

1917  
"WIN ONE"

# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER

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

VOL. XI

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, JUNE 7, 1917

No. 23

## The College in the Wildwood

There's a Southern Junior College in the wildwood,  
No lovelier place in the vale —  
No spot is so dear to my school days  
As the dear old school at Collegedale.

A tent or a cottage in the wildwood,  
What do we jolly students care,  
For we are building a school that will be worth while  
Where the dear old pine perfumes the air.

Soon now our school will be ended,  
And the duties of our homes we'll begin,  
Let us now begin to plan and work together  
So we'll all meet at Collegedale again.

### CHORUS

O, come, come, come, come, come to the school in the wildwood  
O come to the school in the vale,  
No spot is so dear to my school days,  
As the S. J. C. in the vale.



## Baptism at Collegedale

On Sabbath, May 19, fifteen of the young people attending the Southern Junior College were baptized. It was the first time that this ordinance has been celebrated since school started. As a result of definite personal work on the part of students and teachers a very good spirit had come into the school and baptism was a natural sequence.

Elder Branson was with us Friday and Sabbath and took charge of the vesper service and also the preaching service. He gave a very interesting study at the vesper service on consecration. Sabbath morning he spoke of the meaning of the ordinance of baptism, laying special stress on the necessity for one who expected to walk in the Christian way to be baptized. Special meetings were held with the candidates Friday evening and Sabbath, and it was decided to hold the baptismal service at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Promptly at three o'clock the students and teachers assembled in the chapel and went from there to the creek north of the farm, where there is an excellent place for baptizing. Elder

Field, the Bible teacher, performed the sacred rite. The young people who were baptized are as follows:

Miss Marie Worrel, Mangham, La.  
Miss Ruth Johnston, Birmingham, Ala.  
Miss Gwendolyn Widger, Hartford, Ky.  
Miss Lettie Coble, Graysville, Tenn.  
Miss Hazel Lee Kelly, Anniston, Ala.  
Miss Ruth Hale, Macon, Ga.  
Miss Sadie Rogers, Gilberton, Ala.  
Mr. Edward Bumby, Orlando, Fla.  
Mr. Hugh Moomaugh, Ashville, S. Car.  
Mr. James Ennis, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Mr. V. B. Highsmith, Boston, Ga.  
Mr. Fred Kalar, Jackson, Miss.  
Mr. Richard Bumby, Orlando, Fla.  
Mr. Floren Carr, Trezevant, Tenn.  
Mr. F. L. Adams.

### Union Effort

The meetings here in Mobile are in full swing, as we are in the midst of the fourth week. The Lord has led out in a wonderful way. There has been an excellent attendance at all services and we have more names than we can handle of those who are interested.

Last Sunday night we took up "The change of the Sabbath," and the prayers that have been offered for that service certainly were answered. The people are stirred, and some have already decided to obey God. We have announced Sabbath services, to be held at the tent next Sabbath and we look forward to that time with interest.

As workers we came from different sections and were entire strangers; yet I have never seen a company, assembled in so short a time, unite their efforts and pull together like this one. The Bible workers are visiting forenoons as well as afternoons, not because they were requested to do this, but because all seem to feel the responsibility of the effort and all have a willing spirit to lift. The members of our little church here in Mobile are doing their part in a noble way.

We feel that the success of the effort rests upon what God can do, and to this end we as a company have three prayer seasons each day. At eleven o'clock we meet at the tent to counsel together and pray in regard to the work. Again, before the evening service we all meet for prayer, and then after the people have left the big pavilion we assemble to thank God for his blessing. The Lord has been near us in these counsel meetings, and united we stand, determined to present a solid front to the enemy. We ask that all the readers of the WORKER remember this effort daily at the throne of grace. The time is here for God to do great things. It is too early to predict the outcome, yet we feel confident of successful results, for we are expecting that God will add his blessing to our united efforts.

I. M. MARTIN.

### Story of a Box

I'm only just a box, but I've had quite a journey and I want to tell you about it.

Some of the academy people at Lodi, Cal., wanted to share their blessings and bring happiness to the children in a less favored locality, so they gathered cards, books, pictures, and some garments and packed me up and sent me by freight to St. Helena. There they overhauled me and I think I must have passed the examination all right and been pronounced *sound*, for the good Dr. Magan took me under his care and I traveled to Los Angeles.

I wondered if my journey was done, but oh no, for there I met Elder Andross, who kindly gave me a place on his ticket, and away we went toward the "Sunny South" and landed at Huntsville, Ala.

Surely, I thought, now they will give me to the children I came to see, but along came Brother W. C. White, and in his care I was whisked along to Chattanooga, Tenn.

On the way Brother White spoke to a man on the train and in the conversation he found that the man was Mr. Martin, who owns the land on which is the Springdale School near Rome, Ga., the place that I was bound for.

Would Mr. Martin see me on to Rome? Of course he would and be glad to. I began to feel very important to have so many people anxious to show me kindness. Mr. Martin tacked me onto his ticket and we reached Rome.

He found a neighbor who took me out in his wagon and gave me a night's lodging. The next morning two young men who are special friends of the school took me in the buggy and landed me on the front porch at the Springdale School.

I somehow have lost a part of my fulness, but it is more blessed to give than to receive. Many little children were made happy with my cards and pictures. My books will go

into the small circulating library, and every one of my "talents" will be used to bring hope and cheer to some one. While I am nothing but a missionary box, I have fulfilled my mission. Will you fulfil yours as well?

Mrs. W. W. BROWN.

Rome, Ga.

### Seven Thousand Miles in South America

(Concluded)

Should one endeavor to write on the beauties of the Chilean coast, his thesis would be short and sweet, for dreary and bleak are the scenes along the way. However, the traveler continuously encounters experiences on ship-board and forms new acquaintances with fellow voyagers, which help to take off the monotony of the trip.

The second day from Valparaiso we reached Antofagasta, which is a port of no mean importance. It is one of the principal seaports for the export of nitrates and copper and silver ores. In fact, it is one of the principal doors to the hermit republic of Bolivia. Bolivia has no seaport or coast, but depends upon three railways which run inland from Mollendo, Arica, and Antofagasta, to keep in touch with the outside world.

We took train at Antofagasta for La Paz, Bolivia. The railway itself is one of the most interesting in the world, on account of its narrow gauge of only two feet and six inches, a little more than half that of the standard gauge of the American railroads, and it affords access to some of the finest mountain scenery in South America. It reaches an altitude of 13,000 feet while covering a distance of only 223 miles. Along this line and on branches leading both north and south from the main line, are found the great nitrate fields and the famous copper and silver mines of northern Chile and Bolivia.

Upon reaching an altitude of about 10,500 feet, this railway skirts the base of the snow-capped volcano, San Pedro and San Pablo. From the center of the former ascends a constant column of smoke, and it is evident that in modern times it has been in eruption, for the railway cuts through a lava bed nearly a third of a mile wide which looks as fresh as if it had been deposited only about a year.

The summit of the railway is reached at about 13,000 feet above sea-level, and from there it descends to a lower level and runs alongside a wonderful lake of borax some twenty-four miles long. That lake is said to be the largest single deposit of borax in the world. It is not long after passing this lake of borax until one catches the first glimpse of the llama. These little animals are a great blessing to the natives of this country in carrying their burdens. Each animal carries about one hundred pounds in weight, and it is said that they will not move if this weight is exceeded in the smallest degree. From this point, hundreds of these gentle and graceful animals can be seen from the car window. By taking a ride through the country, you will pass thousands of these little burden bearers. They are a little larger than a donkey and are of almost all shades, buff, black, white, reddish, and mixed colors. Their flesh is good for food and their wool for clothing. They are the most gentle and attractive little animals that I have ever seen. A llama can be bought for \$5 gold on the table-lands of Bolivia, and here is also found the alpaca, but they are not so numerous as the llama, and not so much attention is given to their development.

Another little animal found in that region is the vicana. It looks very much like the llama, but resembles the antelope or deer. These animals cannot be trained, but are killed for the softness and beauty of their wool.

This part of Bolivia is one vast table-land, and nothing is seen for miles and miles but a vast level plain, some 1,000 miles in extent. Suddenly we come to the edge of what seems to be a deep, wide crater, and there, looking down into that vast hole in the ground, we see the city of La Paz, some 1,200 feet below. In this ragged valley nestles the city of about 100,000

people, and it is certainly a beautiful sight, for towering into the sky to the east of it is seen the famous mountain "Illimani" which is about 21,182 feet high.

At La Paz we were received by Elder Pohle, the superintendent of the Bolivian field, and were entertained at his home for two days, during which time we were able to view the beauties of La Paz. The Indians of this region do like to dress in gaudy colors, and one sees constantly a passing procession of color, the most striking to be found,—yellow, sky-blue, orange, green, purple, and red. I don't know where I have ever seen as much color displayed as in La Paz. The most of the Indian women wear round "chip" hats, and all of them have some burden on their backs. It is often a baby swung in a shawl, and if not a baby, it is fruit, potatoes, a load of coca leaves, or a basket of llama manure, which is the common fuel in that country. Nearly all of the men wear a *poncho*, which is nothing more or less than a large square blanket with a hole in the middle through which they stick their heads, while the blanket falls down in folds on all sides. The poncho is a pretty handy thing. Both Elder Montgomery and I wore them the greater part of the time we were up in the Indian country. They are especially fine for riding horses, for they keep the rider warm.

It was at La Paz that I first caught sight of the *chuna*. By way of explanation, *chunas* are no more or less than Irish potatoes. They are frozen and dried, with their skins rubbed off, and frozen again until they have lost their identity as potatoes, and then thoroughly dried. They then become dried starch that will keep for years. The Indians rub off the skins by tramping on the potatoes with their bare feet. The *chuna* is a great relish, especially to those who enjoy the flavor of rotten potatoes. Of course we had to bring some of these home with us as souvenirs. One is surprised as he walks through the streets of La Paz to see so much tropical fruit, but we must remember that only two days' journey down the valley by mule are found all kinds of tropical fruits in abundance. Bolivia is the home of the plants which produce quinin and cocain. The chewing of the coca leaf, the plant from which is made the cocain, is a most filthy habit among the Indians. They chew the dry leaves together with a little limestone, and it is certainly as great a curse to the Indians as tobacco is to the civilized (?) white man. Bolivia is the third largest republic in South America, and is larger than any country in Europe excepting Russia, yet its entire population is only a little more than the city of Buenos Aires or Philadelphia. La Paz is the loftiest capital in the world, situated 12,400 feet above the sea. In this city is found a small company of believers. Many openings for work are presented, and calls are coming from several places asking for a teacher—some one to lead the people away from the ignorance and superstition which has bound them so long. Religious liberty was proclaimed as a law of the land in the year 1906. Unrest seems to be taking hold of the people, and they are inquiring what the things mean which are coming upon the world. Surely the time has come to strengthen the work in that republic.

We left La Paz Thursday, the twenty-eighth of December, in company with Elder Pohle. We climbed the side of the crater in an American trolley-car, and after taking a last look at the city we boarded the railway train leading to the nearest port on Lake Titicaca known as Guaqui, riding past miserable little mud villages and large flocks of llamas and sheep which are nearly always guarded by women and children. These women are a strange sight. They wear from five to fifteen skirts, and whenever they get a new one they put it on over the others and so they have their entire wardrobe with them. This should be an idea for some of our American housewives.

The "Chola," or half-breed Indian woman, manages to secure shoes to wear, but the native Indian women always go bare-footed, and many times did we see them trudging along through the slush and snow in their bare feet. They usually wear a

hat adapted to both winter and summer, and don't think of getting a new one every season. It is so constructed that during cold weather it folds about the head, but when needed to protect them from the sun it opens up like an umbrella and shades the face. They are a hardy people, but oh! so dirty in their habits. It is nothing to see these women starting off on a hundred-mile trip with a large load on their back and a baby in their arms, and they think no more about it than we would of walking around the block to visit one of our neighbors.

Before reaching Guaqui, where we took ship, we passed by the village of Tiaunaqua, at which place are found the ruins of an old Inca temple. These ruins can be seen very plainly from the car window. It is only about sixty miles from La Paz to Guaqui, so we were getting our first sight of the famous Lake Titicaca. Its altitude is some 12,500 feet, the highest navigable body of water in the world. And although it receives the waters of twenty rivers, yet it has but one outlet through which a part of its waters flows into Lake Poopo, another large body of water that lies at a somewhat lower level. It is supposed that an underground river carries off the surplus water of both these lakes. There are three steamers which ply the waters of Lake Titicaca a distance of about one hundred twenty miles. We took ship on the boat known as the "Yavari." It uses crude oil as fuel to propel its motors, and while its engines were three hundred twenty horse-power, yet it was impossible to develop more than two hundred forty horse-power, owing to the altitude. We were glad to learn that our ship was to take the northern course, which meant one day and two nights on this beautiful lake. It is as clear as crystal and always as cold as ice-water. Most attractive are the shores on a bright day during the rainy or summer season, when the green of the terraced fields on the mountain side show their best. Our little steamer stopped at several ports, where it unloaded supplies and alcohol. It is pure alcohol that the natives have the habit of drinking. This is what civilization has brought to them.

Sabbath morning we reached Puno, where we were met by Brother Stahl. We have several families of Sabbath-keepers living at Puno, so we went directly to one of their homes and prepared to mount the horses which were waiting for us, and rode out to Plateria, the main station and headquarters of our Lake Titicaca Indian Mission. The road to Plateria was very stony and broken. No wagon or vehicle of any kind ever travels these roads, and all lumber or roofing or furniture or baggage must be carried a distance of twenty-one miles on the backs of burros, llamas, or Indians to the main station. To our more distant station, it means about a hundred miles from Puno. The road was built during the reign of the Incas and was well constructed, but since the Spaniards conquered this country it has gone into decay.

We arrived in Plateria and found all the workers and six hundred Indians in attendance at Sabbath service that Sabbath morning. It was the day when the ordinances were to be celebrated, and the scenes of that Sabbath day will never be forgotten.

W. H. WILLIAMS.

---

"When in trouble many think they must appeal to some earthly friend, telling him their perplexities, and begging for help. Under trying circumstances, unbelief fills their hearts, and the way seems dark. And all the time there stands beside them the mighty Counselor of the ages, inviting them to place their confidence in him. Jesus, the great burden-bearer, is saying, 'Come unto Me, and I will give you rest.' Shall we turn from him to uncertain human beings, who are as dependent upon God as we ourselves are?"

---

"Many people would be willing to follow Christ if he would lead them where they want to go."

## Organization of the Central-Southern Luzon Conference. First Local Conference Organized in Asia

On the arrival in the Philippines of Pastor Daniells and Knox, president and treasurer, respectively, of the General Conference, a meeting of the Asiatic Division Committee was held at Manila, together with the above mentioned brethren, and also members of the local mission. Some consideration was given to the interesting and important work which has developed in the Philippines, especially in the Tagalog field, that is, that portion of the Island of Luzon of which Manila is the capital and center. Some study was given to the necessity for a fuller organization to meet the needs of a rapidly growing work. As the result of this study it was voted that, if after visiting the churches and making a fuller investigation it was seen to be advisable, a conference be organized in the part of the field where the greatest number of Sabbath-keepers are found. Three weeks were spent in making a tour of the churches and companies in the following places: San Pablo, Santa Rosa, Cavite, Malolos, Baliwag, and Calumpit, besides the several companies that make up the church in Manila. As the result of these visits the conviction was strengthened that there is a sufficient membership for a conference organization, and that the work would be benefited by such a step. The native brethren, as well as the American workers, greatly appreciated the counsel and instruction Brother Daniells gave at this time.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, 1916, at 2 P. M., there assembled in the new church building at the corner of Bambang and Oroquieta Sts., Manila, a goodly number of the believers from various parts of the Philippine Islands. In response to a call from the superintendent of the Philippine Island Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, two hundred and forty-two church members, representing eleven churches with a membership of eight hundred eighty-three, were in attendance at this general meeting.

At the appointed hour the meeting was called to order by Pastor Finster, and the subject of organization was introduced.

Pastor A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, outlined briefly some reasons that lead groups of believers in mission territory to organize themselves into local conferences, when conditions for such organizations are favorable. Among other conditions, he named the following as important:

1. A sufficient membership to give strength and solidity to an organization.
2. The accessibility of the members in a given territory, making it possible for them to carry on concerted action.
3. The development of different lines of work to a point of efficiency and strength.
4. The willingness and ability of the believers to make such an organization effective and a real blessing to their field.
5. A readiness and an ability to aid in the financial support of a conference.

A constitution was presented, an outline of what was thought to be a good working constitution, modeled after our conference constitutions in other parts of the world. After submitting the same to the delegates for consideration it was adopted after slight alterations. The native brethren took the greatest interest in the discussion of every proposition. Nothing was allowed to pass that was not fully understood.

Pastor Finster was elected president of the conference; Pastor Bibiano Parus, vice-president; Brother J. S. Barrows, secretary, and treasurer.

We believe this marks an advance step taken in the building up and binding together of God's work in the East. This is the first local conference organized in Asia. Thus in the continent where man first lived, where the Saviour was born, lived, and died, do we now find the great closing message finishing up its great work in triumph.

J. E. FULRON.

## Louisiana Conference

### Conference Directory

C. N. SANDERS, President.  
 C. B. CALDWELL, Secretary and Treasurer of Conference and Tract Society.  
 G. B. BOSWELL, Field Missionary Secretary.  
 MRS. C. N. SANDERS, Educational and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
 MRS. E. L. MORROW, Sabbath School Secretary.  
 OFFICE ADDRESS, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

### News Items

Sabbath, May 26, a Sabbath school with fifteen charter members was organized at De Quincy, with the following officers in charge: Mrs. V. E. Birch, superintendent; Mrs. Allie M. Raver, assistant superintendent; and Mrs. M. E. McCalla, secretary.

Last week Brother Boswell was at Mansfield to assist the boys from Ooltewah in getting started with their book work.

Encouraging word comes from Brother Schmehl, at Minden. In addition to his colporteur work he uses part of Sunday each week for missionary work about his home. He is holding two Bible readings a week.

On her return from Michigan Mrs. Sanders did not come empty-handed, for a number of her friends had become interested in the work in the South and sent their contributions for the Ooltewah school.

With an order for some "World War," Mrs. J. H. Miller, one of our isolated sisters, writes, "I took six copies out and sold them in ten minutes and am sure I can sell more."

The hearty cooperation of those working with "Christ's Object Lessons" is greatly appreciated. A number have sent their money in advance with the orders so that their remittances would not be delayed.

### Reward of Faithfulness

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25: 21.

The Saviour represents himself as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants unto him and delivered to them his goods, that they might improve their opportunities by using the entrusted talents and thereby gain other talents to the glory of their Lord. Three servants were mentioned in the parable.

When the Lord returned to reckon with his servants, he found that two of them had gained talents equal to the amount delivered to them. But the third failed to improve the entrusted talent, so had no increase to return to the Lord. The two who had improved their talents to the glory of their Lord were termed "faithful servants" and lovingly invited into the "joy of their Lord." The one who laid aside his entrusted talent and labored to please self, was called an "unprofitable servant," and he was "cast into outer darkness."

All who are naming the name of Christ represent the servants mentioned in the parable. It is left to us as to which servant we will emulate in our Master's vineyard. You may not be entrusted with as many talents as some one else, but you have been given "according to your several ability," and you will be held in strict account for the way in which you employ your Lord's goods: "All are called to service for him, and for the manner in which they have met this claim, all will be required to render an account at the great judgment day." "Christ's Object Lessons," page 326.

The gifts which God has given to man to be used to his glory are many. Some of them are the gifts of the Holy Spirit, mental faculties, speech, influence, time, health, money, kindly impulses and affections, etc. It would seem that each child of God has

more than one of the above mentioned talents in his or her possession.

Brother, sister, are you improving your entrusted gifts? What will the Lord say to you when he comes to reward his servants? Can he call you a "faithful servant?" Will you be invited into the joy of your Lord? To a great extent we are left to decide our future destiny. The Lord has prepared the eternal home for all who are "faithful," and he has "given to every man his work." Are you faithfully performing that work? Your eternal destiny depends upon your business here below.

We are in a time of great financial strain, political unrest, social impurity, mania for crime, and spiritual decline—a time when it seems that the devil is come, having great wrath. The times demand of God's servants the improvement of every talent with which God has endowed them, that they may be able to meet and successfully conquer every obstacle of the enemy of souls.

Our colporteurs seem to be quite "faithful" in improving their God-given talents, but in the past many have been laid aside by the Lord as "unprofitable servants," because they were unfaithful with the money talent. Some failed to pay tithes, while others used a part of the book money which was due the tract society. The Lord condemns each of these unfaithful acts. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Mal. 3:8, 9. Can any one hope to prosper under the curse of God?

He speaks of the canvasser using the tract society's part of the money in the following language:

"The tract and missionary societies have been deeply involved in debt through the failure of canvassers to meet their indebtedness. Canvassers have felt that they were ill-treated if required to pay promptly for the books received from the publishing house. Yet to require prompt remittal is the only way in which to carry on business.

"Matters should be so arranged that canvassers shall have enough to live on [50 per cent is given] without overdrawing. This door of temptation must be closed and barred. However honest a canvasser may be, circumstances will arise in his work which will be a sore temptation to him.

" . . . Those who are stewards of the means in the treasury must keep a sharp lookout to see that the supply is not exhausted by these draughts. When men cannot by canvassing bring into the treasury every dollar that belongs to it rightly, let them stop just where they are. They should not engage in canvassing unless they can bring means into the treasury, instead of robbing it." "Manual for Canvassers," pages 64, 65.

In this time of "high cost of living" it will be a sore temptation for our faithful men to break over these instructions of the Lord. But let us beware of disobedience. Be "faithful" to your trust.

G. B. BOSWELL.

### The Last Sheaf

Soon will the last sheaf drop and fall,  
And the mantle of night will cover all;  
The work of the reapers will then be done,  
And the grain that is saved will be gathered home;  
But, oh! must we plead, and plead in vain,  
For reapers to gather the precious grain?  
Once more we pray, and we plead with tears,  
For reapers to work till the Lord appears.

—L. D. Santee.

An hour's industry will do more to produce cheerfulness, suppress evil humors, and retrieve your affairs, than a month's moaning.—Anon.

## Alabama Conference

### Conference Directory

A. L. MILLER, President.  
O. R. GODSMARK, Secretary and Treasurer of Conference and Tract Society.  
M. L. WILSON, Field Missionary Secretary.  
J. F. WRIGHT, Home Missionary, Y. P. M. V., and Educational Secretary.  
HELEN M. KEATE, Sabbath School Secretary, 715 18th Street, Birmingham, Ala.  
OFFICE ADDRESS, Room 316, Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

### News Items

Sister Olive Forland has been in Ensley, Ala., for some time, attending church services in Birmingham whenever possible.

Sister Amanda Baker, of Red Level, sends in three subscriptions to the *Signs Weekly*, also a nice payment of tithe.

Brother R. P. Harbin in sending his tithe expresses the desire of every true believer at this time, "Pray for me that I may overcome every evil trait in my character and have the blessed privilege of standing on the Saviour's right hand when he comes."

By the time this note is printed Brother J. C. Holland and Brother Norman H. Waters will be in their territory in Morgan County. We ask that these brethren be remembered at the throne of grace, that their work may be successful this year, that they may earn a scholarship, and when the Southern Junior College opens next year both will be present at the first roll call, with a scholarship in full in their hands.

Sister J. E. Washam, of Sylacauga, continues to send in subscriptions to the *Signs Weekly*, the last order being for two subscriptions.

Sister O. Henderson has been working Opelika with *The Watchman Magazine* and has been doing nicely.

Sister Lula Rogers orders ten copies of the new book "The World War" sent to Gilberttown. She is availing herself of our offer to send ten copies of the new book for \$1.40 postpaid.

Brother and Sister C. T. Burroughs, from Texas, were welcomed by the Birmingham church May 19. We are glad to have them with us and trust that they may stay in Birmingham permanently.

Brother R. L. Smith, who lives near Huntsville, sends in an order for ten copies of "The World War." Who will be next?

Very encouraging word comes from Brother O. P. Bolinger, of Lynn Haven, Fla. He writes, "The *Watchman* were received last evening and my little girl, Clarice, took them out today and sold all of them, so send ten more right away; and when the July *Watchman* comes out send ten of them, for she is going to try and see if she cannot work up a class to take them every month." We wonder if others are having the same encouraging experience in working for the girls' dormitory at Ooltewah?

"I am enclosing \$1, and will ask you to list my name for a short subscription for your paper. Some time ago I received a copy of the *Signs of the Times* with a comment on Joel 3:9-12 that certainly described conditions as they are and have been for some time. 'The war of all nations' is certainly upon us, and believing you people are up to date on such questions, I would be glad to receive any back numbers of your paper that might give light on this great question if you are not treating it just now. What I want is information on the war and the attitude of Christians toward it, the coming of our Lord, etc.

"I am a minister in the Christian Church.

"Do today's work today; tomorrow's will be done when it comes."

## Kentucky Conference

### Conference Directory

R. I. KEATE, President.  
 BURTON CASTLE, Secretary and Treasurer of Conference and Tract Society.  
 JAMES HICKMAN, Field Missionary Secretary.  
 MRS. R. L. LINDSEY, Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
 MRS. R. I. KEATE, Sabbath School Secretary.  
 OFFICE ADDRESS, 2014 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky.

### News Items

Elder R. I. Keate preached to a large, attentive audience at the Louisville church last Sabbath, impressing upon his hearers the importance of the cooperation of each member in the work of winning souls. Many expressed their appreciation of the discourse, and all were well pleased with our new president. Brother Keate accompanied Elder Wight to Lexington Sunday in the interest of the work at that place.

Brother R. J. Hyatt, of Cynthiana, was a visitor at our office Sunday and Monday on his way to Irvington, where he joined Brother Jesse Miller in the canvassing work.

One of our canvassers writes: "I never have seen the people more willing to buy books than at the present time." And his accompanying weekly report bears evidence to the statement.

The tract society is receiving an encouraging number of daily requests for "Christ's Object Lessons" and the special *Watchman* to be sold for the benefit of the Ooltewah school. These orders we are glad to receive and are filling promptly.

"It is far better for us to reflect on what we have not accomplished, and try to discover why we have failed, than it is to exult in what we have accomplished."

## Mississippi Conference

### Conference Directory

C. J. BUHALTS, President.  
 BEN C. MARSHALL, Secretary and Treasurer.  
 BEN C. MARSHALL, Tract Society Secretary.  
 J. R. STATON, Field Missionary Secretary.  
 R. E. BURKE, Religious Liberty Secretary, Box 78, Meridian, Miss.  
 MRS. R. E. BURKE, Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
 MRS. B. C. MARSHALL, Sabbath School Secretary.  
 OFFICE ADDRESS, 703 S. Gallatin St., Jackson, Miss.

### The Work at Quitman and Laurel

"It has been some time since I reported for the *WORKER*. It is not because we have had nothing to report, but we have been kept busy and the Lord has been blessing us here in this part of his moral vineyard. For this we feel very grateful.

The first of May I visited Chicora and held a series of meetings at the Cedar Creek church at Quitman. There was a good interest and a good outside attendance. The building was filled at every meeting held during the two weeks which we were there, and some have decided to obey. The last night there were many hands that went up for prayer. We will have baptism the next time I visit them.

The twentieth of May we opened a series of meetings here in Laurel, and from the first there has been a good attendance with a splendid interest. We are expecting great things in Laurel. God is working for us and giving us souls for our hire. Miss Lillie Harp is here doing faithful Bible work, and she is seeing results of her labors. We ask that while you are praying for others you remember us at the throne of grace.

R. E. BURKE.

### Bible Work at Laurel

Our meeting has begun with a very good interest. Hearts were stirred last night as Brother Burke spoke on the subject so dear to every Seventh-day Adventist, "The Signs of the Times and the Coming of Christ."

Many souls are hungering for the truth, and we who know it must be faithful in giving it. How can we remain silent when souls are starving all around us for the soul-saving food we have?

Some of the dear souls that are searching for truth here say they never knew how to study the Bible before, but now they see so much beauty and light in its sacred pages. One lady told me with tears streaming down her face that she could never thank us enough for bringing this truth to her. An experience like this cheers our hearts. When we see souls step out to keep the commandments amidst the scoffs of the world we feel rejoiced and well paid for all the efforts we have put forth. I want my life and all I have to be spent in this work of giving the last message to the world. What a grand privilege to be living at the time when we are expecting to see Jesus come. I want to be in the class that will look up and say: "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

It is sad to see the false teaching that is in the world today. In giving Bible studies to a doctor's wife and married daughter, I found they had only a New Testament. I asked them how they could possibly live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," when they only had half of God's words. I gave them a study on the inspiration of the Bible. They became convinced at once that they were half starved. They bought two Bibles from me and are reading them through. When I go to fill my appointment they are full of questions about things they have read. They say, "Oh, I am just in love with my new Bible. I never knew it was such a wonderful book." They have also encouraged some of their neighbor women to read it through, and often they have a regular Bible study over the phone. Last Friday there were some missionary society ladies in when I went, and they asked me to explain Revelation 13. I told them I would gladly do it, and just as I had finished others came in. Those who had heard the explanation, said, "Tell it to them just like you did to us." They thanked me, and asked that they might join my class.

I ask each reader of the *WORKER* to remember these dear souls in prayer, that God may be with them as they see this truth and that they may not care what the world says about them.

Let us be faithful, that this work may soon be closed and Jesus come. I long to see Jesus come. I want to go home, away from all the sin and wickedness of this world.

LILLIE HARP.

### "Holy Roller Member Dying of Snake Bite"

Under the above heading the *Nashville Tennessean and American* of Apr. 25, 1917, has the following news item:

"WHITE BLUFF, Tenn., April 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Roe Ashworth is dangerously ill at her home here from the effects of a snake bite. Mrs. Ashworth was attending a Holy Roller meeting at the home of Mrs. T. H. Whitfield when she was bitten by the snake which was a large cotton-mouth. The Holy Roller preacher had the snake brought to the meeting to prove his power to handle poisonous reptiles without injury and to prove his power to heal in the event of members being bitten. He gave the snake to Mrs. Ashworth. As he did so she was bitten on the hand. The preacher failed to heal her. She is sixty years of age, and her recovery is doubtful."

A. L. MANOUS.

"Success comes in 'cans,' failure in 'can'ts.'"

The "Signs Weekly" in Burma

March 25, 1917.

Signs of the Times,  
Mountain View, Cal.

Dear Sir:

While we were engaged in evangelistic work in Memphis, Tenn., I received a number of letters from you with regard to furnishing me with a large club of the *Signs Weekly* to be used in connection with our tent work. This as I understood was to be paid for by some one who was interested in doing that sort of missionary work. At that time we were planning to come to Burma, so I did not take the matter up with you. However, we are settled down for work again and now I am writing to let you know that we could handle a club of your excellent missionary paper to good advantage.

During a tour of my field last month I secured the photographs of two Burmese families which I am enclosing to you. These are additional evidences that your paper will bring people into the truth, even in foreign fields. The first one is Dr. Mg Hpo Hla, who with his large family has come into the truth through reading the *Signs Weekly*. Dr. Hpo Hla is well educated in English and has charge of the government hospital. He has been passing his good paper along to the head of the second family, Mg Po Pwe, judge of the subdivisional court. This family has become deeply interested in the truth, and a number of others are asking for literature as a result of this one paper. They live in a beautiful village of ten thousand people and are very anxious that we open up work among them.

Aside from the European population of Burma, there are thousands of people among the Burmese, Karans, Anglo-Burmese, and Anglo-Indians who read and speak English, and I am sure that the *Signs Weekly* placed in some of these homes will bring good returns.

I do not know that you are prepared to send clubs out to the foreign fields, but it may be possible that you know of some one who would be glad to pay for a club of fifty for one year for us. If you have any one in mind that will pay for them and you will send us this club, we will be glad to remail them to a carefully selected list of names.

Anything that you can do to cooperate with us in reaching the millions of Burma will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) C. F. Lowry.

Tract Talk—Try It

A tract put in a letter, folded with thoughtful care,  
And sealed with earnest longing and a short heart-spoken prayer;  
Commended to the Saviour, and sent forth on its way,  
His changeless loving kindness, his faithfulness to say:  
Not much to give to Jesus, easy this work for him,  
But the world is growing older and faith oft groweth dim,  
And the time is passing over, and it needs that some should stand  
And sow small things for Jesus, with free, unsparing hand.  
—Selected.

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending May 26, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Turner Battle* .BF	125					\$80 45
U Bracy* . . .BF,GC	36			8 20	8 20	35 00
G W Brown . . .BF	20	2	3 50	1 20	4 70	
B D Crawford .BR	33	2	7 00	4 00	11 00	
HL Edwards*HM, BR	52	25	73 00	85	73 85	
R L Etheredge .BF	33	2	4 00	1 50	5 50	50 00
J E Foley . . . .BR	25	11	40 50		40 50	4 50
H W Jones . . . .HM	41	11	27 50	1 40	28 90	69 00
F M Reiber . . . .BR	50	24	102 00	2 45	104 45	
Q Tew . . . . .HM	55	15	39 50	50	40 00	
T M Woodruff .BR	35	12	42 00	1 65	43 65	
Bibles . . . . .			12 05		12 05	

Totals (Agts. 11) 505 104 \$351 05 \$21 75 \$372 80 \$238 95

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Felia Pierce . . .BR	68	39	\$139 50	\$2 30	\$141 80	\$2 30
I E Bradley . . .BF	17	5	10 00	1 60	11 60	
Andy Schroader .BR	40	10	35 00		35 00	
Lee Page . . . . .CK	29	17	33 50		33 50	4 00
B E Wagner . . .BR	32	23	81 50	2 00	83 50	
F L Harrison . . .BR	39	26	100 00	50	100 50	
Mary Taylor . . .BF	11	13	21 50	75	22 25	
W H White . . . .BR	41	17	59 50	1 50	61 00	

Totals (Agts. 8) . 267 160 \$480 50 \$8 65 \$489 15 \$6 30

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
			\$	\$	\$	\$
F W Schmehl . . .BR	28	13	\$49 50		\$49 50	\$14 00
T S Sligh . . . . .PG	10	4	14 00		14 00	8 00
J B Hardy . . . . .BR	12	4	16 00	75	16 75	16 00
Bibles . . . . .						3 00

Totals (Agts. 3) . 50 21 \$79 50 75\$ \$80 25 \$41 00

\* Two weeks

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Susie Beasley . .HM	34	29	\$72 50	\$10 95	\$83 45	
Floyd Booth . . .BR	31	27	97 50	3 25	100 75	
A L Hamm . . . .D&R	52	80	334 00	4 50	338 50	
Perthia HamptonBF	48	32	102 50	9 45	111 95	
AA Johnson D&R, BF	32	17	52 50	3 35	55 85	
Annie B. Watts HM	40	33	116 50	5 60	122 10	
J L Waller . . . .D&R	43	24	84 00	85	84 85	

Totals (Agts. 7) . 280 242 \$859 50 \$37 95 \$897 45

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Jesse Allen . . . .BR	11	10	\$36 00	\$2 00	\$38 00	\$3 50
Barnes Broiles .BR	39	6	23 00	5 00	28 00	
Mr&Mrs HowardBR	20	28	102 00		102 00	
M Hixson . . . . .BR	18	7	23 50	2 75	26 25	
W J Keele . . . . .D&R	34	8	32 00	4 75	36 75	1 25
H G Miller . . . .CK	47	18	28 50	5 25	33 75	4 25
Mrs Miller . . . .BS	8			3 00	3 00	
W F Nance . . . .BF	24	10	15 00	4 00	19 00	
E O Stahl . . . . .BR	21	10	36 75		36 75	
Cleve Smith . . .D&R	39	23	80 50		80 50	
M Wheeler . . . .D&R	37	20	74 00	1 50	75 50	

Totals (Agts. 11) 298 138 \$451 25 \$28 25 \$479 50 \$9 00

G'd Totals (A. 40) 1400 665 \$2221 80 \$97 35 \$2319 15 \$295 25

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	4603	\$5430 75	\$128 25	\$5712 00
Kentucky Conference . .	5008	7300 60	275 86	7576 46
Louisiana Conference . .	2416	5968 40	58 30	6026 70
Mississippi Conference .	5471	13993 95	668 12	14662 07
Tenn. River Conference	3100	3106 35	384 85	3491 20

Totals . . . . . 20598 \$35800 05 \$1668 38 \$37468 43

# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER

Published weekly (fifty numbers) by

THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

EMBRACING

Tennessee River, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana  
Conferences

2006 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE : : : FIFTY CENTS A YEAR

Printed by the Southern Publishing Association  
of Seventh-day Adventists

Entered as second-class matter, May 19, 1910, at the post-office at  
Nashville, Tenn., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

## Pertaining to the Union

### Union Conference Directory

S. E. WIGHT, PRESIDENT.  
G. H. CURTIS, Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor.  
LYNN H. WOOD, Educational and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
M. W. SHIDLER, Union Missionary Secretary.  
R. I. KEATE, Home Missionary Secretary, 1213 N. 23rd  
St., Birmingham, Ala.  
OFFICE ADDRESS, 2006 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

### Campaign Items

Elder B. M. Heald, the home missionary secretary of the Southeastern Union, sends in the following report for the work of that union in the interests of the *Watchman* campaign.

Conference	Orders for <i>Watchman</i>	Amt. Reported to May 29
North Carolina .....	4360	\$ 89.55
South Carolina .....	1640	59.90
Cumberland .....	3807	401.53
Georgia .....	4460	516.15
Florida .....	3836	161.41
Totals .....	18103	\$1228.54

Deducting the price of the 1,800 *Watchman*, we have \$640.19 clear gain. This makes all the money that will come in from now on apply on the dormitory fund. Brother Heald says that this is no where near the complete report, but is sort of a "straw vote" to show how the conferences are running.

In the report that will come out two weeks from today, both unions will be very much better represented. The following list shows the number of magazines ordered by the Southern Union Conference:

Alabama .....	1555
Kentucky .....	640
Louisiana .....	1020
Mississippi .....	300
Tennessee River .....	1500
Total .....	5015

From Sister J. N. McLeod, of Mississippi, comes the following splendid report:

"I am writing after Sabbath that my report may not be delayed. I used ten *Watchman* and two 'Christ's Object Lessons.' I am turning into the conference treasurer for Ooltewah \$24.10 as a result of this campaign. I feel very thankful to God, and to him be the praise."

Little Miss Graves, of the Lawrenceburg, Tenn., church, had good success in collecting on the new dormitory fund. In a comparatively short time she had filled six of the albums, and

is therefore entitled to one of Sister White's new books, "Captivity and Restoration of Israel."

One of our elderly sisters in Nashville spent an entire day selling the special *Watchman* and working with the books. The papers were disposed of in a few hours, and she reported many good experiences in meeting with the people.

Sister Holland and Sister James, of the Jackson, Tenn., church, have done good work in the campaign. In two hours Sister Holland sold fifty of the Ooltewah *Watchman*, and Sister James placed ten copies of the magazine in the hands of the people in a few moments.

To date the Tennessee River Conference has shipped out 1,500 *Watchman* and 302 "Christ's Object Lessons." The campaign is not over in our field and the interest is at a fever heat.

Brother W. A. Harvey, superintendent of the Southern Publishing Association, reports an interesting experience in selling "Christ's Object Lessons" to a salesman. He told the man he wanted him to take the book home and read it and give him the pay after he found out how good it was. The gentleman told him he would rather pay for it before he took it, and opened his pocketbook to get the money. The first thing he drew out was a \$5 bill. He said that was too much, but the next bill he drew out was a \$10 bill, and finally he came back to the \$5 bill and said, "Have you more than one to sell?" Brother Harvey told him he could have as many as he wanted. He said, "Give me another one and I will give you this \$5. Will that be all right?" He sent one copy to a nephew of his who is a minister, and received word from him that the book was very valuable and would help him greatly in preparing his sermons.

Three children in the church school at Memphis, Tenn., have turned in \$8 which they received by soliciting with the little dime albums.

The reports from the churches have come in so slowly that it was deemed advisable to defer the publishing of the cut for one week. Many were just in the midst of the campaign when the reports were asked for for this week. Let all who have not sent in their reports make a careful canvass of the work done and get a report in the very first of the week so the picture can be published as soon as possible.

### Loma Linda Institute

The Loma Linda Medical School, of Loma Linda, Cal., is to hold a Medical Missionary Summer School, which will give a course similar to the Red Cross course, with some additional features. Diplomas will be given which will be of great value to our workers just at this present time. This course will begin June 5 and end July 4. Any one in the union who would like to avail himself of this course or who wishes further particulars should write to the Loma Linda Medical College, Loma Linda, Cal.

### Home Nursing and Simple Treatments

This is the title of a series of lessons based on Amy E. Pope's "Home Care of the Sick" and Dr. G. H. Heald's "Colds, Their Cause, Prevention, and Cure." They have been examined and endorsed by the General Conference Medical Department. They are designed to meet the needs of mothers in the home and of others who wish to do missionary nursing but are unable to take a full course of instruction at one of our sanitariums. The total cost, including textbooks, is \$5.50. Those who are interested should write at once for full particulars to The Fire-side Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

"The man who permits his pleasure to interfere with his business may reach the point where he won't have any of either."