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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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Take Time to Pray

Take time to pray, and every day take time;
You'll learn there's truth in all that's in this rhyme.
Do not forget in all your busy day
That time to pray is time not thrown away;
That time to pray to Christ, the sinner's friend,
Will make us all the stronger in the end.

Take time to pray, no matter what you are,
A child in school, a beggar, or a star —
Amid a tempest, or a raging strife —
'Twill bring a calm which means the peace of life;
'Twill clear your sight for just another mile,
And change your sadness to the brightest smile.

Take time to pray, no matter how the grind
May fill your life and try to stop your mind.
Take time to pray to Him who loves you best —
He who exclaims, "Come unto Me and rest."
He wants the old, and those just in their prime,
To think to pray, and for each prayer, take time.

—Carrie M. Nichols.

Kentucky Camp-Meeting

The Kentucky camp-meeting was held according to appointment in a beautiful grove just outside the city limits of Louisville, Ky: The attendance of our brethren and sisters of the conference was about the same as usual, but the outside attendance was quite small. However, there were a few who came to the evening services.

Elder Evans came to the first meeting and stayed four days. Then Elder Charles Thompson, president of the Northern Union, came to remain until the end. The union conference workers who usually attend the meetings were there during the first week. This meeting was one that will mark a decided change in the experience of many who were in attendance. Certainly the blessing of the Lord was felt by those who gave themselves to the camp-meeting idea. There are always a few who attend a camp-meeting who are not faithful in going to all the meetings, and do not get the experience of those who are in attendance at every meeting. But the majority of those at this meeting were faithful in appearing when every meeting opened.

Plans were laid to raise a large amount of foreign mission offerings through the Harvest Ingathering, and it is expected that Kentucky will make the greatest advance this year that it ever has. This must be true of every conference, because we are nearing the end. This cause is growing and must grow more rapidly as the years go by. Elder Keate and his corps of workers are all of good courage, and they went to the field with the determination to succeed in their undertakings. We shall expect great things from this conference during the year to come.

S. E. WIGHT.

Food Conservation

Owing to the fact that we are facing an unprecedented world shortage in foods, the Government Food Administration is planning, during the first part of October, to enlist, as far as possible, every family in this country in the food conservation campaign. A house-to-house canvass will be conducted in which every householder will be encouraged to pledge herself to co-operate with the effort of the government to prevent all unnecessary waste of food, and to save especially those kinds of foods suitable for transportation to the starving millions of Europe.

At the Council of the North American Division Conference held in Washington in July, resolutions were adopted expressing our approval as a people of the work being done or attempted by the Food Administration, and offering to co-operate with the Administration in making it a success.

The work of conducting this campaign within the confines of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination has been assigned to the Medical Department, which will attempt to secure cooperation in each local church.

Briefly, it is desired that in every church, as far as is possible some one will be detailed to give instruction in the elements of dietetics and nutrition. The families that have pledged themselves to cooperate in the matter of food conservation will be asked to report each week on special report blanks, to a local committee of one or more whose duty it will be to tabulate these reports and send results to the Food Administration in Washington.

The reports will have to do with only three items — the number of "meatless" meals during the week, and the number of "wheatless" meals, and the number of "wasteless" meals, i. e., meals in which no food is wasted. The desire of the Food Administration is to get every family to pledge to have fourteen "meatless" meals in the week, i. e., fourteen meals in which there will be neither beef, mutton, or pork. Surely every Seventh-day Adventist family will be able to report much better than this. As a rule our people should be able to report twenty-one "meatless" meals. Those who habitually eat only two meals a day should, in order to make the reports understandable, report the third meals that they do not eat as "meatless" meals, otherwise their report card will be interpreted to indicate that they had fourteen "meatless" meals and some meals with meat. The same thing, it seems to me, should apply to "wheatless" meals and "wasteless" meals.

The Medical Department is hopeful that our people will enter enthusiastically into this campaign and demonstrate that Seventh-day Adventists are able, on account of the principles they have so long professed, to occupy a leading position in the matter of food conservation.

In future issues we hope to be able to bring out ways in which this campaign may be made a means of bringing the health principles to your neighbors. We have been told that health reform is to be an "entering wedge." Have we sometimes wondered how this was to be? Have we only half-heartedly

taken hold of this part of the message, and not really understood in what way it was to come to the front? In this time of the world's necessity, we, if we are true to our principles, ought to be able to demonstrate to the world the full value of these principles.

With the Men Behind the Books

Increasing Success

Some years ago the statement was made through the spirit of prophecy that our book work was to be carried forward with "increasing success." We are now seeing the fulfilment of that prophecy in a remarkable manner. This year's work has been one surprise after another. Record after record has been broken. Sometimes we hardly know what to expect next. Surely the Lord has set his hand to the finishing of the work.

The canvassing summaries for the month of August from the three Southern unions have just been received at this writing, and show another marked advance, as will be seen from the following figures:

Conference	August 1917	August 1916	Gain
Southeastern Union . . .	\$19123.56	\$ 8344.36	\$ 10779.20
Southern Union	17797.70	5733.35	12064.35
Southwestern Union . .	30720.84	12579.58	18141.26

Totals S. P. A. Territory \$67642.10 \$26657.29 \$40984.81

An increase of over \$40,000 for one month for three union conferences is indeed encouraging. This gives the territory of the Southern Publishing Association for the first eight months of 1917, as compared with the same period of last year, a gain of \$143,247.82, or a little more than *seventy-six per cent*. Of this \$143,247.82, something over \$35,000 has been made in the Southern Union.

Local Conferences

No less interesting to the readers of the WORKER are the comparative figures of the local conferences in the Southern Union, which are as follows:

Conference	August 1917	August 1916	Gain
Alabama	\$2818.60	\$1337.05	\$1481.55
Kentucky	3096.70	812.35	2284.35
Louisiana	2464.95	1780.80	684.15
Mississippi	4417.40	1153.40	3264.00
Tennessee River	5000.05	649.75	4350.30

Totals \$17797.70 \$5733.35 \$12064.35

It will be noticed that the Tennessee River Conference's report amounts to nearly as much as did the whole union in August, 1916, while Mississippi is not far behind Tennessee.

In addition to the foregoing, during the month there were delivered in the Southern Union \$4,460.27 worth of books:

Delivering Time

From the large number of shipments that have been going out the past few weeks, we are reminded that delivering time is upon us. Already some good reports are being received, and the indications are that the deliveries this fall will prove to be the best that we have ever had. A number have reported delivering over 90 per cent, while we have heard of one delivery that amounted to 130 per cent. One of Kentucky's workers reports \$1,693 worth of books delivered this year, which was a little more than 84 per cent of his orders. As this was in territory that has been burned over, this is indeed a most excellent record.

A few days ago this office shipped on the order of the Missis-

sippi Tract Society, 400 "Daniel and Revelation" full morocco, and 200 half morocco, to Brother A. L. Hamm. There was no cloth called for in the order, which is only additional evidence of the prosperity of the country and the interest which the people feel in Seventh-day Adventist literature that will give them light on the prophecies and the events which are now taking place. Surely this is the harvest time, and may the Lord help us all to make the most of it.

R. L. PIERCE.

Tennessee River Conference

News Items

The Tennessee River camp-meeting is now in progress, and is one of the best in the history of the conference. The attendance is not quite as large as last year, but the absence of the business sessions gives the people more time for the study of the Scriptures and the interesting and instructive talks by the various speakers present. The evening meetings are devoted to such topics as will be of interest to those not in the truth, while the morning and afternoon services are given to the study of the Bible and departmental meetings.

At the Sabbath school held in the big tent last Sabbath, the fifteenth, \$193.05 in cash was donated to missions, and enough pledges taken to raise the total to \$465.05. This was indeed inspiring and gratifying to every one.

Elder I. H. Evans, president of the North American Division Conference, and Elder W. H. Anderson, returned missionary from Africa, are spending the last few days of the meeting in working for the spiritual interests of the camp. Their efforts are very much appreciated, and it is indeed interesting to listen to the reports of the progress of the work in the home and foreign fields. These brethren expect to go from here to the Alabama camp-meeting. Elder Widgery, who has labored for many years in the West Indies, is also present, and is assisting the other brethren with the ministerial work.

The service given by the dining tent is indeed excellent, and every temporal need is supplied by this department. Brother H. E. Simkin is in charge of this department and is ably assisted by a number of the young ladies.

Through the courtesy of the Railway and Light Company, electric current for lighting the grounds has been furnished gratuitously, and this adds much to the comfort and appearance of the encampment after sunset. The waterworks department has also very kindly furnished us with a generous supply of city water.

Special meetings are being held for the colporteurs each day. Brother M. W. Shidler, the union conference field missionary secretary, is in charge of these meetings. Practically all the colporteurs have left the field and are now attending the meetings. The spirituality of the work in the field is being upheld.

Some of the visitors from distant points are Mr. James Hickman, of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. H. E. Beck, of Bowling Green, Ky.; Mr. E. W. Graves, of Long Island, Ala.; Mr. Jesse Miller, of Cloverport, Ky.

The ladies of the Memphis church have prepared a very interesting booth in the rear of the book tent where are displayed a large number of articles of clothing, which are on sale. The garments have been made by the ladies' Dorcas Society of that church, and the money received from the sale of these articles will be used in erecting the new church building which is already in process of construction. Mrs. George Gartley, of Memphis, is in charge of the booth, assisted by Mrs. G. H. Parrott.

Brother Jesse Allen, one of our faithful colporteurs, is in charge of the book tent, and reports some good sales of the Testimonies, Bibles, and tracts. Miss Sammie Edwards and Miss Florence Frisby are assisting in the book tent.

Messrs. Dan and Walter Brown, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., are in charge of the kitchen, and prepare the wholesome meals which are furnished each day.

The workers of the Southern Publishing Association, while not privileged to spend very much time in attending the camp-meeting, have taken advantage of their spare moments to be with us. The Southern Publishing Association has very kindly provided quarters for their employees who may desire to remain over night, and this makes it convenient for some of them to attend the early morning meetings, which would not otherwise be possible.

One special feature of the camp-meeting was the visiting of the Southern Publishing Association by the colporteurs and leading workers. The machinery of the publishing house was in full operation at the time, and all expressed themselves as highly pleased with their trip to the home of *The Watchman*. They feel that they can better appreciate the great demands which have been made upon our publishing house for literature

by observing the large number of workers employed and the huge pile of paper stock.

Miss Ethel Murphy, who has been the stenographer in the conference office for the past sixteen months, left the city on the evening of the twenty-fourth, for Mt. Vernon, Ohio. She will connect with the academy there in the capacity of assistant commercial teacher. Miss Mary Riter, of Nashville, has been engaged to take the place thus made vacant.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Tuesday, September seventeen, at the Orphan's Home in Nashville, when Miss Randa C. Giles, one of the nurses in the institution, was united in marriage to Lester Fay Littell, of Madison, Tenn. The Watchman Quartet sang several pleasing and appropriate selections, and the wedding march was played by Mrs. G. H. Curtis. The ceremony was performed by Elder S. E. Wight, and the happy pair were presented to their relatives and friends assembled. Mr. and Mrs. Littell have many friends in and near Nashville, and these all join in wishing them happiness.

Colporteurs' Report

Week Ending September 8

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
T R Battle . . . BF	57	38	\$128 00	\$13 00	\$141 00	\$
U Bracy BF	30	31	48 00	5 50	53 50	
G W*Brown . . . BR	54	1	5 50	4 00	9 50	
A Clarke* UP	92	35	98 00	1 80	99 80	
R J Cook* BF	117	47	63 35	16 00	79 35	5 00
H L Edwards . . . BR	29		123 00		123 00	
J E Foley BR	21	2	7 00	2 50	9 50	
J C Holland . . . BR	47	31	111 50	3 00	114 50	15 00
M S Peppers . . . BR	22	8	32 00	50	32 50	
G W Powers* . . BF	32	27	54 00	5 60	59 60	14 00
Q Tew HM	45	18	51 00	50	51 50	
N H Waters . . . BR	35	9	32 50		32 50	3 50
T M Woodruff . BR	15	4	17 00	1 25	18 25	
Bibles			4 25		4 25	

Totals (Agts. 13) 586 251 \$775 10 \$53 65 \$828 75 \$37 50

ALABAMA CONFERENCE†

R J Cook BF	55	34	\$56 25	\$12 20	\$68 45	\$ 1 50
B D Crawford . BR	1	1	3 50	2 50	6 00	
J C Holland . . . BR	24	14	54 00	1 50	55 50	8 00
G W Powers . . . BF	4					13 50
N H Waters . . . BR	1					3 50
H L Edwards . . . BR	20	1	3 50		3 50	26 00
U Bracy BF	40	17	31 00	9 50	40 50	
T R Battle BF	55	49	158 00	12 95	170 95	4 20

Totals (Agts. 8) 200 116 \$306 25 \$38 65 \$344 90 \$57 70

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

M Hixson BR	31	20	\$74 00	\$ 6 75	\$80 75	\$ 3 50
R H Hazelton . . BR	33	16	57 00	1 25	58 25	
Mae Keele	7			4 75	4 75	
W J Keele D&R	37	10	38 00	6 75	44 75	6 75
Mollie Miller . . .	6			75	75	2 25
H G Miller D&R	34	4	14 00	75	14 75	13 75
E O Stahl BR	26	10	36 50	2 25	38 75	
M Wheeler D&R	30	20	82 00	50	82 50	

Totals (Agts. 8) 204 80 \$301 50 \$23 75 \$325 25 \$26 25

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Hugh Moomaugh BR	34	82	\$338 50	\$338 50
R R Coble BR	39	41	147 50	147 50

Totals (Agts. 2) 73 123 \$486 00 \$486 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE*

Arthur F Owens BR	104	10	\$36 00	\$	\$36 00	\$165 55
Felia Pierce . . . BR	72					243 50
W M Martin . . . D&R	11	6	10 45	3 50	13 95	1 25
Lindsey Cooper QK	17	3	7 00	2 75	9 75	11 75
F L Harrison . . . BR	66					427 17
R W Harris BF	5					15 00
C W Vermillion . .			15 00	1 50	16 50	1 50
H Ethington BR	23					58 25
Elsie Tatman . . . BR	7					273 25
John Brownlie . . BR	39					225 10
R F Hickman . . . BR	3	2	7 00	10 50	17 50	

Totals (Agts. 11) 347 21 \$75 45 \$18 25 \$93 70 \$1422 32

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Drue Bowen BR	40	28	\$125 00	\$ 8 00	\$133 00	\$
Floyd Booth . . . BR				50	50	7 00
Henry Balsbaugh BR	29	9	34 50	1 50	36 00	3 50
AA Johnson D&R, PG	30	17	55 50	3 50	59 00	
Beauford Staton BR	38	44	202 00	12 00	214 00	
E A Taylor BR	40	26	97 00	6 25	103 25	

Totals (Agts. 6) 167 124 \$514 00 \$31 75 \$545 75 \$10 50

G'd Totals (A. 41) 1577 715 \$2458 30 \$166 05 \$2624 35 \$1554 27

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference . .	12391	\$16346 35	\$ 850 70	\$17197 05
Kentucky Conference . .	11594	18084 85	1230 86	19315 71
Louisiana Conference . .	4302	12831 15	284 30	13115 45
Mississippi Conference .	10804	28338 75	1673 62	30012 37
Tenn. River Conference	9604	13395 50	1702 20	15097 70

Totals 48695 \$88996 60 \$5741 68 \$94738 28

* Two weeks. † Week ending September 15.

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Alabama, Birmingham Sept. 20 - 30
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MISSION

Alabama, Talladega Aug. 24-28
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Pertaining to the Union

Union Conference Directory

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

News Items

Elder S. E. Wight arrived in Nashville Thursday from Louisville, Ky. He spent one week in the city attending the Tennessee River camp-meeting.

Professor Lynn H. Wood arrived on the Tennessee River camp ground the fourteenth to take charge of the young people's work during the meeting.

Brother M. W. Shidler also returned from the Kentucky camp ground to attend the Tennessee River camp-meeting.

The union conference office on 24th Ave. was closed during the Tennessee River camp-meeting, all work being carried on in the office on the camp ground.

We had hoped that Elder C. E. Andros, president of the Pacific Union Conference would attend the camp-meetings in this union, but on account of the sickness of his wife it was impossible. We have just learned that she passed away Sabbath morning, September 8. We know the sympathy of the people is with him in his bereavement.

Notice

From some source the rumor has gone out into the field that the Southern Junior College was not able to receive more applications from young people who have not already applied. I wish to take this opportunity to inform our people that there is room for a number of boys and girls to come. We shall be glad to take up correspondence with any who desire to share the benefits of this school. It will be necessary for those who are planning on coming to send in their applications so that we shall be able to provide accommodations for them. Please bear in mind that there is room for you, but you should apply early.

In this connection I might also call attention to the date of opening school. Because of the necessity of having our new dormitory completed, it became necessary to postpone the opening of school one month. Hence school will begin October

sixteen instead of September eighteen. Please bear this in mind in making your plans for the school year.

It may be that we shall be a little cramped for quarters at the beginning of school. We shall have to bear and forebear and perhaps crowd up a little right at the beginning of school. This should emphasize the importance of getting your application in early. We do not wish to go to the expense of providing quarters for young people who do not come. At the same time we do not wish to have the young people on the ground when we are not able to take care of them. I hope that you will send in your application as soon as possible.

LEO THIEL, *President.*

Louisiana Items

Friday, September 14, Elder Sanders left the office to make a three or four weeks' tour among the churches, visiting such companies and isolated members as he may be able to in that time.

September 11 Elder N. Z. Town and others arrived in New Orleans, returning from Panama, en route to Washington, D. C. Brother J. A. P. Green also arrived with them. After a short stay with us he will doubtless go on to California accompanied by his family, who have been in New Orleans during his absence.

The following additional names have been added to the list of the little workers who have filled their missionary trees (\$1.00 each): Hayward Litchfield, Edward Roberts, and Aubrey Roberts, of Welsh; Boneta Bevers, of Jena; and little Ruth Green, of New Orleans. Cornelia Saxby of Lake Charles has reaped a second crop of fruit from her tree.

At Lake Charles they have bought all three Reading Course sets, senior, junior, and primary, and are making a class study of the books. A number of others have secured full sets. Study questions on all of the books may be secured by writing to the young people's secretary at the conference office. More sets of the Reading Course books are ready for mailing upon receipt of your order.

Dr. J. Garfield Smalley has recently returned from Honduras, where he has been laboring, with a number of young men from there who have come to the States to attend our schools. After placing them in schools he plans to return to his field again.

Our colporteurs are all now busy with their September deliveries. Let us remember them in prayer that the Lord may abundantly bless their earnest efforts to place these truth-filled books in many homes.

Elder and Mrs. Morrow are at present in Colorado, having spent some time in Kansas, visiting friends and relatives. They plan to be back again by the close of the month.

Brother Bell reports that the interest at Hammond continues to be good, and though not without opposition, the truth is claiming its own.

Mississippi Camp-Meeting

Mississippi's annual camp-meeting of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Jackson, September 27 to October 7. The following help is expected from outside of our State: Elder I. H. Evans, president, North American Division; Elder S. E. Wight, president, Southern Union Conference, Elder W. H. Anderson, of Africa; I. M. Martin, evangelist of Southern Union Conference; and L. H. Wood, young people's secretary of the Southern Union Conference; also Prof. J. S. Marshall of the Southern Junior College.

The meeting will be held in Smith Park. This is a beautiful park, with plenty of shade, and is located only one block from Capitol St. Take the Northwest street car and get off at the first stop after the car turns the corner, or tell the conductor to let you off at Smith Park.