



## MIDNIGHT CRIES

W. Mason

It was a cool night, the stars were shining. The moon had not yet appeared, though the mellow light on the horizon told of its approach, when a little village in the heart of the forest was rudely awakened by cries and yells of an invading foe.

Who could it be, for had they not only a week ago defeated Lilayi, their neighbouring chief? The Lamba people were away on an expedition to the West, while friendly treaties had long been entered into with Mungule. However, though these thoughts all passed rapidly through their minds, there was not time now to discuss them.

A scramble was made for their spears and a few old guns that had been received in barter for their ivory and skins from the traders at Fort Johnson, two hundred miles away, and Chilwana, their chief, a man six feet high, agile and fearless, and as cunning as the beasts of the forest in which he lived, led them forth into the fight. Behind him followed his brother, also a warrior of no mean repute. The fight was hard, but daybreak saw the enemy retreating over the Mwembeshi river, when a stray shot brought down the brother and companion of the chief.

These days are past. The native chiefs no longer engage in these tribal wars, nor do the Arab raiders, in search of slaves, disturb their peaceful slumber, as in the story just related. The mission house now stands on the site where the Arab camp was pitched on that notable occasion. The old centenarian chief, though now a leper, is

also a church member in good standing. He sends his children to the school, and helps us in every way possible.

This is no doubt a great improvement over past days, yet there is still a great need, for even though advancing civilization has had its effect, and broken up these ancient customs, their present condition is far from gratifying. The need of



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"Forest Friends," by H. R. Evans,	1.50.
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this section of the great world field is great. I certainly trust that this appeal on behalf of these ignorant, superstitious people, sick in body and in soul, will surely touch the hearts of God's children, who have been favoured with better conditions and Christian homes.

I will not take time to go into detail regarding the house I live in, with its mud walls, and floor on which nothing is safe because of white ants, regardless of the fact that most articles are standing on sheets of iron. All mats must be taken up every night. These things are only mere details and form part of the "light afflictions" spoken of by Paul. However, as a vision of our school building passes before my eyes, which I would despise having as a barn or cow shed were I a farmer, and I think of the approach of the wet season, with the rain pouring through a hundred holes in the grass roof laden with dust accumulated during the dry season, bespattering our books, charts, papers, and seats; when I see the smoke rising from villages in the distance, that have never heard the saving message for this time; as I contemplate the numbers of sick turned away because of the lack of medicine and appliances, and a building in which to care for them, I am not so readily appeased, and wonder if the brethren really realize the conditions under which we must labor in some of these Central African fields. Personally I feel confident, and find some consolation in the belief that they do not.

Brethren, the time of the end is now here, the last minute of this last hour will soon be past. Let it not be said of us that we laid up our treasures during the last days. Soon there will be another midnight

cry, not of Arab slave raiders, but of those that have failed in their stewardship. "Take heed, for in an hour when ye think not," surely applies to us who are living in these last days. Let us be ready.

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**REPORT OF SECRETARY OF  
THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER  
DEPARTMENT AT QUADREN-  
NIAL SESSION, SOUTHERN  
UNION CONFERENCE**

**Nashville, February 2-9, 1928**

Two brief statements from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White will serve to set forth the two outstanding aims of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department:

"What a sad spectacle to the world are the numbers of unconverted children that attend our churches."—*Review and Herald*, Feb. 12, 1893.

"Well-instructed children and youth can work in many lines for the Master and can even in their early years be a blessing to those with whom they come in contact."—*Id.*

It is indeed a sad spectacle to enter one of our churches or Sabbath schools and see the large number of boys and girls and young people attending, to watch the progress of the church year by year, and to realize that many of these youth drift into the world. Not only is it a sad spectacle to the world and to us, but it is still more sad to our Father in heaven as He looks down and sees our young people carried here and there on the currents of life, unanchored to the Rock of Jesus. He must view with amazement the apparent indifference of some who have the opportunity to bring a different experience into the lives of our youth.

So the first problem and aim of this department is to lead out in devising and fostering plans which will bring our young people into the message. As soon as an individual is converted to the religion of Christ, he is filled with an intense desire to give it to others. And there lies the second aim of this department. We must train our

youth who have given themselves to Christ, and others who are just learning of the way, to throw their efforts in with those of the older members of the church, to witness for Christ in their surrounding communities, and indirectly to all the world.

We have a number of agencies whose primary or secondary purpose is to save the youth. We have our fine Christian schools, we have our Sabbath schools, and we have our church organizations; and the question may arise with some, Why have a Missionary Volunteer society? We all recognize that the Sabbath school is one of the strongest agencies we have for giving the youth a knowledge of the Bible and of the spiritual life; and we are truly thankful for our fine educational system. In fact we are quite confident that if we can place one of our young people in a Christian school, we have in the large majority of cases accomplished something which will bring a turning point in that individual's experience and bind his life to this great cause.

However, there are some phases of the Missionary Volunteer society which are extremely helpful, and peculiar to that organization. There are many young people who do not have the privileges of attending one of our training schools, and these must be helped and enlisted in the Missionary Volunteer society. In the organization of the local society, leadership is needed; and the supplying of leaders to direct our young people will serve to train some who would not otherwise obtain these valuable experiences of leadership. In the programs which are rendered from week to week the young people are asked to take part, and this develops speaking ability and a spirit of cooperation in carrying out a service. As the great missionary campaigns are launched in the churches, the young people cooperate and learn to work with the leaders of the church in bringing success to the cause.

In the Standard of Attainment and Reading Course plans, we find something to attract and hold the mind and to enrich the intellectual and moral life. The Bible

Year and Morning Watch both minister directly to the devotional life of the individual; and in all of our plans we place great emphasis on the "volunteer" spirit, thus developing initiative in the members. So we can see that there is a great place for the Missionary Volunteer society.

Since the first problem before this denomination in connection with the youth is their salvation, we would say that the first and most important work is that of evangelism of the youth. To lead in the work of gathering our young people into the church, a Missionary Volunteer secretary has been chosen in each conference. That he may do his work successfully, we must allow him time in which to engage in soul-saving efforts for the boys and girls. We have placed on him this responsibility, and we must allow him the opportunity to discharge that responsibility or we should not hold him responsible if the work is not done. The first and most important work he has is that in the field when he comes in personal contact with the young people. In order to carry out this work successfully, he should have ability to present the truths in a forceful way in public. He should also be one that takes a great interest in the youth, and it is well if he has the desirable personal characteristics which will attract the good will and cooperation of the youth in turn. He should be a strong personal worker, for in that line he can accomplish much of the end toward which he is striving. And last but not least, he should be allowed to remain in office for a sufficient length of time to enable him to learn his work, to form proper attachments with the youth and to see some results from his labors.

Since the first reports were turned in to the union office in the year 1917, the average length of service of the conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries has been fifteen months. I shall let that significant figure speak for itself in your judgment.

The next important point for us to consider is the fact that pastors and evangelists can accomplish much, and in some cases more,

than the young people's secretary by their own personal and public efforts in behalf of the youth. Our statistics show that in the past four years, 44.7 per cent of all of the people baptized in the Southern Union were young people. What a fruitful field of labor this is, and how substantially our work will grow if we can cultivate this fruitful field. Most of these youth have been reared in the truth and are acquainted with its teachings; and when they take their stand, it is not so necessary to go over all the ground and train them in the faith. The Young People's Department cannot do all of this work. We earnestly solicit the help of pastors, church elders, Sabbath school superintendents and teachers in a united effort for our young people.

One of the finest opportunities that is presented to us to carry out this soul-saving work is the spring Week of Prayer. During this week, our churches are asked to meet, if possible, every night; and if it is not possible, at least three or four times during the week, and to hold meetings for and in behalf of our unconverted youth. At these meetings, the simple truths of the plan of salvation

from God's word can be explained, and we can intercede before the throne that the Spirit of the Lord may touch the hearts of our young people. And best of all, we can go to them and use our personal influence to invite them to Christ. A church could have no greater joy and no better experience than to see a good group of young people come into the fold as result of such an effort.

During the past three years of our connection with the Young People's Department, we have been privileged to carry out several plans which have greatly advanced the work. We have held a council of conference secretaries every year and have had a representative of the General Conference M. V. Department present with us. These councils have greatly strengthened the leadership of the young people's work in this union, and served to give our young people's workers an exalted idea of the task before them. We plan to follow this Union Conference session with such a council.

Last year the first institute of officers of local societies in the Southern Union was held in the Alabama Conference. Two such institutes were held in that field,

one in the central part of the State and one in the south. Those who have come from that conference to this meeting fully appreciate the great benefits following those institutes. The inspiration and instruction are still being felt in various quarters of the conference. Tennessee River Conference will hold its first institute this year. There is nothing like a meeting of this kind for training leaders to carry on this important work. Each year we have held a Y. P. M. V. rally at Southern Junior College and at Oakwood, thus bringing to these training schools the latest plans of the department, and some instruction which will serve to prepare the young people who leave those institutions for more intelligent leadership in their home churches.

You will surely be interested to study the statistical sheet which has been handed to you. The comparatively good showing in 1927 is largely due to the new spirit of progress brought in by our secretaries' council and officers' institutes. We believe, however, that we have only touched the possibilities of work along various lines with our young people.

Referring to the missionary work done by our young people, we have not recorded every item but have tried to give you some idea of what is being done by picking out seven main representative items of missionary work, and giving you the total without reference as to which of the items shows the best increase. We are all cheered by the excellent showing of the past year. This department does not claim sole responsibility for the work accomplished as shown on this sheet, and we recognize that faithful workers of other lines have contributed their part in urging our youth to a high standard of living and Christian service. As we look forward to the future, we see great possibilities for the young people of the Southern Union Conference.

Two years ago a new plan was introduced in the work of Harvest Ingathering, which seems to have appealed especially to our young people, and seems to have been successful in enlisting many who

#### Y. P. M. V. STATISTICS SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE QUADRENNIAL PERIOD

	1924	1925	1926	1927
Number of Societies	49	49	48	56
Senior Societies	18	25	27	28
Junior Societies	31	24	21	28
Number of Members	1188	888	960	1199
Senior Members	566	461	462	572
Junior Members	622	427	498	627
Totals of seven major items of missionary work *	54397	57874	51128	123161
Progress on Goal (goals in bold)				
Conversions **	<b>127-213</b>	<b>157-176</b>	<b>156- 77</b>	<b>156- 99</b>
St. of Att. Certif.	<b>53- 40</b>	<b>53- 43</b>	<b>52- 40</b>	<b>52- 118</b>
R. C. Certif. Issued	<b>431-555</b>	<b>431-431</b>	<b>416-342</b>	<b>416-1240</b>
Bible Year Certif.	<b>110-173</b>	<b>110-116</b>	<b>108-130</b>	<b>108- 171</b>
Mission Funds	<b>\$5880.00</b>	<b>3824.08</b>	<b>3825.00</b>	<b>5812.50</b>
Totals	6196.68	4648.90	6774.15	5664.05
Reporting (percentage)	<b>100- 67</b>	<b>100- 85</b>	<b>100- 68</b>	<b>95- 77</b>

\*These items are missionary visits, Bible readings or gospel meetings, hours of Christian help work, treatments given, periodicals distributed, books distributed, missionary letters written.

\*\*44.7 per cent of all the baptisms in the Southern Union 1924-1927 have been of young people.

would otherwise never have done any of this work,—the method of singing for missions. This is only illustrative of other plans which can and will be developed which are directly adaptable to the nature of young people and will serve to enlist their enthusiasm in various lines of missionary endeavor.

As we close this report we ask you to observe that in the matter of conversions, we have not shown the proper gains; and to this most important work of gathering our young people into the church and enlisting their services in missionary endeavor, we invite your sympathetic interest. W. P. Bradley.

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### THE CALL OF THE HOUR WILL YOU ENLIST?

We say knowledge is what we learn from men. But "*wisdom is the gift from God,*" and the Lord admonishes us in Prov. 4:7-13 to get *wisdom* and says, "*Wisdom is the principal thing, and with all thy getting get understanding.*" "*Exalt her and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her.*"

In this article I hope to call your attention so that you will receive knowledge as to how to use that wisdom to the best advantage, and that you may be profited to the extent of eternal life.

Sister White in the following words given us May 15, 1903, at Sanitarium, Cal., says that many times she was shown that "there should be more general interest in our canvassing work. The circulation of our literature is one very important means of placing before men and women the light God had committed to His church to be given to the world. The books sold by our canvassers open to many minds the unsearchable riches of Christ.

"In the service of the Lord there is work of many kinds to be performed. In the service of the temple there were hewers of wood, as well as priests of various orders, bearing various degrees of responsibility. Our church members are to arise and shine, because their light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen

upon them. Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep, and make every effort to reach the people where they are. The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us and made secondary to worldly interests. We have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places. Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to just what is before us.

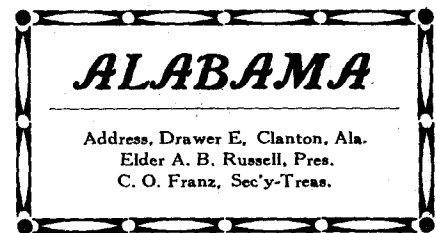
"Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls. The canvassing work should now be earnestly and decidedly taken up. The canvasser whose heart is meek and lowly and humble can accomplish much good. Let them speak to families the words of Christ. They may expect success, for theirs is the promise, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' Canvassers who go forth in the spirit of the Master have the companionship of heavenly beings.

"Let no business enterprises be allowed to absorb the time and talents of workers who ought to be engaged in preparing a people for the coming of the Lord. The truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. Time is short. The enemy will make every effort to magnify in our minds matters of lesser consequence, and lead us to regard lightly the very work that needs most to be done. The things of this world are soon to perish. Consecrated men and women must go forth to sound the warning in the highways and the byways. I urge my brethren and sisters not to engage in work that will hinder them from proclaiming the gospel of Christ.

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

the gospel preached to them. The Master knows and watches over the workers, in whatever part of His vineyard they are laboring. He calls upon His church to arouse and become acquainted with the situation.

"My brother and sister, do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?" F. W. Schmehl.



### ALABAMAGRAMS

Elder Russell spent Sabbath, February 25, with the church at Florence, Alabama, returning to Birmingham, where a meeting of the colored committee was held Sunday.

Brethren J. F. Ashlock and W. W. Walker stopped in at Clanton last week after having visited a number of our isolated members in the southern part of the conference. It is planned to visit other of our isolated members in the southwestern part of the State during the week February 25 to March 3. Excellent reports are being received from these faithful members who do not have the privilege of meeting with others of like faith usually more than once or twice a year.

Brother W. W. Walker and family have moved to Pensacola, as he is to act as pastor of the church there. We are glad that the Pensacola members can have a worker located among them.

Word has drifted down to the office that Miss Mary Morton and Mr. Aubrey Liles, both of Birmingham, were married February 18 at the home of Elder Brown. We wish them much joy and happiness.

Brother Coble visited a number of our colporteur workers in the

southern part of the State during the past week, stopping also at Mobile to assist Brother Culpepper in a delivery near that place.

The First Birmingham church was glad to have Elder U. Bender, of the Oakwood school, with them on Sabbath, February 25.

A letter just received from Brother V. M. Elmore, of the First Montgomery church, brings an encouraging report in regard to the work of securing signers to the petition against the proposed Sunday bill in Congress, known as H. R. No. 78. Brother Elmore writes that he secured one hundred signers within a very short time, and can secure many more. Of these one hundred names, four are State legislators, one senator, three judges, three city commissioners, and other prominent men such as bankers and lawyers. Brother Elmore states that in only five instances did men decline to sign the petition, and several of these gave reasons other than that they were opposed to the bill. Let us continue to keep this good work going, for the issue is not settled as yet by any means.

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### KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Newspaper correspondents, writing from Washington, say that no bill has ever before been introduced in Congress which has awakened such spontaneous protest from citizens all over the country, as has the Lankford Sunday bill for the District of Columbia, H. R. 78, and that the petitions against the bill are rather increasing in number every week. Isn't that fine? Let us keep up the good work, and entuse others to get busy, before it is too late.

The Jewish rabbis of the Reformed Church of America are protesting by personal letters and telgrams

to their Congressmen, and Louisville's leading rabbi recently spoke against Sunday bills at his Sunday night meeting in the Temple. I find in visiting among our Hebrew friends that they are pleased to know that we are with them in protesting against all religious legislation.

The danger is not over yet. Let us not rest on our oars. Like General Jackson at New Orleans, let us hide behind as big a pile of petitions as we can possibly muster, watch the progress of affairs at Washington, and if the bill comes before the general body, and the threatened enemy gets so close that we can see the whites of their eyes, then let us all unitedly blaze away with steady aim with our telegrams and letters.

Above all let us pray, but also keep our powder dry, and continue to pile up protecting cotton bales of petitions. Stemple White.

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### RELIEF CAMPAIGN

After the World War our conference found itself facing a heavy financial deficit; and now at the end of ten years we find ourselves still carrying a part of this indebtedness. Some of our young churches are also struggling under a load that is at times somewhat discouraging.

We are sure many of our people would be glad to help answer these needy calls if they were able. We are glad that the Institutional Relief campaign makes it possible for every one of our people to join hands in rolling away the reproach of debt that rests upon us.

The books that are to be sold this year are the same as our colporteurs are selling every week at more than double the price, and God is richly blessing their efforts. There are many of our people who can place a number of these books among their friends and neighbors, thus bringing before them the truth for this time, and

at the same time help this campaign along in a good strong way.

Shall we not rally as one man to the task of clearing the burden of debt away, that the work of God be not hindered longer, so that we may be able to do more and better service in the future?

C. E. Botimer.

## TENN. RIVER

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### TENNESSEE'S GREAT COMMISSION

To succeed in missionary work it is always necessary that our own experience is built upon the right foundation. No artisan is an expert in his line of work unless he has made a thorough study of his line, and knows it thoroughly.

We are glad to see our missionary reports increasing, which is an evidence that our people are rallying to the work in a good strong way. Nearly every month some souls won to the truth through the efforts of lay-members are reported. I wish to appeal to our believers in this conference to press on, and weary not in well doing.

At this particular time our churches are being visited by our workers, who desire to be helpful in every possible way. Instruction and counsel is being given. In some sections the isolated members are also being visited, as workers travel from place to place.

We are glad to see our people subscribing for our periodicals and books. Every home should have the *Review*, *Signs of the Times* and *Watchman Magazine*. Where there are children, they should also have the *Little Friend* and *Youth's Instructor*.

The *Signs of the Times* campaign has been quite successful. Many churches have also subscribed for clubs of *Watchman*. The *Watchman* is especially good for reaching the professional class and business people.

## COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR SOUTHERN UNION

COLPORTEUR	Book	Mag.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Mag.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
<b>ALABAMA, WEEK ENDING FEB. 25. R. R. Coble, Field Secretary</b>										
H. C. Tritt	RJ	W	48	8	24.00	8	8.00	3.25	35.25	
G. S. Holland	BR	W	45	22	125.00	22	22.00	3.75	150.75	
W. M. Abbott	BR		45	14	87.50			13.00	100.50	3.00
Clara Cooke	RJ	W	38	5	15.00	6	6.00	13.25	34.25	12.25
Bessie Cooke	RJ	W	38	18	57.00	18	18.00	7.00	82.00	
T. Hilderbrandt	GC	W	37	6	29.00	8	8.00	7.75	44.75	59.50
A. P. Sheldt (2)	OD		60	3	10.50			8.75	19.25	10.50
E. V. Sykes (2)	RJ		37	9	31.00				31.00	4.50
W. H. McDaniel	BR		8	3	14.00				14.00	
Mrs. T. Hilderbrandt		W	5			1	1.00	2.50	3.50	1.50
H. T. Barnhart										8.00
R. J. Cook	BFL	W	35	7	22.00	7	7.00	7.50	36.50	2.75
T. G. Culpepper	BR		7							32.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>403</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>415.00</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>66.75</b>	<b>551.75</b>	<b>134.00</b>
<b>KENTUCKY, WEEK ENDING FEB. 25. J. Culpepper, Field Secretary</b>										
E. B. Whittier	RJ		25							120.00
<i>Colored:</i>										
William Fort	BR		38	6	33.00			10.75	43.75	10.00
C. D. Minnis (2)	DR		77	8	44.00			11.75	55.75	7.50
<b>Totals</b>			<b>140</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>77.00</b>			<b>22.50</b>	<b>99.50</b>	<b>137.50</b>
<b>LA-MISS., WEEK ENDING FEB. 25. C. E. Botimer, Field Secretary</b>										
Matthew Brownlie	OD	W	40	10	36.50	15	15.00	16.50	68.00	22.75
Luke Galjour	GC	W	40	4	17.50	5	5.00	25.00	47.50	
Pauline Mallett	OD	W	29	2	9.00	4	4.00	15.25	28.25	2.75
Georgia Mangum	OD	W	24	4	18.75	4	4.00	14.75	37.50	3.50
Clarence Stewart		W				15	15.00		15.00	
J. L. Waller		W								13.00
<i>Colored</i>										
Birdie Hamblet	OD		35					51.85	51.25	
Lou J. McElroy	BF		46	4	12.00			39.75	51.75	5.75
<b>Totals</b>			<b>216</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>93.75</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43.00</b>	<b>162.50</b>	<b>299.25</b>	<b>47.75</b>
<b>TENN. RIVER, WEEK ENDING FEB. 25. R. O. Hoover, Field Secretary</b>										
W. J. Mercer	PG		47	10	35.00			15.00	50.00	
Richard Wilson	BF		44	10	30.00				30.00	12.00
H. G. Miller	RJ		31	4	13.00		3.00	1.25	17.25	17.00
J. R. Travis	RJ		39	7	21.00			16.00	37.00	2.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>161</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>99.00</b>		<b>3.00</b>	<b>32.25</b>	<b>134.25</b>	<b>32.00</b>
<b>Union Grand Totals</b>			<b>920</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>684.75</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>116.00</b>	<b>284.00</b>	<b>1084.75</b>	<b>351.25</b>

The Conference Relief campaign is also progressing nicely, and will continue from March 3 to 17. This is in place of the Institutional Relief which we had year by year in the past. Some of our churches throughout the conference are still carrying the reproach of debt, and it is a good thing for brethren to work together and help to bear one another's burdens.

If you already have the Relief books, why not order some extra ones to loan your friends and

neighbors? They also make splendid gifts. We ought to put several thousand of them into circulation during this campaign.

The time is approaching for for spring work in the country, and the Sabbath school Investment program is being supplied to all our Sabbath schools. We hope the spring program will be carried out in a good strong way in each school. The investment plan works especially well in the country, but even city churches can use the plan

very successfully to supplement mission offerings.

A very interesting story in this connection is being sent to Sabbath school officers of how one sister in a city raised \$100 through the investment plan in various ways.

Some can make useful articles for sale, others can sell unused and and discarded household possessions. Others sell small books and magazines; flowers and vegetables not needed personally can be sold and returns given to the fund. There are many ways in which all can have a part in the Investment plan if we will but study it a little.

In this conference we have many nurses, some of whom are institutional workers and are frequently obliged to be on duty Friday nights. This was quite a serious problem with the Murray Sabbath school until Sister Skinner, the superintendent, conceived the idea of having a second Sabbath school Sabbath afternoon, when those who are on night duty or emergency duty Sabbath morning, can attend. The foregoing information may be a suggestion to superintendents at other places.

Elder Dement and the writer are visiting the churches in the western part of the conference. Other workers are visiting other churches throughout the conference. In addition to helping these churches in every way they can, they are also promoting the conference Relief campaign. Good success is attending the work. R. F. Woods.

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### WHO DID IT?

This week three splendid orders for the No-Tobacco *Little Friend* came to the Pacific Press, totaling 3,100 copies—one from a public school in the southern part of California, another from the pastor of a large Evangelical Church in Ontario, Canada, and the third from a high school principal. Probably two or three boys or girls will read every paper. And who can estimate the saving influence from the terrible slavery to tobacco to the six or eight thousand plastic minds receiving this early impress for good?

And the best part of it is that we all may have a part in this work of influencing others to help with the No-Tobacco *Little Friend* and other soul-saving literature ministry. If all who are interested will write their Book and Bible House secretary, he will give them full information as to how they may do their part.

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### HELPS FOR CHURCH ELDERS

A recent announcement through the daily press indicates that the United States government has established a "Reading Course for Soldiers," the purpose of the plan being to enable the soldiers to become fully informed, not alone by drill and field demonstration, but also by reading literature along lines fundamental to successful service in defence of the nation. It was of particular interest to note that the government has adopted the Reading Course plan, as it affords another evidence that specialized, systematic reading plays an important part in the attainment of efficiency—that quality which is so desirable in the character of Christian workers.

In the interests of increased efficiency on the part of church elders and leaders, the General Conference committee has authorized the selection of an annual Reading Course. This church elders' course is known as "The Auxiliary Ministerial Reading Course," because it is closely allied to the Reading Course for ministers and conference workers, which has been in operation for fourteen years and has proved of inestimable value. Usually, one book is the same in both the Ministerial and the Auxiliary Courses, the other books in the latter course being adapted to meet the needs of the busy church elder whose time for reading is generally quite limited. For instance, the book which is included in both the Ministerial and the Auxiliary Course this year is entitled "Every-Member Evangelism," and this is what one city pastor writes concerning it:

"I have never found a better Reading Course book than 'Every-

Member Evangelism.' I hope all pastors and church elders will read it, for I believe it will put new life into their bones. At any rate, that is the way it affected me; and as I read portions to the church, it affected the church members the same way, as evidenced by the remarks after the service. I cannot stress too much the value of this book. I expect that it will give me material for about three more sermons. It is possible to read from this book without wearying the audience, for it is intensely interesting, and each sentence contains a message. It will do the soul good, and is right along the line in which every pastor is interested—enlisting every member of the church in soul-winning work."

The other books in the church elders' reading course this year are: "Christ Our Righteousness," (a compilation from the writings of the spirit of prophecy), "The School of Obedience," and "The Adventure of Prayer." A special combination price on the four books makes it possible to secure them through the Book and Bible House for \$2.60, postpaid. There is ample time for reading and re-reading these books during the rest of the year, and all who have not secured them will find it well worth while to do so without further delay. Registration card and information as to the advantages of enrolling as a member of the Auxiliary Reading Course Circle, will be furnished by addressing:

The Ministerial Association,  
General Conference, S. D. A.,  
Takoma Park, Wash., D. C.

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### WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

Prepared especially for those who are not Christians or those who have backslidden, this helpful article by Elder Llewellyn A. Wilcox is one that will reach hearts. Ask your Book and Bible House secretary for the March color *Signs*. Only four cents each in lots of ten or more.

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Guard well thy thoughts; our thoughts are heard in heaven.—  
*Young.*



### COLLEGEDALE NOTES

Miss Rosa Meister, an old S. J. C. student, recently spent a week-end at Collegedale, visiting her many friends here. She is under appointment to engage in school work in India, and plans to sail from New York the 24th of this month.

This past week the examinations were held for the fourth six-weeks period of the school year. This is a reminder that only twelve weeks remain of the present year.

Just after dinner on a recent Sunday the fire siren sounded, and at once there was a rush for the fire hose and extinguishers. The "firemen" ran like mad, but their whoops and chuckles gave it all away as only a fire drill. The alarm indicated the ladies' dormitory, and the hose was quickly carried to the roof of that three-story building. These occasional drills will enable us to put up a strong fight against a real fire if one ever happens.

On Tuesday of last week the Executive Board of the College met to consider various matters concerning the future work of our school. Plans are being considered that it is hoped will make the work of our students more effective, and will also guard the financial interests of the College.

Elder Jay J. Nethery and Brother Burton Castle, members of the College Board, attended the chapel service last Wednesday morning. Brother Castle gave the chapel talk, his subject being "Money," which he defined as that which "meets our needs every year." His remarks were full of helpful suggestions for the use of this very useful commodity.

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## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK AMONG THE FOREIGNERS

On Sabbath, March 3, our attention will again be called to the Religious Liberty work in the United States; and as each church will no doubt be ordering literature to use in the campaign against the present Sunday law, it is hoped that you will not forget the foreign speaking people in your vicinity.

The prices on the Religious Liberty literature in the Danish-Norwegian, German, and Swedish languages are \$2.00 per hundred, or \$20.00 per thousand. The "Present Truth," which was brought out in the other languages, were reduced in price January 1 so that you can now get these papers for \$10.00 per thousand or \$1.00 per hundred.

The "Present Issues" in the Yiddish and Yiddish-English is having a wonderful sale, and those who can use any of these papers may obtain them for eight cents per copy.

All orders for the above mentioned literature should be placed with your local Book and Bible House.  
Herbert Griffith.

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"Do you feel that it is too great a sacrifice to yield all to Christ? Ask yourself the question, 'What has Christ given for me?'"

## COLPORTEUR INSTITUTES FOR SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

Kentucky, Colored,	March 2.
La-Miss., Colored,	March 15.
F. W. Schmehl.	

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## S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS

There is no excuse for a Sabbath school superintendent appearing before the school on Sabbath with his face rough and unshaven; with his shoes still smeared with the mud and dirt of the field where he was working the week before; with his clothes soiled, baggy, and undusted. A superintendent who has any self-respect for himself or the school will not come before the school in any such unrepresentable manner. He really needs to be converted to the truth that God is a God of order, system, and cleanliness. It doesn't cost much energy to appear tidy and clean in God's sanctuary, and the psychological effect is beyond estimation. Let us look clean and decent when we come to church.

A Sympathetic Observer.

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"Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul, may keep the path, but will not reach the goal, while he who walks in love may wander far, but God will bring him where the blessed are."

## THEY COULDN'T GO TO SCHOOL—HELP THEM AT HOME

Last fall when the time came for our schools to open, a hundred young people left their homes for Southern Junior College and Oakwood, from churches in the Southern Union Conference. They have many fine advantages and are constantly under spiritual influences and have Christian associates. But back home there are many more who should have gone away and couldn't; there are others who have permanently settled down at home; and then there are the younger ones who are not ready to go away to school yet. All of these at home need definite help, and the opportunity to give them that help is here. During the week of March 10-17, the spring Week of Prayer for the youth, let the following things be done in all churches:

1. Church pastors and elders should hold meetings every night.
2. School teachers should have meetings in the school with the children.
3. The outlines and helps in the *March Gazette*, pages 16-24, should be used as far as possible for these meetings.
4. Let all members of the church engage in earnest prayer for the salvation of the youth.
5. Let parents, church leaders and others do personal work with the youth.

The topic for Sabbath, March 10, which is Missionary Volunteer day, "How Readest Thou?" is timely, and the lesson for Sunday is an article from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White, "Privileges and Opportunities of the Youth."

The young people need our help, and we need them in the church.

"In this time of peril" we must "arouse and work as for life or many of the youth will be forever lost."  
W. P. Bradley.

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"Seen in their true relations, there is no experience of life over which one has a right to worry. Ruskin says, 'God gives us always strength enough and sense enough for everything He wants us to do.'"