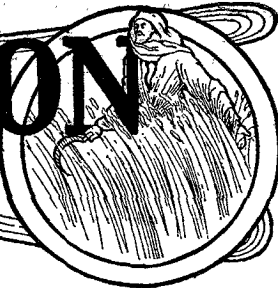


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Instruction Concerning the Work in the South

Recent visits to many of the rural districts in Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia have brought to my attention forcibly, evidences that what was written in the Testimonies ten years ago to instruct and encourage us in regard to the work and the results of faithful effort in this great neglected field is applicable today.

Every group of workers visited calls for recruits, and many unoccupied fields are ready for the gospel worker and are calling for help. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

From "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, pages 9, 22, and 23, I copy statements which, being general, apply equally to the South and to all fields.

"It is God's purpose to manifest through his people the principles of his kingdom. That in life and character they may reveal these principles, he desires to separate them from the customs, habits, and practises of the world. He seeks to bring them near to himself, that he may make known to them his will.

"The word comes to me in the night season to speak to the churches that know the truth: 'Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.'" Isa. 60: 1.

"If Christ left the ninety and nine, that he might seek and save the one lost sheep, can we be justified in doing less? Is not a neglect to work even as Christ worked, to sacrifice as he sacrificed, a betrayal of sacred trusts, an insult to God?"

In a booklet entitled "Words of Encouragement to Self-supporting Workers," we find the following quotations:

"There has been a decided failure to meet the requirements of God in the Southern field. We need to ask the Lord to give us understanding that we may see our lack, and take in the situation in the South, and the need of doing the missionary work that lies right at hand."

"Messengers of mercy are needed, not merely in the few places in the South, but throughout the whole field. Rich and poor are calling for light."

"Let the servants of Christ begin at once to redeem their neglect, that the dark stain on their record may be wiped out."

"Men and women should now be offering themselves to carry the truth into the highways and byways of this field. There are thousands who might give themselves to God for service."

"In the South there is much that can be done by the lay members of the church. . . . Let Sabbath-keeping families move to the South, and live out the truth before those who know it not."

In a message of encouragement to workers in the South written Mar. 7, 1907, we read the following:

"The South is to be especially favored now, because of the

neglect of the past. The atonement for the failure of the past to meet the needs of this field, should be full and ample. The institutions in the South that for years should have stood on vantage ground, are now to be especially favored. The Huntsville school must be encouraged to enlarge its work. Every possible advantage should be given to these schools that they may show what can be done in making the earth to yield her treasures. The Madison and Huntsville schools are to be an object lesson to the people in their vicinity.

"I was shown that there is danger of these schools being circumscribed in their plans and limited in their advantages. This should not be. Everything possible should be done to encourage the students who need the class of instruction that can be given at these schools, that they may go forth properly instructed to do a work for others who need the same education and training that they have received. Fields are opening on every side to the work that such laborers could do.

"For the work in and about Nashville, we should do all we can to put it on a solid basis. The work should be conducted with simplicity, and in a way that will recommend the truth. There are many places in the South open to our work; but by all means let us make a beginning in the important cities, and carry the message now. 'For thus saith the Lord of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the Desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.'"

From an article entitled "A Missionary Education," dated June 18, 1907, we quote these words:

"Before we can carry the message of present truth in all its fulness to other countries, we must first break every yoke. We must come into the line of true education, walking in the wisdom of God, and not in the wisdom of the world. God calls for messengers who will be true reformers. We must educate, educate, to prepare a people who will understand the message, and then give the message to the world.

"God has revealed to me that we are in positive danger of bringing into our educational work the customs and fashions that prevail in the schools of the world. If teachers are not guarded in their work, they will place on the necks of their students worldly yokes instead of the yoke of Christ. The plan of the schools we shall establish in these closing years of the work is to be of an entirely different order from those we have instituted.

"For this reason, God bids us establish schools away from the cities, where, without let or hindrance, we can carry on the work of education upon plans that are in harmony with the solemn message that is committed to us for the world. Such

an education as this can best be worked out where there is land to cultivate, and where the physical exercise taken by the students can be of such a nature as to act a valuable part in their character building, and to fit them for usefulness in the fields to which they shall go.

"God will bless the work of those schools that are conducted according to his design. When we were laboring to establish the educational work in Australia, the Lord revealed to us that these schools must not pattern after any schools that had been established in the past. This was to be a sample school. The school was organized on the plan that God had given us, and he has prospered its work.

"I have been shown that in our educational work we are not to follow the methods that have been adopted in our older established schools. There is among-us too much clinging to old customs, and because of this we are far behind where we should be in the development of the third angel's message. Because men could not comprehend the purpose of God in the plans laid before us for the education of the workers, methods have been followed in some of our schools which have retarded rather than advanced the work of God. Years have passed into eternity with small results that might have shown the accomplishment of a great work. If the Lord's will had been done by the workers in earth as the angels do it in heaven, much that now remains to be done would be already accomplished, and noble results would be seen as the fruit of missionary effort.

"The usefulness learned on the school farm is the very education that is most essential for those who go out as missionaries to many foreign fields. If this training is given with the glory of God in view, great results will be seen. No work will be more effectual than that done by those who, having obtained an education in practical life, go forth to mission fields with the message of truth, prepared to instruct as they have been instructed. The knowledge they have obtained in the tilling of the soil and other lines of manual work, and which they carry with them to their fields of labor, will make them a blessing even in heathen lands."

W. C. WHITE.

Many Calling for Light

The spirit of prophecy speaks in regard to the work here in the South, saying: "Messengers of mercy are needed, not merely in a few places in the South, but throughout the whole field. Rich and poor are calling for light."

Perhaps no one has a better chance to see how this prophecy is being fulfilled than do those who are getting letters every day from people who have never heard of the truth or who have but just heard of it and are anxious for information, concerning the message we have for the world today.

One of our workers met a lady in a rest room, who when she found out our sister represented the Adventists, asked questions so fast that she could hardly answer them. She had been studying and seemed convinced that the seventh day is the Sabbath and that she should keep it. She promised to read any literature that the sister would send her.

Another letter from a lady in Kentucky says: "Some years ago I bought 'Bible Footlights' from a traveling man. I was anxious to understand the prophecies relating to this awful war. I am sure it is all in the Bible if we could only unravel it. Have you no later book bearing on these things? If so, I want to get one."

The Southern Publishing Association is the recipient of the following letter, which shows how many people there are both in the highways and byways that we know nothing about, who are anxious to get this message:

"I want a sample copy of some paper which is published by the Seventh-day Adventists, if there is a paper published by that denomination. Also if you have a catalog of your

publications such as books, tracts, pamphlets, etc., I want a copy of such catalog. I recently purchased a copy of your 'Bible Footlights' and like it very much. Some time ago I purchased a book entitled 'The United States in Prophecy and History.' I like it very much, but I lost it on the train before I had read it all. I believe you published it. I would like to have another copy but know not from whom to order it.

"I am a teacher in the public schools of Kentucky and a minister of the denomination known here as Advent Christian. I agree with my denomination fully except upon the question of Sabbath observance. The bulk of our members here agree with me upon all points of doctrine. We wish to investigate more fully before we make any trouble for ourselves or for others."

Shall we not arouse and do all we possibly can to spread this message while it is day, for surely the night cometh, when no man can work.

Reader, there is some one in your neighborhood who is longing for light. Will you not pray that God will direct you to bring salvation to that soul? Now is the time for earnest missionary work.

LYNN H. WOOD.

Set of Testimonies Wanted

The East Side Missionary Band of the Fatherland Street church desires to obtain a set of Testimonies at a very low rate. A second-hand set in either cloth or leather would be acceptable. Please communicate with Mrs. Eastman, 509 Fatherland St., Nashville, Tenn., stating the lowest price you can make. This will be quite a favor to the society. It is one of the strongest bands organized in the local church, and some one should respond to their desire to prepare themselves for a more diligent study of the Testimonies.

Mississippi Conference

News Items

To date we have ordered 2,300 copies of the "World War." A large per cent of these books have been sold by our lay members. Have you done your share? Remember, we send ten copies in the paper binding for \$1.35 and ten in the cloth binding for \$2.60, postpaid. Why not order ten to sell to your neighbors?

We are glad to announce that we have secured the services of Brother H. W. Denton, from Michigan, to assist us in the ministerial work in the conference. Brother Denton arrived in Jackson June 6.

Brother Buhalts was in Jackson over Sabbath and spoke at the 11 o'clock hour and again Sunday night.

Watch for the colporteurs' reports in next week's WORKER and notice what our faithful workers are doing. Then ask yourself the question, What am I doing to give this message to others?

It is none too early to order your Sabbath School Quarterly for next quarter. Last quarter there were at least seventy-five people who did not order their quarterlies in time for the first Sabbath. Let us do better this quarter.

Have you seen the new book, "The Return of Jesus"? It is fine. Ten will be sent you, postpaid, for \$1.35.

"Conquest of the Unknown"

Civilization girdled the globe long since. Peary's discovery of the north pole and Amundsen's more recent successful south pole expedition are fresh in the memory. Their experiences read like fiction. Why did God put it into the hearts of men to penetrate to the unknown parts. Unbelievers who read this article will have their eyes opened. Circulate the *Signs Magazine*, or enlist some other one in the good work.

The Goal for the Weekly "Signs"

The goal set for the *Signs Weekly* is "One Hundred Thousand Subscriptions by July." The only way to reach it will be for the members to go out after them. The Lord's promise is, "I will make you to become fishers of men." Fishers do not sit at home and wait for the fish to come to them. They go to the water with bait and patiently fish. If the promise has been fulfilled in the members, they will take bait and go after souls, and the *Signs Weekly* is fine bait. If the promise has not been fulfilled, the condition, 'Come ye after me,' has evidently not been fulfilled, for they go together. Such a condition should call for heart-searching.

Some experiences will show the success some fishers of men are having:

"A short time ago while sending out our missionary papers we chose a man's name from a canvasser's list and sent him a copy of the *Signs*. A few days later he met a gentleman near his home whom he knew to be an Adventist and told him that he had received a paper, and paid him for a year's subscription."

"I have received several of your papers, the *Signs of the Times*, which I have enjoyed very much. They were posted to me when I was in camp. I do not know who sent them. I thought it was some unknown friend, but I have no friend who takes this paper. If your publishing company sent them, I thank you very much, for they put many a dull hour to flight. Will you tell me how I can obtain them? I will subscribe for the paper if you will tell me how much it will cost for a year. I should like to know what Christian body it represents. If you hold any evening services I would like to attend."

"The most interesting phase of our missionary work at present is the weekly *Signs* work. Though only a small company of eight members, with the Lord's help and blessing and by systematic methods we have been enabled to work up our weekly *Signs* list to seventy-eight subscribers; but we do not plan to be content to settle down at that number, for surely the Lord has more than seventy-eight souls in this neighborhood whom he would have come to a knowledge of this present truth. We have therefore set our aim at one hundred before this quarter closes. You may be interested to know just how we work.

"From our weekly missionary meeting offerings we purchase from time to time, from the publishers, a gross of assorted back numbers of the *Signs*. After the secretary has stamped each one with the address of the hall and an invitation to the meetings, every member is given four *Signs* each Sabbath, and that member takes the oversight of four homes in the vicinity, each member following one after the other, and leaving a paper in each home for four consecutive Sabbaths. On the fifth Sabbath a tract is left, with the announcement that at present we have no more *Signs* to give them, but if they have found them interesting and would like to receive more on the same topics, we would gladly bring them the up-to-date numbers, which are even more interesting, and we have found that seventy-five per cent readily subscribe. In fact, oftentimes before we have given the fourth paper they volunteer to pay us.

"This work, with our tract lending, is done during the lunch hour. We go out in twos. Now that our lists have grown, the secretary does the delivering and collecting through the week, this enabling the other members to work new territory. This work provides good items for our missionary meetings.

"Among the list of subscribers is a Catholic lady, with whom we have had several good talks. Recently she ordered 'His Glorious Appearing' and 'The World's Crisis.' Another, a Congregational lay preacher, has also ordered these two books."

This is a remarkable experience, as it shows what a few people can accomplish for the Lord by making careful use of their time. Why could not many more do as well as they have? The one hundred thousand goal would soon be reached then.

"We are giving Bible readings and praying with the people.

They come a long way to get our literature. We seldom are able to read the papers we are taking, for they are learning when each copy arrives and coming after it. One lady became so deeply interested in the *Signs Weekly* that she would send for it every week if we did not take it to her. On Sunday afternoon she called on us, and as soon as she had taken her seat began to glance through different books in the library. I went to the file and took out the last *Reviews* and handed them to her, telling her they were late copies, and she looked them over. I handed her the tracts entitled 'Signs of the Times,' and 'Is Sunday the Sabbath?' She rolled papers, tracts, and all up and put them in her pocket, saying, 'You must give these to me, for I want to read them every one.' I told her I had given the *Signs* to her doctor, and she said she must have them, so I told her he was going to bring them to her as soon as he had finished them. She is reading the 'Story of Daniel.'

In this case the *Signs Weekly* had so interested this lady that she had become anxious to read anything she could get on the same subjects. She will almost surely accept the truth.

"This church takes a regular club of the *Signs Weekly*, and they are hearing words of appreciation from those who receive the papers. The elder had given the paper several times to a Catholic lady, when she asked what the subscription price was. When he told her, she ordered the paper for a year. A wealthy farmer has also subscribed."

"The *Signs Weekly* seems to become more popular each day. Just recently a person who is a stranger to us stopped in at our office and inquired if he could obtain a copy of the *Signs*. He stated that he believed it to be the best religious paper that was printed, and he wanted to know if he could obtain a copy each week. There are perhaps many others who would read and enjoy the *Signs* if they only had the opportunity."

"A man called at the home and one of our sisters handed him a copy of the *Signs*. He read it and came for another. As a result, he and his wife soon accepted the truth. They moved into the country and soon had another Sabbath-keeper with them. Shortly afterwards a brother and sister visited them and they studied the truth and accepted it fully. Then others living near them began to read the *Signs* they circulated, and there are good prospects that more will accept the truth."

Another good work began with one *Signs Weekly*. Why not give the Spirit of God many more such opportunities of working on the hearts of the people?

"A dear friend of mine sent my name to your paper for six months and I have received it for about two months now. I wish to tell you that I have never read a paper of religious message in my life that did me so much good as this. I hope I will never be deprived of it, and I am going to try to get it into other homes I know of. I really think this is the religion I have been looking for all my life, and hope I can join your little band before long."

These experiences should be an encouragement to our members to give this paper a wider circulation.

Try the plan of giving three or four numbers and then soliciting a subscription. In many cases you will succeed and may win souls.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

"If we paused to think that angels
Walk beside us in the way,
Would we not be far more careful
What we do and what we say?"

"If the quiet hour does not prelude the day of activity, we will grow fussy and fevered in our service to men. We will lose our faith; and with our faith we will lose our strength."

"Get Busy"

Would you like to be a worker,
Not a jerker in the line?
Do you feel yourself a shirker
When some duty you decline?
Then wake up, my friend, you're needed
Out along the firing line,
Where the battle all unheeded
Goes against your cause and mine.
You won't have to meet the rabble
With a rapid-fire machine,
You can conquer with the Bible
And *The Watchman Magazine*.

W. A. WRIGHT.

Alabama Conference**The Progress of the Meetings in Mobile**

Knowing that the readers of the *WORKER* are anxious to hear of the progress of the tent meeting in Mobile, we are writing to let you know that the work is onward. We want to tell you, dear brethren and sisters who are making these meetings a subject of prayer, that your prayers are being answered, and we earnestly request that you continue to pray as never before, for we have come to the critical time in the meetings. The people are making decisions either for or against the truth, and the devil is working with all his power to turn the people from it. The clergy of the city are warning their members to stay away from the tent, yet the people continue to come. Up to date we have over one hundred seventy-five families represented on our visiting list.

On Sunday night, June 10, we had the largest attendance we have had thus far since the meetings began. There were at least 2,000 people who came to the tent, but only about fifteen hundred could be accommodated. We rented all the extra chairs we could secure, but these were soon taken and people were left standing on the outside. We took the chairs off the rostrum for some. Others sat on the edge of the platform or stood around on the outside, and still many went away for lack of room. The street was blocked with automobiles, and some drove on because they could not get near the tent. To this large audience of attentive hearers Elder Martin preached an able sermon on the subject of "Hell." God drew very near; hearts were touched, and twenty-five or thirty people signified by raising the hand that they would surrender all to God and live a different life.

We have now held two Sabbath services at the tent, which have been well attended. At each of these meetings from fifteen to eighteen adults were present who have begun to keep the Sabbath. This is very encouraging so early in the meetings. A good many others are thinking seriously, and we believe that ere long some of them will be observing the seventh-day Sabbath.

As a band of workers we feel to praise God for his blessings, and truly "he hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Our great desire is to keep humble before God and present a united front to the enemy. We are of good courage, and again we would request that the brethren and sisters throughout the union remember us each day before the throne of grace that we may have wisdom and power from on high as we labor for the precious souls of this city.

J. F. WRIGHT.

"There is hidden in the heart of every gift of God to us a meaning and sweetness which only reveal themselves when the gift is shared with others."

Louisiana Conference**News Items**

June 7 Misses Lillian Emerson and Lurline Roach, who have been attending the Keene Academy during the past year, arrived in New Orleans to engage in the magazine work.

Brother J. R. Perkins, of De Quincy, La., who was with us in the canvassing field for a few months last summer prior to entering the school at Ooltewah, is again back in Louisiana for the summer. His first report of \$129 worth of orders in twenty-eight hours has just been received. He and Brother Hugh Moomaugh, whose splendid report appears with the weekly reports, are located at Mansfield. Mr. Moomaugh is also just from the Ooltewah school, where he has spent a very profitable year.

Elder J. H. Lawrence, the union mission evangelist, made a recent visit to New Orleans, and while there spoke to the New Orleans church No. 2 several times.

De Quincy Tent Meetings

"I say unto you there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." The Father, his son, and the Holy Spirit manifest a deep interest in the salvation of souls, and when a sinner in this old world turns from error to truth, from sin to righteousness, the joy of the Godhead is seen by all the angels. May it be our happy lot to bring more of this joy and satisfaction into the presence of the angels of God.

I have just finished holding a series of tent meetings in the town of De Quincy, La. The meetings were begun March 30 and were continued until May 27. They were held every night, and on the Sabbath days we had a Sabbath school and a Bible study beside. We did not miss a night on account of bad weather or for any other cause.

During the first four weeks of the meeting the interest was good on the part of a large number, but then as the more testing truths were presented, and the people were urged to become fully obedient to God, the attendance began falling off. But the interest continued good to the very end on the part of those who were minded to be obedient to the commandments of the Lord.

Our location for the meetings was excellent, being right in the heart of the town, but the sad thing about it is that we did not have any help. I was alone throughout the meetings and had all the advertising, all the visiting, and all the preaching to do, besides caring for the tent. But the Lord blessed and made the work a pleasure though it seemed to me that I had a little more of the "work" than I ever had before.

A large number of Bibles and books and leaflets were loaned and sold, and hundreds of tracts were distributed.

During the meetings in response to the calls that were made quite a number signified their determination to be obedient to the truths presented, and I think that at least twelve can be counted that are keeping the Sabbath as the result of the meetings. Two of these have been baptized and others are awaiting baptism.

On the twenty-sixth of May we organized a Sabbath school with fifteen charter members, and since then several more have been added. The officers and teachers are taking hold with a will, and they give promise of making a real success with the school. Prayer meetings are being held every week, and they are well attended. Let us earnestly pray that the Lord will bless these dear people that they may be built up in the truth and become thoroughly established and a real help in advancing

the truth in all the earth, that our Saviour may come back to earth again soon and put an end to this reign of sin.

According to our present plan we will hold another series of tent meetings immediately, in a little country place about five miles from De Quincy, where we hope some farmers will take hold of the truth. With some farmer brethren standing firmly for the truth in this vicinity we think we can organize a church at De Quincy which the Louisiana Conference will be glad to own and to honor. Pray to this end, dear brethren, and God will hear the prayer of faith. If we are true to him our prayers will avail very much.

O. F. FRANK.

Kentucky Conference

News Items

Elder Keate returned to the office Sunday after several days' absence, and is spending some time getting in touch with the needs of the conference.

Sunday Brother G. A. Davis was called to the home of Brother W. H. White, of Sanders, to officiate at the funeral of the little daughter of Brother and Sister White. Our sympathy goes out to this bereaved family.

The new secretary-treasurer having arrived, Brother G. H. Curtis has returned to Nashville after spending several weeks in the Kentucky office on account of the vacancy here.

Brother F. L. Harrison, one of our faithful colporteurs, spent Sabbath with friends in Louisville. Sister Harrison preceded him and has remained to continue her visit for a few days longer.

Brother James Hickman is out in the field assisting some new recruits who are anxious to get started in the colporteur work.

Elder Keate spoke to an appreciative audience at the Jefferson St. church in Louisville Sunday evening. He showed clearly from the prophecies that "the end of all things is at hand." He emphasized the need of our "watching unto prayer."

Brother F. L. Harrison writes: "I delivered over \$117 worth of books yesterday and today. I just lacked one dollar of delivering one hundred per cent."

We are sorry to learn that Brother R. F. Hickman has been unable to work for part of two weeks on account of inflammatory rheumatism.

A fire at the Greenup depot destroyed Brother J. H. Clark's shipment of "Bible Footlights," amounting to \$375. Brother Clark had obtained permission of the agent to leave the books in the depot for a few days. This is a reminder to us that the devil is working in every possible way to hinder the work.

We request every member of the Kentucky Conference to pray that we may reach our \$4,000 book subscription goal for June. We overreached the \$3,000 goal for May.

Our Work in the State of Kentucky

We arrived in Louisville Friday morning, May 25, to begin work in the good State of Kentucky. As Brother Brown had been gone for some time, there were a number of things awaiting attention. Sabbath I spoke to the Louisville church, and on Sunday morning accompanied Elder S. E. Wight to Lexington to attend to some important matters there.

At Lexington we had some good meetings, and the Lord came near. It was decided by the two colored churches there to unite as one. It is their intention to sell the memorial church building and enlarge the No. 1 church, or rebuild, or buy a new building to accommodate the united company. Wednesday we returned to Louisville.

A committee meeting was called for Thursday P. M., but as some of the members that were expected did not arrive, it was

postponed until the next morning. Friday morning the committee met with Elder S. E. Wight and Brother G. H. Curtis present. A number of important things were considered, and the following tent efforts were decided on: One at Louisville conducted by Elder W. E. Videto and G. A. Davis; and another at Polleyton, Whitley County, which will be conducted by Elder O. A. Dow and John Thompson.

Elder W. E. Videto, the Bible teacher of the Madison Agricultural and Normal Institute, of Madison, Tenn., will be with us until September. Brother G. A. Davis is the new pastor of the Louisville church. He arrived here Friday morning, June 1, the same day as Brother Burton Castle, our new secretary. Both of these brethren are graduates of Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, Mich. Brother Davis graduated two years ago. Some years ago he worked one summer in Kentucky. Brother John Thompson is the son of Elder Charles Thompson, president of the Northern Mission Conference. He has just graduated from the Washington Missionary College, Washington, D. C. These two efforts, with the colored tent effort by Elder J. M. Campbell and Brother F. S. Keitts, will make three tent companies at work this summer. Sister Dow will continue to work in Covington, and Sister B. E. Wagner in Lexington. Elder William Winston will remain in Owensboro.

Among the letters I have received are many calls for meetings. We are certainly glad to find such an excellent interest, but we must ask those making these requests to be patient with us and we will do our best to get around to them as soon as we can.

We sincerely hope that every member will, by the grace of God, win a member this year. Do pray earnestly for these special efforts that are being made. Remember also the faithful canvassers, and myself.

R. I. KEATE.

Obituary

WILLIAMS.—P. A. Williams, of Powder Mills, Ky., was born June 19, 1836, and died April 1, 1917, aged 80 years, 9 months, and 12 days. He joined the Methodist church when young and was a faithful member of that church until he accepted present truth in 1875. He lived a consistent Christian life until called by death. He leaves three daughters to mourn. His wife died nearly four years ago.

LIZZIE CAMPBELL.

A Splendid Record

Mrs. W. H. White is the first person in the Southern Union to finish all the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses. In appreciation of the privilege accorded her, she says:

"I heartily recommend them to both old and young. I certainly do appreciate having access to a library of such good books. I found them to be entertaining, instructive, inspiring, and uplifting, and I hope this year will see many take advantage of the opportunity the library affords and finish the courses.

"I have read eleven of the books in less than two and a half months in my spare moments and on Sabbaths. I do all my own work, including washing, ironing, sewing, and helping attend the garden. Few of us realize the value of spare moments."

The books in the library await the demand of all our constituency here in the Southern Union. They can be had merely upon payment of the return postage, and can be kept two weeks without charge, and a longer time if a detention fee of two cents a day is remitted when the book is returned. Two weeks is ample time for any of the library books to be read, however, and thus it is a very reasonable plan to let everybody have a chance to read these fine books.

LYNN H. WOOD.

Tennessee River Conference

News Items

Brother R. H. Hazelton, one of our faithful workers, has gone to Lexington, Tenn., where he will continue to sell our message-filled books. He has sent in one report since being out in his new territory, and judging from the figures he is having good success.

Mrs. Edna Bom, of Halloway Landing, Ky., writes that there is a good interest in the community in which she resides and she is anxious for a minister to be sent there to hold some meetings. It is planned for a minister to visit this company some time after the first of the month.

Two good orders for books have been received from Brother Keele, and these will be sent to Milan and Humboldt, two of the places where this brother has done successful work.

The Nashville colored church school closed Tuesday night, June 5, with appropriate exercises, and the vacation season has begun. Sister Derrick, the teacher, reports a very successful season of school. The enrolment has been close to fifty. Sister Derrick will now resume work as a Bible worker until the beginning of school.

Mrs. F. M. Izlar, of Nashville, has gone to Paducah to connect with the tent effort that has begun there. She will do Bible work. We hope to hear some good reports of the effort there within a few weeks.

Miss Eleanor Elliott, who has gone to Memphis to take charge of the book and paper work there, writes that the young ladies under her supervision are having unusually good success, and it will take several hundred books each week to cover their demands. Miss Eleanor enjoys her work, and it is to be hoped that all of the young ladies there at work will be successful in earning their scholarships.

Sister Mattie McKinney, of Memphis, has ordered a good shipment of the small books for delivery in Memphis. Sister McKinney is a member of the No. 2 church there.

Brethren Jesse Allen and Chalmer Chastain, of Somerville, Tenn., now in the canvassing field, write that they are well able to make their expenses through the sale of small books as helps and have no worries over financial problems. They say, "It can be done."

By the way, have you seen the July *Watchman*? Several good articles in this issue make it well worth the small sum asked, and the reading of its excellent articles might mean a soul's salvation. The Outlook Department is very interesting indeed, dealing as it does with the many crises which confront our nation at this time.

Brother Pound reports that the young people of the Paducah church are working hard to earn their scholarships through the sale of the small books. We have recently received an order from him calling for 500 copies of the World's Crisis Series of twenty-five-cent books.

Miss Cornelia James, of the Jackson church, has ordered 50 copies of the July *Watchman* for distribution in the residence and business sections in Jackson.

Brother G. G. Jenkins, of the local church, has been ill with an attack of pneumonia and has found it necessary to employ additional help in his café during his illness, Brethren Dye and Little, of Madison, coming in as assistants.

Miss Lillie McAlexander, of this city, was recently united in marriage to a Mr. Niel. Their many friends will join in wishing them a prosperous and happy life. They will make their home for the present in Paris, Tenn.

Brother Cleve Smith, our Calloway County colporteur, has been on the sick list for the past two weeks. We hope that he may soon be able to take up active work again in the field.

The Sabbath School Quarterlies for the third quarter have been received, and we are now prepared to fill orders. These will be sent out in time to reach the customers before the fourth Sabbath in June.

Dr. A. J. Harris, of the local church, has been sending a number of our books and magazines to those who might be interested in our truth. He has received several letters from these, showing an appreciation of the literature they have received and requesting more of our reading matter. The Doctor is much encouraged with this line of work. Let others follow his example. Use the mails; they are open to every one.

Our camp-meeting will be held in Nashville, Tenn., September 13-23. The exact location has not been determined, but will probably be within access of some car line and convenient to the city. We have hopes that Elder Evans will be with us this year, as we understand he is planning to attend some of the meetings in the Southland.

Elder W. C. White has left some packages of soy beans at the office for sale, the proceeds to go to the children's garden fund at the Madison school. The packages are valued at ten, fifteen, and twenty cents. The beans are for seed only. These will be mailed out to any one interested. A bulletin describing the preparation and value of the soy bean will accompany every order sent out.

Several orders have been received from the colporteurs for "Christ's Object Lessons." We are glad to report that to date we have shipped out 1,500 copies of the *Watchman* and over 300 copies of "Christ's Object Lessons." There has been received in cash from the sale of these books, up to this writing (June 10), \$131.80. This is a good report and shows what can be done when every one puts his shoulder to the wheel.

Misses Masie White and Alsie Gray, of Nashville, have returned to Ooltewah to assist with the summer work at the Southern Junior College.

Mr. Barnes Broiles, of Clinton, Ky., has returned to Nashville, having finished his delivery. He reports considerable damage done by the storm there, and some of his subscribers had been killed by the storm. It happened that he had left his headquarters for another county seat a few days before the storm came, and when he returned his boarding house had been blown to splinters and his room was gone. The Lord will protect his workers in all difficulties.

The remittance of all mission funds received from the churches was forwarded to the union conference treasury on Monday, June 11. Some of the churches were late with their remittances this time, holding up the general remittance a few days. Please be prompt, church treasurers, and in the future endeavor to have your remittance in the conference office a few days after the last Sabbath in the month. All remittances should reach the office not later than the fifth of the month.

Notice to Church Clerks

Cards bearing the names of church members have been mailed to every church clerk in the conference, and it is planned that these cards shall be distributed at once to those in good standing in the several churches. Any omission of names should be reported at once. Return to the office all cards representing members removed, dead, or dropped for various reasons. New members uniting with the church bodies should be reported to the office, and cards will be issued at once. As duplicate records of every card are kept at the office, it is important that these changes be recorded properly.

F. C. BRUCE, *Secretary*.

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending June 9, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	
TR Battle*	BF	117	\$	\$	\$	\$25 00	
G W Brown	BR	48	1	3 50	60	4 10	
B D Crawford	BR	36			6 25	6 25	
A Clark	US	64	48	102 00	6 10	108 10	
J E Foley*	BR	73	15	59 50	1 50	61 00	10 50
J C Holland	BR	52	34	137 00	1 30	138 30	9 00
H W Jones	HM	14	1	2 50	70	3 20	15 00
G W Powers	BF	42	49	122 00	3 15	125 15	15 00
F M Reiber	BR	20	4	17 00	1 60	18 60	
Q Tew	HM	46	7	18 50	1 30	19 80	
N H Waters	BR	50	33	122 50	2 10	124 60	10 50
T M Woodruff	BR	31	11	31 50	35	31 85	
Bibles				21 95		21 95	9 25
Totals (Agts. 12) 593 203 \$637 95 \$24 95 \$662 90 \$94 25							

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE									
Lee Page	CK	35	\$	\$	\$	\$88 50			
Jno Brownlie	BR	46	14	50 00	3 75	53 75	3 75		
Geo Tatman	BR	39	10	47 00	6 25	53 25	6 25		
A F Owens	D&R	19	9	31 50	25	31 75	25		
C B Sherer	BR	40	21	73 50	1 25	74 75	1 25		
Jesse E Miller	D&R	46	17	70 50	14 50	85 00	17 00		
R J Hyatt	BF	41		90 00	3 35	93 35	93 35		
R W Harris	BF	5		24 50		24 50	24 85		
Felia Pierce	BR	52	41	150 50		150 50			
Jeff Hickman	BR	4			2 00	2 00	26 50		
I E Bradley	BF	11	6	9 00	1 50	10 50	2 00		
B E Wagner	BR	40	6	21 00	50	21 50	220 00		
Elsie Tatman	BR	36	15	52 50	2 75	55 25			
Andy Schroader	BR	16					98 00		
Bibles				2	9 35	9 35			
Totals (Agts. 14) 430 141 \$629 35 \$36 10 \$665 45 \$581 70									

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
F W Schmehl	BR	49	28	\$103 00	\$	\$103 00	\$18 50
J B Hardy	BR	27	13	49 50		50	50 00
Hugh Moomaugh	BR	39	48	188 00		188 00	
J Reba Perkins	BR	28	34	129 00		129 00	
T S Sligh	PG	18	3	10 50		10 50	10 50
Bibles				5 00		5 00	
Totals (Agts. 5) 161 126 \$485 00 \$ 50 \$485 50 \$29 00							

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE									
Henry Balsbaugh	BR	30	10	\$34 75	\$	75	\$35 50	\$	\$ 3 50
Perthia Hampton	HM	38	16	54 00		3 25	57 25		
A L Hamm	D&R	29	53	216 50	5 00	221 50			
AA Johnson	PF, D&R	32	15	49 00	2 95	51 95			
E A Taylor	BR	20	6	21 00	1 80	22 80			
J L Waller	D&R	47	22	77 00	85	77 85			
Annie Watts	HM	25	13	57 00	4 50	61 50			
Bibles					3 85	3 85			
Totals (Agts. 7) 221 135 \$513 10 \$19 10 \$532 20 \$3 50									

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Jessie Allen	BR	43	31	\$114 50	\$21 00	\$135 50	
Chalmer Chastain	BR	51	49	199 50	9 00	208 50	
M Hixson	BR	40	8	29 00	14 25	43 25	
W J Keele	D&R	26	5	21 50	14 50	36 00	
Mrs Miller	BS	9			3 00	3 00	
H G Miller	CK	45	24	40 00	2 75	42 75	4 50
W F Nance	BF	15			9 45	9 45	57 75
Cleve Smith	D&R	38	10	35 00	1 50	36 50	
Emma Jones	BF	10	9	14 00		14 00	
Memphis Workers		134			62 50	62 50	
W E Templeton	BR	20				58 75	
B H Broiles	BR	23				128 75	
R H Hazelton	BR	40	12	44 00	1 25	45 25	
Totals (Agts. 12) 494 152 \$497 50 \$139 20 \$636 70 \$249 75							

G'd Totals (A. 50) 1899 757 \$2762 90 \$219 85 \$2982 75 \$958 20

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference	5528	\$6504 15	\$ 324 15	\$6828 30
Kentucky Conference	5905	9263 85	373 61	9637 46
Louisiana Conference	2705	6870 80	58 80	6929 60
Mississippi Conference	6185	16020 20	734 22	16754 42
Tenn. River Conference	3951	4168 85	563 90	4732 75
Totals	23274	\$42827 85	\$2054 68	\$44882 53

"Investments—Wise and Otherwise"

The first of some very practical "talks" to business men by a business man who has experienced both the bitter and the sweet. In the July *Signs Magazine* he tells of his first investment—a dime's worth of oranges. They were sweet, but the experience was bitter. Then again he bought some lots out in South Chicago, to where one on the "inside" told him the elevated was to be extended.

Beautiful spiritual lessons that would appeal to most any man are drawn from these and other experiences that are most interestingly told. Here is a fine excuse for asking a man to buy a copy. See it yourself and see that others in your neighborhood see it.

Life should be considered a measure to be filled, and not a cup to be drained.—*Arthur T. Hadley.*

* Two weeks.

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.

Moses became great because he used his talents to do the work of God, and an increase of talents was then given him. He became eloquent, patient, self-reliant, and competent to do the greatest work ever entrusted to mortal man. This is the effect upon character whenever men give themselves to God with the whole soul, and listen for his commandments that they may obey them.—*E. G. White.*

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News Items

Brother G. H. Curtis returned to the office Monday morning, June 11, after an absence of nearly six weeks, in field work, the most of the time having been spent at the Kentucky Conference office at Louisville.

Very encouraging reports are being received from the union evangelistic effort at Mobile, Ala. From a recent letter to Elder Wight from Elder I. M. Martin we take the following:

"I wish that you could have been here for the service last night. It was our largest crowd and there was a fine interest. About sixteen or seventeen hundred stayed to the entire service, many standing, of course, and hundreds were turned away. Those on the outside estimated that there were more than two thousand people out to the service. Bayou St. was blocked full of autos filled with people, and all available parking space on Dauphin St. was filled also. Auto after auto came up filled with people, but because there were no seats, and being unable to stop near enough to the tent to hear, they had to move on. We felt that the Lord answered the prayers of those that have been praying for the meetings. There was a fine spirit in the meeting. When I made a call at the close there were from twenty to thirty that responded. Many among these were those with whom we have talked, and these we know made the surrender to keep all of God's commandments as far as they know.

"We are of good courage and expect that the Lord will do great things. Last Friday night we had one of our largest week-night crowds, and at the Sabbath service there were about twenty adults there as a result of the meetings thus far. We are praying much and working hard. Continue to pray for the work here."

Under the Alabama Conference heading is a little more detailed report of these meetings from Elder Wright, who is assisting Elder Martin.

In a letter from Professor Thiel this past week we are informed that there are now six girls and twenty boys from the Southern Union who are at Ooltewah working this summer with the view of materially assisting themselves in school this next year. There are four more girls going in the next few days.

Let us thank the Lord that there is opportunity for so many to work and thus assist themselves in getting an education, and let us pray that means will come in so that twice this number can go. There are a great many who are longing for the op-

portunity, and the only thing that keeps them back is lack of work, and we cannot supply the work until we get the money to buy material. Let us remember the school day by day at our morning devotions, that God will not only open the way for students to go there, but that he may send means that the work there may rapidly advance.

Camp-Meetings

The North American Division Committee has arranged for Elder I. H. Evans, the president of the North American Division Conference, and Elder E. E. Andross, of Los Angeles, Cal., the president of the Pacific Union Conference, to attend our camp-meetings this year. These brethren will be at the beginning of our meetings and will stay one week. It is hoped that all our people will be at the camp the first day. You can all readily see that the Southern Union is to have the best of help this year. All who possibly can should attend these meetings. They are well located, and everything that possibly can be done will be done to make them a success. You may look from time to time for interesting items relative to these meetings.

S. E. WIGHT.

Camp-Meeting Dates

Kentucky, Louisville	Sept. 6 - 16
Tennessee, Nashville	Sept. 13 - 23
Alabama, Birmingham	Sept. 20 - 30
Mississippi, Jackson	Sept. 27 - Oct. 7

Southern Junior College

News Notes From Collegedale

Misses Masie White and Ella Mae Curtis, of Nashville, Tenn., returned to the Southern Junior College last Monday. These girls were visiting at home for a few days after the close of school. They expect to work for the institution this summer.

Miss Ruth Goodner, of Birmingham, is a recent arrival at Collegedale.

Mr. Harold Perez, of Hildebran, N. C., came to Collegedale Thursday morning. Mr. Perez will spend the summer working on the farm and will go to school next winter.

Mr. Marion Cox was called to his home in Orlando, Fla., last Wednesday.

Mr. Alphonso Currier wore a broad smile Wednesday afternoon when an automobile drove up, whose occupants were his brother Joseph and wife, his mother, and his sister, Corine Currier. They came from Orlando, Fla., and were on their way west. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Currier expect to go to Boulder, Colo., where they will work in the sanitarium. Miss Corine and her mother expect to go on to Nashville for a few days. Miss Corine expects to spend part of the summer at Collegedale.

Miss Velma Ward and her brother Victor arrived at Collegedale Tuesday evening.

Mr. R. E. Hicks, of Athens, Tenn., spent a few hours at Collegedale Tuesday. Brother Hicks expects to return and work on the farm later this month.

The boys are engaged in unloading a carload of lumber. A car of sand is expected soon. When this comes it will be a short matter to finish putting in the concrete work for the foundation of the new building.

Misses Irma Haladay and Gladys Bartholomew are recent arrivals at Collegedale.

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*.