

"MY MEAT IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK."

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Report of the President of the Southern Union Conference at the Quadrennial Session February 13 to 20, 1924

I am confident, as we assemble here today, we unite with glad hearts in expressions of praise and deep gratitude to God for what He has done for us. The blessed gospel message has led us out of darkness into the marvelous light of truth. God has called us to His service, thus bestowing upon us the highest honors and opening to us the greatest privileges. He has graciously cared for us, His blessings are manifold, and why should we not magnify the Lord, our Saviour, together?

It is a source of very great pleasure to meet all the workers on this occasion, and in behalf of the committee we extend to you a most hearty welcome. We want you to meet us in our new office building, 2001-24th. Avenue North, and feel at home among us. We highly appreciate the kindness of the Southern Publishing Association in opening to us their enlarged and improved Chapel and as chairman of their board, I am confident I voice the sentiment of each member when I state that you are welcome in our midst here and we trust that our association with one another during the remaining few days may continue to be blessed of God, and as a result we may be led still farther from sin and very much nearer to our Lord and each other.

We have been greatly blessed during our convention and workers' meeting. They have been days of refreshing, but now that we are to devote our time more especially to conference work, permit me to suggest that we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit even in greater measure. We want our conversation to be upright, our example such as becometh saints, and it matters not whether we are planning to enlarge the work in our own union, or to advance it in fields beyond, or selecting men to fill places of responsibilities, we need the guidance of the Great Teacher. There is no place for selfishness or sin in the work of God.

I consider it a most sacred trust and solemn responsibility to act as a leader in this work in any capacity, and I wish to express my personal appreciation for the good spirit of co-operation that has been in evidence since I have been in the Union. To this, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, is to be attributed any success attained. It seems proper to refresh your memory by stating that this Union has had three presidents during the quadrennial period. Elder J. L. McElhany led in the work up to the time of the General Conference. Elder Charles Thompson was then chosen and he carried the work in a strong way until the Fall Council in 1922, when he was

asked to go to South America. From that time I have acted in this capacity.

We know by experience that these frequent changes are not conducive to strength and rapid growth, but notwithstanding these frequent changes, God has signally blessed the work, and the reports that will be given of the various lines of conference activities will reveal creditable growth. With the thorough organization and system of reporting we now have, the burden of details formerly laid on the president has been transferred to others and the reports these individuals will bring regarding our conference activities the past four years will be so replete with valuable information, items of interest and encouragement, that it does not seem necessary for me to make but brief mention of the advancement made.

The future is before us, fraught with tremendous responsibilities. The reports will show that we have accomplished much in the past, but there is still a great unfinished task on ahead. We must address ourselves very earnestly to this appointed work. What can be done to hasten the work? How can we reach the unsaved in our own field, and supply men and means to carry the gospel to the untold millions in the fields beyond? How are we to arrest the attention of our own dear people and arouse them to a clear sense of their spiritual needs and set them to work for others?

Financial

In membership, in the list of twelve unions in North America, our union stands tenth, but in gifts to missions on the percentage basis the past year, she occupies the sixth place. The Atlantic, Pacific, Columbia, Southeastern, and Lake were in advance. It may be observed by looking at the *Review*, bearing date of February 7, that in gifts to missions, among the sixty-eight local conferences in North America, that we do not come near the foot of the list in any sense. Alabama is eighteenth in the list, standing at 54 cents, Louisiana-Mississippi 46 cents, Kentucky 41 cents, and Tennessee River, 40 cents. There were thirty conferences giving less than our lowest. We regret that we did not reach the full goal for the times and need demand it. But we do rejoice and thank God for what was accomplished, and believe that under the blessing of God, another word than the "poor South" must be coined. In the Mission, Alabama leads, giving 41 cents plus, Louisiana-Mississippi 27 cents, Kentucky 26 cents, Tennessee River 23. (All plus.) Our tithe was

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\$460,796.47, offerings \$284,224.72, a total of \$745,021.19, an increase of \$317,000 over the previous period. We gave \$8,000 more to missions last year than we did in the so called banner year, 1920. Our increase on mission funds was considerable in excess of the proportionate increase in tithe.

We are grateful indeed for what has been accomplished. Without doubt this splendid record was made possible only by the earnest faithful work of all who had a part, but I wish to recommend that we enter upon a stronger, larger, and more continuous and enthusiastic campaign for missions and also seek to increase greatly our tithe receipts. We are living in the greatest and most solemn hour of human history. The closing days are upon us and there is an earnest call for a forward movement along every line of Christian activity. Our faithful missionaries are sending back most encouraging reports. This is our day of opportunity. The Southern Union must not come short of doing her full duty. It is our high privilege to come up to the help of the Lord on every point.

Work Among the Colored People

Our work among our colored people has made some encouraging advancement as other reports will show. A number of public efforts have been held and as a result new believers have been added to our churches. Indebtedness on church buildings has been reduced and repairs made, and the reports will show advancement in our school work. In each local conference, action has been taken to return to the Mission plan of operation and they have their Mission committees appointed. Consideration of providing a Union Mission Committee must be given at this meeting.

Educational

We are grateful to God and pleased with the character of the work being done at our Junior College at Ooltewah. We have a definite responsibility to bear in helping to reduce the indebtedness and to provide better facilities, also quickly to furnish our share of funds necessary to complete the new Administration Building.

The church school work in the Union has made progress. Some years ago the local superintendents were discontinued in the local conferences and the Union Educational Department was asked to assume this responsibility. This was done in the interest of economy. It was recognized, at the time, as doing work at long range, and whether it would prove to be satisfactory would be determined by experience. This question may be reviewed at this time and if so, should receive careful study.

Evangelistic Canvassing

There is always constant need of new recruits in this important department. The old and regular workers should receive our encouragement and be cheered on in their splendid service. There is no more important method of advancing the message than that of placing our truth-filled books, periodicals, and tracts in the hands of the people. Every worker in this Union should be deeply interested and watchful in his endeavors to secure God-fearing men and women for this work and to put them in touch with the leaders of this department and also encourage them to engage in this heaven-appointed service.

The Home Missionary Work

The value of the missionary activities of the church, when under proper leadership and direction, can scarcely be over-estimated. Every officer, minister, and worker in this Union should carry this important work on his heart and get under the burden of leading the people into earnest, active service for Christ. Do not leave this matter wholly to the union and local secretaries. The following quotation from the servant of God should awaken a new interest among us in this particular work:

"The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning

it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world the fullness of His sufficiency. . . . The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to the principalities and powers in heavenly places, the final and full display of the love of God."

Institutions

We have three institutions located in our Union, each carrying forward its own line of work,—the Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, Oakwood Junior College at Huntsville, Ala., and the Agricultural and Normal Institute at Madison, Tenn. We as a Union do not have direct control or management of these institutions but feel that worthy mention should be made. The Publishing House has a board and advisory board made up from its constituency in the three unions in the South. Oakwood is owned by the General Conference and is open for instruction and training of workers among the Negroes in North America. The Madison school is organized differently and is doing a work in the South along lines peculiar to herself. It seems proper also to mention the hospital at Murray, Ky., under Dr. Mason and his staff of workers.

The Medical

This important work has not received all the attention that it really demands. There have been schools of health conducted in the churches and at our camp-meetings special help has been given, but it would be a splendid thing if we had the means and could secure the proper individual who is qualified and could spend his entire time among our churches and schools, giving instruction to our people and looking after the school inspection necessary.

Evangelistic

This item is not left to the last because I consider it of least importance, for surely it must stand in the very forefront if we are to succeed in gospel service. Of what real value is our financial strength and increase in missionary funds and activity, building churches and schools, and all other lines of service, if it does not have for its chief object the salvation of souls? Is the strength and growth of our conference to be measured by dollars and cents, by the number of ministers we have, the sermons preached, books sold, visits made, and letters written? By our resources and liabilities? Is it not rather to be measured by the souls won to Christ, by the company of new believers raised up and churches organized.

There is a ringing call for spirit-filled, soul-winning, preachers. We need a body of workers, every one who can go into our churches and not only lead them into a higher spiritual life, but also gain their support in going out into new fields and raising up new believers. The statistical report will show that we baptized 1591 souls during the four year period. It will also reveal the fact that a number have either given up the Truth, died, or transferred to other fields outside of the Union, for the net gain is but 302.

We should thankfully recognize the value of earnest, faithful service rendered, whether those labored for, obey or not. But what paid conference minister or worker giving his full time to gospel work, can rest content with winning three, five, or a dozen souls for Christ in twelve months. The supreme purpose of all gospel service is to come into personal touch with lost humanity and win them to Christ. If we as laborers are failing in this, there must be some direct cause, and is it not our business to search it out and in the spirit of great earnestness seek for a better experience?

No earnest, true-hearted worker can ever be satisfied with past achievements, be they great or small, and I wish to express to you in much kindness, yet with thrilling emphasis, that in your own souls, in your own office, in your own work, wherever you may be stationed, the year 1924 will be just what you make it. The boundless

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SPRING WEEK OF PRAYER

J. C. THOMPSON

March 15 to 22 has been designated by the General Conference Committee as the Spring Week of Prayer for our young people. The Southern Union Conference, along with all of the union and local conferences throughout the world, is planning on conducting an earnest and intensive effort for the winning to Christ of its young people.

The following action was taken last week at the Quadrennial Session of the Southern Union Conference, as a means of stating its formal and official attitude on this very important matter.

"WHEREAS, The Missionary Volunteer Spring Week of Prayer, in the past, has been productive of winning scores of Southern Union young people to Christ and of bringing rich spiritual blessings into the lives of many others, and

"WHEREAS, The General Conference Committee has designated March 15 to 22, 1924, as the time for another world effort for the salvation of our youth, therefore,

"Be it resolved, That the Southern Union Conference throw its full interest and strength into this spiritual campaign, by all union and local conference officials, departmental secretaries, pastors, Bible workers, school

teachers, church elders, and lay-members, doing what they can in conducting public services, in personal work, and by praying for and with those young people with whom they come in contact and in whom they are interested."

It is desired that all of our God-fearing workers and lay-members take part in this spiritual campaign that it may be the time of the greatest ingathering of souls in our experience as a union. All of us can pray for particular young people, most of us can engage in personal work for them, and many of us can conduct public services with and for them.

It is confidently expected that in most of our churches, in all of our schools, advanced and elementary, and in all of our Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies, special daily services will be held. The March number of the *Church Officers' Gazette* contains promotion and program material for this week. The Missionary Volunteer secretary of your local conference is the responsible leader of this campaign for souls, and he will correspond with the church and society leaders about it.

May God bless this effort to His glory and the salvation of souls.

resources of God are at our command and shall any of us be satisfied unless we, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, are actually leading men to decide for Christ and His Message?

I appeal to you, my dear fellow presidents, ministers, officers, secretaries and workers of every class, turn the prow of your boat more definitely, more directly Godward. Shall we not have our experience, our daily experience more Christlike? The secret of our success in any line of gospel service lies in the manifestation of the presence and working of the living Christ in our individual hearts. Wherever the blessed Master looms up and becomes the great central reality, men and women will bow before Him and do what is logically implied. O, that His living presence might break in upon us and lead us, one and all, in right motives and more earnest service.

Surely, all who are seeking for the speedy triumph of the cause will rejoice when the work is done. Our hearts are set on the grand climax and glorious culmination of the gospel work. How we can achieve greater things for Christ, how we can win more souls for the kingdom, how we can secure larger gifts to advance the work in all the world, should be the supreme thought of our hearts, children, our means, our all. G. W. WELLS.

THE SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITY

S. J. C.

COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

The roof of the "T" of our Administration Building is completed, so that now the carpenters may work rain or shine. The foreman says that all framework will be up and the "T" finished in two months' time.

Frank Humphries, of Austell, Ga., arrived Tuesday morning to start working, getting credit for next year's school work.

All pianos on the place have just been tuned by Mr. Sweetland, of Chattanooga, who makes a semi-annual business trip to the College.

Our \$5000 campaign is gathering great momentum. Tuesday 550 Sojuconian letters were sent out to people all over the United States.

The way has opened for Sabbath and Sunday meetings in Apison, a nearby town. Last week five of our ministerial students gained some practical experience by converting a former dwelling into an assembly hall.

Professor Thiel has just returned from the Southern Union Conference held at Nashville, and Elder Behrens from the workers' meeting held in Knoxville.

Miss Kathleen Meyer, of Mobile, Mr. and Mrs. Stroup of Knoxville, and Mr. and Mrs. Kinchen of Chattanooga, made short visits to the College during the past week.

Mrs. Thiel and children left during the past week for a visit to Florida.

A class in Christian salesmanship has been organized. Mr. Leo Odom was made leader of this enthusiastic band of gospel workers.

Brother Dougherty, field secretary of the Southeastern Union, spent a few days at the College and spoke to the student body at the chapel hour Thursday morning.

The teams are kept busy breaking the ground and getting ready for spring planting.

"The Millennium" was the subject of the Bible study given by Miss Elizabeth Cowdrick, at the chapel period Friday morning.

We are glad to report that the Collegedale Sabbath school is living up to its past record. The goal set by this organization was \$35 per week to missions, but its members could not stop at this so they gave \$44 last week.

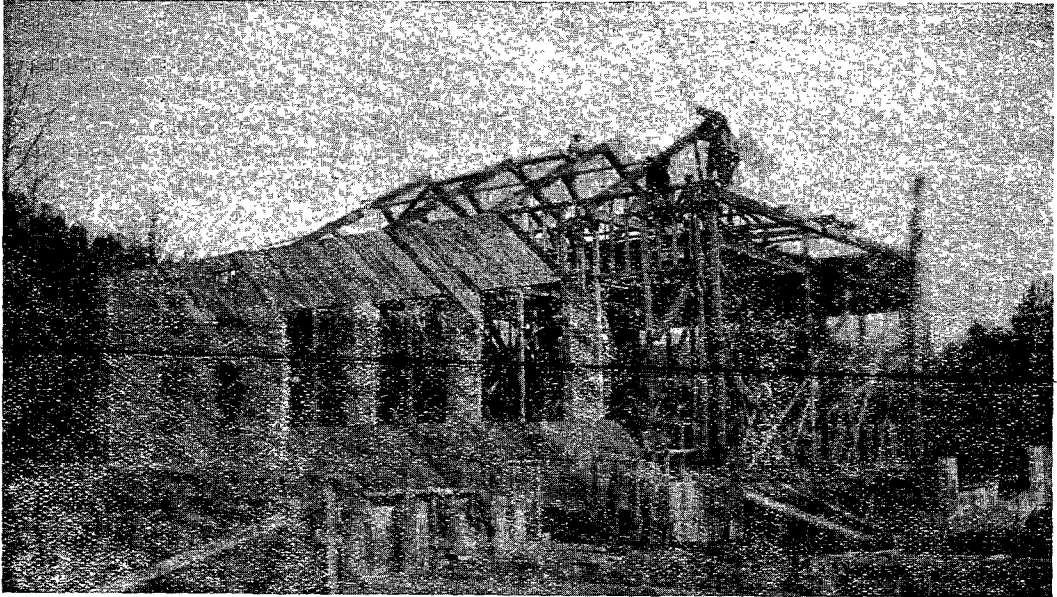
A very instructive program was given by the Near

AN APPEAL TO LOYALTY

And then came the avalanche. After the chapel period last Monday when the students of S. J. C. were requested to write fifteen letters each, as many as fifteen hundred letters were mailed within the next four days. The students have done nobly and practically all have

purpose, but we know that He is with us and that with Him we cannot fail.

Work on our new Auditorium is going forward very rapidly and this spring the Senior Class plans to conduct their commencement exercises in this hall. The



Our Administration Building In The Making

given their best efforts for the advancement of this campaign.

Friends, do you enjoy disappointing someone? Maybe it is your son or daughter, or your dearest friend. Every day that you fail to send in your donation for our campaign you are disappointing someone. The spirit and enthusiasm shown thus far by the students cannot be excelled and it is a treat to note the joyous expressions of gratitude when this one or that receives a nice check.

Brethren and sisters, we are in this campaign to win, and by the help of the Lord we will make our goal. It is only by His help that we shall accomplish this

weather is always quite cool at this time of the year so we shall need our heating system installed. We need your money and we need it soon, so if you are counting on sending us a donation, we shall be pleased if you would send the same without delay.

The students of S. J. C. are the most loyal in the world, they are prouder of their school than any other place and they work to the utmost of their several abilities for the advancement of their college. Can you, who have sent many of them here, match their loyalty? If you can, do it and say it with money before March 15.

B. A. WOOD.

East Mission Band at the Y. P. M. V. meeting last Sabbath afternoon. From this, we learned something of the way in which our missionaries work for the Mohammedan people, and that the medical work is the opening wedge in this difficult and trying field.

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BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

From the several chapel talks given of late by our president, we learned that there is more to be gained in school than knowledge from books. His line of thought we shall now trace as we go along.

When the word society is mentioned, we generally think of that form of amusement and merriment that is corrupted by the world. But take the word society, as defined by the dictionary. It means the intermingling of people, in fact, that is its crown. Some parents feel quite dubious about sending John or Mary, as the case may be, away from home to school. At this point we wish to state that Southern Junior College has every student's welfare

at heart and is trying, with its recreational feature, to hold forth the same standards as in intellectual training.

God has not sent us into the world merely to have a good time. We are here for something more than to ornament society. But man needs, now and then, to get away from the grind and dull care of work, and throw off his burdens amid the genial delights and merriment of social life, and especially is this true with the youth who are at the age when they are receiving definite and ultimate impressions.

You would not keep your violin or guitar tightly strung all the time. When they have done their service, you loosen the cords. Lute strings are all the sweeter for being now and then unstrung; and the lute strings of a human life are all the sweeter for being occasionally relaxed. Thus, life regains its elasticity.

The one great reason for our co-educational schools is this: If young people are shut up in solitude, they will almost inevitably grow awkward, rude, and bearish. To young men especially it is safe to say that there is a refinement of feeling, a polish of manner, a delicacy

and ease which men never acquire, save in the society of ladies. Yea, if we rightly view the matter, there is a purity of heart, a lofty ideal of virtue thus inspired, which will be worth not a little to a young man in the hour of temptation.

This word of society is only another way of saying, "By their fruits ye shall know them." General Lee once sounded the keynote of a true gentleman, and the true lady may also be included. It is unselfishness. It is consideration of others. When these traits of character are developed, considerateness, and tenderness of feeling, with gentleness, there will need be no worry for society's uplift.

Of course God has ordained His church on earth, and as members thereof, we do not need to go to the world to have our amusement. There is need of more of the spirit, "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Never should we gather for amusement where we cannot invite the Saviour. We are hastening on to the greatest social event of all the seasons, and of all ages. There is to be a marriage feast that will eclipse the one at Cana,—“The marriage supper of the Lamb,” and He who was only guest at Cana will be host there. The invitations to this marriage feast have been sent out. Shall you be there? Shall I be there? Should not our social gatherings here be in some sense preparations for that glad event? “Society needs to be Christianized,” says Emerson. Here lies its only hope.

G. E. SCHULTZ.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl in our own schools.
Every student in our schools a worker.

TRUE EDUCATION A MISSIONARY TRAINING

A Broad Foundation

“The highest of all sciences is the science of soul-saving. The greatest work to which human beings can aspire is the work of winning men from sin to holiness. For the accomplishment of this work, a broad foundation must be laid. A comprehensive education is needed,—an education that will demand from parents and teachers such thought and effort as mere instruction in the sciences does not require. Something more is called for than the culture of the intellect. Education is not complete unless the body, the mind, and the heart are equally educated. The character must receive proper discipline for its fullest and highest development. All the faculties of mind and body are to be developed and rightly trained. It is a duty to cultivate and to exercise every power that will render us more efficient workers for God.

“True education includes the whole being. It teaches the right use of one's self. It enables us to make the best use of brain, bone and muscle, of body, mind, and heart. The faculties of the mind, as the higher powers, are to rule the kingdom of the body. The natural appetites and passions are to be brought under the control of the conscience and the spiritual affections. Christ stands at the head of humanity, and it is His purpose to lead us, in His service, into high and holy paths of purity. By the wondrous workings of His grace, we are to be made complete in Him.

“Jesus secured His education in the home. His mother was His first human teacher. From her lips, and from the scrolls of the prophets, He learned of heavenly things. He lived in a peasant's home and faithfully and cheerfully acted His part in bearing the household burdens. He who had been the commander of heaven, was a willing servant, a loving, obedient son. He learned a trade, and with His own hands worked in the carpenter's shop with Joseph. In the garb of a common laborer, He walked

the streets of the little town, going to and returning from His humble work.

“With the people of that age, the value of things was estimated by outward show. As religion had declined in power it had increased in pomp. The educators of the time sought to command respect by display and ostentation. To all this the life of Jesus presented a marked contrast. His life demonstrated the worthlessness of those things that men regarded as life's great essentials. The schools of His time, with their magnifying of things small and their belittling of things great, He did not seek. His education was gained from Heaven-appointed sources, from useful work, from the study of the Scriptures, from nature, and from the experiences of life,—God's lesson books, full of instruction to all who bring to them the willing hand, the seeing eye, and the understanding heart. “The Child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.”

“Thus prepared, He went forth to His mission, in every moment of His contact with men exerting upon them an influence to bless, a power to transform, such as the world had never witnessed.

The Home Teaching

“The Home is the child's first school, and it is here that the foundation should be laid for a life of service. Its principles are to be taught not merely in theory. They are to shape the whole life training.

“Very early the lesson of helpfulness should be taught the child. As soon as strength and reasoning power are sufficiently developed, he should be given duties to perform in the home. He should be encouraged in trying to help father and mother, encouraged to deny and to control himself, to put others' happiness and convenience before his own, to watch for opportunities to cheer and assist brothers and sisters and playmates, and to show kindness to the aged, the sick, and the unfortunate. The more fully the spirit of true ministry pervades the home, the more fully it will be developed in the lives of the children. They will learn to find joy in service and sacrifice for the good of others.

The Work of The School

“The home training should be supplemented by the work of the school. The development of the whole being, physical, mental, and spiritual, and the teaching of service and sacrifice, should be kept constantly in view.

“Above any other agency, service for Christ's sake in the little things of every-day experience has power to mold the character and to direct the life into lines of unselfish ministry. To awaken this spirit, to encourage, and rightly to direct it, is the parent's and the teacher's work. No more important work could be committed to them. The spirit of ministry is the spirit of heaven, and with every effort to develop and encourage it angels will co-operate.

“Such an education must be based upon the Word of God. Here only are its principles given in their fullness. The Bible should be made the foundation of study and of teaching. The essential knowledge is a knowledge of God and of Him whom He has sent.

“Every child and every youth should have a knowledge of himself. He should understand the physical habitation that God has given him, and the laws by which it is kept in health. All should be thoroughly grounded in the common branches of education. And they should have industrial training that will make them men and women of practical ability, fitted for the duties of every-day life. To this should be added training and practical experience in various lines of missionary effort.

Learning by Imparting

“Let the youth advance as fast and as far as they can in the acquisition of knowledge. Let their field of study be as broad as their powers can compass. And as they learn, let them impart their knowledge. It is thus that their minds will acquire discipline and power. It is

the use they make of knowledge that determines the value of their education. To spend a long time in study, with no effort to impart what is gained, often proves a hindrance rather than a help to real development. In both the home and the school it should be the student's effort to learn how to study and how to impart the knowledge gained. Whatever his calling, he is to be both a learner and a teacher as long as life shall last. Thus he may advance continually, making God his trust, clinging to Him who is infinite in wisdom, who can reveal the secrets hidden for ages, who can solve the most difficult problems for minds that believe in Him."

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CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERING

Never was the need of efficient church schools more apparent than today. Never was there such determined, well organized, and wide-spread opposition to parochial schools as now. The work done in our schools must be second to none. The very excellence of this work should merit the approval of inspectors.

The regular quarterly offering to go to the church school fund in each local conference will be received Sabbath, March 8. The amount received is to be sent through the regular channels to the conference treasurer to be used in assisting needy schools to better their equipment, and to relieve financial distress. "Let a fund be created by generous contributions for the establishment of schools for the advancement of educational work." "Counsels to Teachers," p. 45. In view of the spirit of the times and the demands of the hour, we trust there will be a liberal response to this appeal.

"Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse, and manifest a deep interest in this work; for now as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death." "Counsels to Teachers," p. 165.

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SPARKS FROM THE COLPORTEURS' ANVIL

Since our institute the colporteurs have been having some very interesting experiences, therefore, we shall let them speak for themselves.

"This ends a very enjoyable week in the field. It has been one of rich blessings for me. I am seeing more and more in the privileges and duties of the colporteur. While we must be tactful, at the same time we have a definite message. I have had some interesting experiences, especially in reference to talking world conditions as taken up in the *Watchman*. Needless to say, I am quite enthusiastic over the *Watchman* Combination Plan. I took an order for the combination of a deaf and dumb man. The good thing about the Combination Plan is that it helps to tune up the interest, and when that gets right the Lord takes the order."—*Edward Lugenbeal*.

"We are all of good courage and having splendid success. I believe we have already material for another symposium. We are expecting greater blessings from the Lord as He leads us further in the path opening before us."—*F. L. Cushing*.

"I am of good courage and the outlook is good. In fact, there are a number who are planning on entering the colporteur work here soon. Some of our sisters that have their homes to look after can get out for a few hours

each day with the *Watchman* and some of the Crisis books."—*W. D. Fleming*.

"We are of good courage and pressing forward. I thank the Lord for the blessings this past week. It was rainy when we started out and kept it up all day, but the remainder of the week was beautiful. We are making good work in our territory and I know the reports will cheer you up. There is some good territory that I shall work next week north of Mt. Pleasant. May the Lord bless his laborers is my prayer."—*T. W. Metcalfe*.

"Here comes my report again. Hope it will be bigger next week. However, wish you could have been with me where I spent the night Tuesday and Wednesday and heard the man tell how he appreciated the Truth found in our books. Some time ago I sent him a "Christian Sabbath." After he read it he passed it on to some of his neighbors and friends. As the result they sent for a Baptist preacher at Paducah to come and preach to them about how it was changed. They were very much disappointed in his sermon and they are asking for a Seventh-day Adventist preacher to come and make plain to them the Sabbath question."—*H. E. Beck*.

"I am thankful to be able to send in another report. I hope to put in good steady time right along from now on. I sold "Bible Readings" to the editor of the daily paper here last week. I am canvassing the business men now. I was glad to hear Brother Lugenbeal had a good delivery."—*H. G. Miller*.

Jesse Miller was a caller at the office this morning on his way to his new field of labor. We shall expect some good reports from him in the near future.

We are glad to report that Brother Hoover, who recently had an operation for appendicitis at the Murray Hospital, is improving.

Plan for more than you can do,

Then do it;

Bite off more than you can chew,

Then chew it;

"Hitch your wagon to a star," keep your seat,
And there you are.

"Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits."
—*Thomas A. Edison*.

"Being everlastingly on the job beats carrying a rabbit's foot for luck."

"Our todays are the blocks with which we build our future. If these are defective, the whole structure of our life will correspond. Your future will be exactly what you put into your todays."

R. R. BROOKS.

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THE MADISON SCHOOL

A new piano recently appeared in the chapel much to the delight of the students of Mrs. Brownsberger, teacher of piano. The old piano has been given a room of its own and set aside for practice purposes.

Excavating has begun for the much-needed central heating and power plant, which is to be constructed in the rear of the new Assembly Hall at the approximate cost of \$10,000. It is hoped this can be ready for use next winter.

On Tuesday, Dr. Parker, a representative of the Bureau of Animal Industry, of the United States Department of Agriculture, tested our herd of 41 head of cattle for tuberculosis. This test was the third of the kind which has been made at our request, with a view of placing

our herd on the accredited list. No trace of any infection has been found.

We greatly enjoyed the visit of Elder B. E. Beddoe, assistant secretary of the General Conference, last Sabbath. His stirring missionary talks at morning and afternoon services were an inspiration to all his hearers to do more to extend the knowledge of the gospel to the end of the world.

The Saturday evening recreation hour was occupied by the etiquette committee which presented a very pleasing and instructive program. Many say they will now correct their awkward and uncouth manners.

KENTUCKY

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KENTUCKY NEWS

We are glad to see several new names on the list of our colporteurs this week.

We are sorry to report the sickness and death of little Bernita, daughter of Brother and Sister H. R. Stearns.

Elder C. W. Curtis spent the week-end at Covington, preaching Sabbath morning and giving a stereopticon lecture in the evening.

The conference office was closed the latter part of last week as the conference and office workers were at Nashville, attending the Union Conference.

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GERMAN MISERY—NO. 2

(Continued)

A sister of Frankfort, for many years connected with our work in Palestine as a nurse and now suffering from tuberculosis recently writes as follows: "You must excuse my delay, but from the turn things are taking we cannot afford to write oftener and we are fast losing the art of writing at all. Everything is so dreadfully high. Bread, yesterday was 10,000,000,000 marks while today, it has risen to 50,000,000,000 for one loaf. We no longer think in millions. We are literally learning the truth of the words of our Master: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.' People inquire: 'What do those things mean? And what will the end of it all be?' And yet, when, Bible in hand, we tell them their portent, most of them are unwilling to listen."

Brother Lutz, the field missionary secretary of the Central European Union in Germany writes: "The Lord has graciously kept us during these trying times, but it is difficult to imagine the hardship of our faithful convasers. Most of them have no shoes or clothing to carry them through the winter months and a good many are without the least little stock of potatoes. Many a brother must now toil all week to sell one of our larger books."

When in Berlin I inquired of a man who was selling books on a cart all marked 50,000,000,000, how he succeeded he replied: "Who is going to buy books today, when most people are having a hard time even to buy bread? Business is dreadfully dull." The middle class who used to buy books is practically wiped out. Speaking with a high government official engaged along educational lines, he said to me: "You would not believe me if I mentioned the names of men that have a ring in the scientific world for their accomplishments who are now

reduced to absolute poverty. They can no longer afford a newspaper, not to speak of a book or foreign periodical so essential for their research work. Our libraries are closing down, and much of their valuable stock is being sold." And then, to give me an illustration, he referred to the case of his friend, a chief mayor in one of the cities of the Berlin community that receives large subventions from the state. The family seemed to be getting thinner every day until late one evening his wife suggested that she was afraid they were starving. Straightway they went to ascertain the facts and were startled to learn that their apprehensions were well founded. A few days ago the mayor had received back payment for some time amounting to 35,000,000,000 marks. With these he could not buy half a loaf of bread, nay, not even one pound.

There are many thousands of such "verschamte Arme" ashamed poor, who have been stricken with poverty so suddenly that they would rather die than take courage to reveal their misery, even to their friends.

Standing in front of the imperial castle when waiting for a car, now operating on some lines only at rather long intervals, we heard the sound of music rather unusual in the streets of Berlin. Turning round, we found a well-dressed gentleman, evidently a professor, teacher or minister singing gospel tunes he was playing on his portable organ and then asking for contributions from the passers-by.

Hardly had we recovered from this sight when a lady of the better class, with care-worn face yet dignified steps came begging alms. And, while still waiting for our car, another lady stopped at some distance and, hesitating for a moment as if wrestling with her feelings, she suddenly came forward with an effort asking for a trifle, "eine Kleinigkeit," as she put it, adding with tears: "This is my first effort in my life. I have been trying to put it off all the time, but I can do it no longer. Conditions have become so hopeless with us that I must now go to the street and implore public charity."

Traveling westward, I met women returning from a visit to their husbands, railroad men, who had been expelled from their homes by the French authorities. The situation in that part of the country, they said was indescribable. A gentleman at Saarburg had recently lost his wife from exhaustion and as no news of her burial was forthcoming after more than two days, people went to him to make inquiries. Under sobs the man confessed that he had done nothing at all as he did not know by what means to secure a coffin feeling ashamed to reveal his condition that he had so long concealed.

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SUMMARY OF THE BOOK WORK IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ALABAMA CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Feb. 16

Name	BE.	Fr.	Ord.	Total Sale	Dol.
H. T. Barnhart	GC, BML	41	6	100.00	
T. A. Brown	GC, BML	45	8	40.00	69.75
M. R. Garratt	BR, BML	30	38	173.00	6.00
B. F. Harmon	BML	8	8	22.00	
T. Hilderbrandt	DR	29		39.25	20.40
Mrs. M. E. Hinds (2)	CK	35	29	58.25	3.50
W. S. Mooney	BR	23	2	17.25	16.25
N. H. Waters	GC	45	1	17.00	106.60
J. S. Randolph	PP	38	4	59.70	14.25
Colored					
W. H. Baker	CR	27		68.75	11.75
Mrs. Baker	CR	16		53.25	30.25
G. W. Brown	BR			10.75	
T. G. Culpepper	BR	39	10	45.00	4.00
L. B. Miller	JD, BMP	9	12	3.00	.25

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S. D. Miller	JD, BMP	9	8	2.00	.50
Total		395	126	709.20	283.50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE For Two Weeks Ending Feb. 16

Claude Hughes	PP	69	19	176.50	19.20
N. A. Reiber	OD	69	42	177.25	1.25
F. E. Brown	DR	72	22	212.40	6.50
Z. N. Taylor	GC	63	16	116.00	.25
J. W. Walker	BR	20	3	26.85	11.25
Mrs. E. Luttrell	OD	42	13	61.50	
G. T. Ashlock	GC	11	1	10.50	50.00
L. B. Silveria (3)	BR	63	16	102.00	52.25
James Hickman (1)	PP	25			146.00
Alma Smith (1)	OD	20	8	31.50	
J. W. Franklin	BR	17		29.50	
G. R. Libscomb	OD	16	9	33.85	
Colored					
W. M. Martin	OD	79	12	65.75	14.10
Total		566	161	1043.50	300.80

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE For Week Ending Feb. 16

Edward Lugenbeal	DR	45	7	68.50	2.50
R. W. Fry (2)	OD	82	21	101.00	57.00
T. W. Metcalfe	DR	42	6	63.00	2.75
F. L. Cushing	BR	39	7	38.75	1.75
W. D. Fleming	GC	30	6	42.75	
H. G. Miller	BR	22		.50	66.75
H. E. Beck	BR	17	1	9.50	64.00
Total		277	48	324.00	194.75

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS FOR THE BLIND

The Christian Record Publishing Company has arranged to print the Sabbath school lessons for the blind, beginning with the second quarter of 1924. They are to be

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