


# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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## Educational And Young People's Conventions

Beginning Thursday, Jan. 17, and lasting through Sunday, Jan. 20, the Southern and Southeastern Unions have held an Educational and Young People's Secretaries' meeting at the Southern Junior College.

Professors Griggs and Kern have been with us as well as the superintendents and secretaries from the various conferences. Many topics of vital interest to the development of our work were considered, and it proved a very helpful meeting.

It was voted to have a Summer School for both our white and colored teachers of six weeks' duration, from June 4 to July 16. The white Summer School will be held at Collegedale, and that for our colored teachers at Oakwood.

A complete report, giving the resolutions passed and actions taken, will appear next week.

LYNN H. WOOD.

## Doing Missionary Work by Correspondence

Did you ever hear of Cripple Tom, the little lad, who, although confined to his bed in a dingy room above a busy street in a

### A Life Recipe

Plenty of patience there ever must be,  
Few faults—if any—in others to see,  
Armfuls of helpfulness one must possess,  
Also a cherry and gracious address,  
The knack to turn out winsome smiles by the score,  
Willing to utter kind words o'er and o'er,  
To bear others' burdens, as well as your own—  
Ready to suffer for truth all alone,  
Courage to give to the weak that you meet,  
While others are fretful to keep yourself sweet—  
These directions, if followed, eschewed all strife,  
Will turn out the product—a Beautiful Life!

—Selected.

great city, made himself happy by writing scripture texts on bits of paper, and dropping them out of the window, with the hope that some one might thus be led to Christ? And more than one life was changed because of Little Tom's "speaking leaves" that dropped on the sidewalk below his window.

One of his bits of paper floated down from his attic room on a certain day, and dropped just in front of a wealthy gentleman walking along the street. He picked it up, and the words he read carried a timely message home to his heart. He became acquainted with the little missionary and through the remaining years of the lad's life the gentleman supported him in his humble, yet far-reaching work. Tom simply had a love for souls,

and did what he could for them. Our profits for such work are far greater, as we have text and comments upon them already printed in convenient form to accompany our written invitation to read.

#### THE FIRST LETTER

One of the best methods of opening missionary correspondence is to send copies of our periodicals, or tracts, and accompany them with an earnest invitation to consider certain articles or paragraphs. Reasons for sending first letter at time of (or soon after) mailing the first paper:

First—It lets person know at once why paper is received.

Second—It draws attention to it from the first.

Third—Removes any thought of receiving a bill.

#### IN PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE

Think of the opportunities in private correspondence. One

lady in correspondence with a friend in Canada mentioned the Signs, and began sending a copy each week. The answer to the letter contained the encouraging news that the paper was gladly received and read by her friend, and that each week's issue was passed on from home to home in her neighborhood and read with interest.

Another sister in renewing her club of the Signs tells of a reply to a missionary letter she has received:

"I have been sending one copy of the Signs to a lady in Mississippi. After sending several, I wrote her and she replied: 'Just send me that little California paper right along, as it is brimful of good things. I did not know that Jesus was coming so soon. Pray for me that I may get ready.'"

BY A MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We know of one missionary society whose members are taking up missionary correspondence work in this way:

A list of names—of persons, perhaps, who have purchased copies of our books or have become interested through evangelistic meetings—are secured from the conference missionary secretary. For convenience, the names are kept in a small card list, each name, with spaces for record of letters written, etc., on a separate card. Here is a sample of the card from the list before any records are made.

Name (and address).....  
 Date of paper sent.....  
 First letter written by.....  
 ..... Date.....  
 Second letter.....  
 ..... Date.....  
 Third letter.....  
 ..... Date.....  
 Reply.....

Correspondence with each person is carried on by the members under the direction of the church missionary secretary, who keeps the list and sees that records are

made properly. Each reply is reported, and recorded on the card. This simple system keeps the secretary in touch with the work, makes reporting easy, and is a help in planning for continuous and aggressive efforts.

**For Sale**

Near Dalton, Ga., 30 acres of land. Part of it inside the city limits. Soil grows good cotton and corn. Rolling land. Mostly under cultivation. Water and wood. Price \$1,100.

**FOR SALE**

A farm of 111 acres near Dayton, Tenn.; 60 acres under cultivation. Six-room house. Large frame barn and other outbuildings. Good well and spring creek running through farm. Plenty of fruit. All under fence. Telephone; daily mail. Nine miles from county seat, on Walden's Ridge. Good soil. If taken soon, \$2,250.

Part of the proceeds of each farm is dedicated to foreign missions. If interested, write Fred Smith, Room 31 Deaderick Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn., care Cumberland Tract Society.

**The Cross and Its Shadow**

Elder S. N. HASKELL'S latest book on the

**Sanctuary Question**

**A special help on the Sabbath School lessons for this quarter**

Do you want an excellent help on your Sabbath School lessons this quarter?—Something that will open to you the whole sanctuary question in a most interesting and lucid way? If so, here is something to interest you. Note what leaders say of the book:

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"The Cross and Its Shadow" lifts up Jesus and presents him to the world as shadowed in symbols, as prefigured in revelations, as unveiled in the lessons given to His Disciples, and as manifested in the wonderful miracles wrought for the sons of men.

One section of the book, containing 14 chapters, is devoted to a character study of the twelve tribes of Israel as mentioned in Rev. 7:4-8.

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At the close of each chapter on the sanctuary services is a condensed Bible study, comparing type with antitype. Over 3500 texts are referred to in foot notes and explained in context.

"The Cross and Its Shadow" is a subscription book, and sold to agents at regular agent's rates.

Regular Price..... \$1.75  
 To any who order it before Feb. 15, \$1.50 postpaid  
 Order from your Tract Society.

# MISSISSIPPI

## CONFERENCE

### Mississippi News

The first part of the Week of Prayer I was with the Jackson church. Then went to Amory, stopping off at Brother Terry's and at Brookville on the way up. The Menus family have done quite an amount of missionary work near Brookville and some interest has been created.

On the afternoon of Dec. 17 Bro. Drue Bowen and Miss Lillie Harp were united in marriage. They both went to Nashville to take up the nurse's training work. We wish for them success in getting a good training for the Lord's work.

December 19 to 23 our workers all attended the Workers' meeting at Birmingham, Ala. This meeting was enjoyed by all. Some exchanges were made in the working force. Brother Marshall and wife were called to Alabama. Let us pray that God will bless them in their new field. We will announce later who will take Brother Marshall's place here.

Brother Dow and wife from Kentucky will make Mississippi their field of labor.

Brother Denton will go to Louisiana and Elder McLennon, from Louisiana, will come to Mississippi.

We want to have some strong tent efforts this year and we ask all our members to earnestly pray that God will greatly add His blessing.

From Birmingham, I went to Ooltewah to a board meeting. I was glad to see the students from our State all of good courage. Some had given their hearts to the Lord and were going to be baptized. I tell you, brethren and sisters, we forget all about the

money we spend to build our schools when we see our young people converted to the Lord. Let us pray for our school at Ooltewah.

December 10, I went to Natchez. Stopped off at Stapley on my way down. Then stopped off at Foster on my way back. I am glad to find our people of good courage.

Our Colporteurs' Institute begins Thursday. Pray for its success.

C. J. BUHALTS.

### Some Observations

The trouble with some folks is that they don't consider they are having a good time unless they are making a nuisance of themselves.

Nobody works quite so well as the man who has had a good night's sleep.

A man may think he is hiding his dissipations from his employers, but his work tells.

It's easy enough to find friends in fair weather; the man with

an umbrella to lend when it is raining is the bird.

As a general rule if the boss isn't on the job himself the clerks aren't either.

The history books would be bigger than they are if all men had accomplished half the things they intended to do.

What's become of the old-fashioned boy who had the notion that he had to go to New York to make his fortune?

"It is not the length of a man's pocket-book, nor the kind of house he lives in, nor the grammatical expression which he gives to his tongue, that tells the kind of man he is. It is the mastery over mind and heart. If a man has given his inner nature over to appetite, and lust, and passion, then he is a brutal man, whether he lives in a palace or a hovel, whether he sits in the major's chair or rules over a prize-ring. Out of the heart comes the issues of life, and if a man is to be saved, the heart must be captured for Christ."

### Louisiana Conference Report of Funds for 1917

Church	Tithe	S. S.	Annual	H. Ing.	Mid. Sum.	Miss.	Y.P.M.V.	Total
								20c-a-wk
Alexandria	\$296 56	61 18	6 17	66 00	1 80	9 36	10 00	164 51 x
Arcadia	25 00	2 00		1 16		25 00		28 16
Conference	778 58	193 12	11 50	103 16	11 30	147 85	14 00	480 98 x
Hammond	154 94	140 26	2 10	8 60	4 00	150 00	3 00	159 46
Hobart	314 90	60 35		10 10	3 10			78 55-
Lake Arthur	20 90	3 31						3 31
Lake Charles	712 52	90 21	57 10	163 56	5 90	13 26	8 16	838 19 x
Lena Station	69 00	13 34	1 00	65		1 80	1 50	18 29
New Orleans No. 1	2075 01	683 89	28 10	424 19	19 14	331 54	28 25	1515 11 x
Shreveport No. 1	1550 10	282 42	28 56	233 23	1 30	142 42	9 40	697 38 x
Ringgold	36 99	73 51		35 85	1 55	35	6 10	117 36 x
Sugartown	184 92	85 97	2 60		1 40	4 01	70	94 68
Welsh	887 95	110 12	14 19	120 25	16 48	110 49		371 53
Mansfield Co.	260 39	84 58	1 00	2 00	3 60	13 60	8 00	112 78 x
Totals	\$7366 76	1884 26	152 32	1168 75	69 57	801 18	89 11	4165 19 x
				Quota for year				3660 40
				Overpaid				514 79
New Orleans No. 2	842 62	208 76	7 50	129 16	8 07	7 36	2 60	363 45
Newellton	142 50	22 25		3 00		25 90		51 15
Mission	50 42	60 82		17 54	1 25	41		80 02 x
Shreveport No. 2	258 02	101 27	3 07	93 33	3 25	32 25		233 17
Totals	\$1288 56	393 10	10 57	243 03	12 57	65 92	2 60	727 79
				Quota for year				1232 40
				Amount short				504 61

X represents churches who have overpaid.

Shreveport No. 2 deserves honorable mention, lacking but 83c of their quota.

The Y. P. M. V. funds represent offerings made direct to the fund, and not Harvest Ingathering and other items applying on the Y. P. Goal.

The amount overpaid on the 20c-a-week fund by the white churches, less the shortage in the colored department, leaves a gain of \$10.18 over the quota for the entire Conference.

# KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

## News Notes

Last week Prof. O. R. Staines and Elder R. I. Keate conducted a Home Missionary Institute in the colored church at Lexington. The church was organized into bands for the distribution of Present Truth and all plans were laid for a systematic work of definitely assigned territory. The church seemed to enjoy the meeting very much, and considerable enthusiasm was manifested in the plans presented. On the last day of the meeting, though there were only 48 small books available, 78 were sold in a short time. But all present signed the "Win One" pledge and expressed their determination to raise their full quota for missions for 1918.

Plans had been laid for a Home Missionary Institute at the Jefferson Street church, Louisville, but owing to the extreme bad weather this meeting had to be postponed. Brother O. R. Staines is putting in time, however, profitably, in making a canvass of the membership of the church for subscriptions to the Review and the Worker. He is also presenting the matter of small books and other missionary enterprises as he visits the members.

The many friends, throughout Kentucky, of Brother R. Eason, formerly of Lexington, now of Chicago, will be glad to know that after a long and painful illness of nine months that he is very much improved and hopes to be out very soon. Brother Eason has had diabetis and sciatica rheumatism. Let us all remember him in our prayers.

*Subscribe now to the Review. The price advances Feb. 1.*

### 1918—Kentucky Goals—1918

Every member a soul-winner. Conference membership 1,000. Win one.

Every member rendering to the Lord His own.

Our full quota for missions.

Every member studying the Sabbath school lesson.

Every young person a Missionary Volunteer.

All to read the Bible through.

Book sales--\$30,000. Will you help?

Every member a "Review" and "Worker" reader.

Sell small books. Circulate "Watchman" and "Present Truth."

Campmeeting August 29 to September 8. Plan now to attend.

#### The Institute

The Institute, which was held in Louisville, was attended by 17 colporteurs, and each one went home feeling well repaid for the time spent. The great need of earnestness and the individual responsibility and the shortness of time was felt by each of us. When the time came for the setting of goals for the year 1918, we were glad to see the amounts total \$28,600. The goals are as follows:

Name	Hours	Deliv'd
Alex Perry	1200	\$1000
Andy Schroader	1700	2000
R B Rowe & wife	2000	2500
Edward Whittier	1000	1200
Herschel Ethington	1600	1800
Lee Page	1500	2000
R S Hyatt	1600	1500
Jessie E Miller	1600	2000
Elijah Harp	1200	1200
Hatton Ford	1600	2400
Floyd E Trees	1300	2000
John W Wilhelm	1800	2000
Theodore Kroeger	1500	2000
Warren Judson	1500	2000
W H Buckles	1600	1800
I E Bradley	1400	1200

Each one present pledged faithful service. We are in a time

when the Lord is ready to help us do great things, and we have faith to believe that it is not too much to ask Him for \$30,000, delivered this year, and this is the goal for the Kentucky Conference.

The Lord causes things to happen for our encouragement--for instance, a letter has just come from one of the counties that was canvassed two years ago, stating that a family of six adults had one of our "Bible Readings" and desired to become members of our church. A man who lives in the south part of Perry county told me that several of his neighbors were keeping Saturday for the Sabbath. This county was worked with "Bible Footlights." A letter came a few days ago which read like this: "Send us an Adventist minister at once." The words "at once" were written in large type and were underscored. In his neighborhood the Methodist minister did everything in his power to prevent the delivery of "Bible Readings" among his members, but they said, "We know what our ministers teach, and we want to know what the Adventists believe." The colporteur only delivered 100 per cent in this section.

We enter this year with courage and expect many souls for our hire, besides good financial returns. JAMES HICKMAN.

### Macedonian Calls In Kentucky

We are constantly receiving letters telling us of new interests and urgent appeals for meetings. We are glad to learn of these interests and always feel sorry when they cannot be attended to immediately. We earnestly desire that you join with us in praying the Lord of the Harvest to send forth more laborers.

Bro. R. H. Harris, of Richmond, writes of a good interest there

among the colored people, and urges that a series of meetings be held there.

Bro. S. G. Sharp, of Winchester, has written a very interesting letter, telling of the interest there among his friends and neighbors. I wish there was space to quote all his letter. It is an account of some of his efforts and the deep interest manifested by a lady, and, later, her husband. I would judge that both were now ready to come into the church. Elder W. H. White will soon stop there to see what help he can be to them. He also mentioned other interests and sent in several blank checks to be made payable directly to the Armenian and Syrian Relief Committee. Several had promised to make good donations if they were assured the money would all go to the cause for which it was given. He, too, says: "I think it would be a great help just now if we could have a good personal worker with us for a short while."

A letter from Betsy, Kentucky, reads: "We need a Seventh-day Adventist preacher here at once. Will you please see that we get one? We need him right now."

A letter from Belcher, Kentucky, reads: "We have four children . . . and we all love the Advent Review. We have your 'Bible Readings,' and we all believe in the Adventist church more than any other. . . . We have all decided to join the Seventh-day Adventist church. Brother, will you please tell me if you can have our names placed on your church book? We have been keeping the Sabbath since last June. Two long years I was burdened over the Sabbath, and I promised the Lord if He would remove the burden we would keep the Sabbath, and we have ever since. . . . the burden is gone."

Sister H. U. Jacobs, of Stanford, writes: "We have a family

## COLPORTEURS' REPORT

SOUTHERN UNION, FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 12

### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
R J Cook	BF	37	2	\$ 3 00	\$35 80	\$35 80	\$ 3 00
B D Crawford	BR	7	2	7 00	2 85	9 85	
J W Harrison	BR	48			11 25	11 25	
Miscellaneous		163	73	65 60	53 60	119 20	
Total		255	77	75 60	103 50	179 10	3 00

### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

R H Hazelton	BR	20	7	24 50	50	25 00	4 00
Paul Keele	DR	12	2				15 50
H G Miller	DR	33	3	11 50	9 50	21 00	3 50
Total		65	12	36 00	10 00	46 00	23 00

### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

F W Schmehl		11	8	\$30 00	\$	\$30 00	\$3 50
<small>Shreveport</small> R R Coble(2wk)		57	38	164 00		164 00	
<small>Jonesboro</small> M B Wilson		9	8	33 00	75	33 75	
<small>W. Monroe</small> Bibles			1	3 85		3 85	
Total		77	55	230 85	75	231 60	3 50
Grand total		397	144	242 45	114 25	456 70	29 50

of seven keeping the Sabbath at Moreland, and they desire baptism and to join the church. We feel that there are enough of us now to have an organization at Milledgeville as soon as you can make us a visit and help us out. These people, like all who are new in the church, need help and need to be taught. They told me they were just like little children in regard to some things, but they are staunch Sabbathkeepers and will be a help to the cause."

These are recent letters, and mean much to us. They are striking signs of the times. They mean we have come to the finishing of the work. Let us all go to work faithfully to do our part in finishing the work, and in getting ready to meet the Lord.

R. I. KEATE.

### The Kentucky Institute

One of the most inspiring meetings that it has been the writer's

privilege to attend was held in Louisville, Ky., closing January 6, after a session of ten days. The Spirit of God was felt by those present in a marked manner from the beginning of the meeting, and abode with us, bringing conviction of duty to the hearts of all. Each was made to realize to a fuller extent the part he was to act in this solemn hour, and with but one exception—that of one who plans to attend school next fall—each pledged himself, should there be no Providential interference, to put in a full year in the work.

There were 18 colporteurs present at the meeting; all but one of whom had done some canvassing during the past year. The heavy snows and foul weather of the week previous to the institute interfered with the Christmas deliveries to such an extent that some were unable to be present till the meeting was half through;

but coming in fresh from the forefront of the battle, they brought a spirit into the meetings that was quickly generated into real enthusiasm when an opportunity was given to relate their experiences.

Those first in attendance at the meeting had their faith strengthened as they saw the answer to their prayers by the Lord sending certain ones to the meeting for whom they had prayed. They listened with intense interest as these belated ones told how the Lord had interposed to make it possible for them to come, and how others were impelled to come after they had about decided not to come. Every worker, with one exception, who was expected at the institute, was present. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

Some of the colporteurs related wonderful experiences of the Lord sending His angels before them to "prepare the way for them." One told of a lady who recognized him and his book as the one she had seen in her dream, and rejoiced at the opportunity to order a copy. Another told of a lady who recognized the pictures of the beast of Daniel 7 as those she had seen in her dream, and eagerly gave her order for a book. Nearly everyone bore witness of the plain evidences of the co-operative hand of God assisting them in their work in almost miraculous ways. "He will finish His work and cut it short in righteousness."

Elder Eastman was present during the latter half of the meeting and gave some valuable and timely instruction. Each was encouraged to attempt greater things for God that he had scarcely considered possible, and when the time came for them to set their goals for the year,

they came so near to the \$30,000 mark that it was voted to take that sum as the goal for the Conference for the year.

The prospect for a large work in Kentucky this year is very bright. Brother Hickman and his corps of workers are filled almost to overflowing with courage and enthusiasm, and are confident that with the assistance of the Almighty they shall be able to more than reach the goal they have set. "This is the finger of God."

M. W. SHIDLER.

## TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

### A Good Showing

As we look over the figures for the Tennessee River Conference for 1917 we are made very thankful for the blessing of God and the degree of success He has given us. Advancement is seen in every department of the work; and while we have not accomplished all we could desire, yet God has been very good to us.

He has blessed us with a reasonable degree of success in our soul-winning work, and has enabled us to add 150 members to



This is the Davisville, Ky., Harvest Ingathering company that was mentioned in the WORKER a short time ago. From left to right, back line, Mary Ramey, Lytha Ramey. Front line, Mary Aldridge, Prof. O. R. Staines and Halah Ramey.

the church. We are thankful for this, but sorry we did not accomplish more for Him. Our goal for 1918 is a net increase to our membership of 363 souls. This is much more than we have ever been able to accomplish in the past; but we are living in a day of large things, and we hope and believe that God will make 1918 a very fruitful year.

There was a very encouraging increase in our tithe, which we take as an evidence that God is moving upon the hearts of His people to be more faithful in bringing in the means for the finishing of the work. Our offerings to missions also show a very encouraging increase. The Sabbath School offerings for 1916 were \$2,686.57; this increased in 1917 to \$4,277.97; a gain of \$1,591.40

Our annual offering for 1916 was \$287.78, while in 1917 it was \$562.76, showing a gain of \$274.98.

Our midsummer offering in 1916 was \$21.36, and in 1917 this had increased to \$138.14, or an increase of \$116.76.

The Harvest Ingathering for 1916 amounted to \$1,365.37, and this broke all former records; but in 1917 this was increased

to \$1,849.20, an increase over the previous year of \$483.83.

Our total offerings for missions in 1917 amount to \$7,863.80, a gain over the previous year of \$1,783.01.

Our Week of Prayer offering would have been much larger, but the heavy snow and the extremely cold weather prevented the carrying out of our program in most of the churches. Some refused to permit the cold and snow to defeat the plan, and went ahead and held meetings anyway, and where this was done God wonderfully blessed. The severity of the weather also greatly hindered in the work of Harvest Ingathering. It is due entirely to these hindrances that we failed in reaching our quota of 20 cents a week per member for missions. We are not disposed, however, to plead this as an excuse for our failure, for we should have risen above such things.

The book work has prospered over any previous year in the history of this field. Our colporteurs delivered in 1916 \$7,260.00

of books, while in 1917 they delivered \$11,001.29, an increase over 1916 of \$3,741.29. Our total sales of all literature in this field is \$17,709.83 for 1917. This is an increase over 1916 of \$4,125.90. We do not feel that we have gone over the top by any means, but we have set our goal for 1918 at \$25,000.00, and expect with the blessings of God to reach it.

In addition to all this a splendid brick church is being erected in the city of Memphis and is now nearing completion. This building will cost complete \$7,000.00 or \$8,000.00. The Memphis church and Elder Wood, the pastor, have worked hard in raising money for this building and have succeeded in raising most of it right at home. They are worshiping in the basement now.

We are greatly encouraged by the victories of the past year, and confidently expect that 1918 will show even more marked advancement in this field. To this end we earnestly ask an interest in the prayers of all our people.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

ing as pastor, has his time well taken up in house-to-house work, and is now looking for a place for a series of Sunday night meetings.

Several are deeply interested and it is expected that some will soon unite with the church.

The church school, conducted by Sister Elford, is doing well.

### Alabama Notes

The following reached the Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll mark of \$5.00, but their names failed to appear: Mrs. Martha Davis\*, Conference church, C. G. Meyer, Mrs. Wallenstine, Christian Hornung, Anna Hornung\*\*, all of Mobile church No. 1.

Prof. J. I. Beardsley and J. M. Swafford, of Oakwood, were office visitors Monday and Tuesday. These brethren are on their way to visit some institutions in the State, and also expect to call at the Colporteurs' Institute in Montgomery. Prof. Beardsley is principal of the Oakwood school, and this was his first visit to our office.

Bro. G. H. Curtis spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the Conference office looking after the business here, after an absence of about two weeks. He left Wednesday night to attend a meeting at Ooltewah.

It will be interesting to our brethren and sisters in the conference to know that the total receipts for tithe were \$9386.18, or an increase over last year of \$2645.44. This is the largest tithe that has been paid in this conference in some years. The above applies to our white membership. Our colored membership shows a good gain, being \$403.67. Later we will give some items of interest regarding the Mission funds.

Over \$900.00 foreign mission funds were sent forward Tuesday night, the 15th, for the month of December alone. This money will soon be in the hands of the General Conference Treasurer and ready to go forward to our workers in foreign fields.

### Report of Foreign Mission Offerings for Two Years--1916 and 1917

	1917	1916	Gain
Sabbath School offerings	\$4277.97	\$2686.57	\$1591.40
Weekly offerings	4.55	28.23	Loss
Missions	971.36	1691.43	Loss
Annual offerings	562.76	287.78	274.98
Mid-summer offerings	138.14	21.36	116.78
Borneo offerings	59.82		59.82
Harvest Ingathering off.	1849.20	1365.37	483.83
Total offerings	\$7863.80	\$6080.79	\$1783.01

## ALABAMA CONFERENCE

### Birmingham Church

The Birmingham church has made a good record in many ways for the year 1917. The

members love the truth as may be seen when it is known that our 20c per member for the year shows \$450.00 above our quota, and the Harvest Ingathering goal was reached, which was the first time for several years.

Brother Rowland, who is act-

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## Institute Dates

Mississippi, Jan. 17 to Jan. 27.  
Louisiana, Jan. 24 to Feb. 3, Shreve-  
port.  
Mississippi (Col.), Jan. 31 to Feb. 10.  
Alabama (Col.), Feb. 7 to Feb 17.

## Nashville Effort

The second meeting at the Orpheum Theater in Nashville was held Sunday night, January 13. Because of the storm of the previous Friday, and the resulting tie-up in transportation, some of the large churches in the city called off all services. Before time for the lecture Sunday night it began to sleet and snow, yet notwithstanding this, more than a thousand people were out to the meeting.

Professor Frederick Griggs, who was in the city that night, had charge of the song service. Beside conducting the congregational singing, he sang two solos. All seemed to enjoy this feature of the meeting very much.

Elder Martin spoke on the subject of "Is This War Armageddon?" outlining the international conditions, indicating that we are near that time, and showing that the battle of Armageddon ushers

in the return of Jesus. The people paid thoughtful attention, and at the close of the service a large number of names were handed in for literature. From these two meetings enough names have been turned in to more than keep the nine workers busy in house-to-house work.

## News Items

Elder S. E. Wight spent Sabbath, Jan. 12, at the Tennessee River Institute at Jackson, Tenn. After spending two days in Nashville on his return, he left for Ooltewah, Tenn., to attend a meeting of the Southern Junior College Board and the Educational and Young People's Convention, held at the College this week.

Professor Frederick Griggs, North American Division Conference Educational Secretary, spent some time in the South visiting rural schools in both this Union and the Southeastern Union. He visited the Union Conference office the first of the week, and Monday morning spoke to the workers who are here in Nashville helping in the Union effort.

Tuesday morning Elder S. N. Haskell met with the workers at their regular meeting, and gave the first of a series of Bible studies to be given at these meetings each day.

Mr. G. H. Curtis left Nashville Monday night for Birmingham, Ala., to close up the work of the year in that office.

Bro. M. W. Shidler is conducting the Institute at Montgomery, Alabama, this week.

Bro. O. R. Staines is still in Louisville, Ky., assisting in the Home Missionary work there.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood left Nashville Wednesday, Jan. 16, for Ooltewah, Tenn., to attend the Educational and Young People's Convention to be held the 18th at the Southern Junior College.

## Southern Junior College Notes

We have been privileged to have with us the following visitors the past week on account of the Rural School and Educational Conventions held here: Elders S. E. Wight, W. H. Branson, B. W. Brown, J. L. Shuler, J. B. Locken, W. R. Hansen, and R. I. Keate; Professors Frederick Griggs, L. H. Wood, M. E. Kern, W. S. Boynton, and K. R. Haughey; Brethren A. A. Jasper-son, M. H. Johnson, S. L. Stafford, O. B. Crary, G. H. Curtis, and W. E. Abernathy; Dr. O. M. Hayward, Elder and Mrs. U. D. Pickard, Mrs. W. W. Brown, Misses Ethel Brownsberger and Kathleen Williams, Mrs. C. N. Sanders, and Miss Anna Knight.

Miss Sadie Rogers, one of the graduates from the College last year, arrived Thursday evening and is spending a few days visiting her cousin and attending the Educational Convention. She is on her way to her new field of labor, the Tenn. River Conference, where she is to take up work as Educational Secretary.

Prof. M. E. Kern gave a stereopticon lecture on the Panama Canal in the College chapel Saturday night.

Dr. John Mitchell, of Atlanta, Ga., was a visitor at the College this week.

Miss Rochelle Philmon, principal of the Graysville Academy, arrived Friday to attend the Educational Convention.

Wednesday evening Professor Frederick Griggs gave a stereopticon lecture on his trip to the Orient, which was much enjoyed by all.

Miss Lila Shreve left Thursday morning for her home in Florida.

The Southern Junior College library has now been unpacked and is located across the hall from the president's office. Miss Juanita Hibben is in charge as student librarian.