


# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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## A MESSAGE TO THE SOUTHERN UNION YOUNG PEOPLE

This article is addressed primarily to the young people. It is written for the purpose of conveying to them a few of the strangely interesting and fascinating things regarding our foreign mission work, as related by Elder A. G. Daniells during the recent workers' meeting in Birmingham. It is indeed unfortunate that each young person in the Southern Union Conference could not have been present to hear first-handed those stories of progress and guidance. But as this was impossible, I am passing on to you the substance of a few of the stories.

Regardless of how we, personally, may look upon the revolutions and class wars, and even the world war itself, that have been shaking many of the Old World empires, it is a fact that these disturbances have been instrumental in bringing religious freedom to countries that have never known the meaning of such a term. Prison doors have been unlocked, allowing the sunlight of freedom to dispel the darkness that has brought whiteness to the hair of many a sufferer for God's sake. The approaches to many of the centuries, old temples of China which have for decades been made hard and bare by the incessant tread of many feet, are now overgrown with

grass, and the temples themselves are no more the scenes of weird and strange idol-worship.

In Austria, until recently the home of the oldest and proudest ruling house of Europe, our brethren have everywhere been hounded by the ever-present military police whose business it was to see that no religious meetings other than those of the established faith, were held. Today this is a thing of the past.

Elder Daniells visited a Seventh-day Adventist minister, a religious prisoner of Russia, on his last trip abroad before the war broke out, who was living in a crowded, indecent cell, sleeping on the hard, vermin-covered floor, existing on bread and water—doing this thing week after week, month after month, year after year, and ever looking to the expiration of his twenty-year sentence when he could again take up the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ in that spy-infested land. Conditions were as bad in the Balkans, and even worse in Turkey.

But now, due to the changed conditions resulting from war, revolution, and anarchy, most of the above-named restrictions are matters of history. Peace has made it possible for missionaries

to work with a free hand. But we lack the young men and women in sufficient numbers to fill the needs. Won't the young people in the South dedicate themselves to God to be used wherever most needed in this message-giving work?

JOHN C. THOMPSON.

"Opportune," that is the word that fits the case. You see it is this way: Elder Tait, editor of the Signs periodicals, has hit upon the happy idea of devoting the major part of the April Signs Magazine to the league of nations program, radicalism, and the big problem of capital and labor. Could it be more opportune? "Will the World Doctors Effect a Cure?" and "The Religion of Anarchy" are two of the leaders. The cover, depicting a bare-armed laboring man with sledge hammer in hand, is bound to get and hold attention. Some will make record sales with this extra strong number of the *Signs*.

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## "More Vim"

The young man was proud of the new pin which he wore upon his lapel. Not that it was remarkable for beauty—no, not that, for it was just a simple little affair of oxidized silver, showing the world, with the letters, "M. V." printed upon it in red—but it was what the pin represented that made this Missionary Volunteer so glad to wear it.

"I showed my pin to the girl in the office where I work," he wrote to his conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, "and she asked me if it stood for 'More Vim.' I told her what it did mean, and then I told her that her guess had given me a good suggestion. *More Vim* is right."

Yes, "more vim is right," Missionary Volunteers, there must be more spirit and energy in our societies, more vigor in every line of Christian service. One may have the intellect of a Webster or the genius of an Edison, yet if he lacks that vital thing called energy, if he fails to do with his might the duty which lies at his hand, what does he accomplish?

Have you been half-hearted in your efforts? Take as your motto, "More Vim." Did you begin some line of endeavor only to grow weary of it and quit? Begin anew with a determination to put such energy and enthusiasm into it that you are bound to succeed.

More energetic effort in Missionary work, more enthusiastic interest in the devotional and educational features—in fact "more vim" all along the line is what we need. Missionary Volunteers, let us resolve to have it!

ELLA IDEN.

## KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

### Office Mail Bag

Sister Lee Crutcher of Owensboro sends us the following interesting experience: "One man, a Catholic, asked me if I was an Adventist. I told him I was. He said he used to live in Nashville, Tennessee, and knew about us, and took a book. I sold to another Catholic, also to a lady whose husband is a Catholic. It is wonderful how the Lord is helping us. We are of good courage. When I am in the field my mind is off of the deepest sorrow we have ever had, the death of our oldest girl."

C. B. Sherer is back in Kentucky, and expects to begin work in the canvassing field at once.

Brother W. A. Ralls writes from Covington: "Fine people have been regular in attendance since we began our meetings, and three came to Sabbath School last Sabbath. Two are receiving readings from Sister Howard and desire baptism."

Brother John Wilhelm is working in Mercer County with "Bible Readings." "'Daniel and Revelation' was sold in this county about four years ago, but it seems to be a help to selling 'Bible Readings.' I stayed with a man last night who has read 'Daniel and Revelation' loaned him by a neighbor. We talked about the Bible all evening, and I explained the prophecies to him. He was very much interested. I had not said one word about selling these books until he asked me if I was selling them. He immediately gave me an order for a full leather binding. He did not charge me for lodging, and invited me to stay with him any time I was around there. I was deeply im-

pressed with this man, because he believes everything he read in 'Daniel and Revelation.' I cannot forget such men in my prayers, as I am just as anxious to see them accept the truth as I am in getting orders."

Brother Buckles writes from Guthrie: "I am thankful to say the Lord is marvelously blessing me. He has given me health and strength and also determination to have a part in giving this last message of mercy to a dying world. These times are surely solemn ones. The awful things taking place all around should deepen the consecration of every true-hearted Seventh-day Adventist. I find very hospitable people in Todd County. One feels so welcome in their homes. I praise the Lord because His Spirit still lingers and pleads with those who are not yet acquainted with Him."

Brother Page informs us that he has nearly a five-hundred-dollar delivery for the third of March and another delivery coming two weeks later. He writes: "I delivered a few books this week. One man refused his book, so I took up with him the change of the Sabbath, and showed him the importance of getting this book, so he sent out and borrowed the money to pay for it. Friday I was working right here in town and the Lord gave me six orders in four hours. Four of the people wanted their books at once. They said they were tired of going to church; for the preacher did not preach the truth. They said they could stay at home and study their good books. Some of them asked me to stay all day and all night with them. They said I had taught them more about the Bible than they had ever known before. I praise the dear Lord for His loving kindness to me."

The following interesting re-

port comes from Bro. Ira O. Wallace of Owensboro: "Wednesday I sold books to six Catholics. That day I did not fail to sell to a house I visited until sometime in the afternoon. I am of good courage, and grateful to the Lord for His divine assistance, without which I could accomplish nothing."

Brother F. F. Harrison says: "Sunday I gave three Bible readings. Brother Page and I have put the books in some fine homes here, and the people are asking about the truth. We could keep two or three Bible workers busy."

BURTON CASTLE.

### A Dream

I am still of good courage in the Lord's work, but Satan is at work. Last Monday I went to the knobs to canvass and found that three Holy Roller preachers were there to begin a meeting, and I knew one had done what he could to keep the people from taking the books. I had engaged lodging at the same house where two of those preachers were staying before I knew that they were there. You can see I hardly knew what to do. I first thought I had better go away until the meeting was over, and so I went to sleep thinking of what to do. I dreamed I was walking over a very rocky place, and that clear water was almost to the top of the rocks. I looked down and saw there were nice fish among the rocks. I began trying to catch them, and someone came and helped me catch some of the fish. The next morning I was of good courage and went to work and the Lord gave me \$47.00 worth of orders that day. The next morning I learned that the above-named preachers were doing what they could against my work, but the Lord gave me the best success of any day since

I began working in this county. So my mind was turned to Matthew 4:19: "And He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

J. W. ROWE.

## ALABAMA

### CONFERENCE

### Alabama News Notes

Professor O. R. Staines is conducting a series of health lectures at the church this week which are proving very interesting and instructive.

The white Institute closed Sunday and the colporteurs left for their respective fields. We expect soon to be receiving some good reports from these workers.

Brother M. L. Wilson visited the church at Elkwood Sabbath, the 22d.

Brother Burroughs of Pensacola visited the Ashford church over Sabbath.

Sixty of our Adventist families in Alabama are not taking the Review. We feel that these people are missing a great deal in not having these papers come to their home each week. We have recently received Sister Dobbs' renewal to this paper, and she says: "My husband and I cannot get along without our church paper. Its weekly visits to our home gives us new courage."

Brother James Martin, who has recently been released from the service, has taken up work in connection with Elder Lawrence's effort here in Birmingham. We are glad to have Brother Martin with us.

### Alabama Colporteurs' Institute

We have just closed a splendid Colporteurs' Institute. There were fourteen who took the drill, and these meetings were very

spiritual from the very beginning. Elder Wright took the morning meetings and gave us some splendid studies on the life of Christ. I don't think any will ever forget the good thoughts brought out in these studies, and I am sure they will be a great help to each one in their work.

Brother O. R. Staines, the Home Missionary Secretary, was with us during the meetings and gave us some excellent lessons in simple treatments for the sick. Everyone appreciated the good instruction that he gave.

Brother V. O. Cole, the Union Field Secretary, gave the general instructions on the book work, which everyone present enjoyed, and I think will be a great help to the colporteurs in their work this year.

When we came to setting our goals the Lord came very near, and I am sure the readers of this paper will rejoice with us when they learn that the goal set for the Conference is \$65,000.00. I hope that each one will remember these workers at the throne of grace.

At this writing we are conducting the Institute for the colored. There are 14 present, making a total of 28 who have taken the drill at the two Institutes. There are five student colporteurs to add to this list, which will increase the number to 33. So you may look for great things from the good old State of Alabama.

J. R. STATON.

### 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.

## MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

### Notes

Our workers all enjoyed a real feast while attending the several meetings in Birmingham. They have all returned to their several duties. Elder McLennon is at present at McDonald and Union. Elder Daw is back to Philadelphia doing house-to-house work. Sister Daw is back to McDonald in her school work. Sister Balsbaugh is back to Vicksburg following up the work there. Brother Taylor is busy in his office duties. Sister Smith returned by way of Ooltewah and Oakwood, visiting our students in these schools. Also stopped off at Amory with the church there.

The colored institute is at present in progress here in Jackson, and Brother Schmehl is busy in his work with them. A good number of earnest colporteurs are in attendance. Brother Cole is here and is giving good instruction.

Brother Montgomery has suffered with severe throat trouble for some time and has resigned his work. We trust that he will regain his health.

I personally enjoyed all the meetings in Birmingham. From there I went to a board meeting at Ooltewah. We had one meeting with our students and were glad to hear their testimony that they were preparing for some part in the Lord's work. I also came by Oakwood and had the privilege of seeing our colored students in a meeting there. They all bore a good testimony. Sabbath, Feb. 15, I was with the church at Amory. Came by Mathiston and spent a night with Brother Hastings. Found him of good courage. Since that I

made a visit to Hattiesburg and Summerall.

Bro. Lamar Cooper has had his discharge and he and his wife are at Hattiesburg having splendid success in the book work. It is their plan to continue in this line of work till tent season opens, when they will join a tent company.

Sister Waller, who is teaching the school at Hattiesburg, called at the office Sunday.

Pray for the work and workers and all the believers. We are of good courage.

C. J. BUHALTS.

### Mississippi Colporteur Notes

We are glad to have with us again Brother J. L. Cooper, who has been in the Army Camps for some time. He has now been released, and can relate some real experiences which he had while there, but the Lord delivered him and stood by him in all the severe trials through which he had to pass, and these encouraging words he writes: "Dear Brother Schmehl, you, no doubt, have heard that I have been released from the Army and am back in Mississippi. The report will show what I have been doing since coming home. I could have sold more books, but could not get them soon enough. I ordered a hundred pounds last Tuesday, but haven't received them; however, I hope to get them soon, and will be at it again."

"I have not such a good report this week, but I have had severe trouble with my throat and could not put in good time, and, again, nearly all the people have 'Bible Readings' here, sold by Brother Smith, but the Lord has blessed me in many ways, and I am of good courage, and want your prayers."—Sister A. L. Hamm.

"Enclosed find check for \$46.-50, which pays for helps sold and half of the amount collected on advance payments on books. I am glad to say that I never had, or felt of better courage, and ask for your prayers that we may have the Lord always with us in this work."—A. L. Hamm.

You will all be interested in Brother Patrick's report this week, as he heads the list, and it is his first experience in this work, and also working in a territory that has been worked considerable, but he is full of determination. You may look for a report each week from him. He has just sent in his order for books to be delivered March 3, and let us all remember him in our petitions for a good delivery, also let us remember each other when we pray.

Brother Balsbaugh is reporting regular as usual and we know he is of good courage and pressing onward to reach his goal. Let us all remember to put in good time in the beginning, lest Satan will hinder and keep us from putting in good time in the end, and we fail to reach our goal.

Brother Cannada had the misfortune of a lame horse, and so he decided that he might take a few orders walking, and his report shows that the first fifteen hours he took \$105 worth of orders. Yes, he would not take a lame horse for an excuse, but went right at it and the Lord blessed him. "Obstacles do not keep Brother Cannada out of the field."

Sister E. A. Taylor started out the past week and her report in this issue will show that our sisters can sell large books, and she took these orders near her home where they knew her faith. She is full of courage

and says she never enjoyed anything more than to be out in the Lord's work.

Sister Lou Jennie McElroy writes: I am sure this is the Lord's work, and I do want to be more faithful toward the work this year than last. I can see the time is short and I must work while it is day, for when night cometh no man can work. Please pray for me that I might do more in this work."

Sister Harrell, in her weak condition, has also decided to handle the large book, and her first report is encouraging, and she says she will continue, and put in all the time that she has strength, and she will reach her goal, for she will be at it every week.

We are glad to see Brother E. A. Taylor's reports again. You will notice that the Lord is richly blessing his efforts, and right here in Hinds county where people say books can't be sold, because the territory has been worked before.

F. W. SCHMEHL.

## TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

### News Notes of the Tennessee River Conference

Elder Elliott has just returned from Hazel. He reports the work going along nicely.

\*Bro. W. D. Wade is at the office after spending several days in the field with the colporteurs. He has been helping some of the colored workers the past week.

Bro. Louis Rayford goes to Fayette County to canvass. He has just finished making a delivery at Stanton, Tenn.

Professor Beardsley, of the Oakwood Junior College, was a caller at the office Sunday.

We have received several good

## COLPORTEURS' REPORT

### SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22

#### KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
W H Buckles	OD	34	12	\$32.00	\$	\$32.00	\$
Mat Hackney	BR						33.00
F F Harrison	BR	23	19	87.00		87.00	
Mrs C Heinig	OD	16	6	15.00	.25	15.25	3.00
M L Howard	BR	46	26	123.00	4.90	127.90	.85
R Y Howard	BR	30	5	20.00	3.90	23.90	24.00
*F T Jacobs	BR	58	38	156.00	1.10	157.10	1.10
W G Michael	BR	8					69.00
*C D Minnis	OD	66	58	197.00	3.00	200.00	
Lee Page	BR	27	36	157.00		157.00	50.00
G Slaughter	OD	37	23	85.00	5.25	90.25	6.00
D C Ray	BR	36	6	29.00		29.00	3.00
J W Rowe	BR	41	35	145.00		145.00	
I O Wallace	BR	29	40	162.00		162.00	
E Whittier	BR	19	5	21.00		21.00	112.00
John Wilhelm	BR	40	39	173.00	1.35	174.35	.50
Total		520	348	1402.00	19.75	1421.75	302.45

#### MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

*M J Patrick	DR	66	43	182.00	7.65	194.15	
C R Cannada	DR	40	37	157.00	23.30	180.30	
E A Taylor	BR	38	28	126.00	9.15	135.15	
A L Hamm	DR	38	26	114.00	4.30	118.30	
Mrs E Taylor	GC	16	12	54.00	7.00	61.00	
Ruby Hamm	BR	34	14	59.00	.25	59.25	
H Balsbaugh	OD	26		15.25		24.25	6.50
Mrs I Harrell	GC	15		16.00	2.65	18.65	4.00
L J McElroy	BR	37			3.00	3.00	165.00
Bibles							13.50
Total		310	160	708.00	72.55	794.05	189.00

#### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H G Miller	GC	34	4	17.00	6.55	23.55	6.55
B Paul Keele	DR	11	2	9.00		9.00	27.10
Wm J Keele	DR	32	5	23.00	14.45	37.45	10.95
Henry Cheshier	DR	9	6	26.00		26.00	
M Wheeler	DR	27	22	107.00	.50	107.50	5.50
Roy Story	DR	45	10	43.00	8.55	51.55	4.05
Mollie Miller	BR	11	2	8.00	3.75	11.75	2.75
Total		169	51	233.00	33.80	266.80	56.90

#### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

E D Coleman	GC	10					30.00
F J Rowland	PG	18		72.00		72.00	
R J Cook	OD	36	35	90.50	9.25	99.75	
R J Cook	OD	40	1	6.00	12.35	18.35	69.20
R Thomson	WCS						30.50
W C Wales	BF	12	42	89.00		89.00	
Total		106	78	257.50	21.60	279.10	129.70
Grand Total		1105	637	2600.50	147.70	2761.70	678.05

orders from the colporteurs. Bro. C. E. Hooper has just returned from a trip in the West, where he was in the interest of the Watchman Magazine.

Elder Glen C. Russell will visit the company at Barlow, Ky., soon and hold a few days' meetings there.

Elder W. H. White has now returned to the Kentucky Conference.

In their desire to raise money for the European Relief Fund the students and faculty of the Hazel Academy went without their breakfast last Monday morning and gave the cost of same to this fund, as some did not have means to contribute to same.

At our recent convention, which was held in Birmingham, it was unanimously decided that our Tract Societies operate on a cash basis, except to our regular colporteurs; so hereafter when ordering, kindly send cash with order.

For fear that some do not know it, wish to advise that all the limp leather books have advanced 25 cents.

### Fighting and Foraging

(S. N. Haskell)

At the time when Saul was hunting David to kill him, David had a strange and motley company come to him: "And everyone that was in distress, and everyone that was in debt, and everyone that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men." 1 Sam. 22:1,2. Later the numbers increased until there were about six hundred men with him.

Now, where did these men get their living? It is true that on one occasion, Abigail sent them "two hundred loaves, and two

bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs;" but even this great supply would not go far toward feeding from four to six hundred men. 1 Sam. 25:18. On another occasion Ahimelech, one of the priests, unwittingly, gave him five loaves of bread and the sword of Goliath which was wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; for this act all the city of priests, save Abiathar, lost its lives. 1 Sam. 21:1-9; 22:17-23.

Perhaps some may say that David's company obtained their living by fighting and foraging. This to a certain extent is true; but with whom did they fight, and from whom did they forage? This is an important question, and one that is easily answered.

No one would question David's moral right to receive his living from Israel; for was he not anointed king in place of Saul? Did he not kill Goliath of Gath? And when David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, did not the women come out of cities of Israel, singing and dancing, "with tabrets, with joy and with instruments of music," singing as they played under the inspiration of the spirit of God, "Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?" 1 Sam. 18:5-8. Was not David clearly entitled to a living?—Most assuredly he was, but he did not get it of Israel.

It is a fact worthy of note that in all David's experiences with Saul there is no account of David's obtaining a sustenance of Israel, save from those who were in debt or in some way dissatisfied with Saul's government who would not be considered the best of men in society, and on the two occasions, cited above, namely, the food which was given

to him by Abigail and the priests.

David did fight and forage. But what of it? It was with the Philistines. 1 Sam. 19:8. He fought with the "Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land." 1 Sam. 27:8-12. His battles and foraging were with the enemies of Israel, whom the Israelites had failed to conquer. Every move he made, he strengthened the kingdom of Israel. He even protected his enemies in Israel from the Philistines; and they in turn for David's kindness toward them united with Saul to kill him. David even protected the life of Saul more than once when the providence of God had given him entirely into his hands, and those with David would have slain him. But David prevented them from doing so by saying, "I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed." 1 Sam. 24:10. And again he said, "Who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?... As the Lord liveth, the Lord shall smite him; for his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish. The Lord forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the Lord's anointed." 1 Sam. 26:9-11. Even when he cut "off the skirt of Saul's robe privily," David's heart smote him and he confessed it to Saul. At this very time Saul was seeking David's life with "three thousand chosen men out of all Israel." 1 Sam. 24:1-8.

Not one reproachful word is recorded of David's experience with Saul, or his relations with the government of Saul. He committed his case entirely to the Lord. In this experience he proved himself worthy of the kingdom.

This is a lesson which apos-

tates to the cause of God may learn with profit. Let the fighting of the cause of God be left to Satan and his agents; even if, by so doing, they are seemingly injured let them fight the Lord's battles, build up the cause of God and touch not the Lord's anointed and do His prophets no harm. Ps. 105:15. In this spirit was David's salvation and the salvation of all his people. Ps. 20:4-9; 28:4-9.

### Well Timed

President Wilson's recent statement, "The fortunes of mankind are now in the hands of the plain people of the whole world," is recognized as a fact by people everywhere. Because of widespread interest in the situation, and a universal desire for enlightenment, the editor of the Signs Magazine, Elder Tait, is basing the April issue upon the sentiment above expressed.

The two big leaders, "The Religion of Anarchy," and "Will the World Doctors Effect a Cure?" together with an attention-commanding industrial cover, make the April number peculiarly fitting for the time. It is further strengthened by seven other articles, seemingly even better than usual, a center opening of scenes along the Rhine, Dr. Thomason's page on Health Conservation, a one-page editorial on the relation of capital and labor, and by other regular features and numerous illustrations of interest. It ought to sell exceptionally well.

### Help in Prayer

The Saviour taught "that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." "To faint" no doubt means to become discouraged. Discouragement may press itself upon us as the result of long waiting, or in the apparent overthrow of all our hopes and plans,

or in some great and unexpected crisis in life's experience. But no matter what the circumstances, when we feel a disposition to faint we ought always to take the opposite course and pray.

The psalmist tells how that certain people "cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses," and in each of the instances related it was a time of man's extremity; either "their souls fainted within them," or "they fell down and there was none to help," or "they drew near unto the gates of death," or their

souls "melted because of trouble," and they were "at their wits end."

But it is a grave error for us to leave our special praying until we are confronted by some terrible emergency. Men ought *always* to pray. When the Saviour stood by the graveside of His friend Lazarus, about to perform the crowning miracle of all His wonderful life, He calmly said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I know that *thou hearest me always*." That was because He prayed always. He could be calm in a crisis.—*Selected.*

### The Return of the Spring

If you wait for the breath of the lilacs  
To tell the return of the spring,  
And must see the red breast of the robin  
To know the glad note he will sing;  
If you hear not his song, clear and happy,  
Inwoven with ev'ry warm breeze  
That floats joyously up from the Southland  
To bring the green back to the trees;  
If you see not the hue of arbutus  
In every pink-tinted cloud;  
If you see not, 'mid lingering snowdrifts,  
That jonquils and crocuses crowd;  
If you smell not the breath of the flowers  
Ere yet they have started from earth;  
If you feel not the sap when ascending,  
And know not the violet's birth;  
If you see but the first pussy-willows,  
In silver-gray hoods that they wear,  
And you feel not the thrill of your childhood,  
The dropping of years and of care—  
You will miss all the message of spring-time,  
And hear not her footsteps advance  
By the paths known of birds and of blossoms,  
With sunbeams and youth all a-dance.

—Sarah E. Sprague.

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## Union Conference News Notes

Bro. W. C. Scisley, who was in early days manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Battle Creek, Mich., and for 18 years past manager of the London Publishing House, was in the city of Nashville last week looking for a place to settle. His son-in-law, Brother White, who has been located in Panama, was with him. He expects to work for the Southern Publishing Association.

Brother R. L. Pierce, manager of the Southern Publishing Association, returned to the office last week after attending the Bookmen's Convention and the Review and Herald Publishing Association meeting in Washington, D. C.

A meeting of the Union Conference Committee has been called for 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, April 1, at Hazel, Ky.

Bro. G. H. Curtis left the office last Wednesday night for Jackson, Miss., to audit the books of the Conference and Tract Society.

Good reports are coming in from various churches in the

Union. Some are becoming much interested in the work of nursing and others are selling books. People are coming into our faith through the faithful efforts of the church members.

Elder W. T. Knox, of Washington, D. C., visited the Oakwood Junior College Tuesday, February 25.

Elder S. E. Wight returned to the office on the evening of the 25th after attending meetings at Huntsville, Collegedale, and Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

## Southern Junior College

### Notes

Elder S. E. Wight and Brother J. M. Swofford came up to the School Sunday to counsel about our farm crops for the coming year. We are hoping that we can so plant our crops this year that we will have all the hay and feed that our stock require for the coming winter.

Work on the Boys' Dormitory has practically ceased because of lack of funds. The building is inclosed, the windows are in, the plumbing and heating is installed, the wiring is done, and the lathing is complete, but we do not have funds with which to plaster. We are therefore holding up work until this money can come in. We hope that any who are interested in seeing this building completed and ready for occupancy by the opening of school this fall will pray that the Lord may impress hearts to give liberally of their means that the work may not be hindered. It will cost \$2,500 to complete all the plastering; and then there will be about \$3,500 necessary for interior woodwork, floors, etc.

March 11 marks the beginning of the fourth period. Those who have students here in school should begin to plan now that they might be able to pay their

dues on this date. We appreciate very much the co-operation of the field during the year, and feel sure that our money will come in promptly.

At the recent meeting of the College Board it was voted that all student accounts for the present year be paid in full by the beginning of the last period, April 28. This is so that no debt accounts will stand on the record books of the school at its close, June 2. We are sure that our friends will take note of this and so lay their plans that funds can be here in advance to cover the remainder of the year's schooling on or before April 28.

Work on the reservoir has begun in earnest, and material is now being hauled up there for the concrete work. It is expected that we will have our water system entirely completed within a month. The School has reason every day to rejoice over this splendid gift of the Southern Publishing Association.

Any of the readers having friends living in Birmingham, Ala., who are not members of the church, and for whom they wish an effort made, are requested to send their names to Irvin M. Martin, 316 Lyric Bldg., of that city. Bible workers will be sent to call on them and invite them out to the theatre meetings and hold studies with them if desired.

## The Home Study Habit

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