper is coming to help us on the new buildings. He expects to go to school next semester.

Mrs. C. F. Curtis of Decatur, Ga., arrived at Collegedale last Thursday. She is visiting her son, Glenn, and her daughter, Addie, who are students in the Southern Junior College. It is needless to say that they were very much delighted to see her.

Mr. J. H. Thorne left last Thursday for Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Thorne expects to be engaged in evangelistic work this summer. Mrs. Thorne expects to join him as soon as school is out.

Last week some carpenter work was done on the porch, and now we have an annex to the dining room. Three tables have been moved out on the porch and are being used to relieve the congestion. It is needless to say that this is greatly appreciated and makes it much more comfortable both in the dining room and in the kitchen.

Prof. and Mrs. A. N. Atteberry received a new piano last Thursday.

Miss Ruth Johnson arrived here from Birmingham, Ala., last Monday. Miss Johnson is helping with the work and will go to school next fall.

Brother Gorich, with a force of boys, is busily engaged on the new store building. Because of the frequent rains it has been impossible to put in full days on the building, but good progress has been made. Just now the boys are working on the sheeting and expect to have the building enclosed before long. When this is completed it will relieve the congestion a great deal in the business office and also in the home. It is expected that the old business office will be used for rooms for girls.

Elders W. H. Branson, B. M. Heald, S. E. Wight, W. H. Heckman, R. I. Keate, Prof. L. H. Wood and Mr. W. E. Abernathy spent Thursday afternoon at the Southern Junior College. They are counseling about the upbuilding of the institution, and definite plans have been laid for an aggressive home missionary campaign, which is to be launched in May.

The world turns aside to let any man pass who knows whither he is going.—David Starr Jordan.