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

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God Understands

It is so sweet to know
When we are tired, and when the hand of pain
Lies on our hearts, and when we look in vain
For human comfort, that the Heart Divine
Still understands these cares of yours and mine.

Not only understands, but day by day
Lives with us while we tread the earthly way;
Bears with us all our weariness, and feels
The shadow of the faintest cloud that steals
Across our sunshine, ever learns again
The depth and bitterness of human pain.

There is no sorrow that he will not share,
No cross, no burden for our hearts to bear
Without his help: no care of ours too small
To cast on Jesus; let us tell him all—
Lay at his feet the story of our woes,
And in his sympathy find sweet repose.

—Selected.

The Southern Field

Experiences of the First Year at Collegedale

On looking back over the first year at Collegedale it seems that the time has gone by only too rapidly. While there has been a great deal of work to be done and the burden has been very heavy, yet every one, both teacher and student, has felt that the Lord was with us and that his guiding hand was clearly shown in the prosperity and success that has attended our efforts. It is an inspiration to be connected with an institution that is just starting and to watch its upbuilding. It is especially gratifying to watch the growth when there is no debt contracted and when one realizes that everything done is for permanency and will not have to be paid for later on.

Many and varied were the experiences that came to us the first year. The shortness of the time between the dates when the farm was bought and the time set for the opening of school made it imperative that everything move along at top speed. The need for haste was emphasized by the delay in getting cars to move our goods in, and by crops on the farm to be cared for. In addition to all this work, quarters had to be provided for students and teachers and for school.

At first it was felt that it would be impossible for a strong grade of school work to be done the first year. It was decided to hold school about eight months, but by having our recitations an hour in length instead of forty-five minutes, the lost time was made up. School started on October eighteenth and as our school building was full of furniture and boxes, the opening exercises were held in the dining room. This also served as chapel for the first few weeks of the term.

Busy indeed were those days. The question of providing quarters had to be solved and that quickly. As winter was likely to open almost any time, considerable anxiety was felt lest it catch us unprepared. The repair department worked over time. New roofs had to be put on several of the cottages, tent houses were to be erected, a boys' dormitory built, a place provided for our cows and chickens, the building now used for the girls' dormitory had to be cleaned and made ready for its occupants.

In spite of the great press of work every one has felt that it has been good for him to be here. While at times it has seemed that we were working all the time and doing little else, yet we have had several pleasant social times during the winter. Thanksgiving afternoon was spent playing games on the meadow west of the school building. The boys entertained the girls on the hill one night. The girls returned the favor at their dormitory. All the school enjoyed a ramble through the woods the first beautiful day in early spring.

It has been gratifying to those in charge of the school to see the spirit of self-sacrifice and cooperation that has possessed the young people in attendance. When the days were cold, it seemed almost impossible to heat the building used for class work. On those days we would dismiss school and every boy would be drafted for service in the wood department. In several of the cottages the roofs were leaky and when it rained it was hard indeed to keep dry. It was very difficult to heat the cottages but despite all these hardships, there was no murmuring or complaining, and every one seemed anxious to do all he could toward the upbuilding of the school.

Through the generosity of friends it is planned that our facilities shall be greatly increased and enlarged next year. We are glad for this. While we rejoice that we shall be able to do more toward making our quarters comfortable, yet we feel that the greatest reason for rejoicing is because, through these enlarged facilities, more young people will be able to share in the benefits of the Southern Junior College.

LEO THIEL.

The Christian in War Times

On the above subject Frederick Lynch, D. D., chief editor of *The Christian Work* of New York, wrote some suggestions (in the issue of May 26), which we think are worthy of careful thought. The position taken is reasonable and should commend itself to all thoughtful minds.

"These are going to be trying days for many sincere Christians. Christians are not going to be able to see eye to eye. The experience in England has shown that there is going to be much more difference of opinion on the righteousness of war for the Christian than there has ever been in any previous time. Fifty years ago, and even less, objection to war under any conditions was confined almost entirely to the Society of Friends. But the general pacifist movement has made great progress since those days and many converts to their view point have been made from all religious communions and many of the labor and So-

cialist groups hold the same point of view. Thus England, much closer to the war than we and with vital interest much more threatened, has witnessed a Fellowship of Reconciliation of some four thousand members, mostly young men and women, and not predominantly Quaker in its membership, arise, and take a radical stand against war as being in its essence un-Christian under any conditions. Furthermore, many of the thousands who have come into prominence as conscientious objectors in England, have had no connection with the Society of Friends. All this is referred to simply as an index of what will surely be the experience in America. The peace movement has made much more progress here than in England. There are thousands of people in America whose consciences will not let them kill their fellow-men in settlement of international disputes. Some of these might feel that were this country invaded they might then feel justified in resisting attack, but under present conditions they cannot go forth to kill.

"Here is the chance for the Christian in war-time, even though he himself believes in the inevitableness of this war, and its righteousness, to render a great service to his country, to real and lasting democracy, to freedom of conscience which is Protestantism in its very essence, and to Christianity itself. He should insist that no man be forced to act against his life-long or deep-rooted convictions, his religious principles, or his real conscience. Nothing is more fatal to democracy, as nothing is more un-Christian, than to make a man break what is his al-

legiance to Jesus Christ, or God, or his own conscience. Let us not make the terrible mistake England has made in this regard. The one thing in this war of which many finest Englishmen are ashamed, the only thing that has approached towards Prussian war methods, has been her harsh and un-Christian treatment of conscientious objectors. She has seen her mistakes and relaxed her severe treatment of these men. When our conscription law begins to operate we shall have many more conscientious objectors than had England. Our colleges and labor organizations are full of them, and there are a few in our churches. Every Christian should take the part of these men, for it is because of what they believe about our Christ, and his teaching that all men are brothers, that they object. There is no democracy left in the nation, no Protestantism in the church, when men are forced to do what they believe Jesus Christ absolutely forbids. It is no gain to win a war if you have to make men sell their souls before they will fight. To imprison them as England has done, when they refused to fight, is simply to say publicly that Christian consistency is a crime. Let us be Christian toward these men. Let us appoint commissions in each community for examining these men as to their sincerity, and see that they are composed of the best men of the community, always including some clergymen, and not of men, as was often the case in England, who have no sympathy either with Christian conviction or democracy. All army officials should be kept off the commission." —*Lake Union Herald*.

What about the Magazines?

What is your church doing to circulate the magazines? and are you helping in this? Some are doing excellent work, as the following experiences show:

"An interesting incident occurred on the train the other day. When I boarded the train I handed the *Signs* to a passenger, asking him if he would like something to read on the way. 'Certainly,' he replied, taking the magazine and beginning to read. On reading the first article, he became so interested in it that he had to read it to three of his friends, after which he sat down and continued reading. I noticed that he was reading every article from the beginning. Finally he turned to me and said, 'Where do you get these papers? Can I buy them at the news stand?' I told him where and by whom the magazine was published and that I had a few of them with me. 'Well,' he said, 'may I buy this one?' I told him he might, so he took the paper and continued his reading. He told me that it was certainly a grand paper."

"I am selling the *Signs*, *Life and Health*, and other magazines. Never were they more attractive and forceful. It gives one an inspiration and strength to go out with them. I opened a door to enter a tailor's shop on a certain avenue and the woman exclaimed to her husband, 'Here's your man!' I handed him a *Signs*, which he said they had been looking for. He took it and at once turned the pages to look for an article promised in the preceding number."

"The Lord has helped me to sell 750 magazines here, including some foreign ones, such as French, German, Jewish, Russian, and Italian, beside several Chinese tracts. We should help these foreigners more. I have also sold a Polish and Italian Bible to men who saw this Holy Book for the first time. I feel I should praise the Lord for something done. I have learned to depend more on prayer. 'They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.'"

"One sister writes that her husband, who is not an Adventist, has become very much interested in *Liberty*. He sold almost fifty copies to his fellow workmen. He also sold to some of the leading business men of the city. He finds that they are much interested in the magazine. He turns the money he receives into the conference for missions. Are there not some of our church members who will follow this example?"

"One of our younger members began the magazine work a short time ago. He found many of the business men anxious to read our papers. After working only a few days he wrote that he had been able to save about fifty dollars besides paying his expenses."

"Not long ago a sister consented to do a little experimental work with *The Watchman*, and asked that five copies be sent to her to see what she could do with them. In a few days she wrote, 'I have received the first five *Watchman* you sent me and sold them. I am sending you fifty cents to pay for the five I have sold, and for five more. Please send them at once.' Who else would like to try this?"

"The publishers of the *Liberty* magazine recently received a three-years' subscription from a gentleman who said, that he picked up a copy of *Liberty* on a trash heap. This he read, and so admired the principles that he wished to become a permanent subscriber."

"While canvassing with the *Signs* I had finished one side of the main street and some cross streets, and had sold all but five. I was across the street from the post-office in a small building, and just as I started my canvass, a gentleman walked in, heard me give the canvass, and saw the man purchase the magazine. He went out ahead of me, and when I reached the entrance he was standing in front of the doorway. I had just pulled out a magazine to give him a canvass, when he said, 'I have been waiting to get that magazine. What is the subscription price?' I replied that it was a dollar a year. He said, 'Come to my office this afternoon and I will take it. Call for the manager,' and he gave his address. I went and was shown in. He said, 'I am very glad to get that magazine. In 1914 when I was in Philadelphia, I saw it in a business office. I picked it up and read it, and was impressed with the prophecies on the Eastern Question. I have not seen one since and did not know where to get it. Now I want a year's subscription to it.' I called his attention to two books advertised in it, 'The World's Crisis' and 'Armageddon,' and he took particular note of them.

"To show how wonderfully the Lord brings the message to souls, I will tell how he brought it to this man. His office was

on the opposite side of the street from where I was canvassing, and I did not have enough *Signs* left to canvass that side of the street. So the Lord sent that man to that building just in time to get in touch with this last great message again — the first opportunity he has had in two years. I have been told that none of our magazines have been sold there in six years. This man is the president of the Bell Telephone Company of that city and a man of prominence and wealth."

Does it not seem too bad that six years should have gone by without any one having a burden to place our truth-filled magazines in the hands of the people?

"A sister carries copies of all our English magazines and often sells a full set instead of one, as many of our magazine workers do. She also explained to me that she always has her papers with her and sells to the ticket agent when she buys a ticket, to the grocer when she buys groceries, to the landlady and the roomers where she secures her room, and to any and everybody where opportunity presents itself. In this way she is placing hundreds of pages of truth in the hands of people who may never have other opportunities for getting it."

"A sister who decided to put in her spare time taking yearly subscriptions for the magazines, has been sick and unable to leave her home. But she has taken several subscriptions from those who called upon her, and that, without having a sample of the magazine to show them."

"Two boys sold \$80 worth of magazines in one month. These boys are about ten and twelve years of age, respectively. The younger has fifty regular customers, and the older has thirty-six. They work the business sections of the city first, then the homes. They sold a thousand *Temperance Instructors* last year, besides 3,600 *Watchman*."

"During one school vacation recently two sisters went out selling magazines. The Lord blessed their work, and they disposed of 2,537 in seven days. This meant that the truth had been placed in many homes."

"An editor to whom a sister sent a *Watchman* and some tracts, responded as follows: "Received the *Watchman* and tracts and am thankful to you for them; they are very interesting to me, especially the leaflet, "Have We Come to Armageddon?" I received more information from that regarding the war in the East than all my newspaper reading had given me. If you have other *Watchman* or reading matter please forward it from time to time, and I will be thankful to you and will settle when you come again."

"While waiting for a train at a small town it occurred to me that some magazine subscriptions might be obtained there. At the fourth house there was a man busy reading. I told him that he was the kind of person I was looking for. As soon as he saw the *Signs*, *Liberty*, and *Watchman* magazines, he was interested, and soon gave me subscriptions for the last two. At the next house subscriptions were received for *Signs* and *Liberty* in a few minutes."

"It is with a thrill of joy that I think of the influence the magazine work has had upon my dear children. It makes me want to sell magazines too. One time our daughter wrote home that she did not feel herself alone, for she sensed the presence of the angels while selling magazines. I feel that the good Lord is richly blessing our children in the magazine work."

"I am truly glad that my daughter took up the magazine work last summer. She had some splendid experiences which helped her spiritually so much. I am sure that she will get much more out of school this year, for she knows just what effort her scholarship cost her. I believe the magazine work is an important one that must be done now, and hope many of our young people will engage in it."

Do not these experiences stir your heart with a desire to help in this good work? The call of the hour is for the widest possible circulation of literature, and the magazines have an important place in this.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

God's Looking-Glass

Every law that is enacted, manifests, to a greater or lesser extent, the character of the person or body that enacts it, if it is enacted of their own free will; because the enactment is always in accordance with their mind relative to the matter under consideration.

Therefore it may be truthfully said that all laws are, in so far as they extend, a transcript of the character of the individuals who make them.

The law of God, known as the Ten Commandments, is the written expression of God's character. And the life of Christ that he lived here on this earth according to the requirements of that law, is the living expression of God's character.

Thus a guide and incentive to righteousness, we have the written law of God, which he traced in stone with his own finger, and the obedient life that Jesus lived for our example in all things and at all times.

As the law of God is the written expression of God's character, we cannot study its precepts too much or too carefully; for it is the looking-glass by which each is to determine just what sort of person he is, and a guide to lead us to become what we really ought to be.

And as the life of our Saviour here on earth is the living expression of God's character, we cannot meditate upon and study his life too earnestly; for as he lived, so are we to live even in this present world.

We are instructed, in God's holy Word, that we have access to the same source of power to live a righteous life that Jesus had. He received his power from his Father, and so can we. Then there is no reason why we should not be Christians in the truest sense of the word.—J. W. Lowe.

Mississippi Conference

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News Items

Brother J. L. Waller stopped at the office for a short visit Tuesday the thirty-first. He is on his way to Madison, Tenn., to visit his wife. Brother Waller's report for the last week amounted to \$135.35 — the largest week he has had this summer. He expects to return and start his delivery the first of September.

Brother V. E. Munn, of Brandon, united with the Jackson church last Sabbath. Brother Munn came into this truth by reading "Great Controversy." This is one of the many experiences that should encourage our faithful colporteurs that are scattering the truth filled books.

Elder Buhalts was called to Ooltewah Sunday to attend a board meeting. He arrived home Monday night.

Brother E. A. Taylor was in Jackson last week looking after the matter of drafting. He went back to his work Wednesday. He expects to spend a few weeks canvassing in Leflore county.

Mrs. B. C. Marshall left Tuesday the twenty-fourth for a visit with her people in Gering, Neb. She expects to be gone about two months.

Mississippi won every prize that was offered the colporteurs during the Big Week — the conference winning both pennants for having the highest sales and putting in the highest average of hours. Brother A. L. Hamm won the two first prizes for the highest sales and most time. Brother Virgil Smith won second

on sales, and Brother A. A. Johnson on time. They have now set the month of August for a Big Month. We hope that every colporteur will feel at his duty to put in full time during this month. Let all remember these faithful workers in prayer.

Notice

There was an error in a "Notice" appearing under the Mississippi Conference head last week. The words "Southern Union office" should have been, *this office*, (Mississippi Conference office), and the notice is here given correctly:

All parties sending articles to the Worker should send them to our office at 703 S. Gallitan St., Jackson, Miss., and the same will be forwarded. Complying with this will save delay, as matter for publication under the Mississippi head, addressed direct to the WORKER, is sent to this office before being printed.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Kentucky Conference</h2> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Conference Directory</p> <p>R. I. KEATE, President. BURTON CASTLE, Secretary and Treasurer of Conference and Tract Society. JAMES HICKMAN, Field Missionary Secretary. MRS. R. I. KEATE, Sabbath School Secretary. OFFICE ADDRESS, 2014 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky.</p>

News Items

Don't forget "Win One"
 Camp-meeting, Louisville, Sept. 6-16. Several general workers, besides our local and union men will be present. No business meetings to take up the time; a grand spiritual feast. Everyone come.

The funeral of Brother Warren Judson's wife was held last Sabbath. Brother Judson expects to remain in Louisville until camp-meeting and then enter the colporteur work.

One of our young colporteurs, Brother Geo. Tatman, of Ohio, was in the city over Sabbath.

Brother Harry Jacobs and family of Stanford, stopped at the office as they were passing through Louisville last week. They expect to attend the camp-meeting.

A man to whom Brother Andy Schroader delivered a "Bible Readings" cheerfully paid for the same and said, "Seventh-day Adventists have the best literature put out. If you have anything else good I will buy it." Whereupon Brother Schroader produced a "Christ's Object Lessons" and received pay for it at once.

One church ordered one hundred ten of our small books last week. Ask the members of your church if they cannot do the same. This was the Ford church, a small church of only twenty-two members.

Brother and Sister R. B. Rowe have just started in the colporteur work in Knox County. They write very encouragingly of the way the Lord is opening the way before them.

We learn that Elder Dow and Brother Thompson have their tent nicely located at Woodrow, and prospects are good for an interest there.

After some weeks spent in the field, Brother Hickman is again in the office for two or three days attending to his work here.

Elder R. Eason, who moved with his family from Lexington to Chicago in March, has been confined to his bed with sciatica for over three months. There are signs of improvement now and we hope he will soon be up and restored to his usual health. Brother Eason requests that his many friends throughout the Kentucky Conference remember him in their prayers.

How many "Christ's Object Lessons" have you sold for the benefit of Ooltewah?

Anyone knowing the correct address of Sister I. E. Thornberry, please send it to the office. A letter addressed to her at Lawrenceburg has been returned.

Elder Keate attended the board meeting at Ooltewah, and is in Louisville for a few days. He will soon leave to visit the churches that are most in need of his attention before camp-meeting.

Tithe and Twenty-Cent-a-Week Statement for the First Six Months of 1917

	Memb.	Amt. Due	Amt. Paid	Per Capita	Short	Amt. Tithe
Church						
Bowling Green	32	\$166 40	\$ 86 78	10	\$ 79 63	\$124 76
Conference	92	478 40	129 38	.03	349 02	507 78
Davisville	19	98 90	5 80	.01	93 00	20 71
Ford	22	114 40	46 76	.08	67 64	123 75
Hartford	15	78 00	6 04	.02	71 06	67 96
Henderson	27	140 40	38 25	.05	102 15	278 36
Grove	23	119 60	25 23	.04	94 37	140 77
Lexington	13	67 60	32 89	.10	34 71	148 60
Lockport	10	52 00			52 00	11 25
Locust Branch	20	104 00			104 00	2 15
Louisville	133	691 60	275 90	.08	415 70	818 55
Powder Mills	12	62 40	2 00		60 40	21 50
Sand Hill	22	114 40	29 26	.05	85 14	96 15
Sewellton	18	93 60	10 62	.02	82 98	7 63
Tri-City	14	72 80	17 35	.05	55 45	114 52
Totals		472	\$2454 40	\$722 14	\$1732 26	\$2474 44

MISSION						
Bowling Green	7	27 30	16 11	.09	11 19	43 64
Lexington	45	175 50	52 78	.04	122 72	266 45
Louisville C.	111	432 90	143 55	.05	289 35	1083 94
Louisville S.	20	70 00	7 86	.01	70 14	24 06
Owensboro Co.	7	27 30	17 78	.09	9 52	49 57
Henderson			2 00			20 05
Totals	187	\$741 00	\$240 08		\$502 92	\$1487 21

Funds Received for the Southern Junior College to July 30, 1917

Name	Watchman Proceeds	C. O. L. Proceeds	Totals
Conference Church			\$100 00
O. A. Dow		\$ 6 25	6 25
Mrs. Hattie Frogue	\$ 1 00	2 00	3 00
Mary Truloch		3 75	3 75
Louisville Church	4 30	9 00	13 30
A. B. Schrader		1 50	1 50
Mrs. R. E. Hammond	1 00		1 00
Christine Graham	1 00	3 00	4 00
Mary Truloch	25	75	1 00
J. W. Ratliff	10 00	7 50	17 50
I E Bradley	1 00	1 50	2 50
Louisville Church	9 90	10 25	20 15
L. I. Marcum	1 80	3 00	4 80
Mrs. O. A. Dow	2 80	1 25	4 05
Jesse E. Miller		15 00	15 00
C. T. Schwarz	2 00	1 25	3 25
F. L. Harrison		5 00	5 00
Andy Schroader		3 00	3 00
C. N. Vermillion		3 00	3 00
Conference Church			200 00
Total			\$412 05

"There is no wealth like sympathy, for it is inexhaustible."

Obituary

WEBSTER:—Wendell Webster was born in Covington, Ky., a little over four years ago, and passed away at his home in Covington, July, 19, 1917. Little Wendell was a very affectionate child and was loved by many friends. Our sympathies go out in behalf of the sorrowing father and mother and grandparents. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

O. A. Dow.

"The devil hates a fearless Christian as he does a happy one, and he need not bother about the others."

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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News Items

Brother J. E. Foley is finding many interested souls in and around Opp. He writes: "I received a special order here from a Sunday school teacher for "Bible Readings" in the workers' edition, limp leather binding. He is so anxious about it that he asks real often how soon it will come. I am anxious myself that he may get it, and may it be seed sown in good ground."

Blessings often come in disguise. Brother A. Clark, who is working for a scholarship in the Oakwood school, relates one as follows: "I went to a man's farm in the country recently, and he decided to take me to jail; in fact he drove about a mile with me over very thick mud for the purpose of putting me in the county jail. When we had passed the mud I took out my colporteur's card and showed him that I was a Christian worker and he turned me loose, but thank God for the ride over the deep mud."

Viola Trawick, of Stapleton, sends an order for 50 *Watchman* and 50 *Signs Magazines*. Our periodicals are being scattered throughout the length and breadth of Baldwin County, and the faithful members who are taking part in this work will receive a rich reward for their efforts.

Brother G. W. Powers, of Huntsville, requests twenty copies of the "Return of Jesus." These small books are being used successfully by our colporteurs and home workers.

"Although I sent an order for twelve copies of "World War," yesterday, I find that it will not supply the demand; and therefore I am sending another order today for twenty copies, as I expect to do quite a bit of work next week. I have disposed of one "Christ's Object Lessons" this week and will deliver another one August 1." Mrs. J. E. Cothran, Sheffield.

Brother D. A. Fisher, of Borden Springs, is planning to get up a list of regular subscribers for *The Watchman*, delivering the magazines to them every month. This is a splendid idea and deserves careful attention by our brethren and workers.

Sister Annie Lee Tillman, writing from Samson, sends in the Sabbath school offerings and missionary report showing that while the members are very few, yet every one is actively engaged in winning souls for the Master.

Stop! Look! Listen! When those not of our faith write as follows regarding our literature, how much more interest should our own people manifest: "Dear Sir: I have read 'Bible Footlights for the Pilgrim's Path' and I think it is one of the greatest books in the world. I would like to be an agent for this

book, for I think I can place one in the home of every one of my friends." Some faithful colporteur sold this man a book and now he wishes to pass the light on to others. Are you doing your share?

Brother G. K. Campbell, of Marriannia, Fla., orders a nice supply of "Return of Jesus," "Other Side of Death," "Armageddon," also *The Watchman* for one year.

Tuesday, July 24, F. J. Rowland and wife, of the East Michigan Conference, arrived in Birmingham to connect with the Alabama Conference. We welcome Brother Rowland and his wife among us. Their field of labor for the present will be in Birmingham. Before deciding to come South, Brother Rowland expressed himself as having a burden for the southern field. We were pleased to hear this as one can do better work in the place in which he is interested, and we fully believe our brother will be well pleased with the Southland.

Camp-meeting September 20-30. Plan to come.

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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News Items

Elder S. E. Wight occupied the pulpit at the Memorial church at the usual eleven o'clock hour, Sabbath, July 28. He gave a splendid talk, and his remarks were listened to by an attentive audience. Elder Wight had just returned from a visit to the Council at Washington, also from attending some camp-meetings in eastern Canada, and every one who was privileged to be present was impressed with the nearness of the end, and of the need of preparation for the perilous times which are just before us. Elder Wight stated that only those who put their trust in God will go through to the kingdom.

Elder James Bellinger closed the tent effort in Paducah, and went to Burns, where another effort will be held. He visited the Nashville church Sabbath and Sunday, July 29. Elder Bellinger spoke at the missionary meeting Sabbath afternoon.

Elder Elliott has been spending the past week with the church at Springville, and reports some interesting meetings. It was his plan to go from there to visit the Leach church. Elder Elliott will probably visit the brethren and sisters at Holloway Landing, Ky., inside of ten days.

Elder Elliott spent Sabbath, July 14, with the church at Memphis, and reports the baptism of eight individuals. He states that the Bible workers there are doing excellently, and find a good interest to develop. Some work is being done towards erecting the new church building.

Miss Ethel Murphy, stenographer in the conference office returned from her vacation, Sunday July 29. She visited the Southern Junior College, remaining over Sabbath.

Elder Denslow, of the Memorial Church, has recently purchased an automobile, and is able to get over the city more swiftly and do a greater amount of work.

It has been decided to hold the camp-meeting at the old Golf and Country Club place on the Harding Pike, about three miles from the city. This is a very beautiful place, and we have been fortunate in securing permission from the owners. All cars passing the camp-grounds run directly to the Union Depot, without a transfer, and this will be very handy for our brethren who will come on the trains. Remember the time of the meeting, Sept. 13-23. Elder Evans will be with us.

The report of the tithe and twenty-cent-a-week fund appearing

in this issue will doubtless be of interest to many of our brethren throughout the conference. Our gains in tithe and mission funds are quite encouraging, and should cause every one to take heart and press onward. In a recent issue of the *Missionary Readings*, Elder Daniells stated that he was no alarmist, but he considered the time had come when our people should turn into the treasury of the Lord the surplus funds and holdings they might have for the furtherance of the cause of God in the earth. This is a most important statement, and every one should give it much thought.

Brother M. Wheeler, of Springville, has been at home a week recovering from his recent illness, but writes that he is now going to the field once again, and hopes to be able to put in solid time while out. He says that he has a good garden now, and the family are enjoying the fruits of the soil.

Mr. Gerald Tripp, of Chattanooga, has a delivery to make in Clarksville, August 1, and writes that he will make the delivery in person. He expects to pass through Nashville within a few days. Brother and Sister Tripp were formerly workers in this field, but recently have connected with Dr. Patch's Sanitarium at Graysville.

Miss Nellie Butler, of the Madison School, has been spending a few days in Nashville selling the small twenty-five-cent books. She reports fair success. It seems that a number of agents have canvassed the city with other propositions and it is hard to work in the cities where this work has been done.

Mrs. J. P. Foree, of Nashville, is visiting relatives in eastern Kentucky. She will return in two or three weeks.

A number of orders have been filed by the tract society for the small twenty-five-cent books. If you have not done any work with these, send in an order and try. Ten or more copies cost only 12½ cents each and as they sell for 25 cents they afford much spare money for missions, home expenses, etc. Some of our isolated believers have sent in orders and are distributing these little books to their neighbors, free of charge. This is indeed good missionary work.

Comparative Report of Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund Six Months 1916 and 1917

Church	1916	1917	Gain
Ashland City	\$42 67	\$44 92	\$ 2 25
Bon Aqua	22 62	15 34	Loss
Conference	100 78	43 39	Loss
Cedar Grove	18 75	35 38	16 63
Fountain Head	541 28	62 26	Loss
Goodlettsville	13 79	20 41	6 62
Hazel	74 56	339 35	264 79
Hustburg	16 14	6 41	Loss
Jackson	59 53	50 80	Loss
Leach	16 90	29 71	12 81
Lane	17 15	13 47	Loss
Lawrenceburg	3 95	48 65	24 70
Madison	43 11	154 30	111 19
Memphis	280 42	507 07	226 65
Nashville	642 24	705 91	63 67
Paducah	37 00	85 48	48 48
Springville	13 31	103 16	89 85
Trezevant	3 05	9 13	6 08

Totals	\$1947 25	\$2255 14	\$307 89
MISSIONS			
Nashville	\$52 88	\$179 74	\$126 86
Jackson	9 71	30 87	21 16
Memphis	34 90	77 44	42 54
Totals	\$97 49	\$288 05	\$190 56

Report of Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund, Six Months, 1917

Church	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Amount Short	Rate per Mem.
Ashland City	\$ 40 48	\$ 44 92	\$ 4 44*	.22
Bon Aqua	151 80	15 34	136 46	.02
Cedar Grove	141 68	35 38	106 30	.04
Conference	50 60	43 39	7 21	.17
Fountain Head	308 66	62 26	246 40	.04
Goodlettsville	166 38	20 41	145 97	.02
Hazel	96 14	339 35	243 21*	.70
Hustburg	60 72	6 41	54 31	.02
Jackson	65 78	50 80	14 98	.17
Lane	20 24	13 47	6 77	.10
Lawrenceburg	55 66	28 65	27 01	.10
Leach	182 16	29 71	152 45	.06
Madison	404 80	154 30	250 50	.06
Memphis	506 00	507 07	1 07*	.20
Nashville	1037 30	705 91	331 39	.14
Paducah	96 14	85 48	10 66	.17
Springville	237 82	103 16	134 66	.09
Trezevant	60 72	9 13	51 59	.03
Totals	\$3683 08	\$2255 14	\$1427 94	.12
MISSION				
Memphis	222 94	77 44	145 50	.05
Nashville	191 54	179 74	11 80	.13
Jackson	53 38	30 87	22 51	.09
Totals	\$467 86	\$288 05	\$179 80	\$.09

It will be noted that the Memphis white church paid out on their twenty-cent-a-week. This is due to the organization of the Home Department of the Sabbath school.

Comparative Report of Tithe Six Months 1916 and 1917

Church	1916	1917	Gain
Ashland City	\$30 66	\$80 20	\$49 54
Bon Aqua	67 60	61 40	Loss
Conference	147 39	383 80	236 41
Cedar Grove	27 00	65 98	38 98
Fountain Head	220 24	436 83	216 59
Goodlettsville	135 38	115 15	Loss
Hazel	126 42	313 66	187 24
Hustburg	26 72	22 57	Loss
Jackson	81 53	112 19	30 66
Leach	66 76	65 98	Loss
Lane	342 17	53 60	Loss
Lawrenceburg	65 91	109 03	43 12
Madison	65 60	27 71	Loss
Memphis	954 08	1438 15	484 07
Nashville	2458 20	2671 39	213 19
Paducah	103 35	162 93	59 58
Springville	148 78	292 56	143 78
Trezevant	1 07	40 46	39 39
Totals	\$5068 86	\$6453 59	\$1384 73
MISSION			
Nashville	\$526 43	\$470 45	\$ Loss
Jackson	15 92	94 26	78 34
Memphis	213 58	492 65	279 07
Totals	755 93\$	\$1057 36	\$301 43

* Overpaid on their quota.

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending July 28, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	
G W Brown . . . BR	41		\$ 25 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	
C T Burroughs . BR	12	7	25 50		25 50		
R J Cook BF	38	37	61 10		61 10	6 70	
B D Crawford . BR	28	1	3 50	9 60	13 00	3 50	
H L Edwards . . BR	44	20	77 00	85	77 85		
J E Foley BR	29	13	46 50	1 40	47 90		
J W Harrison * . BR	43	27	109 00		109 00		
J C Holland . . . BR	40	15	59 50	3 35	62 85		
G W Powers . . . BF	41	90	202 50	3 30	205 80	5 50	
Q Tew HM	36	18	46 00		46 00		
E F Waters . . . BF	12			4 20	4 20	12 00	
N H Waters . . . BR	40	9	34 50	2 40	36 90		
Miscellaneous . . .			5 25		5 25		
Totals (Agts. 12) 404 237 \$670 35 \$30 00 \$700 35 \$28 70							

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
John Harzman . BF	34	48	\$83 00	\$ 1 85	\$84 85	\$	
Hugh Moomaugh . BR	8	15	60 50		60 50		
J R Perkins . . . BR	8	8	28 00		28 00		
R R Coble BR	29	7	26 50		26 50	57 00	
Totals (Agts. 4) 79 78 \$198 00 \$ 1 85 \$199 85 \$57 00							

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
Emily Billups . PG, HM	20	10	\$35 00	\$ 2 00	\$37 00		
Drue Bowen . . . BR	34	24	93 00	6 05	99 05		
Annie Finley . . PPF	17	15	37 00		37 00		
Perthia Hampton . HM	36	18	61 00	6 00	67 00		
AA Johnson D & R, PG	23	21	72 50	1 80	74 30		
Lou McElroy D & R, PG	20	11	38 50	2 00	40 50		
Annie Watts . . PPF	35	12	61 00	11 00	72 00		
J L Waller . . . D & R	54	38	134 00	1 35	135 35		
Totals (Agts. 8) 239 149 \$532 00 \$30 20 \$562 20							

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
John Brownlie . BR	33	24	\$86 00	\$ 4 75	\$90 75	\$ 3 75	
George Tatman . BR	30	8	28 00	6 25	32 25	2 25	
Elsie Tatman . . BR	43	18	66 00	8 58	74 58	83 35	
J H Clark BF	4	6	18 00		18 00		
Felia Pierce . . . BR	26	32	120 00		120 00		
Alonzo Ramey . BR	31	9	31 50		31 50		
R F Hickman . . BR	36	23	86 00	6 50	92 50		
Arthur F. Owens . BR	13	7	25 50	3 75	29 25		
W. H. White . . . BR	23			4 30		139 80	
J L Vermillion . BR	18	15	53 50		53 50		
Hatton Ford . . . BR	24	19	50 00				
Lee Page BR	24	20	70 00	1 50	71 50		
Andy Schroader . BR	29	1	3 50		3 50		
Lindsey Cooper . CK	6	4	6 50		6 50		
F L Harrison . . . BR	46	26	92 00	15 00	107 00	2 25	
B E Wagner . . . BR	36	21	75 50	3 00	78 50		
Jesse E. Miller D & R	55	21	74 00	11 25	85 25	5 25	
Miscellaneous . . .			7 00	153 77	160 77	160 77	
Totals (Agts. 17) 482 254 \$893 00 \$218 65 \$1155 35 \$397 42							

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Jesse Allen* . . . BR	19	17	\$68 50	\$ 7 50	\$76 00	\$ 6 00	
E Carpenter . . . PG	14	2	8 00	4 00	12 00		
H G Miller . . . D & R	43	11	24 50	2 25	26 75	2 25	
Mrs Miller	10	7		5 25	5 25	3 00	
Mae Keele	15					15 25	
W J Keele D & R	32	13	59 50	10 00	69 50	22 50	
J E Dye MH	14	2	6 00		6 00		
Totals (Agts. 7) 147 52 \$166 50 \$29 00 \$195 50 \$49 00							
G'd Totals (A. 50) 1498 648 \$2059 98 \$350 40 \$2316 38 \$951 50							

Summary to Date				
	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	9393	\$12575 75	\$618 55	\$13194 00
Kentucky Conference . .	9309	15304 50	961 16	16281 64
Louisiana Conference . .	4145	10251 70	71 95	10223 69
Mississippi Conference .	9061	23723 25	1325 97	25049 40
Tenn. River Conference	6885	8637 05	1297 70	9934 75
Totals	38793	\$70492 25	\$4275 33	\$74683 48

The Real Test of Worth

The faultiest measure of honor is fame, and the least token of right is popularity. Majorities do not make moralities. The majority is as often wrong as right. Neither might nor majority makes right. Self-respect is better than popularity with others; and the approval of Christ worthier than all honor men can give. After Christ's approval, the next highest thing is the approval of one's own soul. There is no higher law for one's life than the law of one's own soul, save God's law; and in the last analysis, his is but the more perfect rescript of the one law in our souls. Perfect moral self-respect is one with Christ's approval. So once more, such a one as desires true worth is not concerned with ruling and governing others. His kingdom is what he is, not what he has; what he can do in himself, rather than what he can have others do for him. His kingdom is in ruling himself, and he aims at self-mastery. So he keeps his body under, and brings it into subjection; so he casts down false ideals, and leads every thought into captivity to Christ; so he takes hold on the sympathies and emotions, in order that, at last, he may be sovereign in every faculty and power of his life, and use them all to the attainment of worth and blessedness and right character.—*Spencer B. Messer.*

* Two weeks

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.

Beware of Humbugs

When the devil carries out his scheme and in a spectacular manner impersonates the Saviour, the news papers will get out great bold type extras no doubt. Imagine the excitement that will follow. No doubt it will be very unpopular to suggest that he might be a fraud. What think you, is not the present the very best time to warn the people about the coming of this greatest of humbugs? A splendid article on this subject appears in the September *Signs Magazine*. Sell the *Signs Magazine* or get somebody else to do so.

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Southern Junior College

News Notes from Collegedale

Brother and Sister Graham, from St. Petersburg, Fla., spent Sabbath and Sunday at the College. They were on an extended tour through several northern states.

Miss Ethel Murphy was a visitor at the College over Sabbath and Sunday. She was returning from her vacation and stopped off at Collegedale.

Mr. Stanley was called to his home at Bunnell, Fla. Tuesday to help his father on the farm. Mr. Mack expects to return this fall in time for school.

Arthur Coble is spending a few days at his home in Graysville visiting with his mother and sister before their departure for Montana.

Professor and Mrs. Leo Thiel and little daughter, Dorothy Elane, left Monday for College View, Neb., to attend the Educational Council there. They will visit friends and relatives in Nebraska and South Dakota, before returning and will be away several weeks.

Elders Wight, Branson, Heckman, Shuler, Sanders, Buhalts, and Miller, and Brethren Curtis and Abernathy spent a few hours Sunday in board meeting at Collegedale.

Brother G. M. Powell, of Sanford, Tenn., visited Collegedale Tuesday. He was much pleased with the school and hopes to send his son here this fall.

“Happiness consists not in having much, but in being content with what we possess.”

The School Child's Health

One of the most critical periods of life is that period which is spent in school. To be of best service in later years, the child not only needs proper training, but of all phases, his health must have proper care.

To many, this problem is a difficult one, but those who read the September *Life and Health*, which is a school number, will secure much information of value in helping to preserve and build up the health of the growing school child. Some of the topics treated are, “Home Health Training of the School Child,” “Relation of Tonsils and Adenoids to Health,” “The School Child's Lunch Basket,” “The Care of Children's Eyes at Home and in School.”

Ten cents will bring this most excellent number to you. Liberal discounts on larger quantities. Send orders to your conference tract society.

FOR SALE: Seven-room modern house. Two lots, stable, some fruit. Two blocks south of church. For particulars address W. J. Huffman, College View, Nebr.

Just In Time

The Lord knows the end from the beginning. He knows just what each one of his children needs, and he knows just how those needs are to be met. Let me tell you a little incident to illustrate. This spring we had given away every garment we could spare, but had supplied every call. We had remarked that probably we would not have another call for clothes until autumn.

One Friday we received a letter from a friend in Wyoming saying that she had sent a bag of clothes, hoping that they would supply some one in need. The bag came in the same mail. We were busy with Friday's work and set it in a corner.

Sabbath a girl appeared at our door. We were unacquainted with her, but she said that she had heard that we had some clothes to give to poor people.

We asked about the family and she gave the ages of children from seven down to a baby a few weeks old. We then pulled out the bag and emptied the contents on the floor. There was a suit for each one and two or three for the wee baby. Several coats and undergarments helped in the fitting out of the family, and besides there were two dresses to fit the mother.

That girl had come several miles and went home happy; and we fully believe that God touched hearts that responded at the right moment.

We were only the “middlemen,” but received large profits in being able to help these dear people when they asked for help.

She gladly took home some *Instructors* and *Little Friends* and memory verse cards, which we would not have felt like offering to them, if we could not have supplied their material needs.

MRS. J. W. BROWN.

Drifting Toward the Mystic

It is not strange that brainy men like Sir Oliver Lodge should believe in the continued consciousness of the departed when they converse with what seems to be the spirits of the dead. Think for a moment of our responsibility; we who know the truth. Carlyle B. Haynes' deserved arraignment of spiritualism appearing under the above heading in the September *Signs* ought to be read by every right-minded person in your town; by every one. And it will be read too if attention is directed to it. A suggestion: sell the *Signs Magazine* or get somebody else to do so.

“Repetition is the first law of memory.”