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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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No. 1

COMBINING OF THE LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCES

On December 8, a joint conference session of the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences met in Jackson, Miss. The special matter under consideration was to consider a recommendation that had been made to the constituencies of these two conferences at a joint meeting of the two conference committees held in November. The action these committees took was as follows:

"Voted that: We the conference committees of the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences in joint session assembled, do hereby recommend to our constituencies for their favorable consideration, the proposal to unite these two conferences into one, and as a basis for their consideration, we call their attention to the financial and administrative advantages of such a union."

There were forty-two delegates present. Elder E. E. Andross, Vice-president of the General Conference, was with us in this session and rendered great assistance in setting before the delegates the principles upon which the General Conference appropriates money for the carrying on of work in various fields, and in otherwise dealing with the problems of Conference administration.

Inasmuch as the Mississippi Conference has a membership of but 423 and the Louisiana Con-

ference 621, making a combined membership of 1,044, it was readily seen that the work in these two fields could be united under one conference administration, thus saving a considerable amount to the cause and at the same time by having a fully manned conference, do really more efficient work than to have two administrations both crippled for the want of proper departmental workers. Both these fields have long been dependent upon the General Conference for appropriations to assist in carrying on the work. As the General Conference favors the policy of uniting smaller conferences, thus avoiding the duplication of administrative officials, it seemed consistent for these two conferences to unite and thus do our part toward conserving the Lord's funds.

After a full and free discussion in which all had ample opportunity to state their full convictions, it was voted to unite these two fields into one conference, this union to take effect January 1, 1921. The following corps of officers was elected:

W. R. Elliott, President.

N. L. Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer.

H. W. Klaser, Assn't. Secretary and Treasurer.

F. W. Schmehl, Field Secretary.

F. Ray Kinney, Assn't. Field Secretary.

Miss Ellen Knudson, Y.P.M.V., Educational, and Sabbath School Secretary.

E. E. Montgomery, Home Missionary and Medical Secretary.

W. P. McLennan, Religious Liberty Secretary.

Elder Elliott enters upon his work as president of this Conference with a long and successful experience as a conference president. With the earnest support and co-operation that we know he will receive from his fellow-workers, the Conference will have good leadership.

The delegates by a large majority decided that the new conference should be known as the Louisiana-Mississippi Conference. It was also decided that until the next regular conference session, the conference headquarters should be in Jackson, Miss. This latter action was taken because of the large and well equipped conference offices at Jackson and also because of Jackson being practically the geographical center of the new field and the ample and convenient railway facilities extending into all parts of both Louisiana and Mississippi.

We confidently believe that as the brethren and sisters become adjusted to this change that they will see great light in this arrangement. We are living in a time when we must do everything possible to conserve the

sacred funds that are placed in our hands and to bring greater efficiency into every department of the work. The Louisiana-Mississippi Conference will have a constituency that will give strength and solidity to the new conference organization.

We earnestly pray that God will greatly bless the officers and workers and members of this new Conference and that it will become one of the strongest factors in the Southern Union in building up the cause of God. We ask the hearty and unselfish co-operation of every loyal believer in helping to make this true.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Memphis and Paducah

It was my privilege to spend Sabbath, December 4, with our churches in Memphis. It was a real inspiration to me to be with these live churches and see the progress being made in their different activities, especially in the Harvest Ingathering work. Church No. 1 had \$625.00 toward their goal of \$1500.00.

After the morning service a Gideon band was organized to go down into the business section with the boxes. This band was comprised of the best workers in the church. In two hours time eight sisters gathered in over \$77.00. One girl fourteen years old headed the list with \$22.69. It is real inspiring to see our young people take such an active part in this work. In two hours time this company of eight raised more than the whole church in any week since the campaign began. We believe with the able leadership of Elder

Russell that Memphis No. 1 will come out on top.

Sabbath, December 11th., I was at Paducah. We have a live church here with Brother A. A. Davis as pastor. A Gideon band was organized here also. In two hours eight sisters received \$79.33 with the boxes. Sister Maddox, our church school teacher, headed the list with \$22.13. Four out of the eight received over \$70.00, while the other four received \$9.00. Sunday, December 12, was a field day for this church. A number went out. However, we do not have complete returns from all as yet. Sister Burch, a new member, received \$125.00 in one week. Paducah now has \$325.00 toward their goal of \$400.00.

May the Lord help us to work faithfully, thus hastening His work on to a glorious finish.

L. E. CHRISTMAN.

H. I. Work in Jackson

We organized our work for the Harvest Ingathering early in September. Sister Lena Meadows was elected leader. She was asked to district the city territory so that all who wished could work with no embarrassment.

She felt that she could not fill the place; therefore Sister Ethel Holland and Sister Johnson sought God for courage to begin. They kept at it until Sister Holland gathered in \$50.00 and Sister Johnson over \$25.00.

We felt Sister Holland deserved the honor of leader. We elected her leader. She gave each their territory. The thermometer has been gradually rising until it has bursted out at the top. Instead of the mercury running down as you would naturally suppose, it is still going up.

Those who have reached their goal are:

Sister Holland	\$50.00
Sister Johnson	25.00
Sister Keele	30.00
Sister Jolly	13.00
Sister Cox	12.55
W. J. Keele	46.50

Brother Fry, Sister Meadows, Sister Howell, and Nellie Jolly I am sure will reach their goal.

All that has been reported to date makes \$203.50. We have 19 members, three of these can do nothing. We are glad to do for them what I am sure they would gladly do if they were able. My work has been done on Sunday mornings. I would not have missed some of the experiences I have had for a prize. I tell most all who I am. The county judge gave me \$1.00 after making plain to him the object. I visited with him nearly an hour. He seemed anxious for me to stay longer. He went with me to the front of his porch, there we had another short visit.

Two men wrote out checks for me. I called one man out of his bed, not knowing it, and he gave me a check for \$1.00.

Take courage brethren and sisters you will soon see the souls gathered from all nations as the result of our faithful part here in the homeland.

W. J. KEELE.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

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Office Mail Bag

When this reaches you, the Week of Prayer and the Annual Offering will be in the past. But the Thirteenth Sabbath which happens to fall on Christmas, will be here with another opportunity for us to show our love for Him who gave His life for us. Millions of earth's in-

habitants are starving physically. But worst of all, they are also starving spiritually. Much is expected of us to whom God has intrusted the last message of mercy. We hope to see a large Christmas gift made to the needy missions.

The Conference is quite a distance from its goal of \$5,000. But splendid work has been done. Total raised to date, December 15, \$2,497.68. If all will make a final rally and push on until we reach \$4,000. this with the regular mission offerings, will insure our reaching our goal of fifty cents a week for missions. Big Week, Dec. 19—25, we hope will find many engaged in this noble work.

The supply of papers at the Conference office is exhausted. Should there be any of you who are out of papers, suppose you try the "Cigar Box" method. A number here in Louisville are doing this with excellent success.

Since Elder Bryant the pastor of the Jefferson St., church arrived, there has been a growing missionary spirit among the members. Many who have never before done Harvest Ingathering, have been enthusiastic workers this time. As a result this church has already received almost three times as much as in any previous year.

The churches throughout the conference during the Week of Prayer are being visited by the following workers: Elder Keate will visit Stanford, Ford and Covington; Brother Thompson, Hartford; Brother Moore, Moreland; Brother Brownlie, Winchester and Nicholasville, and Brother Wallace, Davisville. Brother Wallace reports an excellent interest at Martha, Ky.

Brother H. H. Guffey one of our faithful colporteurs, re-

minds us of the fact that he is of good courage.

Brother R. F. Hickman writes: "I am laboring at my trade [for which I receive a dollar an hour] and canvassing nights and Sunday making an average of a hundred dollars a week in orders.

Elder J. G. Dasent spent the larger portion of the month of November with the Chestnut and Shelby St., churches in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work. During this period, they have averaged a hundred dollars a week.

Brother E. C. Doram and Miss Inez Brice, both of Lexington, Ky., were quietly married at the home of Elder Dasent in Louisville, December the 24th. Miss Brice has been a successful Bible worker in the Kentucky Mission.

ANDY SCHROADER.

MISSISSIPPI

CONFERENCE

God is Love

Do you believe that God loves you? You say, yes I believe that God loves me. How do you know that God loves you? You say because He gave His only begotten Son to die for me, and He came to save me, and if He did not love me He would not have done this. Yes, and His love is not only for you and me but for the multitude, for every race in the world, and I am glad that God's message of love is meant for every creature personally. Paul said, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the chief." I Tim. 1:15. O, how often have I grieved my Lord. Great though the

depths to which I have fallen. God's sacrifice of love is greater still. I know that my sins have cost Him much agony, but what wealth of love and life. But He gave it, and in that He gave it, I have the pledge of eternity that He loves me. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Now the question is, do you love your Lord? Are you willing to exchange your love with Him for what He has done for you? Jesus says "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love. These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you." John 15:9-12.

If our Lord and Saviour's love was so great that He came from heaven to save you and me, and if we will accept of His love and we as believers do say that we accept His love, which means that we want to be and expect to be saved, then what is our duty to-day? He says, "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love," and what was our Saviour's Commandment just before He left this earth? We find it in Matt. 28:19-20. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you," and again "This is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:12-14.

Dear brother and sister, do you love your Lord? Do you be-

lieve what you profess? Do you live your profession? Are you teaching all nations? Are you doing anything for your Saviour? Do you love your neighbor? Have you talked to your neighbor about the Saviour's saving power? Have you gone out because you love your Lord? Are you abiding in your Saviour's love? Friends, soon the day cometh that no one will be able to fulfill His command. Will you not go now and carry to your neighbors the printed page which will be healing balm to them in this time of trouble. Will you not heed the Saviour's call, "I have chosen you. Go and bring forth fruit." John 15: 16. Notice this text, "We love Him because He first loved us." I John 4:19. Then if we love Him what will we be doing? If we are doing nothing, how much do we love our Saviour? "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." I John 5:3. We again invite you to come and help us finish the Saviour's command and O, what a promise there is for those who will go. "Blessed are they whom I find giving meat in due season when I come. Dear friends, do you believe the Saviour is coming soon?

"Go, preach my Gospel, saith the Lord
Bid the whole world my grace receive,
He shall be saved who trusts my word
And they condemned who disbelieve.

Teach all the nations my commands
I'm with you till the world shall end;
All power is vested in my hands;
I can destroy, I defend."

Are you going to the institute Dec. 30 to Jan. 8? The Louisiana-Mississippi Institute will be held at Jackson, Miss., as above stated. Will you please write me what train you will come on so I can meet you.

F. W. SCHMEHL.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

New Year Resolutions

Did you ever make one? I fancy I hear you say "Yes" many times; but what's the use, they don't last very long—sometimes not even through January. Of course, a resolution treated in this careless manner is quite useless, but let me suggest ways in which a resolution should be treated. First be sure it is reasonable, that it really can be kept, that it is a real benefit to your comfort and spiritual uplift; get the idea well in mind, determine within yourself that you will carry it out. In time, the habit will be formed, and when it is, never suffer an exception in carrying out its principles.

In behalf of the Missionary Volunteer Department, let me suggest some resolutions that are essentials in Christian living.

1. Observing the Morning Watch by prayer and meditating on God's Holy Word.
2. Read a great many books between times, even if you are the busiest person in your neighborhood.
3. Begin reading your Bible through, following the outline in the Morning Watch Calendar, and finish it.
4. If you do not have a Standard of Attainment certificate, do the work to get one.
5. Save at least one soul this year.

Now in behalf of the Sabbath school, I suggest:

1. Daily study of the Sabbath school lesson.
2. Be present and on time every time, unless you are sick; then send an excuse to your teacher.

3. If you consent to take the responsibility of an officer or teacher, do it the best that it can be done. Congratulate yourself in the fact that the church must have thought you the most competent person for the place. Prove their convictions in the matter.

"Do all the good you can
In all the ways you can
For all the people you can."
ELLEN KNUDSON

Freed—Elliott

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Elliott, when their daughter, Miss Mildred, was united in marriage to Brother Russell Alonzo Freed, on the evening of Thursday, December 9th. Their ceremony was performed by Elder A. J. Meiklejohn.

Brother Freed has had charge of the music in connection with the evangelistic work done here in the city. He has now accepted a call to go to Indianapolis to carry on the same work. His bride, who is an excellent musician, will be a great help to the work wherever she goes.

These young people will be missed at New Orleans, but our loss is another's gain. Their friends join in wishing them God's speed as they engage in the work the Master has appointed them to do.

A. J. M.

I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in its relation to the kingdom of Jesus Christ.—*David Livingstone.*

"Christ is either Lord of all, or he is not Lord at all."

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

FOR SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 11.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Name	Hrs	Orders	Value	Deliv
Wm Bickett	BR	33	19	118 00
Jeff Hickman	BR	25	38	233 50
F F Harrison	BR	27	24	132 00
Claud Hughes	HM	27	37	129 50
Lee Page	HM	26	38	135 00
J W Rowe	BR	31	5	36 50
COLORED				
Wm Fort	PP&F	18	21	53 50
Wm Martin	BR,OD	86	32	179 65
G H Slaughter	PP&F	12	17	54 25
Totals		285	231	1071 90

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Louis Cunningham	OD	37	58	201 00
H W Sellars	BR	32	2	74 50
Totals				38 50

Mrs Cunningham	OD	24	22	67 50
R W Babylon	BR	32		57 00
V L Schroader	OD	20	15	51 00
Wm Watson	BR	23	3	17 50
Mrs J B Hardy	PR	4	2	6 00
L B Spear	BR	23		167 50
J B Hardy	BR			22 00
Totals		200	102	474 50

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

L Swalien	OD	32		69 00
W N Smith	BR	33	23	65 50
J W Prosser	CK	54	7	29 00
Wm J Keele	D&R	9	4	25 00
Mary Hinds	CK	25	5	22 50
H G Miller	OD	25	1	5 25
Bibles				9 00
COLORED				
Louis Kayford	BR	10	4	34 00
Totals		188	44	259 25

Missionary Volunteers, Notice!

Knowing that our people generally are greatly interested in the Young People's Missionary Volunteer work, I take pleasure in passing on to the readers of the WORKER a report of the council of this department, held

at Indianapolis recently. This report was written by a member of the General Conference Department and has appeared in other of our denominational papers
J. C. THOMPSON.

Echoes From the Missionary Volunteer Council

The importance of laying definite plans for active missionary endeavor before our army of young people was discussed at length, and the following resolutions were adopted:

"WHEREAS, The one great object of our Missionary Volunteer work aside from the salvation of our young people is their development as Christian workers; and,

"WHEREAS, The great need is that 'different branches of the missionary work' should be 'laid out systematically' and instruction and help given to the young people in doing missionary work; therefore,

"RESOLVED, That we make more earnest efforts to develop the missionary activities of our young people by vigorously promoting various lines of work adapted to the children and young people.

"WE RECOMMEND, That the missionary committees in the General, union, and local conferences give special attention to plans and campaigns for missionary work for the youth."

One very important consideration which came before this council was the problem of the school society. Out of this discussion came the following series of recommendations:

"WHEREAS, Our higher schools have been founded for the purpose of training young people for the various lines of activity in God's work; and,

"WHEREAS, The local church with its various auxiliary organizations is the natural laboratory for the training school, thus linking these institutions in a fundamental way, there is need for well-defined plans of co-operation; and,

"WHEREAS, The Missionary Volunteer Society is the Christian laboratory in which the school is training workers, it is necessary that teachers should unite with their students in the society; therefore,

"WE RECOMMEND: 1. That all teachers should become members of the society, even though they are not young people.

"2. That officers for the society be elected three times each year; i. e., at beginning of each semester and at the beginning of the summer vacation.

"3. That the nomination committee be composed of representatives of the church, faculty, and Missionary Volunteer Society.

ty, and that the church elect these officers.

"4. That the faculty, in counsel with the church board, unite in appointing a member of the faculty as adviser to the society, who shall be a member of the Missionary Volunteer executive committee, and that the faculty appoint an adviser for each band in the society.

"5. That band leaders and other officers not elected by the church be nominated by the executive committee and elected by the society, such to become members of the executive committee.

"6. That all missionary bands be considered a part of the Missionary Volunteer organization, and report to the society."

[To be continued]

Among the Mountain Schools

The little mining village was very much disturbed by the arrival of a Church School Teacher. Some thought that this should not be allowed to go on—thought it was unpatriotic; that their village school would be wrecked if Seventh-day Adventists were allowed to conduct a school in opposition. All kinds of rumors ran rife, and excitement grew to quite a pitch, and finally it came to a focus when some of the patriotic sons of the hills banded together and decided to give the teacher a serenade by shooting through the roof of the house. The teacher, feeling that she did not care to make the acquaintance of these visitors, promptly scrambled under the bed. The villagers, after giving vent to their feelings in this way, seemed to allay their prejudice, and things quieted down. Finally the county su-

perintendent called and he was so well pleased that he made the arrangements for the school to visit the county institute. The Normal Instructor, who is also one of the editors of the Kentucky Educational Journal, wrote the following article.

FRANK E. THOMPSON.

The editor has found real efficiency in school work; and that in a parochial school, conforming to the requirements of the common school system and under the supervision of legal authorities. Moreover, the school, numbering about fifteen pupils, contained all the grades, and is taught by a little woman who, in spite of excellent qualifications and training for her work, is paid the sum of \$25 a month, and boards herself! Still further, it may be said, this school is practically a "self-governing" school, with officers elected each Monday.

The School Supervisor in McCreary County, having officially visited the Seventh-day Adventist school at Yamacraw, asked permission of the McCreary institute to bring the entire school before that body for some of their regular work. Permission granted, he got a message to the teacher to be present the next day. The teacher and all pupils who were not detained because of illness, came in a truck, with their regular text books, but no special preparation for their public appearance.

The school had been in session three weeks. The pupils were already well drilled in marching, posture and in the gentilities of school life. Their neatness was a splendid example even to a teachers' institute; their recitations were illuminating; their

general attitude toward their work and the ease with which they conducted it before a room full of strangers—their very first experience of the kind—may well have caused some teachers of our acquaintance to wonder how many years of young life have been wasted in purposeless phylandering through the first days and weeks of school.

Clear enunciation and good expression in reading; legibility in writing, and in some instances real beauty of form; prompt and glad obedience to every direction; total absence of fear or fretting; thorough mastery of material which they had been asked to memorize; poise and good manners—these were some of the outstanding features of their exhibition.

We hardly think they could have been of "superior clay," either; they looked like ordinary young people, with average intelligence, and certainly with no great opportunities except those found in their little school. They were for the most part children of miners belonging to the Seventh-day Adventist faith and their homes were in the tiny settlement of Yamacraw.

They gave us, neatly hand-printed on note paper, a program of their work for the time they were in the institute. They held opening exercises, they sang, they had prayer. There was a Bible class composed of the first and second year pupils, a primer word drill, first A and B reading class, reading class, eighth Bible class fourth and second grade spelling. As stated before, none of this work had been prepared for exhibition; nevertheless it was faultlessly done, measured by human ability.

Among the officers elected by this school club on Mondays, are a finger-nail inspector and a board washer. Other officers and committees look after different phases of detail. This relieves the teacher of a part of the time-consuming work and, best of all, gives the children some practise in leadership and authority.

The teacher, Miss Vienna Bivin was perhaps no more brilliant than some hundreds of other teachers we have met; the difference seemed to lie in the sense of duty and love which prompted her to undertake this school in a secluded district for a mere pittance, when her training and experience would enable her to earn four to six times the amount in public schools.

We confess a preference for our American public schools above sectarian schools. It seems to us to be truly American and truly Christian that all sects and all classes should break down their barriers by getting acquainted, since ignorance is the material of which barriers are made. While we are sincere in this belief, we are equally sincere in our willingness to permit others to believe otherwise. We wish it were possible to put into every public school room a teacher who is so in love with her work and so zealous in her desire to serve humanity that she would be willing to make personal and financial sacrifice in order to pursue her calling; and we wish it were possible to inspire every board of education public or sectarian, to pay such teachers a living wage in order that their minds might be all the more free to solve problems which come to them for solution every day.

It may be said in passing that all sectarian schools parallel the

work of the public system, or intend to do so. They differ in that the sectarian school emphasizes the achievements of the people who have held to their

beliefs and give some religious instruction along with the regular school work as prescribed by the States.

Summary of Colporteur Work In the

Southern Union for November 1920

Conference	Agents	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Del.
Kentucky [w]	12	941	499	2276 75	1942 19
Kentucky [c]	2	278	104	605 00	395 00
	14	1219	603	2881 75	2337 19
Louisiana [w]	14	1015	374	2281 55	1260 35
Louisiana [c]	2	107			504 25
	16	1122	374	2281 55	1764 60
Tenn. R. [w]	10	827	241	983 10	1506 25
Tenn. R. [c]	2	225	155	648 20	380 00
	12	1052	396	1631 30	1886 25
Alabama [w]	15	374	281	998 00	5120 25
Alabama [c]	2	58			326 60
	17	432	281	998 00	5446 75
Mississippi [w]	10	790	29	167 50	3167 30
Mississippi [c]	6	736	18	100 00	362 82
	16	1526	47	267 50	3530 12
Grand Total	75	5351	1701	8060 10	14964 91

Comparative Sales for the Same Month of Last Year

	1919	1920	Gain	Loss
Kentucky	2515 95	2881 75	365 80	
Louisiana	3523 20	2281 55		1241 65
Tennessee	1237 50	1631 30	393 80	
Alabama	1352 80	998 00		354 80
Mississippi	602 38	267 50		334 88
	\$9231 83	\$8060 10	\$759 60	1931 33

Colporteur Institute Dates

December 15—24 - - - - - Tennessee River (colored)
 Dec. 30—Jan. 8, Jackson - - Louisiana-Miss. (white)
 January 9—18 - - - - - Alabama (white)
 January 19—28 - - - - - Alabama (colored)
 January 19—28 - - - - - Louisiana-Miss. (colored)
 January 31—February 6 Bookman's Convention at Nashville for the Southern Union.
 February 9—18 - - - - - Kentucky (white)
 February 19—28 - - - - - Kentucky (colored)
 March 1—9 - - - - - Tennessee River (white)

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UNION CONFERENCE NEWS NOTES

Elder McElhany and Cole, and Brother Harrison left Nashville, December 7, to attend the conference meeting of the Louisiana and Mississippi conferences, December 8. From Jackson Elders McElhany and Cole returned by way of Birmingham, spending some time there. Elder McElhany also met with the Alabama Committee Sunday, December 12.

Professor Thompson is spending the Week of Prayer at the Oakwood Junior College. From there he will accompany Brother L. A. Hansen as he visits some of the rural schools. Among those they will be with, are Lawrenceburg, Bon Aqua, and National City.

Elder Staines, in company with Elder V. O. PUNCHES, is making a tour of the churches in the southern part of the Union. They will be in Nashville over Sabbath and Sunday, Dec. 18, 19.

Sister Anna Knight was a caller at the office December 12,

and left Nashville for Mississippi where she will spend several days during the Week of Prayer.

As a result of the effort of Brother Lawrence in Paducah during the past few months, a church of thirty-six has been organized.

Encouraging reports come from the Union effort which is being held at Shreveport, La. Large crowds are attending.

Elder McElhany has been confined to his home for the past few days with a severe cold.

Brother Cole is holding a colored institute at Memphis, Tenn.

REMEMBER

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Do your part.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering—December 25. A Christmas gift through the Sabbath Schools for Missions.

A Dollar NOW is worth MORE than Ten LATER on.

NOTICE

The past few months we have had many troubles in publishing the WORKER. In September we moved to our new building and in doing so our cylinder press was broken. Last week marked the first issue that we have printed on this press since that time. On account of this trouble and many others not mentioned, we have been late in publishing several weeks and haven't used some copy sent in. We are now running in good shape again and all copy sent in will be given space in the paper as quickly as possible. It would be much appreciated if all correspondents would have their copy in the office *one week* before date of issue, that is, Thursday.

He Wanted to See Him

A recent paper has an account of an address given in London, and repeats a happy story of a small lad whom the lecturer had met in the Manchester Art Gallery. He found him there early one morning gazing intently at a famous picture of Jesus. The boy was so ragged that his observer asked him how he could afford to pay sixpence for admission to the gallery. He learned that the little fellow had been to Sunday school the week previous, where he had heard *for the first time* of a Saviour who loved him, and who gathered the children around Him and blessed them. The story filled him with wonder, and when he learned that a picture of his wonderful Saviour was to be seen at the art gallery, he stayed out later every night until he had earned an extra sixpence by blacking shoes, in order that he might look into the face of "his beautiful Saviour."—*Selected.*

Removing Temptation

My neighbor's small son, not yet four years old, appeared at my door one morning, and after looking in a moment announced:

"Your screen's unlocked."

I was busy, so I said, "All right."

"Why don't you lock it?" he said.

"In a minute I will," I answered.

He was silent a little while. Then, "I wish you would come and do it now."

"But why, Lawrence?" I asked.

"Well," he sighed, "I might 'tum' in, and my mama said not to."—*Selected.*