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

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## Now

There's only one time in eternity,  
 One time to be and live,  
 One time when mortals may labor with God,  
 One time to serve and give.

There's but one time 'mid shadows and sunshine  
 The soul aglow may bow,  
 One time for the arduous duties of life.  
 The wondrous time called *now*.

Yesterday lies with the numberless dead,  
 The great, eternal past;  
 While to-morrow stretches a boundless sea,  
 Too great for souls to grasp.

But *now* like a river of blessing flows,  
 Ever at our right hand,  
 In which to labor, to love, and to give,  
 To answer God's command.

—Selected.

## Southern Junior College

### The Dormitory Fund Campaign

The dormitory fund campaign that is now nearly past has been one filled with interest to all who have participated in it. Evidently there are a few who have not been able to give much time, but reports are coming from all parts of the field indicating that a strong work has been accomplished in some localities. One individual reports \$5 received for two books, and another, \$10 for two books. Very likely others have had similar experiences, but they have not been reported. One brother who has been working with "Christ's Object Lessons" has written to the office expressing a desire to continue canvassing with this good book. We regret that there are not more "Christ's Object Lessons" to be had that the desire might be met. The Lord has used this book in times past to bring people into the truth. It is filled with good things, which when left in a home will produce an interest in things eternal. It will make a friend of the individual to whom it is sold, and other books can be placed in the same home, especially books by the same author. This book was prepared especially for the raising of funds to build schools and pay off debts on the same.

All who have taken this book should endeavor to place it in the home of a neighbor instead of leaving it on the shelf. Some may feel that they have done their part when they have paid \$1.50 for one of these books and put it on the shelf, but this is not true. The book should be paid for, but it should also be placed in the hands of some one who has not accepted the third angel's message. If it lies on the shelf idle it will do

no good, and the effort we have put forth to get the book into our own hands will only be a part of what we should do.

In the next few days, before the close of the month of May, let us all rally to the sale of this book and make this the most successful campaign ever conducted in the history of the Southern Union Conference. Remember that there are hundreds of boys and girls in this Southland who want to get an education. If we fail in doing our part in getting the money to build this dormitory, it may be that these boys and girls will be deprived of the privilege they seek and wander into the world. Their souls will be lost, and their blood will be upon our garments.

We have only a few months left in which to finish this work. We know not how soon the door of mercy will close. The close of probation can not be put off to some distant time. The day is just at hand, and God requires of us consecration, vigilance, and thoroughness in our work. May it be the lot of the readers of this paper and of all Seventh-day Adventists in this Southern Union Conference to be ready for that great day.

S. E. WIGHT.

### News Notes from Collegedale

Mrs. W. H. Branson and children, Ernest and Lois, arrived at the Southern Junior College Wednesday night. They expect to be with us for the commencement exercises.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week are very busy days at the Southern Junior College. Examinations are being given in all the subjects on the work for the second semester.

The first commencement exercises of the Southern Junior College will be held Sunday night, May 27. The baccalaureate sermon will be given Sabbath morning, May 26. Prof. L. H. Wood, of the Southern Union Conference, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, and Elder C. B. Haynes, the union conference evangelist of the Southeastern Union Conference, will deliver the commencement address. The graduating class this year numbers three, Ralph Raymond, who finishes the Academic Course, and Sadie Rogers and Addie Mae Kalar, who finish the Academic Normal Course.

W. E. Abernathy, of Atlanta, has been here at Collegedale all the week auditing the books of the Southern Junior College.

Mr. Cliff Field, of the Graysville Academy, visited the Southern Junior College between trains Wednesday. Mr. Field is on his way to Louisiana where he will be engaged in colporteur work. He expects to earn a scholarship this summer.

Recent arrivals at Collegedale are Mr. Killen, of Ashville, N. C.; Mr. Templeton, of Nashville, Tenn.; and Mr. Jones, of Panama City, Fla. They all came last Wednesday and expect to help us on the farm and on the buildings this summer.

Miss Alsie Gray returned to Collegedale last Sunday. Miss Gray recently spent two weeks at her home at Nashville, Tenn., and at Madison, Tenn. Miss Gray has been asked to take the work of matron for the coming year.

Mr. J. R. Perkins and Mr. Hugh Moomaugh left Collegedale

last Monday for Mansfield, La. They are getting an early start in the colporteur work. Both expect to be successful in earning scholarships this summer.

Mr. T. C. Coltrin, of Amory, Miss., arrived at the Southern Junior College the first of last week. He expects to work on our farm this summer.

Owing to the extreme press of work on the buildings and on the farm, work that has to be done, those in charge of the Southern Junior College find that they can use more boys at Collegedale. We are anxious to secure at least fifteen boys just as soon as possible. If any young men wish to come to Ooltewah right away and work up credit, drop a line to Prof. Leo Thiel.

### Seven Thousand Miles in South America

[The following interesting letter descriptive of his travels in South America has been received from Brother W. H. Williams, who resigned his work as secretary-treasurer of the Southeastern Union Conference a year ago in order to take up the same line of work in the South American Division Conference. We know his friends here will be interested to hear of his experiences and work in that country.—Ed.]

It was determined that Elder Montgomery and I should make a trip to the West Coast, visiting the several missions. We made an itinerary covering a period of about three months, and on Dec. 17, 1916, took train at Buenos Aires on the Transcontinental Railway.

One gets a tremendous impression of the mighty resources of Argentina as he crosses from the coast to the Andes. The journey from Buenos Aires to Mendoza is about six hundred fifty miles. There is a stretch of track east of Mendoza that is said to be the longest piece of railway track without a curve in the world. For nearly one hundred seventy miles there is not found a variation. On long stretches between villages there is not found a hillock as big as a good sized mole hill, not a mile of rolling prairie, not a barn, and scarcely a house which is worthy of the name, excepting an occasional mud hut with a straw roof. These plains are very fertile, and upon them roam vast herds of millions of cattle and sheep. Here lies the exhaustless wealth of Argentina, for it is possible to grow wheat and corn enough to feed half of the world. It is estimated that the available land which will grow wheat is 240,000,000 acres. In recent years the locusts have in some parts become a great pest, and they leave nothing green when they pass through a section. Then, too, Argentina has experienced a severe drought during the spring and summer months of 1916 and 1917. Thousands of cattle have died, and it has brought about a great distress throughout the country. We passed through some of those stricken districts, and have seen the sun darkened by the numerous locusts flying in the air.

Occasionally over the plains can be seen an *estancia*, or large estate, which may be owned by some wealthy farmer who lives the greater part of the time in the city of Buenos Aires. Many of these *estancias* contain from 10,000 to 50,000 acres of land. The buildings and surroundings of these estates are up-to-date, and everything is handled on a large scale. Such men are kings with petty kingdoms. Near Mendoza is where the grapes are grown in abundance. When passing through this section, it reminds one of the Chautauqua district of New York State, where so many grapes are produced. I did not start out to tell you particularly of the wonders of Argentina, so I will proceed with our journey. Sometime I will give you a good long write-up on the wonders of this prosperous republic.

Leaving Mendoza on a narrow gauge track, we rode some five or six hours, until we reached the summit of the Andes. In the steepest places the engine is helped by the "rack and cog" wheel system. Grand Andean scenery charmed us on every side. The route of the eastern slope has been described

as like traversing the interior of an extinct volcano. The rocks are of volcanic construction, glowing with black, green, yellow, pink, white, blue, and many other colors. Mount Aconcagua, 23,393 feet in height, the highest mountain in the western hemisphere, can be seen occasionally. It is at an altitude of 10,486 feet that the railroad pierces the mountain with a tunnel nearly three miles in length. The old pass, formerly made by stage, is 15,000 feet above the tunnel, and on the summit the boundary between Chile and Argentina is marked by a colossal figure of Christ, as a token of the lasting peace declared between the two republics, Argentina and Chile.

After passing the long tunnel, far up the mountain is found *Lago del Inca*, or lake of the Inca, which is fed by the snows and glaciers of this high altitude. In one place, going down the west mountain side, the train runs through a gorge on a shelf cut out of the mountain side, and below can be seen a stream hundreds of feet away. Far above, the canyon is so narrow that one can nearly jump across.

We have reached Chile, the land of fruits and flowers. Few countries have such a delightful climate as Chile. It is rarely too hot and seldom too cold. The shores are tempered by the Antarctic current, and fruits are raised in abundance. Everywhere the train stops one finds a Chilean woman with her basket full of tempting fruit.

Chile is known as the "shoe-string republic," being very long and exceedingly narrow, extending from north to south about 2,500 miles, while its average breadth is scarcely more than 120 miles. It is a dusty ride through central Chile during the dry season when it has not rained for possibly six months. The railway cars are imported, or, if not, are built on the American plan, and are drawn by German engines. The traveler can take his choice in riding first, second, or third class. The first class is very comfortable, as much so as in the States, but the second class coaches are not so comfortable, and the third not so good. The third class is a "Noah's Ark compartment"—with the animals. If one chooses, he can make himself very comfortable in a Pullman drawing-room coach and eat his dinner in a well-equipped dining car.

About one hundred fifty miles after leaving the narrow gauge road, which took us over the mountains, we reached Santiago, the capital of Chile. It is by far the finest and most prosperous city on the west coast. One striking feature on this coast is the dress of the women. A large majority appear on the street arrayed in black dresses with black *mantas* over their heads. A *manta* is a part of a black shawl which they wear, and which is draped over the head. This is the universal church headgear in Catholic South America, and on the west coast a woman wearing a hat is likely to be mobbed if she ventures into a church to worship.

Upon reaching Santiago we were met by Elder Perry and Brother Lorenz. During our short stay we were entertained at the hospitable home of Brother Lorenz. We did not remain long, however, for we arrived on Tuesday night, and our steamer was to sail from Valparaiso Thursday; so on Thursday morning we left for Valparaiso, where we took ship on the "Limari," a vessel of the South American line, a Chilean company. In the harbor of Valparaiso are interned a large number of German and Austrian vessels.

We were soon comfortably located in our state-room. The service of the west coast is very good in comparison with some of the boats on which we are compelled to travel. We had a very smooth sea, and only in the afternoons would the swells get sufficiently large to give any unpleasantness. The Pacific, however, is very peaceful when compared to the sailing on the Atlantic side. Nearly all the way along the coast we are in sight of land, and when I have said "land," I have said it all, for the nearer you get to it, you discover that it is nothing more than dirt, for no vegetation can be seen except where

irrigation is possible from the little streams that flow down the valleys from the snow-capped peaks and glaciers of the Andes. For hundreds of miles, in fact, from the time you leave Coquimbo, the next port north of Valparaiso, until you reach the northern boundary of Peru, there is no rain on the west side of the Andean range. It looks very strange to find the houses with no sloping roofs. They are all flat roofs, principally made of adobe (sun-dried bricks) and a flat support built across the top, and on that is found two or three inches of dirt to give protection from the sun's rays. This gives an opportunity for chicken yard, rabbit pens, etc., to be built on top of the houses.

There is no seaport on the west coast that has a harbor worthy of the name, and at no place can the steamers dock; so it is necessary for everything to be unloaded into small boats and then rowed to shore. At Coquimbo they loaded sheep and cattle, and the novel way they have of doing it! For instance; a rope is thrown around the horns of a cow, and the steam hoist begins to work, and then up goes the cow and is lowered into the hold of the ship. The manner of handling the sheep is more cruel, however, for the men will throw a lasso over the heads of three or four sheep and three or four lassos with twelve or fifteen sheep are hoisted up over the side of the ship, the sheep hanging in the air until the merciless shipmen release them in the hold.

*(To be continued)*

## Mississippi Conference

### From the Canvassing Field

I want to pass on a few words to the readers of the WORKER about the colporteur work in the State. The Lord is certainly doing marvelous things for us here. From our human way of looking at things, it would seem impossible, during these hard times, to go out and sell books, but the people read the papers daily to know the things that are taking place in the world, and many of them wonder why these conditions exist. We have the message that tells why such things are coming upon the earth, and I find the people anxious and willing to buy our message-filled books.

While out last week with Brother Smith in Sunflower County, we put in fifty hours and took \$632 worth of orders and sold \$17 worth of helps. We have had some hard experiences to meet, but the Lord took us safely through them. You know the people are very suspicious these days. Many thought we might be German spies. Some thought we were labor agents. We canvassed some of the wealthiest people in the county and took their orders in the best bindings. One day about noon I canvassed a man who has three thousand acres in cultivation and secured his order for a \$5.50 binding of "Bible Readings," and got my dinner and horse feed. Then I asked him for permission to work his plantation. He told me to go right ahead and work every house on it. So you see the Lord opened the way there for us.

Another place we worked was where a man owns a large plantation and his son-in-law is overseer of the place. The owner of the place was gone when I got to his home, so I canvassed his daughter, who is the lady of the house, his wife being dead. I secured her order for a \$3.50 "Bible Readings" and made arrangements to stay overnight with them. After I got that order I asked her permission to canvass the plantation, and she gave me permission to do so. We secured many orders on the place. The next morning the man of the place was there and he did not like it very well because we had canvassed his place, but you see we had got the orders just ahead of him. It looked as though the Lord worked it out for us. While Satan was on our tracks the Lord was just ahead opening the way for us.

I next visited Brother A. L. Hamm, who is doing splendid work in one of the Delta counties. His report this last week is \$430.50 in orders. He told me of many good experiences he has had with the people. One day while out canvassing he was arrested for a German spy, but after they examined him they let him go on in his work. When I hear of all these experiences I think of the many promises in the Bible for the Lord's workers.

Our colored workers in this part of the State are doing excellent work. Sister Billups and Sister McElroy told me of many good experiences they are having in the Lord's work. Both of these workers have been in the field for years, and they told me they never had seen conditions in our work just as they are now.

Brother Taylor and Brother Waller are doing splendid work. They seldom fail to get their \$100 a week in orders.

We have several who will soon be added to our ranks here. So I can see nothing but success ahead of us in the book work. I am thankful that while the world is in a stir and unrest our work can go by leaps and bounds. This should bring peace to every soul that knows this truth and cause him to work as never before.

J. R. STATON.

## Kentucky Conference

### News Items

Miss Genevieve Robert, who has been in charge of the church school in Louisville for the past few months, finished her work and left for Nashville the sixteenth of this month. The children of the school were given an outing on Sunday, the thirteenth, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. H. Lindsey spent a portion of Wednesday and Thursday, the sixteenth and seventeenth, in the office in Louisville. Sister Lindsey has very efficiently served the conference as Sabbath school and young people's secretary since the last camp-meeting. We regret to see these workers leave our field. They left for their home in Ohio, where they will take up other lines of work.

Elder R. I. Keate, our new conference president, arrived in Louisville at the conference office last week and took up his duties in this field. We are glad to welcome Elder Keate to our midst.

The office is in receipt of a number of good-sized orders for soon-coming deliveries. The different brethren in the field all report that their courage is good, and that reasonable success is attending their efforts. We should daily remember these loyal workers at the throne of grace.

Brother Hickman, our field secretary, is spending several days in the eastern part of the State, where a number of new workers are being started in their work.

Mrs. Hickman is away from the city visiting friends in Illinois.

That there is considerable activity on the part of the various members of the Louisville churches in missionary work is evidenced by the large number of callers at the tract society office and the quantities of books, tracts, and papers that are being taken out for sale and distribution in the city.

Brother Felia Pierce, after having spent the winter and spring in school, is back in the field again and will soon be sending in good reports. Brother Pierce is an old tried colporteur.

Brother Clark has been sick for three weeks, but will be in the field again this week.

A man in Hopkinsville bought a "Bible Footlights" at an express company auction sale for 25 cents. He believes the truth and says this is the best book he ever saw.

Elder A. Davis, of Battle Creek, is expected in Kentucky Tuesday to take the pastorate of the Louisville church.

"Awake, awake, before it is everlastingly too late!"

### Obituary

HILL.—Mrs. Lucy Runner was born July 12, 1856, in the State of Kentucky. She was united in marriage to John M. Hill June 20, 1876. Sister Hill accepted the message and united with the Bowling Green, Ky., Seventh-day Adventist church. She lived a faithful Christian life, and was strong in the belief that Christ would soon come. After two months' sickness, which she bore patiently, she fell asleep at the beginning of the Sabbath May 5, 1917. Her husband and nine children mourn her death, besides the church members and a large circle of friends.

Sister Hill was a real mother in Israel and will be greatly missed in the home and church. It is to be hoped that each member of the family will be ready to meet wife and mother in the new earth. The writer preached the funeral sermon to a large congregation.

B. W. BROWN.

## Louisiana Conference

### Report of the Sabbath Schools for Quarter Ending March 31, 1917

Church	Ave. Memb.	Ave. Att.	13th Sab.	Total to Miss.	Ave. per Memb.
Alexandria .....	12	5	\$ 8 22	\$18 22	\$ 1 52
Grassy Lake .....	8	8			
De Ridder .....	14	7	1 00	12 82	82
Fullerton .....	19	14	2 17	11 25	59
Hammond .....	23	17	21 40	46 35	2 02
Hobart .....	16	12	7 00	17 65	1 14
Lake Charles .....	25	17	3 64	16 65	67
Lena Station .....	12	8	79	2 95	25
New Orleans No. 1 ..	85	73	50 21	160 25	1 89
New Orleans No. 2 ..	96	62	10 88	50 65	53
Mansfield .....	13	10	4 30	9 61	74
Natalbany No. 2 ...	25	12	1 36	2 67	12
Newellton .....	14	11	1 00	1 85	13
Ringgold .....	17	16	10 00	22 00	1 29
Shreveport .....	45	27	15 85	62 89	1 40
Shreveport No. 2 ...	24	17	15 00	31 52	1 31
Sugartown .....	16	11	1 99	8 77	55
Welsh .....	22	13	3 35	18 54	84
Home Department ..	45	45	13 81	40 73	91

Totals .....	528	385	\$171 97	\$335 37	\$1 01
Gain over corresponding period of 1916 ...			\$82 00	\$101 02	\$ 35
Loss in membership ..	60	59			

MRS. EMMA L. MORROW.

### News Items

Last week Elder Sanders made a short visit to Hammond and spoke to both congregations while there.

Mrs. Sanders is again at the office after her extended trip north, and is busy with her work.

At this writing Brother A. B. Cheek is in Lake Charles very seriously ill. Let us remember him in our prayers that his health may be restored if it be the Lord's will and that he may continue spreading the message by the printed page.

This word comes from Mansfield: "The Lord is wonderfully blessing the little company here in many ways. He has given us the money within the last two months to complete the furnishing of the church (pulpit furniture and carpet) and also for the wiring for light and the fixtures. We are so thankful for his goodness."

Just couldn't keep out. Of what? Under date of May 6 Brother Hubbell wrote he had been working so strenuously in

the field that he would have to rest up and spend the time recuperating until his delivery the first of June. May 20 he writes, "I am feeling fine again, and will be back at work by the time you get this."

The following children from the Sugartown Sabbath school knew all of the memory verses for the first quarter of the year: Lena Johnson, Lela Johnson, Willis Johnson, Oscar Johnson, Louise Harzman, Pearl Johnson, Jewell Johnson, and Willie May Bush. By referring to the report from the schools it will be seen that these faithful children make up half of the membership. Are all of our schools doing as well?

The good gain in donations from the Sabbath schools for the first quarter of the present year over the corresponding period of time for 1916 is very gratifying. We are glad to note too that the Hammond school holds the highest record for donations, averaging a little over two dollars a member for the quarter. Next to it is New Orleans No. 1, then Alexandria, Shreveport No. 1, Shreveport No. 2, Ringgold, and Hobart.

All donations yet in hand for the Southern Junior College at Ooltewah should be sent in to the office at once so that the money can be promptly forwarded to the school.

Just the book you have been wanting for your friends and neighbors, "The Return of Jesus." Order of the tract society. It will break down prejudice and pave the way for the message. Twenty-five cents a copy. Liberal discounts on quantity orders.

## Alabama Conference

### Some Interesting Items

A number of home missionary workers are availing themselves of our offer to send ten copies of the new book "World War" by insured parcel post to any post office within the confines of the Alabama Conference for \$1.40. Who will be next? They sell for twenty-five cents each, and by purchasing ten at a time they will cost you fourteen cents each.

Many of our ex-colporteurs long to be out in the field at work again. The following letter shows this nicely: "The reports that the colporteurs are sending in are good ones. I wish it were so I could be out with them again, but I cannot leave home at present. I am planning to get out as soon as possible."

Brother C. A. Powers, writing regarding the death of Sister Nancy Noblin, of the Huntsville church, says that she was born in Louisiana in 1862 and that the truth was brought to her in 1916 through a series of Bible readings and she was baptized in September of last year. Death came to her while on her knees in the midst of a prayer during prayer meeting. She came to church bringing her tithe, and was a devout and faithful member until death.

Brother J. E. Foley, writing from Pensacola, says: "Well, I am gaining every day, and by the time you get this I expect to be putting in full time again. I am better equipped for city work than ever before."

Recently we visited Gadsden, Anniston, and Bessemer. At Gadsden we met with the church at the home of Sister Bailey and talked over the needs of the work and the special dormitory campaign. All who were present will enter into this special campaign.

We were pleased to meet the company at Anniston. Owing to some moving away, the numbers of this company are much lessened, but the few faithful ones remaining will have a part in the special sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" and the June Watchman.

Last Sabbath we met with the mission church at Bessemer. Our visit was much appreciated, but we were very sorry to find that six of this church were going north the following week. One encouraging feature was that a new convert was present who expects to unite with the church soon. There are three

others who expressed themselves as expecting to accept "present truth" soon. It seems too bad to see so many of our colored members moving north. Nearly half of some churches have gone. We hope all this will work out to the good of all and to the glory of God.

It is with regret that we record the death of Brother James Burns, who was a member of the Huntsville church, having accepted present truth January 17. A. L. MILLER.

### Sabbath School Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1917

#### CONFERENCE

School	Memb.	13th Sab. Off.	Total Off.	Perfect Att.
Anniston .....	6	\$ 50	\$ 1 40	
Ashford .....	17	1 72	7 20	5
Birmingham .....	63	40 31	138 31	5
Borden Springs .....	37	6 04	25 11	11
Elkwood .....	24	4 47	7 94	
Fairhope .....	10	2 75	10 95	7
Gadsden .....	7	1 85	2 92	
Long Island No. 1 ....	14	35	3 06	1
Long Island No. 2 ....	10	4 60	16 62	3
Lynn Haven, Fla. ....	8	2 55	10 72	8
Montgomery .....	4	1 40	17 27	
Mobile .....	27	29 24	50 34	7
Red Level .....	10	1 24	1 74	8
Stapleton .....	11	1 12	5 80	2
Silverhill .....	14	2 66	15 55	4
Sheffield .....	17	13 82	20 21	1
Summerdale .....	14	1 32	6 44	5
South Port, Fla. ....	7		4 21	6
Santa Rosa, Fla. ....	8		1 31	
Samson .....	8		1 00	
Montevallo .....	11	1 25	3 75	
Home Schools .....	33	3 50	16 80	
Miscellaneous .....			8 60	
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>\$120 69</b>	<b>\$377 31</b>	<b>73</b>

#### MISSION

Birmingham .....	34	\$6 60	\$20 09	12
Bessemer .....	14	43	5 05	
Dothan .....	21	2 23	14 45	
Huntsville .....	16	2 84	12 56	4
Montgomery .....	39	13 88	33 18	
Mobile .....	20	2 38	9 52	5
Oakwood .....	160	27 39	81 42	45
Pensacola, Fla. ....	26	2 07	18 28	3
Sylacauga .....	9	25	25	
Sycamore .....	5	20	75	
Decatur .....	15	4 50	6 60	
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>\$62 77</b>	<b>\$212 15</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Grand Totals .....</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>182 46</b>	<b>589 46</b>	<b>142</b>

In sending this report to the WORKER, it is with the hope that every Sabbath school member will study it carefully. Compare your school with the others and study how it can be improved. In comparing offerings also compare membership. Our total offerings this quarter were \$59.03 more than last quarter, and in our perfect attendance we made the best record yet, 105 better than last quarter.

A ribbon bookmark, appropriately inscribed, will be given in recognition of a perfect yearly attendance to those who have four Perfect Attendance Cards in consecutive order. The superintendents should send in the names of any who are en-

entitled to it. Mrs. M. L. Wilson, of the Birmingham Sabbath school, has received the first one for this conference.

This closes my report for the Alabama Sabbath schools, but does not close my interest. I shall always look for your reports. I hope your work will increase in power and interest and close only with the coming of Christ.

HELEN M. KEATE.

### Obituary

MUDWILDER.—Mrs. Margaret A. Mudwilder, nee Hudson, was born in Indiana in 1841, and died in Birmingham, Ala., Sunday, May 20, in her seventy-sixth year.

June 15, 1857, Miss Margaret Hudson was united in marriage to Mr. John W. Mudwilder. The husband, two sons, and two daughters survive to mourn. While death came unexpectedly, yet peacefully, it came to one we trust who was ready to close this life's history. About three years ago she embraced the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. Her whole Christian life was one of loyalty and devotion to the Master.

"There is a place of sacred rest,  
Far, beyond the skies.  
Where beauty smiles eternally,  
And pleasure never dies;  
My Father's house, my heavenly home,  
Where many mansions stand,  
Prepared by hands divine  
For all who seek the better land."

A. L. MILLER.

### Tennessee River Conference

#### Lawrenceburg

On the ninth of May I reached Lawrenceburg, where I remained till the thirteenth, visiting with the brethren and preaching every evening. I found our people there all of good courage and doing what they could to advance the message in the community, although just at that time they were quite busy on their farms. There is some interest in the neighborhood, and they are very anxious for us to hold a series of meetings there. I hope we can arrange for this before the close of the year.

On Sabbath afternoon we went over to a beautiful stream not far away, where it was my privilege to baptize three dear souls. One of these (Sister Kennedy) has recently accepted the truth and is the first convert to the truth in the community. The others were Mable Graves and Dorothy Reese. Let us remember the brethren at Lawrenceburg, that God may bless their efforts, and give them a harvest of souls.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

### News Items

Brother Wade has just finished making two small deliveries and reports splendid success with them, delivering over 90 per cent in both cases. He is now in Somerville, working with Jesse Allen and Chalmer Chastain, who have just entered the work after finishing school at Hazel.

Mr. Barnes Broiles is in Jackson, Tenn., and will canvass there until time for his delivery in Hickman County, Ky.

Elder Elliott attended the closing exercises of the Hazel Academy and preached the baccalaureate sermon Sabbath, May 19. Miss Eleanor Elliott, who has been teaching there, returned with him to Nashville Tuesday.

A very interesting food demonstration was held in the Publishing House chapel Wednesday evening, May 23. Its object was to familiarize us with the great nutritive value and whole-

someness of soy beans. Samples of the product were distributed to the audience, and also cooked samples of the various foods made from these beans. Professor Bralliar, Miss Wheeler, and Elder W. C. White presented the various phases of the subject.

Our Nashville young people's society has voted to organize a sunrise brigade to distribute magazines and other literature in the homes of the people in the early morning. It has ordered 500 copies of the *Present Truth* with which to begin this work. A correspondence corps has also been organized to write to interested people, and if any of the readers have names that they would like to submit to this band, please send them to Miss Mary Day, at the Publishing House, and they will receive attention.

Miss Minnie Brown, who has been teaching the church school in Memphis very successfully the past winter, has returned to her home in Nashville. Nothing but commendation for Miss Brown's work is heard from all who have had occasion to become acquainted with it.

Mr. W. E. Templeton, one of our colporteurs, has returned to Nashville, and will not continue in the colporteur work. He expects to go to Ooltewah and assist with the erecting of new buildings that are to be put up there. His partner, Barnes Broiles, will work with Jessie Allen in one of the West Tennessee counties.

Elder Bellinger spent a few days last week with the brethren at Ashland City. He held some meetings while there and reports a good interest. Quite a number not of our church came and expressed themselves as much pleased with what they had heard.

Randall Johnson, of Jackson, and Elder Lawrence, of Memphis, were in Nashville a few days attending a meeting of the conference committee. They were representing the mission work in the conference. A strong tent effort will be held in Memphis with Elder Lawrence in charge. The meeting is to begin about the middle of June. Full plans for the work in the mission will doubtless be printed in this paper in a succeeding issue.

### Carrying the Printed Page

For the last three weeks, yes, for the last six weeks, I have been canvassing after others for the same book, "Daniel and Revelation." I find several books that were sold twenty years ago, others that were sold by Brother Chenault about five years ago, still others by Brother Wagner and Brother Lindsey less than two years ago. It would seem that in the trying times in which we are living it would be merciful to pass these poor people by and not worry them with our books, but I have kept right on as though not a book had been sold. When I find one of our large books I express my joy at finding the people with that valued volume in their homes and request them to go over it again, as they will see so much more in it now, as the prophecies are being fulfilled before their eyes.

I also canvassed over all the same territory twelve years ago for "Patriarchs and Prophets," using "Christ Our Saviour" and "Best Stories" for helps. Very frequently I find the same books which I sold. The people who have them seem glad to see me. I also find that where I sold "Patriarchs and Prophets" others have placed "Daniel and Revelation." Of course this prevents me from making a sale when the people feel that they cannot take any other obligation upon themselves.

Last Thursday I canvassed where I had worked twelve years ago, and where Brethren Wagner and Lindsey had sold books about eighteen months ago. Calling on the lady at a certain house, I was told that they had all the books they needed and that they had a book on Daniel and also Bible studies. Seeing her husband and another man in the field not far from the house, I said I would go to them. She tried to discourage me from going, but I went and canvassed them. While canvassing, the old gentleman, father-in-law of the man of the house, called

on me to let those men go on plowing, that they did not want any Seventh-day Adventist books. I found that one of the men had bought "Bible Readings" and "Thoughts on Daniel" from Brother Wagner and very highly appreciated the truths, but said the worst was that he was not living up to the light received. While I was writing the order for a full morocco "Daniel and Revelation" for the other man, his wife called to him not to take that Seventh-day Advent book, that she would not read it. He smiled and gave the order just the same.

In the last seven weeks' work my sales have amounted to over \$43 per week, including my helps and Bibles.

The farmers have been and are yet very blue, as the cold weather and rains made everything so late. Many in this country are having to buy feed to work their stock on. The tomato crop is not encouraging. Many acres of cotton will have to be planted over if they raise a cotton crop. They do not know where to get seed. It will cost at least \$2 per bushel if it can be bought. The outlook for strawberries was dull, but since the rain the yield has increased and also the price, so the strawberry growers are feeling fine now.

I am of good courage. Mrs. Keele feels better than she has for years. She has found that by working a few hours each day she feels well and enjoys her work very much. She has carried truth and sunshine to many homes. To God we give thanks. Who will join us in this, the last work? W. J. KEELE.

Milan, Tenn.

### A Place in the Work

It is certainly a grand privilege to work in this time when there are many openings for doing good. I can truthfully say I have enjoyed every moment as I have gone from door to door. I have been working with "Christ Our Saviour," and the beautiful words in the books have been a blessing to me as well as those with whom I visit. I have almost gone over the town, and only one refused to listen. I have worked sixty-one hours and taken orders to the amount of \$54, and have delivered \$21.80 worth of those in the sixty-one hours. I have sold over \$100 worth of literature since entering the work. I wish more of our sisters would enter the work and get some of the blessings of field work too.

It isn't selling books alone. If we obey, God will see about providing for us. We feed others on the Word. Our own souls are watered. When we hear such words as these, "Pray for me," "Ever since you were here I have been improving," "Would be glad to have you read and pray with us," "Why do you keep the seventh day?" and "Where do you find in the Bible to begin keeping the Sabbath at sundown Friday evening?" what a privilege it is to talk with the people.

Mr. Keele visited one lady the other day who was very sick. We read some and sang and prayed with her. She said, "I believe the seventh day is the Sabbath." This forenoon we stayed with the family about two hours. She passed away at 10:15. Mr. Keele prayed again and the family was comforted.

One lady of high standing here who has taken treatments of me for a week, but who has been a slave to snuff, is thoroughly convinced that the habit is wrong and has asked us to pray for her until she gains a complete victory.

"Where the harvest waves in the ripened field,  
There is work for all who will a sickle wield.  
There's a place for you; lift your eyes and see,  
And I know there's a place and a work for me.

"In the church of God there is work for all,  
There are dying souls to rescue; hear the call!  
Though I may not preach, nor a leader be,  
Yet I know there's a place and a work for me."

MAE KEELE

## Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending May 19, 1917

### KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
W H White . . . BR	35	20	\$71 00	\$ 2 50	\$73 50	\$
Mary Taylor . . . BF	14	10	18 00	75	18 75	11 50
W P Ethington . . BF	23	23	47 50		47 50	
F L Harrison . . BR	45	28	100 00		100 00	3 50
Jesse E Miller D&R	48	7	25 50	2 50	28 00	
Andy Schroader BR	44	14	49 00		49 00	
Lee Page . . . . . CK	30	20	38 50		38 50	
R F Hickman . . BR	43	32	114 00	1 00	115 00	
B E Wagner . . . BR	33	17	60 50	50	61 00	
I E Bradley . . . BF	26	31	51 00	1 85	52 85	
Bibles . . . . .			4 30		4 30	1 50

Totals (Agts. 10) 341 202 \$579 30 \$9 10 \$588 40 \$15 50

### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

J Harzman . . . BF	30	29	\$47 00	\$ 60	\$47 60	\$
T S Sligh . . . . PG	25	3	12 50		12 50	11 50
M B Wilson . . . BR	43	43	157 50		157 50	
F W Schmehl* . BR	65	47	178 50		178 50	18 30
Bibles . . . . .			12 75		12 75	

Totals (Agts. 4) 162 122 \$408 25 \$ 60 \$408 85 \$29 80

### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

J W Dancer . . . USP			\$	\$ 9 25	\$ 9 25	\$
W J Keele . . . D&R	37	14	61 50	7 50	69 00	
Mr&Mrs Howard BR	26	12	48 00	3 75	51 75	57 25
Mrs E R Jones . . BF	11	12	19 50		19 50	
H G Miller . . . . CK	43	20	30 50	6 00	36 50	
Mrs. Miller . . . .	10	4		3 00	3 00	4 50
Mattie McKinney BF	8	8	10 00		10 00	3 00
W F Nance . . . BF	33	16	32 25	5 50	57 75	
Cleve Smith . . D&R	32	16	56 00		56 00	
G P Tripp . . . . BR	40	9	32 50	15 25	47 75	
M Wheeler . . . D&R	30	7	24 50	2 10	26 60	3 50

Totals (Agts. 11) 275 118 \$314 75 \$52 35 \$367 10 \$68 25

### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

B D Crawford . . BR	34	8	\$ 5 50	\$ 2 00	\$ 5 70	\$ 5 50
J E Foley . . . . BR	26	6	22 00		22 00	22 00
H W Jones* . . . HM	95	20	51 00	1 75	52 75	
G W Powers . . . BF	24	3	3 50	3 90	7 40	12 00
Q Tew . . . . . HM	55	13	38 50	1 55	40 05	
T M Woodruff . . PR	48	16	56 00	75	56 75	
Bibles . . . . .			24 25		24 25	1 30

Totals (Agts. 6) 372 66 \$200 75 \$9 95 \$210 70 \$40 80

### MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Henry Balsbaugh BR	29	10	\$37 00	\$ 5 85	\$42 85	\$
Susie Beasley . . HM	38	55	137 50	18 90	156 40	
Floyd Booth . . . BR	16	11	35 00		35 00	4 00
A L Hamm* . . D&R	91	144	614 00	10 00	624 00	14 00
P Hampton BF, PPF	53	40	135 00	12 00	147 00	2 00
AA Johnson PPF, D&R	63	29	96 50	3 00	99 50	15 00
L J McElroy . . D&R	38			1 10	1 10	29 50
Virgil Smith BR, D&R	38	70	273 00	7 60	280 60	
E B Stowall . . . PPF	25	15	42 50	2 75	45 25	
E A Taylor . . . . BR	34	12	42 00		42 00	
Annie Watts . . . HM	27	24	84 10	2 90	87 00	
J L Waller . . . D&R	48	18	59 50	1 35	60 85	

Totals (Agts. 12) 500 428 \$1556 10 \$65 45 \$1621 55 \$64 50

G'd Totals (A. 43) 1651 936 \$3059 15 \$137 45 \$3196 60 \$218 85

### Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	4098	\$5079 70	\$259 50	\$5339 20
Kentucky Conference . .	4741	6820 10	267 21	7087 31
Louisiana Conference . .	2366	5888 90	57 55	5946 45
Mississippi Conference .	5191	13134 45	630 17	13764 62
Tenn. River Conference	2802	2655 10	256 60	3011 70

Totals . . . . . 19196 \$33578 25 \$1571 03 \$35149 28

### Our Own Troubles

"Every one has his troubles. That is natural. The ones which possess you, or which you possess, are peculiar to yourself. One of them may, of course, be like the same trouble which some one else has,—that is, it would be if the other person were just like you. But the fact that you are different from him has its effect upon the trouble, even when that trouble is the same as the one he has. Now, if you will apply this principle all the way through, you will see that, owing to various differences, your set of troubles is the only set of its kind in the world. It is unique. Nobody could imitate it or hope even if he tried ever so hard, to produce another set of troubles just like it. It is your own set. It was made to order especially for you. Not only is it your own, but you are responsible for it. You have thus far kept it going. It is your particular business to keep it going. Without you it would be nowhere. You must keep it in good repair. If you get careless about it, ignore it, or go off and leave it to its own resources, there is no telling what may happen to it. It may languish and eventually disappear. Naturally you don't want that. That would never do with anything that has caused you so much trouble as your set of troubles. You could scarcely hope to borrow a set belonging to anybody else. Nobody else wants you to have his

troubles. He would be lost without them—utterly miserable. So it is your particular business to watch your own troubles; otherwise you may wake up some morning and find them gone. Then what would you do?"

### The Colporteur's Creed

I believe in the books I am selling, in the God I am working for, and in his ability to get "results."

I believe that honest books can be sold to honest men by honest methods.

I believe in working, not waiting; in laughing, not weeping; and in the pleasure of selling books.

I believe that a man gets what he goes after, that one order today is worth two orders tomorrow, and that no man is down and out until he has lost faith in his work and in his God.

I believe in today and in the work I am doing, in tomorrow and the work I hope to do, and in the sure reward which the future holds.

I believe in courtesy, in kindness, in generosity, in good cheer, in friendship, and in honest service.

I believe there is an order somewhere for every man ready to take one.

I believe I am ready right now.—Publishing Department Record.

\*Two weeks.

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### News Items

Elder W. H. Branson spent Thursday in Nashville in counsel with Elders W. C. White, S. N. Haskell, and members of the union committee.

Brother M. W. Shidler spent a few days at Springville last week, and also attended the commencement exercises of Hazel Academy. From here he went to Memphis, visiting several colporteurs on his way south.

Brother G. H. Curtis left Louisville Thursday for Hazel, Ky., where he was kept busy for several days auditing the books of the Academy for the past year.

A counsel of the conference presidents was held Thursday in Birmingham, Ala. Plans were laid for the development of the work, and a camp-meeting program was outlined.

Elder S. E. Wight, in company with Elder C. B. Stephenson and Elder J. H. Lawerence, visited the church in Lexington, Ky., last Sunday.

Professor Wood delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the Southern Junior College, Sabbath, and will remain there over Sunday. Elder C. B. Haynes gave the commencement address Sunday night.

### Union Evangelistic Effort in Mobile

Through the kindness of the Southeastern Union Conference the services of Elder I. M. Martin have been permanently secured as union evangelist in the Southern Union.

He came to this union the last of March and spent a few days assisting in a meeting at New Orleans, and since that time has been in Mobile, Ala. He has gathered with him a strong corps of laborers. Elder J. F. Wright, a laborer in the Alabama Conference, is with him, and two experienced Bible workers, Miss Anna Hornung, of Louisville, Ky., and Miss Lucile Williams, of Mississippi.

They pitched their tent and began meetings Sunday evening, May 5, with a large congregation present. The president of the conference was with them and reported hundreds of people turned away because of lack of room. One thousand people were provided for in the tent. Although the weather has been cold since, the people have continued to attend. It is really remarkable the interest that has been manifested. Their congregations now range from four hundred to fifteen hundred,

the attendance varying with conditions. A large number of the people are in steady attendance, and the favors granted by the city are everything that could be desired.

The Sabbath question was announced for last Sunday evening. To date the report of this meeting has not been received. We know the readers of this paper will watch the effort with great interest, as it is the beginning of a strong work which we trust will be carried to every large city and small village in the Southern Union in the very near future. Every night at eight o'clock if our people would engage in prayer for this effort and all the efforts that are being carried on in the union at the present time, it would be a great encouragement to the laborers who are meeting the public continually and endeavoring to lead them into this precious faith. The readers may expect a report soon from the workers in Mobile as to what the result of the effort is.

S. E. WIGHT.

### "Christ's Object Lessons" Campaign Notes

People will buy this good book. One of our nurses while giving a treatment talked about "Christ's Object Lessons," and when he had finished the patient handed him ten dollars for a book, remarking he might read it. Then he asked the nurse to have the church pray for him.

In a recent letter Elder W. P. McLennan told of having sold a "Christ's Object Lessons" to a minister of another denomination who told him a few days later that he would not take \$25 for his book if he could not get another.

Mr. Fred Kestler, superintendent of the Birmingham division of the Southern Railway, after examining a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons" gave a telephone order for one and expressed himself as highly pleased with the work.

One lady bearing testimony regarding "Christ's Object Lessons," said, "I read the book and found it such a spiritual help that I purchased one for myself and have sold one to a friend. I want to sell still more of them."

Reports already received from the "Object Lesson" Campaign show fourteen hundred twenty-three books sold.

### How about the Italians?

Is it not true that the Italians in America are more easily reached by the truth for this time, because of their new environments, than are those who still live in their native land? But how many are working in behalf of these people in America? Many call them "Dagos" and seem to think, or at least to act as though they had no responsibility for them. Do you feel that way? But you will say, "I don't speak the language and so I cannot work for them." But this excuse is now removed because we have the *Signs of the Times* magazine (*I Segni Dei Tempi*) in Italian. Its table of contents is printed in English in each issue, and this gives sufficient knowledge of what the articles treat on, so that you can show them, even though you cannot speak a word in Italian.

Send one dollar to the tract society for twenty copies of the latest issue of this magazine and give your Italian neighbors a chance to read the truth in their own tongue. Perhaps there are other nationalities in your neighborhood for whom you would like reading matter. If so, there are similar magazines in ten other languages which you can secure through your tract society secretary. Order now and get busy in foreign mission work at home.

### Important to Fireside Correspondence School Students

Hereafter all books and supplies for F. C. S. courses of study should be ordered from the school instead of the Review and Herald, New York.

C. C. LEWIS, Principal.