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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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Changes in Dates for Meetings in Birmingham

A slight change has been made in the dates of the meetings to be held in Birmingham this winter. So we trust that all interested will take particular notice of the following schedule, which has been agreed upon:

Southern Union Workers' Meeting—Jan. 27 to 29th.

Home Missionary Meeting—Jan. 30 and 31st.

Sabbath School Convention—Feb. 1 to 3d.

S. P. A. Bookmen's Convention—Feb. 3 to 10th.

Oakwood Jr. College Constit. Mtg.—Feb. 10th and 11th.

Colored Workers' Meeting—Feb. 12th to 14th.

Under present conditions it is possible that these meetings cannot be held on account of the "flu" that is raging through the country.

We trust that the prayers of our workers will ascend, however, that God will open the way if it is best that these meetings be held. There is great need of our getting together, and it seems that this is the most inexpensive way for it to be done.

The delegates will all be entertained at the Hillman Hotel. This hotel is next to the best in the city. They have given us very cheap rates, which we greatly appreciate.

If those attending are not acquainted with the place—if you arrive there at the Terminal or

Southern depot—take a street car, go down into the city and inquire for the Hillman Hotel. If you arrive at the L. & N. depot, you will only be three blocks from the Hillman Hotel.

The first meeting of the Workers will be held on Monday evening, January 27th, in the church at 7:30. We hope that as far as possible all the workers will be there for that meeting; but if it is not possible to get in for that meeting in the evening, be sure to come for the meeting the following morning, which will be at 8:30.

S. E. WIGHT.

Each day I notice the papers bring information regarding the situation in the Old World, establishing in the mind of the student of prophecy that God has spoken definitely with regard to our day, and it has been told in the Bible with such accuracy that one, it seems, could not doubt the inspiration of the Bible.

The Prophet Isaiah said that the time would come when the people would prophecy of peace, and that all the nations would flow into the church. This prophet does not say that the Lord says this, but that the people prophecy peace and safety.

The Prophet Joel says, "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up.

"Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning-hooks into spears; let the weak say I am strong."

It is far safer for individuals, even when the evidence is lacking, to believe in the Word of God.

We see people proclaiming peace, but we also find there are those who do not see the peace that is being proclaimed; neither do they anticipate it. In the *Courier Journal*, printed in Louisville, Ky., December 22, the following statement was made with regard to President Wilson's peace proposals. The French people, it states, were making great demonstrations over him and hoping for peace: "But the French are far too intelligent a people to believe in any such illusion as eternal peace. I rather think they regard him as the one executive who combines with vast powers, great visions, justice, a genuine love of peace, and that in him alone perhaps lies the present peace.

"All the French people whom I have met (and they tell me they are by no means solitary thinkers) are almost as uneasy as when the sound of cannon last July roared through the streets of Paris, and the red flashes could be seen on the horizon."

The students of prophecy must prepare for the coming of the Lord, for this is what was to take place just before the return of our Lord Jesus Christ to this

earth. We must not look for peace on earth until the Lord Jesus Christ sets up His kingdom, and His enemies are put down. Are we ready for the issue? is the question. S. E. W.

A Call For Canvassers

The canvassing work should no longer be neglected. Many times I have been shown that there should be a more general interest in our canvassing work. The circulation of our literature is one very important means of placing before men and women the light that the Lord has committed to His church to be given to the world. The books sold by our canvassers open to many minds the unsearchable riches of Christ.

In the service of God there is work of many kinds to be performed. In the service of the temple there were hewers of wood as well as priests of various orders bearing different degrees of responsibility. Our church members are to arise and shine because their light has come and the glory of the Lord has arisen upon them. Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep and make every effort to reach the people where they are. The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us and made secondary to worldly interests. We have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places. Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to what is just before us.

Why are we not more wide-awake? Each worker may now understand his special work and receive strength to take hold of it anew. Distinct and peculiar

developments of the boundless glory of God will bring tributary offerings of varied kinds to the feet of Jesus. Every new disclosure of the Saviour's love turns the balance for some soul in one direction or the other. The end of all things is at hand. The men of the world are rushing on to their ruin. Their schemes, their confederacies, are many. New devices will continually be brought in to make of no effect the counsel of God. Men are heaping up treasures of gold and silver to be consumed by the fires of the last days.

Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls. The canvassing work should now be earnestly and decidedly taken up. The canvasser whose heart is meek and lowly can accomplish much good. Going out two-and-two canvassers can reach a class that cannot be reached by our campmeetings. From family to family they carry the message of truth. Thus they come in close touch with the people and find many opportunities to speak of the Saviour. Let them sing and pray with those who become interested in the truths they have to give. Let them speak to families the words of Christ. They may expect success, for theirs is the promise, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Canvassers who go forth in the spirit of the Master have the companionship of heavenly beings. I beg those bearing responsibilities in God's cause to let no commercial enterprises interpose between them and the work of soul-saving. Let no business be allowed to absorb the time and talents of workers who ought to be engaged in preparing a people for the coming of the Lord. The truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth.

Time is short; the enemy will make every effort to magnify in our minds matters of lesser consequence, and to lead us to regard lightly the very work that most needs to be done.

The things of this world are soon to perish. This is not discerned by those who have not been divinely enlightened, who have not kept pace with the work of God. Consecrated men and women must go forth to sound the warning in the highways and the byways. I urge my brethren and sisters not to engage in work that will hinder them from proclaiming the gospel of Christ. You are God's spokesman. You are to speak the truth in love to perishing souls. "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled," Christ says. Do not these words plainly outline the work of the canvasser? With Christ in his heart he is to go forth into the highways and byways of life, giving the invitation to the marriage supper. Men of wealth and influence will come, if they are invited. Some will refuse, but, thank God, not all.

O that thousands more of our people had a realization of the time in which we are living and of the labor to be done in the field service, in house-to-house labor. There are many, many who know not the truth. They need to hear the call to come to Jesus. The sorrowing are to be cheered, the weak strengthened, the mourners comforted. The poor are to have the gospel preached to them.

The Master knows and watches over His workers, in whatever part of His cause they are working. He calls upon His church to arouse and become acquainted with the situation. He calls upon those in our institutions to

awake and set in operation influences that will advance His kingdom. Let them send forth laborers into the field and then see that the interest of these laborers does not flag for lack of sympathy and opportunities for development.

My brethren and sisters, remember that one day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth, to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is.

The vineyard is large and the Lord is calling for laborers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?

—Mrs. E. G. White (R. & R. June 2, 1908.)

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

The "flu" has been raging here and a gentleman who attended my meetings last summer was taken seriously ill. I visited him several times, and the whole family was stricken with the malady. I went to Leach for the week of prayer. During this time he called for me several times, and soon after I returned home I received a message to come to his home at once. I immediately went and found him sinking fast. I felt that unless something was done at once the man would soon die. I asked him what he wanted with me. He said in a very faint voice, "I want you to pray for me now." I called the children and the wife to his bedside and we knelt in prayer for him. I returned home and related the matter to my family and stated that I felt a strange burde for

this man, and we all bowed around the family altar and earnestly asked the Lord to spare his life, if it was in harmony with His will. The next day I visited him, and the wife said that his fever left him about 9 p.m. This was about the hour we were praying for him, (she did not know this) and she was so frightened when the fever left him so suddenly that she sent for the doctor, but the doctor told her it was not necessary for him to come, for he could not do anything for him. I found out that he has gradually been getting better ever since. Then I told them we had been seeking the Lord for him, and he wept and said he wished to be a good man. He is a well-to-do man, and I hope this will lead him to accept the Truth.

The Lord has heard in other cases here and the people are becoming very much interested in our religion. Satan has tried hard to close up the way here and shut out the Truth from the people. Pray for the work in this place.

J. A. TRAUGH.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Shall Satan Succeed?

The work of God in this earth is soon to be finished. Probation's hours are fast closing and our time for labor is very short. Many who are now engaged in worldly pursuits should be scattering the last warning message by the printed page.

"God alone can be our shield and strength in this time of our national calamities. The people of God should awake. Their opportunities to spread the truth

should be improved, for they will not last long. I was shown distress and perplexity and famine in the land. Satan is now seeking to hold God's people in a state of inactivity, to keep them from acting their part in spreading the truth, that they may at last be weighed in the balance and found wanting." Vol. 1, p. 260. Shall Satan succeed? Shall we continue to give our time and strength to the things of this world and "at last be weighed in the balance and found wanting?" Shall we not, without delay, improve our opportunities by devoting all our time in spreading this precious truth?

For those who desire to become better prepared to do this work, an institute for missionary colporteurs will be conducted at Shreveport, March 5—14. If you feel impressed to engage in this soul-saving work during the present year, address the writer at 2800 Stonewall St., Shreveport, La., and information will be given how you may attend this institute without cost.

"The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others, but that we shall watch and be sober. The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God will triumph with it. The time is short; the night soon cometh when no man can work. Let those who are rejoicing in the light of present truth now make haste to impart the truth to others. The Lord is inquiring, "Whom shall I send?" Those who wish to sacrifice for the truth's sake are now to respond, "Here am I; send me." Isa. 6:8. Vol. 9, p. 135.

B. E. WAGNER,
Field Miss. Sec.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Death of Brother R. T. Jacks

"The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; None considering that the righteous are taken away from the evil to come." "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which are in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." We pray God to comfort the heart of our dear Sister Jacks in her bereavement by the loss of her husband, Brother Jacks, in the epidemic of influenza.

All will remember at one time Brother Jacks was one of our faithful colporteurs, and we who had the opportunity of coming in more direct touch with him in his work found him to be a genuine consecrated Christian. He loved his work and rejoiced to have a part in carrying the last saving Gospel Message to those who sit in darkness.

In the early winter of 1914 Brother Jacks' health began to fail while working in the city of Decatur. Acting on the counsel of the brethren who had the work in charge, he returned to his little farm home near New Market in hopes of re-entering the work he loved and to which he had dedicated his life again in the spring. In the early spring of 1915 he was ill for two weeks with a complication of rheumatism and pneumonia, from which he never fully recovered. It was the writer's privilege to visit the home of Brother Jacks a number of times the past two years and always found him of good courage, anxiously looking forward to the time when he might enter the work again.

His last illness only lasted a

few days; taking ill on Wednesday, he died the following Monday. At the time of his death Sister Jacks and the two children, Roy, aged 13 years, and Ruby, aged 7 years, were all confined to their beds with influenza. He, seeing and feeling their need of attention, having partly recovered, arose to minister to them, which caused a relaps, from which he died November 26th, aged 38 years. He rests in the "Blessed Hope" to await the Life-giver at the last trump. Having this hope, we sorrow not as others.

M. L. WILSON.

Call For Workers

"The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Luke 16: 8. We often think that the people of the world are very foolish, because they use all their time and strength to get gain. They have no hope beyond this life; Mammon is their god, and we cannot blame them for trying to get all they can.

Looking at it as they do, it would be foolishness for them to do otherwise. It is all that they will ever get, so let us not blame them for living up to their profession.

But, how is it with the children of light? We say heaven is our home, and that Christ is soon coming. We say that men and women should lay their treasures up in heaven. Then the question comes directly to us, do we show as much interest in this message as the "children of this world" manifest in their work?

There is a place to work for everyone in this great message. Our literature must be scattered like the leaves of autumn. There is every indication that the Lord is preparing to do a quick work in the earth, and that those who would have a part in this work

should no longer delay. The time is ripe for a "large work" to be done by our colporteurs, and we trust that there will be delay no longer.

We need more canvassers, and I believe that there are many in the State of Alabama who should give up their worldly work and enter this great work of soul-saving. If anyone who reads these lines feels impressed to take up this line of work, we would certainly be glad to hear from you.

We are going to have a Colporteurs. Institute here in Birmingham February 13-22. The instruction, board and lodging will be given free to those who will go into this work and put in good faithful time.

The Spirit of Prophecy has told us that this work is to be "carried forward with increasing success." The only thing that will prevent this from being so during the months of 1919 is a lack of faith and earnestness upon the part of the people that believe this great message. I hope that many will respond to this call and enter the Lord's work now!

J. R. STATON.

The Work In Sheffield

We have much to encourage us in the work here in Sheffield. Not all has been done we hoped would be, nor is everything as it should be, but the outlook is bright. Very little outside work has been done, due to the much-needed repair work to be done on the church building. The little church has done nobly in responding to the call for funds to repair the church building. We have raised altogether about \$160.00 toward the building fund, \$56.00 of which came from others not of our faith. This may seem small to some of our larger churches, but for one

made up of one or two brethren and only a few sisters we feel it is very good.

The roof on the church building had been badly in need of repair for some time, and the water from the rains coming through the roof had damaged walls, causing the paper to come off. The steps in front of the building had rotted away, and, taking it altogether, the church was not a place one would want to invite a friend to see, but we now have funds enough to put the building in repair, and we are planning for and looking forward to having Sunday night meetings. The repair is going forward nicely, and will soon have a cement front and steps, which will add greatly to the appearance of the building.

Remember the work in Sheffield in your prayers. This is a great and needy field.

M. L. WILSON.

Mobile

During the past year the little company here have been putting forth every effort to complete the modest church building which is now very near completion. It has been a considerable financial strain upon the membership, yet all seem willing to do everything in their power. Just now we are installing a heating system which will be appreciated by all here since we have been compelled to get along with the small amount of heat that could be generated by three oil stoves.

But with all these experiences at home, the church has in no way lessened its interest in foreign missions. Our quota for missions, based on 20c-a-week, amounted to \$603.20. The church forwarded to the Conference \$754.14. Thus we went "over the top" \$150.94 strong. This is a little better than 25c

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 4

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
U Bracy	BF	43		\$	\$22.65	\$22.65	\$40.00
G W Brown	BR						19.65
R J Cook	OD	20	19	47.60	3.70	51.30	5.00
H L Edwards	BR	68	18	73.00	10.25	83.25	12.00
J W Harrison	BR	35	11	46.00	8.00	54.00	88.00
Mrs A Helms, Crisis		100	1000				250.00
J C Holland	BR	50					942.00
Chas Hubbard	CK	6					20.00
C Kelly	Mag						72.32
M S Peppers	BR				20.00	20.00	91.00
C A Powers	BR				4.00	4.00	23.00
Bibles							25.03
Miscellaneous							1000.00
Total		322	1048	166.60	68.60	235.20	2588.00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

M Wilson (2wk)	BR	30	24	107.00			107.00
H Moomaugh	BR	36	42	220.00		220.00	220.00
Henry Lynn	BR	40	7	34.00		34.00	34.00
L Robinson	OD	12	1	4.00	.25	4.25	4.25
Bibles			5				23.25
Total		128	79	365.00	.25	258.25	388.50
Grand total		450	227	531.60	68.85	493.45	2976.50

Dates for Colporteurs' Institutes in the Southern Union Conference

Tennessee River (white)	Jan. 9th to 18th.
Mississippi (white) Jackson	Jan. 16th to 26th.
Bookmen's Convention—Birmingham	Feb. 3d to 10th.
Alabama (white) Birmingham	Feb. 13th to 22d.
Mississippi (colored)	Feb. 23d to Mar. 4th

Revised Schedule of Meetings December 20, 1918, To Be Held in Birmingham, Ala.

Workers' Meeting	Jan. 27th to 29th.
Sabbath School Convention	Feb. 1st to 3d.
Bookmen's Convention	Feb. 3d to 10th.
Home Missionary Convention	Jan. 30th and 31st.
Oakwood School Meeting	Feb. 10th and 11th.
Colored Workers' Meeting	Feb. 12th to 14th.

per member, the amount required of the richer conferences in the North and West.

On the Harvest Ingathering we were asked to raise an amount

equal to \$5 per member. Not being content with that, with the blessings of the Lord, we made it \$6.27½. When the campaign began the church set a goal of

\$350, and raised \$363.94. Thus on all three goals the church has succeeded in doing its bit.

However, realizing that the devil never slumbers or sleeps, we have already laid definite plans to keep in the front ranks during 1919. Slackers in the army of the Lord do not seem to feel at home in the Mobile church, so they cease being slackers and join the worker's ranks.

The church now has a membership of 68, but we are not content to have it remain there. And with the blessings of God we expect to see many additions during the year.

I am now getting quite well acquainted with the church, its problems and its needs, and look forward to a pleasant time with the church in Mobile.

O. L. DENSLOW.

The Week of Prayer

The first part of the week of prayer was spent with the church at Sheffield. We were glad to have Elder Wright with us two of the meetings. God came near to His people and hearts were touched.

The last half of the week of prayer was spent with the church at Elkwood. Truly God came very near during the meetings there and all received a great blessing. The last Sabbath of the week was selected by the church for the quarterly service, and it was a blessed day.

We are very glad to see the church school conducted by Sister Amy Kellogg getting along so nicely. The children all love their teacher, and I am sure it will be fruit from the church school that will build up the church there.

The church there has almost a 100 per cent *Review and Herald*

list. All but one family either gave their subscription or have the *Review* coming to their home. Would that all the churches in Alabama could report a 99 per cent list for the *Review*.

I greatly enjoyed my visit with the church at Elkwood and pray God to richly bless His people there and elsewhere.

M. L. WILSON.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Kentucky Colporteur Institute

The Institute which has just closed was attended by more than thirty colporteurs and we were brought very near the Lord. We had a series of studies on prayer by Elder Keate for the devotional periods which were very timely. At the close of one of these studies a telegram came for two of the colporteurs, who live on the bank of the Cumberland river, that the river was overflowing its banks and people moving out to higher ground and for the boys to come. We then had another season of prayer, after some wonderful testimonies of God's deliverance, and when we arose from our knees everyone in the room said that God would answer the prayer, which He did. Before night another message came like this: "No danger, goods are safe, river abating."

When we came to setting our goals everyone was surprised. They totaled \$87,000 for orders in 1919. There were eight goals amounting to \$4,000 each. The prospects are bright for our year's work. God is on our side.

Let us remember these dear workers in our daily prayers.

JAMES HICKMAN.

The Simple Truth

Under this heading a series of articles is now appearing in "The Watchman Magazine." The first article of the series is entitled, "God Loves Us," and sets forth in a clear, convincing way one of the basic principles of salvation. From month to month these short Bible studies will continue until the plan of redemption has been unfolded.

The first article entitled "God Loves Us" has been printed in a "give-away" form and will be furnished free in reasonable quantities to tract societies and church missionary societies for free distribution. There is a big demand for Bible truths expressed in simple language and carrying the message for the hour, and no doubt there will be a big demand for these free leaflets which may be obtained by addressing "The Watchman Magazine," Nashville, Tenn.

An Imperial Table

In the Austrian Court it is contrary to custom for perishable articles to appear twice on the imperial table. The result is large perquisites for the attendants. To one man fall all uncorked bottles, to another the wine left in the glasses, to another the joints, and to another still the game or the sweets. Every morning a sort of market is held in the basement of the palace, where the Viennese come to purchase the remains.—*Ex.*

Study at Home

If you cannot go to school, you can study at home and make as good improvement as you could in school, in proportion to the time you can devote to study. The certificates of credit of the Fireside Correspondence School are recognized by all Seventh-day Adventist schools and probably by other schools. Form the habit of home study early, and practice it persistently. The President of the General Conference says, "I believe your school is conferring an inestimable benefit upon our people." Write today for information about subjects, prices, and how to earn your tuition. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

This Is The Hour

We are living in the time—in the half-past eleven hour, if you please—when the everlasting gospel, calling men to prepare to meet the eternal Judge, is fast encircling the earth. The hour of peace among the nations has come once more. With it comes added responsibilities and obligations to every Seventh-day Adventist.

A far greater effort should now be made than ever in the past to extend the circulation of our literature everywhere. The last final warning of what is yet to come and the invitation to the marriage feast must be given to all peoples. The printed page is the latest and greatest gift by which God enables us to advance the tidings of the gospel. It is the last bright flame manifesting itself just previous to the extinction of the world.

Now is the time when we must put forth a special effort to reach the millions of people of foreign speech in our own midst. This is the hour of which the servant of God spoke when she said: "Wake up, wake up, my brethren and sisters, and enter the fields in America that have never been worked. There is a work to be done in the foreign fields, but there is a work to be done in America that is just as important. In the cities of America there are people of almost every language. These need the light that God has given to His church."

During the last year in particular it has been a great pleasure to us to notice the increased interest that is being taken in this mixed multitude of nations. The interest manifested and the faithful efforts put forth in their behalf will surely some day bring eternal reward.

For the first time in the history of our publishing work in

this country we reached an edition of 10,000 copies of one of our foreign magazines for one quarter. Of another we printed 8,000 copies. These magazines which are filled with the third angel's message, clad in a most attractive and impressive garb, ought to have a circulation twice as big as they now enjoy. We believe they will have this in the future. Will you who read these lines help make this possible?

It is being demonstrated repeatedly by those who engage in systematic magazine work among these foreign-speaking people that their efforts are richly rewarded, both in a financial as well as a spiritual way.

We desire to call special attention to the last issue of the *Signs of the Times* magazine in the Bohemian, French, Hungarian, Italian and Roumanian languages. This is the issue for the third quarter of the year. Great pains were taken to make this number the most attractive yet published. Among the special features, we might mention the front cover page, which in three rich colors represents America feeding the starving nations of the world. Each of these magazines contains from thirteen to nineteen beautiful illustrations, several of which are full page. Among the articles we will name the following: "Daniel II and Daniel VII," "Return of Jesus," "Fall of Satan," "The Bible," "Where Are We in the World's History?" "Faith," "The Time of the End," "The Gospel Message For This Generation," "Question Box," "Secret of Victory," "The Judgment," "Great Controversy," "Rules of Health," etc.

Now these interesting subjects surely will direct the minds of the readers to the Book of Books. Therefore, "Arise and shine, for thy light is come, and the glory

of God is risen upon thee." We believe there are many, especially in our large cities, who could make use of a hundred, fifty, or twenty-five copies of these splendid magazines.

Prices in the United States: Five to forty-five copies, eight cents each; fifty or more copies, seven cents each. In Canada the price is one cent higher in each case. Send in your order now through your tract society. Steen Rasmussen, Manager Misc. Language Department, Pacific Press Publishing Assn.

Meat In Due Season.

While people everywhere are interested in and are daily reading about "A League of Nations," it is an opportune time to place in their hands a copy of Present Truth No. 37 containing the burning message for this time on the soon-coming of the Lord, as presented in this issue under the title of "The World's Permanent Peace Outlook, A League of Nations and a New World Map."

This issue of Present Truth should be placed in the hands of all State legislators, judges, lawyers, and all professional and business men of the nation. It will also be an excellent number with which to begin a regular systematic distribution of Present Truth, allowing No. 1 of the regular series to follow as the second delivery.

The Better Way

Grumble?—No; what's the good? If it availed, I would; But it doesn't a bit—Not it.

Laugh?—Yes; why not? 'Tis better than crying, a lot; We were made to be glad, Not sad.

Sing?—Why, yes, to be sure; We shall better endure If the heart's full of song All day long.

Love?—Yes; unceasingly, Ever increasingly; Friends' burdens bearing, Their sorrows sharing, Their happiness making; For pattern taking The One above, Who is Love.

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Southern Junior College

Notes

Elder MacGuire spent Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with the school. His talks on the indwelling life of Christ were much appreciated by both teachers and students. He has a hearty invitation to call again, if possible, before going to Birmingham, and continue his studies.

The pump house for the new water system is now well inclosed and it is hoped to have the plant finished in the near future.

Miss Lea has returned to her work after an enforced leave of absence of several weeks. It certainly looks good to see her about.

The window frames of the boys' new dormitory are done and over a third of them set. The lathing is going on apace. Girls and boys are vieing with each other to see who can do the best work. So far it looks as though the girls had the best of it.

The Boys' Home is crowded to the limit. New students are coming in every few days. The need for a finished dormitory in the immediate future is imperative.

Fifteen were baptized last Sabbath as a result of the week of prayer—some for the first time and some for a new experience. This makes the third or fourth baptismal service so far this year. Let us pray that the good work may continue.

"Thank God For Missions"

Is the title of Elder A. G. Daniells' article in the February Watchman Magazine. It shows the great influence of the foreign mission work, not alone for the church, but for the whole world.

Among other interesting articles we find "The Hand of Healing," by Elder Judson S. James, long a medical missionary in India. The Simple Truth Series this month presents, "Why God Gave Us Truth." Elder Mead MacGuire, in an interesting article, asks, "How Do You Pray?"

Other good articles by well-known writers, together with the illustrations in color, a special Watchman feature makes the February Watchman one of the best issues yet for doing home missionary work.

Read Them All

One day a busy young woman in New York City said to me, "I've read all the volumes of the Testimonies while going back and forth on the subway." Day after day, week after week, and month after month one of the volumes was her traveling companion to and from work. In about a year the last volume was completed. She made those hours of confusion on the jammed subway her opportunity for studying the instruction that the Master has given in the Testimonies to help us build characters for eternity and to help us to become successssul in soul-winning work.

It would seem a Herculean task for one as busy as she to

read all of the volumes of the Testimonies in one year. But by reading some every day she found that before long she had read more than 4,000 pages. Thousands of others who traveled with her on the subway wasted hundreds of hours that year. And the New York subway is not the only place where busy people fail to improve their time and thus fall needlessly short of reaching the goal set up by their good resolutions.

Do you not think that many other young people could read the Testimonies through in one or two years if they would make the reading a part of their daily program, just as this lady did? It is now a year since the Testimonies reading course was launched. Quite a large number enrolled to read all the volumes in two years. The time is half gone—is the reading half done?

"Our worst foes are not belligerant circumstances, but *wavering spirits*," said Helen Kellar. If Helen Kellar, with all the "belligerant circumstances" that surrounded her, made such a confession, dare we, as a rule, charge our failures up to hindering circumstances? Let us audit our record for 1918. If we enrolled in the Testimonies Reading Course last January, is the reading half done today? If not, why not? How much of the failure must our candid investigation charge up to "wavering spirits?" The Testimonies were written for our instruction. We need the help they give; but the enemy of souls will try every conceivable way to keep us from getting it. He will provide the "belligerant circumstances," but by the grace of Him whom we serve we can find time for such study as He directs. Shall we not try to complete our reading of the Testimonies during 1919?

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