

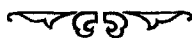
"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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Kentucky Conference President's Report



A few facts about our state and conference will help you to get a better idea of our work and the conditions under which we labor. Kentucky contains 40,181 square miles of territory which is divided up into 120 counties, containing a population of 2,289,905 in 1910. The eight counties lying to the west of the Tennessee river are included in the Tennessee River Conference. The extreme length of the state from east to west is 458 miles, and the extreme breadth is 171. The eastern section of the state is an extremely rugged, mountainous country. As you travel west this gives place to what is known as the knobs, and then comes in the north central section, the famous bluegrass country, where is to be found some of the richest farming country in the United States, and still farther to the west lies an excellent section that is dotted, as all the state is, with prosperous towns and small cities. The mountain sections abound in mineral wealth. Large quantities of coal are mined, and oil is found over a large section of the state, and is frequently being discovered in new places.

This conference has had two administrations during the period covered by this report. The present one taking charge the first of June, 1917.

At the present time we have eighteen white churches, counting the conference church, and three colored, or a total of twenty-one. Twelve of the seventeen regular white churches are rural and range from one to fifty miles off the railroad. They average about twelve miles. Nine of 56 per cent of the white churches are in the mountainous section, and are off the railroad where travel is often expensive and is nearly always difficult and slow. It requires from one to two days' time to reach one of these churches, which is fifty miles from the railroad.

The statistical report of 1916 shows that Kentucky had nineteen white churches with 506 members and four colored churches with 212 members, a total membership of 718. In all there have been 300 new members added to our membership during the quadrennial period, 250 of these being by baptism, but owing to an exodus and to other causes our membership only shows a small net gain with an actual loss in the number of colored believers. The figures for the year 1917 show a drop from the preceding year of four white churches and 75 members. Since that time there has been a gain each year. Our records show for 1919 eighteen white

churches with 544 members and three colored churches with a membership of 183, or a total of 727.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

The membership figures of our Sabbath schools, of course, have been affected by the same things that affected the membership of our churches. In 1916 the report shows a membership of 733, with offerings amounting to \$1779.18. Though there has been a drop in our membership, the offerings have been showing a very encouraging growth year by year. In 1919 the membership was 629, and the offerings amounted to \$3998.53. This is a decrease of 14 per cent in membership for the quadrennial period, but an increase of 225 per cent in the offerings. The increase in membership during the past year was 22 per cent.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

The record shows we had ten church schools in 1916 with an enrollment of 146. At the close of 1919 we had eight with a total enrollment of 171. We are seriously handicapped in the development of our church school work by the lack of trained teachers. In March of 1919 we added Brother Frank Thompson as Educational Secretary to our force of workers, though we also gave him the Home Mission-

ary and Young People's Missionary Volunteer Departments.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

In 1916 we had five societies with a membership of 144; at the close of 1919 we had fourteen societies with a membership of 217. During the past year this department reached or passed all its goals.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

In the Home Missionary Department we have no record of the work done in the first part of the quadrennial period except in the Harvest Ingathering work. In 1916 there was \$706.62 raised in that year's campaign. In 1919 there was \$3040.77 raised.

BOOK WORK AND TRACT SOCIETY

Our book work shows real encouraging gains. It has grown, according to the Tract Society figures, from \$12,555.41 in 1916 to \$60,125.23 in 1919, or close to 500 per cent. Our Tract Society business, of course, has increased in a corresponding manner. In 1916 the total Tract Society business amounted to \$14,787.38. This steadily increased until in 1919 it totaled \$66,017.80.

TITHE AND OFFERINGS

In a financial way as well as in the book work, we feel that the Lord has blessed us in a marked way. In 1916 the tithe from the white believers totaled \$4795.14. This steadily increased during this period until in 1919 it totaled \$15,204.58, or an increase of 317 per cent. The tithe from the colored believers in 1916 amounted to \$2680.47. In 1919 it totaled \$4715.81, or an increase of 76 per cent. The offerings for foreign missions in 1916 amounted to \$2466.72 from the white believers, with \$623.78 from the colored, a total of \$3090.50. In 1919 these same

offerings totaled \$5719 from the white and \$2212 from the colored, a total of \$7931.00. This increase amounts to 132 per cent for the white believers and 343 per cent for the colored.

We have been carrying on a Bible Workers' training class in both the white and the colored churches of Louisville. These classes are being taught by Mrs. Keate. Miss Anna Hornung conducted one class during the winter of 1918-1919. Some good Bible workers have been developed and two of these, Mrs. M. Lucas and Mrs. Heinig, are now on the conference payroll, and some good volunteer work is being done as the result of the white church. The class at the colored church is a real promising one also. One of the pupils is on the conference payroll and the prospects are that one or more of these will be added to our force soon.

We have recently called a man to take charge of the Home Missionary and Medical Departments and have called another man for State Evangelist. We are planning on adding several workers to our present force, which now numbers sixteen white workers and five colored.

We have a growing work going on in Louisville in charge of Elder C. A. Hansen, who is assisted by three Bible workers. The work in Covington, where Brother W. A. Ralls and Sister Howard are laboring, is prospering in an encouraging manner. Brother John Brownlie, one of our licensed ministers, raised up a church at Belcher during 1919 and has added believers to our membership in other places, and Elder W. H. White, who resumed ministerial work in this conference last spring, has been doing good work in the district that he has been given charge of. Re-

cently Elder C. C. Webster joined our force, coming to us from Ohio. He is located in Henderson, where we hope to see a prospering church before long. Elder Luzerne Thompson, located at Bowling Green, has also been added to our force since last campmeeting.

The colored church in Louisville, in charge of Elder J. G. Dasent, has been prospering. It has grown during the past year in members and has made an excellent financial record. Elder F. S. Keitts, who was in charge of the work in Lexington, has been called to Mississippi, and C. A. Howard, who was taken on this past summer, is now in charge. Brother Edgar Jordan has been recently added to our colored working force and is now located in Louisville. Brother G. S. Pinkard was taken on a few months ago and is doing a good work in Bowling Green. Sister Inez Brice is doing Bible work in Louisville.

We have already held two colporteurs' institutes in 1920, and one church elders' meeting. The total of the individual goals set by the colporteurs amounted to over \$92,000.00.

We feel that the outlook for 1920 is very encouraging. We sincerely thank our Heavenly Father for the blessings that have attended our work during the period that has just closed, and we earnestly seek His continued blessing and direction for the future.

R. I. KEATE.

KENTUCKY
CONFERENCE
Room 621 Crutcher and Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky.

Our Work and Workers

Brother Frank E. Thompson spent last Sabbath with the newly organized church at Panola.

Elder R. I. Keate spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the Tri-City Church at Covington.

Elder W. A. White visited the office one day last week. He is planning to begin a series of meetings with the Sewellton Church.

Brother Wilbur Moore was in the city over Sabbath. He left Monday morning on a recruiting expedition.

Elder C. A. Hansen's lectures in the centrally located hall continue to draw an interested company of listeners.

Elder J. G. Dasent has secured a hall in a central location and opened a series of meetings last Sunday evening.

Brother and Sister John Brownlie have gone to Henderson to assist Elder C. C. Webster in the special effort he is making at that place.

Brother F. F. Harrison is following up an interest in Madisonville and reports new ones interested in the truth.

Elders Keate and Bunch spent some time in Covington recently looking for a location for the Union tent. It is planned to hold a Union effort there beginning about June 15.

Plan now to attend the campmeeting, which will be held in Louisville June 3-13.

The colored campmeeting will be held in Louisville June 17-27.

In a recent letter from Brother R. W. Harris he was lamenting the fact that his health would not permit him to put in full time in the colporteur work. Do not forget to pray for the colporteurs.

Orders are coming in right along for the little book "Epidemics." This is a good time to distribute this excellent book.

We are glad to report that

once more we have a Sabbath School organized at Winchester.

Brother Jefferson Hickman reports taking orders for books from the mayor of Hazard, the prosecuting attorney, town clerk, and other dignitaries of that community.

Sister Nannie Mae Armstrong, who sold books in Louisville last summer, writes from Knoxville, Tenn., that she has been very sick, but as soon as able she expects to take up work for the Lord again.

Sister Nora Michael of Forkridge has just sent a check for another supply of "Epidemics." Her little boy sold ten of the books in about three hours. She says: "He could have sold more if he had had them."

The sad news has just come to us that Chester Shoemaker, the 11-year-old son of E. C. and Doris Shoemaker of Grove, Ky., has just been laid to rest. He was sick about one week. The trouble started in his head and went into spinal meningitis. Just before he passed away his face lit up with a bright smile as he quoted John 3:16 and fell asleep. His loved ones are looking forward to the glad resurrection morning when they shall embrace him once more in their arms. We extend to Brother and Sister Shoemaker our sincere sympathy.

BURTON CASTLE.

Though I have desired to for some time, I have been unable to find time to write an article for the WORKER. When 1920 arrived it found us just drawing to the close of the Colored Colporteurs' Institute. Immediately following this, the one for the White Colporteurs commenced. This continued up to the night of January 12, and closed with a social gathering, at which

several of the local church elders were present. Both of these institutes were very profitable ones, and seemed to be enjoyed by those who attended them. The combined goals of all the colporteurs, which they set individually, totaled close to \$92,000. We as a Conference have set our goal at \$75,000 subscription books delivered and \$80,000 Tract Society business.

The day following the close of the Colporteurs' Institute, the local Church Elders' Institute convened and lasted three days. The elders present testified that this was the best meeting of the kind they had attended. They also expressed their determination to put forth their best efforts to make this year the best in our history of souls won and things accomplished for the Lord.

For a few days following the institute I was down sick. Then came the Southern Union Conference meeting at Nashville. This was a real spiritual meeting, and the reports rendered at that time were very fine. You have had the opportunity to read these in the WORKER. The Lord certainly has blessed the work in this Union, and the outlook is very encouraging indeed.

From the Union Conference I went to the Ooltewah School Board meeting. From Ooltewah I went directly to Madisonville, where I spent the Sabbath with the believers at that place. Sister F. F. Harrison was then in the hospital, where she had undergone a serious operation. Brother Brownlie and his wife were there following up some of the interests created by our colporteurs, Brothers Harrison and Page, who have been working so faithfully at that place.

Brother Brownlie is now connected with Elder C. C. Webster,

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who is carrying on an effort in a moving picture show building in Henderson, and Brother Harrison is going to give all his time to following up the interests at Madisonville and the surrounding country. There is now a good number of Sabbath-keepers in that vicinity. Sometime ago Brother Brownlie reported five at Slaughters ready for baptism, and there are several others around Madisonville who are keeping the Sabbath, and coming on nicely.

From Madisonville I went to Covington, where I met Elder T. G. Bunch, and together with Brother Ralls we looked for a location for the effort we are planning to hold there this summer. Elder Bunch, who is the Union Conference Evangelist, is expecting to make a real strong effort in that city. We are hoping for large results, and earnestly request the prayers of all the believers that this may be a very successful effort. We hope to see a church raised up and a building erected as the result of this work.

From Covington I returned to Louisville, and almost immediately went to Lexington to attend to some important matters at that place, and the following Sabbath I spent at Nicholasville. I am now planning to spend a week at Hartford.

Last Wednesday the Committee met in Louisville and some large plans for this year's work were laid. If they are carried out it will take a considerable increase in our income over the year 1919. It calls for the addition of a number of workers to our force, and as these are very hard to find, we hope that every one who is interested in the progress of our work will pray earnestly that God will send us workers and the means, and

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Name	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
H Schneckloth[2wk]	BR	72	31	\$116 00	\$5 00	\$121 00	\$81 75
Paul Keele	CK,DR	24					73 50
Geo Wallace	CK	29	2	4 00		4 00	70 00
J W Browning	BR	43	5	63 50	2 50	66 00	32 50
H G Miller	CK	32	22	49 00	5 75	54 75	7 50
F F Harrison	BR		10	50 00		50 00	
C F Knapp	CK	23	7	16 00	60	16 60	11 60
Wm J Keele	DR,BFL	12	4	11 00	2 00	13 00	1 50
Total		235	81	309 50	15 85	325 35	278 35
COLORED							
Louis Rayford	DR,BR	46	28	143 00	2 00	145 00	45 00
A C Price	CK						126 75
H S Baskerville	DR,BR	41	24	100 00		100 00	4 00
W S Herron	DR,CK	24	26	84 50	75	85 25	6 00
H Cheshier	DR	9	2	4 00	7 00	11 00	73 10
Wm Franklin	PPF	24	20	61 30	2 00	63 30	
C Knapp	CK	22	15	40 50	9 75	50 25	
Virgie Wilson	CK	61	20	47 00	2 00	49 00	19 00
Dr S L Grant	CK	32	5	15 00		15 00	
Sallie Hutch	CK	13	1	1 50	1 00	2 50	2 50
Henry Cheshier	CK		5	21 80		21 80	
Bibles				30 30		30 30	21 50
Total		272	146	548 90	24 50	573 40	297 85

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

R D Capps	BR	35	21	\$129 60	\$	\$129 00	\$
A C Hughes	PR	34	22	105 50	5 75	111 25	
E J Lloyd	BR	44	20	97 50	2 50	100 00	
Bert Miller	HM	30	27	70 50	5 25	75 75	
N F Nelson	BR	23	4	20 00	3 15	23 15	7 85
Joe Rainwater	HM	14	12	34 00	3 20	37 20	
R B Rowe	DR	35	34	187 00	32 00	219 00	
Mrs R B Rowe	HM,OD	20	40	120 50	4 50	125 00	
E V Sykes	BR	43	27	144 00	2 00	146 00	
Total		278	207	908 00	58 35	966 35	7 85

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

M Hastings	BR	32	44	\$158 50	\$	\$258 50	\$
C R Cannada	DR	26	26	131 00	13 25	144 25	32 25
E Chastain	DR	22	15	72 50	7 00	79 50	7 00
Mrs E Warren	DR	19	9	43 50		43 50	
Mrs B W Watson	BR	16	8	36 00		36 00	
Mrs I Harrell	DR	5	2	11 50	1 00	12 50	1 00
Bibles							70 00
Total		120	104	453 00	21 25	544 25	110 25

also bless the efforts that are being and shall be put forth.

R. I. KEATE.

Colporteur Results

Bro. M. L. Howard will, no doubt, feel very much encouraged to know of the results of his labors in Metcalf County, where he sold "Bible Readings."

One lady calls it her Bible, and carries it wherever she goes when traveling. Another also calls it her Bible, and says she thought the price high at first, but since reading it she would not take ten dollars, yes, twenty dollars for it, and do without it. She says she would rather sit down at

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

F E Wagner	OD	45	57	\$161 50	\$25 25	\$186 75	\$105 70
H W Sellers	BR	24	20	93 00		93 00	
Mrs W A Hunt	OD	16	51	75 50	13 00	88 50	
W A Hunt (2wk)	BR	33	18	88 50		88 50	65 00
R W Babylon	OD	12	4	10 00		10 00	
W Watson	BR	26	2	9 00		9 00	216 50
W D Bush	DR, BR	20	1	4 50		4 50	93 00
W C Martin	OD	30					300 00
R R Coble	BR	25					173 00
G B Richardson	OD	27					80 00
A Watson	BR	26					76 50
John Harzman	OD			149 00		149 00	25 60
Bibles				25 00		25 00	17 65
Total		284	153	616 00	38 25	654 25	1152 95

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

H M Gibson	HM	33	50	\$126 00	\$21 65	\$147 65	\$
R Y Howard	BR	30	18	81 00	1 75	82 75	9 75
M L Howard	BR	33	15	74 50	13 00	87 50	
Claud Hughes	BR	27					244 00
F T Jacobs	BR	7	10	45 00	2 50	47 50	
M E Jacobs	OD	13	3	9 00	1 00	10 00	
D V Widger	OD	15	22	57 50	10 00	67 50	
Total		158	118	393 00	49 90	442 90	253 75

COLORED

C D Minnis	BR	40	21	101 50	50	102 00	22 50
Mrs Ada Fort	BR	5	3	13 50	75	14 25	14 90
Total		45	24	115 00	1 25	116 25	37 40
Grand total		1392	823	3343 40	209 35	3622 75	2138 40

Dates for Colporteur Institutes

Tennessee River	White	March 10-19
Louisiana	Colored	March 19-28
Oakwood Junior College		April 8-14
Southern Junior College		April 15-24

home and read her book than to go to church and hear her minister preach, because she gets more information out of it.

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." Is. 35:20.

Dora A. Eu5anks.

Mississippi is good enough for him, especially during the winter. He expects Sister McLennan and the boys to join him in a few days.

Brother Schmehl returned Sunday evening from Greenville, where he closed one of the most successful Colporteurs' Institutes for the colored ever held in Mississippi. There were about twenty in attendance.

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'Round in Mississippi

Elder McLennan returned Wednesday after a short visit with relatives in Michigan. He likes Michigan fine, but thinks

Brother Keitts, who has recently come to this field from Kentucky to take up evangelistic work among the colored, was

in Jackson the first part of the week counseling over his work.

The Conference and Mission Committee met Monday and Tuesday of this week at the Conference office. Among other important matters that were decided were that both the white and colored campmeetings be held in Meridian this year. The white campmeeting will be held Sept. 3-12 and the colored campmeeting Sept. 17-26. Begin to get ready now to attend.

It was also decided by the committee to hold an evangelistic effort for the white in Meridian to begin about April 18. This effort will be held in a tabernacle. Another effort for the colored will be held in Brookhaven, beginning about the same date. Let us pray for these efforts that a harvest of souls may be gathered in as a result.

The Home Missionary Wall Calendars have arrived. We have enough to supply every Seventh-day Adventist family in Mississippi. We hope you will send us 25c, the price of the calendar, so we can get your copy to you without delay.

One of our Missionary secretaries writes: "I am sending Present Truth to a friend, and as a result she is sending her children to Sabbath School." Following are extracts taken from letters of other Present Truth readers: "I received your most welcome paper and feel most grateful for it. Would be glad to read anything you send. I have some friends to whom I expect to show this wonderful copy. I think we will get other readers. All members of the family read Present Truth with pleasure. Mother appreciates it very much. Would like to receive more copies in the future."

Brother Abbey is still faithful at his post of duty. He says

every moment he can spare from his home duties, with his afflicted wife, he is using in carrying the Message to others. May the Lord bless your efforts, Brother Abbey.

A letter from M. J. Patrick informs us that he is still on the sick list. Most of us will remember that Brother Patrick was not well during the Institute. Let us remember him in our secret prayers, and that we may soon see his name among laborers.

A word from Brother C. He writes: "This finds my report late, but it does not amount to much, for I only worked Monday and Tuesday. I took 10 orders and came home with the 'flu,' so here I am, being fed by a raven, as it were, all alone, only for a few neighbors, without which I surely would have suffered." Let us take these cases to God, and may He restore these brethren, for they are needy laborers in the field.

Mrs. B. W. writes: "The weather has been bad, nevertheless the Lord blessed. I wish you might have seen the places I went and the roads I traveled. I rode 16 miles on horseback to deliver some of my books. The mud was fearfully deep, and when my horse would pull his feet out of the mud it would sound like the report of a toy pistol. I forded streams of water that, had it not been for my husband being with me, taking the lead, I should have feared to enter. I call this laboring in foreign fields, but I praise God that I can have a small part in finishing the work, and it gives me great joy, and only causes me to want to do more."

The following encouraging words were received from Sister E. W.: "This surely is a wicked city, but I am determined by God's help to go to every home

and give them an opportunity to hear the Message, even if I never get an order. Every morning I have a longing desire to go hunting—hunting for those who are hungering for this truth. Oh, I do enjoy the work so much, and in my effort, to help others, my own soul is refreshed. If our sisters could only realize what a blessing it is to be out in the work, I am sure they would be in the harness. Of course I cannot put in full time, as I do all my own house work, but I thank God that I can average 16 to 20 hours every week. I am so happy in His service, and am determined to help finish the work, God being my helper. The other day as I was walking along the street a strange man hailed me, saying, 'Have you got my book today?' I asked him what book, and he said 'The Watchman.' I told him I didn't, but would be glad to take his subscription for the Watchman for a year. This he gladly gave, and asked me to call at his office the next day, saying that he certainly liked the Watchman. The next morning I went to his office to get the money for his subscription and while there I opened my prospectus and showed him a few subjects, and took his order for a 'Daniel and Revelation.'"

M. H. writes: "Wednesday night I worked hard through the rain and cold till late in the night. The Lord had a special blessing in this for me, but I couldn't see it then, and I decided that I would go home—my mind seemed to direct me so. Thursday morning I had prayer and promised the Lord if He would direct my mind just where He would have me go, I would go. I went on, and felt the presence of the angels with me. I was impressed to stop at the first house, and took an order, and

with God's help placed an order in every home that day, with the exception of one, and they were very wealthy people. I thank God for a Saviour that will fulfill every promise that He had made. This day's work broke all my previous records, namely, \$56 worth of orders. I praise and thank God for His love for me, and that I have a small part in His work."

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

- News Items

Elder Martin returned to the office Monday morning, March, 1, from a visit to Paducah. He reports eight more who have taken their stand for the truth in that city. The work on the new church building there has been held up awhile, waiting for the windows, but just as soon as these arrive, it will only take a short time to get into the new church home.

Thursday, March 4, Elder Martin and Bro. Harrison left to hold some meetings with the Springville Church. They will return to the office in time for the Colporteurs' Institute, which begins the 10th.

Arrangements are being made for Elder Russell to hold a series of tabernacle meetings in Barlow.

Why is Brother Harrison so happy these days? They have a fine seven-pound girl at their house.

We expect a large number to be present at the Colporteur Institute, which will be held here at Nashville March 10-19.

Elder Allen writes that there are three at Hillsboro who are interested in the Colporteur work. We shall encourage them to be present at the Institute. "From the light given

me, I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred."—Mrs. E. G. White.

Elder Martin has been doing some recruiting for the canvassing field, having reported four who will soon be out with their prospectus.

Brother Browning, who accepted the truth at Paducah last summer, is now out giving it to others through the printed page. Elder Russell believes in bringing people into the work when they come into the truth.

Sister Hurdle, who has been canvassing with Sister Virgie Wilson at Paducah, is on the sick list. Sister Getter is also being hindered in her work by sickness. Let us remember these workers in our prayers.

Brethren Price and Nicholson have just finished a \$700 delivery of "Coming King." Remember "Coming King" and "Past, Present and Future" are on the bargain counter now, as we are giving a 60 per cent discount on these books while they last.

Nashville News

The meetings at the tabernacle began Dec. 14th and have been continued every night but Monday up to Feb. 22, with an average attendance of three hundred every night. Many nights during the meetings we were unable to seat the people.

The "flu" epidemic was quite bad here and found its way into several homes of the people on the North Side where the tabernacle is located, but we thank God for sparing all of our people and the new Sabbath-keepers. The young people of the church and the Publishing House orchestra were in attendance most every evening, and, of course, the music and singing added much to our effort.

Several of the ministers from the nearby churches have been

aroused by our meetings, but the stir has only increased our attendance.

We have been having at the tabernacle on Sabbath afternoons a three o'clock meeting with the new Sabbath-keepers, and you would be encouraged to hear the splendid testimonies. One man said he felt his heart would almost break; that he could not sleep at night, but Sabbath when a call was made at the church he came forward, and now it's alright. He stated that in the church where he had been a member before hearing the truth that he and his wife had been users of tobacco; that they had often tried to quit, but always failed; but when they found the "Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus," power was given them and the habit taken away.

Enemies of the truth are circulating Bro. Canright's book, but the very means they are using to hurt our influence is doing nothing against the truth, but for the same.

We were told by a lady at the tabernacle Tuesday night that several of those who have been reading the book plan to hear us this week on the subject of "Is the World Getting Better?" "Religious Bolshevism, or Is the Law Binding?" "Is it Saturday or Is it Sunday?"

Last Sabbath was a good day for the Nashville Church when 42 came forward and joined the church, subject to baptism, which will be held Sabbath, March 6th.

The Bible workers have been very faithful in visiting the people during the effort, and our local members have contributed much help in bringing out this splendid class of people to the truth.

Elder Gray has made the singing very interesting. Thus God has blessed the united efforts of His people.

We trust our Nashville people will be faithful in their tithe-paying so that we need not slacken our efforts for souls.

Special Opportunity for Tennessee River Students to Earn Scholarships

In order to assist our young people who desire to earn their way through school, the Tennessee River Tract Society has taken advantage of the special price offered by the Southern Publishing Association on "Coming King" and "Past, Present, and Future."

We have taken over the entire stock of these splendid and easy selling books, and shall be able to give our students an extra ten per cent discount on them. This, together with the amount given by the Conference and the Publishing House, will give the student a 25 per cent commission to apply on his scholarship, and we feel that this extra 10 per cent will pay the expenses of the student while canvassing. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who wish to attend school. We trust our young people will take advantage of this and plan to enter the field as soon as school is out.

Our Canvassers' Institute will be held March 10-19, and those who are not now in school should plan to attend and enter the work at once. Brother R. R. Brooks, our Field Secretary, has already received applications from a number, and every indication is that we shall have a large force in the field this season.

We have a large amount of unworked territory where a wonderful work may be accomplished with our books. Surely our people should rally to the call. We are making ample provision to take care of a large number who, we feel sure, will respond.

I. M. MARTIN.

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A Letter to the Workers

February 26, 1920.

Dear Fellow-worker:

Do you remember the question as to why the number of conversions was so small, that was raised by Professor Prescott at the time the report of our activities of the past four years was presented to the delegates to the conference? Do you remember the answer given by Elder Wight, placing the blame on us all as workers, because we had not exerted ourselves more in this respect?

That experience riveted my attention on our failing, our shortcoming—mine and yours—as nothing else had. Right then, before God, I made a resolution that I would do more personal work than I have in the past; that regardless of the nature of my duties, I would make the *salvation of souls* first. Did you make any such resolution?

You will doubtless recall that one of the results of the recent conference was the plan of conducting throughout this Union during the spring a strong campaign for the winning to Christ

of our children and young people, in which most of the workers are to take an active part. It was left with the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department of the Union to arrange the details. This we have done. The young people's secretary is the responsible leader in your conference and will, in conjunction with the president, arrange with you for territory to visit and give you our plans. The time selected for this campaign is March 13-20, the date of the annual spring Week of Prayer in our schools.

Now, my dear fellow-worker, I hope that after you give this matter serious consideration, reflecting upon the importance and timeliness of the campaign, you will plan on giving as much of your time as possible during March 13-20. Or you can spend a few days before or after this date. I honestly believe that we as workers cannot have more important duties during this time, and should think carefully before we allow other plans to interfere with our taking part in this work for our young people. A Seventh-day Adventist youth actually converted to Christ means as much to our Heavenly Father as the conversion of anyone else and should mean the same to us. Brethren and sisters, how in the wide world can we ever expect to accomplish our task of world evangelization if we are not able to hold our own dear young people? "The glory of young men is their strength."

From time to time we inaugurate special campaigns for various purposes. These campaigns succeed, too. Why? *Because of concerted action.* So why should we not inaugurate a great soul-winning campaign for our boys and girls that there

may be a real harvest ingathering of precious souls? You are with us in this matter, aren't you, so that we can count on your services?

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN C. THOMPSON, Sec.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Alabama News Items

Mr. G. H. Curtis has been with us for a few days auditing the Conference books. We were pleased to have him with us.

Mr. R. B. Rowe, one of our colporteurs, was a recent caller at the office. He brought a cheering report.

Bro. C. T. Burroughs accompanied Professor Staines to Collegedale the first of this week. They go in interest of the Home Missionary work.

Elder J. F. Wright spent the fourth Sabbath in February with the Sheffield church. He found Brother Wilson and the company of good courage.

Last Tuesday afternoon M. L. Wilson and wife left for a visit West. They will spend some time in visiting Iowa and Oklahoma. Upon their return they are to take up work in Pensacola, Fla. Word received today from Sister Rasmussen, who is in Chicago, states that she is sick. We trust you will pray for her recovery.

Reports from different churches tell us that a goodly number of our people are down with the "flu." Let us all pray that God will bless and keep His people during these terrible times. We shall each have to be careful in our habits of living if we expect God to hear and answer our prayers.