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Georgia-Cumberland Conference Report 1942-1946

By I. M. EVANS, President

I BRING YOU greetings today from the 3919 members who compose the constituency of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference!

Although since last we met in Union Conference Session there have been many changes in the working force of our field and the world war through which we have recently passed has created many problems in connection with the various phases of our work, we are glad to report progress in every line of activity throughout our territory.

The past five years have naturally been ones of financial prosperity, and our believers have faithfully supported our world-wide mission program with their tithes and offerings and have endeavored to do their part in carrying forward the work in the home field by cooperating with our ministers in

various campaigns, by contributing of their means, and by personal missionary endeavor.

Our tithe for the years 1942 through 1946 amounted to \$1,185,975.50 as compared with \$495,393.81 during the previous five-year period, and our mission offerings show a gain of \$201,372.02. Our Sabbath school contributions alone totaled \$304,826.57 during the past five years, \$91,957.80 of this amount coming in through the 13th Sabbath offerings and \$13,989.14 through the Investment Fund.

During 1946 our net Book and Bible House sales amounted to \$117,656.57 as compared with \$30,855.49 for 1941, and the total sales for the past five years show a gain of \$361,499.71 over the previous five-year period.

Our combined white and colored

colporteur deliveries for 1942 totaled \$44,145.61, while in 1946 the deliveries for the white department alone totaled \$151,452.38. From 1937 through 1941 our colporteurs delivered \$71,620.70 worth of our truth-filled literature. From 1942 through 1946 they delivered \$581,599.45 worth,—a gain of \$509,979.15 during the five-year period.

During the past five years the number of our church schools has increased from 25 to 29, the number of teachers from 32 to 37, and the enrollment from 479 to 810.

We have in our conference 55 Missionary Volunteer societies with a membership of 769. From 1942 through 1946 they distributed 386,362 pieces of literature and solicited \$22,571.55 for the Ingathering fund. Dur-

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South Atlantic Conference Report 1942-46

By H. D. SINGLETON, President

DURING THE YEARS of 1942-1945, the South Atlantic Conference was a part of the Florida, Carolina, and Georgia - Cumberland Conferences, with the exception of the portion of Georgia-Cumberland that is in Tennessee. During this period of time a net gain of nearly a thousand members was made and tithes and missions offerings greatly increased. A number of churches were raised up and many new edifices erected. New churches and companies were raised up in Thomasville, Valdosta, Bainbridge and Fort Valley, Georgia; Fort Myers, Florida; and Rock Hill, South Carolina. New buildings were erected in Thomasville, Valdosta, Bainbridge

and Fort Valley, Georgia; Fort Pierce, Delray Beach, and St. Augustine, Florida; and Salisbury, North Carolina.

It was during this period that the Publishing work was reborn in this territory in the large degree that it exists today.

The men who led out in the work in this area during those years were Elders L. C. Evans, H. E. Lysinger, F. O. Sanders, R. I. Keate, and I. M. Evans as presidents; Brethren H. E. Schneider, A. P. McDow, R. S. Blackburn, and Charles Fleming, Jr., as secretary-treasurers; Elders W. W. Fordham, F. S. Keitts, and J. G. Thomas as secretaries of the colored departments. We greatly appreciate

what God did for His work under the organization then existing.

The colored work had progressed so well during the years 1942-45 and had reached such strength until the brethren in counsel believed the time ripe to organize the colored churches of Florida, Carolina and Georgia into a colored conference. On December 4, 1945, delegates assembled in Atlanta from these states and with Elder E. F. Hackman as chairman and Brother C. O. Franz as secretary of the meeting the South Atlantic Conference was organized with H. D. Singleton as president, L. S. Follette secretary-treasurer, F. H. Jenkins Missionary Volunteer secretary, and R. P. Robin-

son Publishing Department secretary. Later N. G. Simons was called to be the Home Missionary and Sabbath school secretary and C. L. Benjamin as assistant Book and Bible house manager. There were 3,614 members and 62 churches at the time of the organization.

The South Atlantic Conference began operation January 1, 1946 in the dining room of Brother and Sister R. P. Robinson in Atlanta, and there it operated for three and one-half months. Unfortunately, because of war restriction Brother Robinson had no telephone in his home. The new conference owned no typewriters, so with a borrowed typewriter and Sister Robinson as a lone stenographer, we began to function. In April we were able to rent adequate office space in the Odd Fellows Building. Today we have a full corps of departmental leaders and stenographers. We also have practically all the essential equipment for our office. The General Conference gave a liberal appropriation for the purchase of an office building. To build would be almost prohibitive in cost but in recent months we have been led to believe that the prices of buildings already constructed are beginning to drop; and as we are rather comfortably located in rented quarters, we are not being too hurried in our search for an office building. We believe God has the right building for us and will give it to us in due time. We did purchase a very desirable building during the first month of our operation, but because of zoning restrictions did not use it. Later we sold this building at a good profit.

At the time of the organization we owned only two rather leaky evangelistic tents and 1,000 chairs. Realizing that our primary purpose in existing is to win souls, we bought six new gospel tents and 1,600 chairs. With this equipment thirteen tent efforts were launched during the year. As a result of these efforts and the work of the laity, 526 were added by baptism and profession of faith. The net gain was 350. Our total membership at the end of the year was 3,964.

During the year a number of workers were called away to other fields. Others have been added to our working force. Besides those added to the

office staff, J. F. Street has come from Arizona and is now located in Miami. Added also were five interns.

We have continued the work started on the several church buildings mentioned previously in this report and have started a new building at Belle Glade, Florida. Several other new buildings await the clearing up of the critical national situation that exists in building. The tithe last year amounted to \$141,371.69, a gain of \$5,450.97 over the previous year.

Our missions offering totaled \$85,982.88 or a per capita of .487 which was a gain of .066 over 1945.

The Publishing Department reports \$116,866.60 in deliveries or a gain of 25% over 1945.

We have raised for Riverside \$8,141.71.

During the year 1942, our total *Message Magazine* sales was less than \$4,000, but last year they were \$30,750.12.

We are thankful for twenty-nine church schools with an enrollment of 643 and 28 teachers.

As we look back over this first year of operation, we realize how weak and insufficient we were to lead God's people. We have made many mistakes and learned many lessons, but in spite of these, God has blessed and He should have the credit.

We wish to especially thank Elder Hackman and Brother Franz for the ready counsel and guidance they so willingly gave, and Brother R. C. Mills for the many patient hours he spent with us helping care for our treasurer's records.

We also wish to thank the fine corps of workers in the South Atlantic Conference for their loyalty and hard work which made the 1946 records possible.

As we look into the future, we see three and one-half million unwarned souls. The task of evangelism is overwhelming. The need for adequate church structures is great. The task of

spiritual leadership that will prepare a people for Christ's coming is larger than any man. Trusting in God we go forth.

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ing these years 534 of our young people were baptized and added to the church.

Since the last Union Conference Session our field has organized and carried forward a successful 20th Century Bible School employing a fulltime worker. With the united cooperation of our district leaders, Bible instructors and laity, this organization has been instrumental in adding 131 new believers to our churches and in interesting hundreds of others who are now studying the truth for this time.

A number of major evangelistic campaigns have been carried forward in both the white and colored departments and the ever-increasing membership has made necessary the enlargement of our office and field personnel as well as the organization of several new churches and the construction of a number of new buildings.

Our records show that during the past five years 1107 new believers were baptized in the white department and 546 in the colored department, making a total of 1653. This is a gain of 138 over the previous five-year period despite the fact that our 1946 figures include only the white department, since the colored believers at the beginning of that year united with the newly organized colored conferences in this union.

We have a loyal people and a working force composed of consecrated men and women whose desire is to see the work of God finished in the earth. We look forward to greater attainments during the days which lie ahead and solicit your prayers for the advancement of God's cause in the Georgia-Cumberland field.

Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Report 1943-46

By W. E. STRICKLAND, *President*

As we look back over the years and estimate the progress and increases that have been made in the various departments of the work in Kentucky-

Tennessee, we feel that we should first give honor to God for His blessings and continued guidance. He has truly been good to us, and we believe

that He watered the seed sown and blessed its growth.

What has been accomplished is only a foretaste of what God has in store for His Cause in the future. We would also pay tribute to the faithful labors of the men and women who have been chosen as workers in this field. These are they who have worked and prayed and striven, who have acted as shepherds and shepherdesses, evangelists and teachers and have not spared themselves in carrying out their Lord's commands. They, too, share in the progress shown in this report.

MEMBERSHIP. Our membership shows a small gain over the previous quadrennial period. At the end of 1942 our white membership stood at 3634. At the close of 1946 it was 3808, a gain of 174 for the four years. During these four years, however, considerable work has been done on the various church membership lists and 3808 is a fair showing, considering that it represents more accurately our actual membership. We hope for a bigger and better report four years hence.

Year	Baptisms	P. of F.	Membership
1943	98	17	3599
1944	212	25	3555
1945	273	23	3675
1946	276	88	3808

HOME MISSIONARY AND SABBATH SCHOOL. Our Home Missionary and Sabbath school work has been very ably led by Brethren W. E. Kuester and D. W. O'ffill. Brother O'ffill came to our Conference in the early part of 1945 when Brother Kuester left for the mission field. Brother O'ffill's enthusiasm has done much to make the progress of these departments possible. For your benefit we list some items that show how progress has been made.

20TH CENTURY BIBLE SCHOOL

Years	Enrollments
1943-45	5,674
1946	2,392
TOTALS	8,066

Stu.	Fmsg.	Crs.	Bpts.	Offerings
311			38	\$3,013.61
337			20	2,616.02
648			58	\$5,629.63

Year	No.S.Sc.	S.S. Mem.	S.S.Offs.
1943	49	3084	\$37,596.63
1944	48	3048	45,960.13
1945	51	3110	50,133.60
1946	52	3321	63,542.66
1943-46	TOTALS	\$197,233.02
1939-42	TOTALS	95,252.20

	Ingathering	Miss. Ext.
1943	\$25,415.55	\$3,138.77
1944	31,127.22	3,720.09
1945	36,180.96	3,970.24
1946	47,753.29	4,337.06
1943-46	TOTALS	
	\$140,477.02	\$15,166.16
1939-42	TOTALS	
	75,616.26	8,148.98

	Tot. Missions
1943	\$ 77,195.00
1944	96,497.01
1945	105,713.51
1946	130,857.47
1943-46	TOTALS
	\$410,262.99
1939-42	TOTALS
	201,846.30

TITHE. As our mission funds show an increase so does the tithe. This has come about without doubt because of higher wages and war conditions and also because of the increase in membership. However, we believe that the faithfulness of the ministers has had its effect upon the believers, causing them to give back to the Lord that which is His. As the ministry, so the flock.

Year	Tithe
1943	\$171,851.27
1944	209,505.42
1945	228,859.79
1946	250,156.25
TOTALS	
1943-1946	\$859,372.73
1939-1942	408,146.30
4 YEARS GAIN	\$451,226.43

By this it will be seen that there has been an average gain of almost \$113,000 a year over the past four years. This has enabled the conference to bring to the field more workers and undertake greater things for the Cause.

EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER. Our Educational and Missionary Volunteer work has been ably carried by Elders J. C. Gaitens and E. J. Barnes. Brother Gaitens led the work from 1943 until June, 1946, and Elder Barnes since then.

EDUCATIONAL

Year	No.		Students	
	Sch.	Tchrs.	Elem.	Sec.
1943	13	17	372	35
1944	12	19	350	32
1945	13	18	392	32
1946	12	24	375	30

Y.P.M.V.

Year	No.		No.
	Socs.	Mbrs.	Bapt.
1943	29	380	70
1944	27	261	85
1945	24	637	107
1946	32	617	103

In the summer of 1945 the Kentucky-Tennessee and Alabama-Mississippi Conferences took over and started operating the school formerly known as the Fountain Head Academy at Fountain Head, Tennessee, changing its name to Highland Academy. This school is located about 40 miles from Nashville in a beautiful section of middle Tennessee's highlands and has much to commend it as a place where our people may send their children for their academic work. The enrollment this year is 105 and we are sure that as soon as we are able to supply the dormitory space, the enrollment will increase. Professor William Sandborn and his staff of teachers and workers are doing a splendid work with very limited facilities. One of our greatest responsibilities is training and saving our young people, and it is the aim of the Highland Academy Board to make this Academy one of the best, if not the best, in the denomination. The first building to be erected is the girls' dormitory and this is now nearing completion. This will accommodate 65 students when finished and house the school's dining room and kitchen. Other buildings are planned and will be built just as fast as money for them is raised.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT. Elder P. E. Shakespeare served this Department faithfully and with a devotion that we cannot but commend. Recently he resigned and is now our Sabbath School Department Secretary and special representative for Highland Academy. The fruits of his labor and the colporteurs who labored under his guidance will be noticed in the following report. Brother W. L. Crofton was called in September of 1946 from Michigan to be Secretary of the

Publishing Department and is doing a splendid work. We believe that there are bigger things in store for this department.

DELIVERIES		
1943	\$61,977.01	white & colored
1944	51,729.29	white
1945	61,397.91	"
1946	86,817.83	"
Total 1943-46		\$261,922.04
Total 1939-42		68,547.55
4 years' gain		193,374.49

Due credit must be given Brother C. W. Higgins, the Conference Secretary-Treasurer, and the office secretaries and Brother J. M. Jansen and his secretary of the Book and Bible House for their untiring and faithful labors.

EVANGELISM. What has been accomplished in the past inspires us to believe that greater things can and will be done in this and the coming years. We expect to see Kentucky-Tennessee reach a membership of 4,000 by the end of this year and 5,000 by the end of 1949. To this end we labor, knowing that as new churches are raised up more money will be provided to enter more and more dark counties and thus

South Central Conference Report

By H. R. MURPHY, *President*

"A year of precious blessings," is a phrase which well describes how God has dealt with us during 1946. This was the first year of our organization as a new conference and this report represents only one year. We must say that God truly has dealt kindly with us. The first year of our operating we faced many difficulties along the way, yet with each arising problem the Lord helped us to discover a solution.

Our first work after organization in December of 1945 was to find a suitable city to locate in and to secure an office building and equipment. Nashville, Tennessee was decided upon as our headquarters. Inasmuch as Sister Ellen G. White had pointed out many years before her death that Nashville was to be a great center for our colored work, it was felt that this place would fit neatly into the pattern of divine prophecy. We were able to purchase a very desirable residence for our office building which was fully remodeled during the days of "hard to get" building materials. We could see the work of divine providence in securing our office equipment.

finish the work entrusted to our care.

Elders W. O. Reynolds and H. R. Veach and their assistants are beginning efforts this winter that we hope and pray will start this conference very definitely on the upgrade toward its new membership goals. This, with the work being done in every district by the pastors, district leaders, Bible Instructors, and laymen will accomplish the task before us, and we look forward expectantly and with joy to serving our Master in the days to come.

IN MEMORIAM. In conclusion, I, with you, would pause to do honor to the memory of a great leader and pastor, Elder S. M. Schleifer. We loved him, his people loved him, and his passing has left a vacancy in our hearts that will be hard to fill. His steadfastness to truth and righteousness, his constancy of belief and life and his love for his God, his family and his fellowmen may well be imitated by us all. We sorrow with his orphaned children and with them that look forward to the day when our Lord will come and call for His sleeping saints.

Membership and Baptism

We began our year with a membership of 2320 scattered in forty-two churches and companies. We ended the year with a net gain of 138 giving us a membership of 2458 at the close of 1946. This influx of membership was due to the faithfulness of ministers and laymen. Our total baptisms for the year were 238.

We launched our evangelistic campaign with a total of eight efforts. These efforts were conducted by the following: C. A. Lynes pitched tent for the second time in Louisville and was assisted by Mrs. C. L. Baker and Charles Graham. A very fine class of people were connected with the church as a result of this effort. E. F. Carter held a successful meeting in Huntsville. W. E. Arties conducted a successful meeting in Greenville, Mississippi. C. S. Myles in Nashville and E. T. Mimms in Mobile both held very profitable efforts. Mrs. E. Storey and Miss E. M. Bibbs were connected with these efforts as Bible instructors. B. W. Abney assisted by L. A. Pas-

chal and Mrs. Ella Johnson conducted a very interesting effort at Selma, Alabama. F. M. Davis conducted an effort at Tuscaloosa assisted by A. D. Shorter. Brother Toney Kelley, one of our laymen held a very strong effort at Sylacauga, Alabama, resulting in several souls being baptized. D. B. Reid and J. G. Thomas have conducted fruitful soul saving meetings in the church. Miss Lucy McDonald has rendered faithful service and Bible work in Birmingham and Sylacauga. W. H. Winston labored faithfully in Paducah. A. P. Nichols has given faithful service at Meridian, Miss.

New Church Buildings

In the South Central Conference quite a number of congregations have been without homes for many years. We are doing our best to change this picture. We have appropriated over \$4,000 for church buildings. At the present time we have under way in Birmingham one of the most beautiful church buildings in the Southern Union. This building will cost over \$50,000. It is now more than two-thirds completed and will have a seating capacity of around seven hundred. The local congregation has raised over \$26,000 on this project. This work is under the direction of J. N. Richardson, the pastor.

At Sylacauga, Tuscaloosa, West Point, Riversside, and Selma we are about to begin construction on new church buildings. Meridian and Soso have begun work on church school annexes. Memphis has raised a large sum toward a new school building.

Canvassing

God has greatly blessed our canvassing work and thousands of books from our Book and Bible House have gone into the homes of the people. We have over 50 regular colporteurs who delivered around \$100,000 worth of goods last year. Eight colporteurs definitely brought in a soul last year who was baptized into the church. W. E. Adams, publishing secretary, was ably assisted by B. H. Ewing and E. D. Brantley. P. C. Winley has done a splendid work operating our Book and Bible House.

Church Schools

The church school program by our conference is being carried on under the supervision of F. B. Slater. Elder Slater is doing a very active work in the church schools of our conference.

We are planning to bring up the standards of our schools, especially in the matter of equipment. Before Elder Slater came to our conference this phase of the work was carried on by Miss Anna Knight who was a noble and gallant worker. We now have 13 schools with 17 teachers and more than 500 students enrolled.

Finance

Our conference this year outstripped previous records in the matter of finance. Our Sabbath school offering totaled over \$29,000, In-gathering over \$19,000, Week of sacrifice over \$2,600, Riverside Furniture Drive \$4,000, Famine Relief \$2,300, Tithe \$88,000, making a total of more than \$144,000. All of this money passed through the hands of our faithful treasurer, V. Lindsay. This figure represents faithful and sacrificial giving on the part of our membership.

Institutions

We are fortunate in being the home conference of the main educational, health, and publishing work of the colored phase of our message. In our territory we have Oakwood College,

Riverside Sanitarium, and the *Message* Magazine. We greatly appreciate the splendid support they have given the conference.

Working Staff

To accomplish the above mentioned program of the year we had 11 ordained ministers, 11 licensed ministers, 5 Bible instructors, 3 office secretaries. During the year we ordained to the gospel ministry J. N. Richardson and D. B. Simons. The latter has been called to the mission by the General Conference. This program could not have been accomplished except by the splendid help of our union conference officers whose counsel and encouraging words proved a blessing, and also the General Conference whose gifts made our work more profitable.

Before is a brighter day and we march to horizons not yet seen, our feet shall not falter for the Good Shepherd shall guide us along the way. We glory not in what we have done but we give glory to Him who has called us to service. Forward in faith we move until the promise land we view. Our daily prayer shall be, "O God keep us ever conscious of the task before us."

man—no stranger to the Southland, although he responded to our invitation from a large conference in California. I believe it to be fitting that tribute should be paid to the present chairman of our Board for his courage, enthusiasm, and loyal support, which has made possible the furtherance of the educational work in the Southern Union. To the entire membership of the Board of Trustees should go credit for a farsighted faith and a noteworthy ambition and courage in attempting and realizing a senior college for this territory. Without their support it could not be done.

* Luke 2:52 states briefly the model type of education needed by our young people. It reads: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." The faculty and Board of Southern Junior College, and later Southern Missionary College, have deliberately tried to gear their program to the realization of a development which would meet the spiritual, physical, educational, and social needs suggested in the above text.

During this period \$377,534.78 has been spent on physical improvements such as buildings and equipment; 75 per cent of this amount has been spent in the last two and one-half years. I would mention some of the major projects. Outstanding on our campus has been the erection of the new A. G. Daniells Memorial Library—a beautiful brick structure of Georgian Colonial architecture, built of red brick trimmed with Indiana limestone. The building will accommodate over 50,000 volumes, and with its three level stacks and spacious reading rooms as well as browsing rooms, offices, and seminar rooms, it is one of the finest and most representative in the denomination. The new store and post office, faculty homes and apartments to accommodate eleven families, a new horse and dairy barn, poultry houses, dry kiln, additions to the Men's Home, and a large trailer community to care for thirty veteran families has been secured. A new laundry is now under construction. Soon a 6" water main from Chattanooga will give the College an adequate and more certain supply of water. Additional telephone trunk lines have been promised that will increase our outside telephone efficiency tenfold.

Southern Missionary College Report 1942-47

By KENNETH A. WRIGHT, *President*

The years since the last meeting of the constituency of Southern Junior College are, without doubt, the most eventful years in the history of this college, which was transplanted from Graysville nearly thirty years ago in what has come to be known as Collegedale valley. The remarkable progress to be reported has been made possible only through the blessing of God, and we would thank Him first and foremost for any indications of growth or progress achieved.

The war, with its dreadful fury and drain of manpower, reduced the enrollment to an eight-year low of 124 college students—mostly women. The same period saw the boys return from the army 169 strong to bring the enrollment of the present semester to an all-time high of 502 college students. The total enrollment of 740 includes 146 in the Collegedale Academy and 92 in the elementary training school.

As strange as it may seem, it was at the Spring Council held in Chicago

in 1944 when we had fewer college students than at any other time since 1934, that the College Board and faculty had faith to ask, and received permission to become a full four-year senior college. The name "Southern Junior College" no longer applied, and after a most careful study and a season of prayer, the Union Educational Board—made up of the College Board, the faculty, the educational superintendents and academy principals of the Union—called the new college "Southern Missionary College." Steps were taken immediately to make this name legal, and we have since received our revised charter from the state of Tennessee.

Early in the period covered by this report a great sorrow came to our field in the loss by sudden death of our beloved chairman and union president, Elder J. K. Jones. Only eternity can measure the results of his strenuous and faithful labor in this Southern field. To the work laid down by Elder Jones was called Elder Earl F. Hack-

The unusual growth in our enrollment has been as follows:

Year	Elem. School			Total
	Academy	College	Grades	
	1-8	9-12	13-16	
1942-43	55	149	134	338
1943-44	66	173	124	363
1944-45	82	221	177	480
1945-46	80	180	258	518
2-9-47	92	146	502	740

During the last three years, since adding the fifteenth grade, twenty-one teachers have been added to our staff. The annual payroll has been increased from \$46,172.46 to \$81,046.03. The Bible, science, music, and elementary teacher training staff are outstanding even when compared to the faculties of older and fully accented colleges.

The present needs are science building, a chapel, dormitory housing, music building, industrial arts building, faculty housing, and a broom shop. The over-all expansion program includes a health and recreation unit and small sanitarium.

Surely, the Lord led our brethren in securing such an ideal location for a Christian boarding school. Collegedale, with its nearly one thousand acres of campus, farm, and woodland, provides an atmosphere which has made possible a worldwide reputation for the "School of Standards." It is the ambition of the Board and faculty that Southern Missionary College shall always remain a truly spiritual school with high scholarship and missionary ambitions.

A baptismal class is continuously in progress. Two or three baptisms are held each year after the young people have spent many weeks in careful study of the doctrines of our church. The Collegedale Church membership has grown from 340 in 1942 to 679 at the present time. The tithe has increased during the period from \$12,525.92 in 1942 to \$39,243.26, of which nearly 40 per cent is student tithe; the Sabbath school offerings from \$3,340.90 to the present \$8,393.93; the Week of Sacrifice from \$579.98 to a high of \$3,695.55 in 1945. An outstanding trend has been the increase in per capita giving to missions. This has arisen from 40.8 per week to 85.5 in spite of doubling the membership.

The first year of the five-year period, 1942-43, Elder D. E. Rebok

served as president of Southern Junior College. While President Rebok remained but one year, his gracious and spiritual leadership made a lasting impression upon the College. At the beginning of this period the College was fortunate in securing the services of Professor C. A. Russell, a veteran educator who had served many years in the General Conference and Southern Union. Professor Russell's contribution to the College during the four years of his tenure was a major factor in strengthening the confidence of the field in the school. We regret it was necessary for him to retire at the end of the last school year. The writer succeeded President Rebok in the spring of 1943, serving as both president and business manager. In the spring of 1946 we secured the services of Mr. Charles Fleming, Jr., treasurer of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, to serve as business manager and treasurer. Mr. Fleming has very ably carried the duties of business manager in our current expanding program and will render the financial report for the period.

For legal reasons, four of our important industries have been incorporated as College Industries under the management of Brother John Gepford. The result of the operation of these industries will be reported in the college treasurer's report.

The social needs of the students are quite adequately met by the clubs, musical organizations, lyceums, and the daily contacts at work and play.

President Robert Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, stated recently that the prime qualifications of a college president are: courage, fortitude, justice, and practical wisdom. Dr. Charles Elliott, while serving as President of Harvard many years ago, stated that the one chief requirement was patience. My own conviction is that even these five attributes cannot begin to meet the varied duties and obligations which call for vital contacts with the Board of Trustees, the faculty, the parents, the ministers in the districts, students ranging from grades one through sixteen, and the community. Were it not for our strong faith that God's biddings are enablings, the president and faculty could not possibly cope with the problems which have come with this year of super-enrollments and the super-housing and social problems attending.

For proof of the successful financial operation of the college during the period, the treasurer will soon render a comprehensive report which will show that each year we have had a safe operating gain. While we rejoice in the increase of numbers and buildings, we constantly remind ourselves of the true pattern of prosperity:

"If you lower the standard in order to secure popularity and an increase of numbers, and then make this increase a cause of rejoicing, you show great blindness. If numbers were an evidence of success, Satan might claim the pre-eminence; for, in this world, his followers are largely in the majority. It is the degree of moral power pervading the college, that is a test of its prosperity. It is the virtue, intelligence, and piety of the people composing our churches, not their numbers, that should be a source of joy and thankfulness." — *Counsels to Teachers*, page 94.

Again I would pay tribute to the Board of Trustees and especially to our well-trained, untiring, and faithful faculty. Never have I worked with a more willing, consecrated, and loyal group of teachers. Time does not here permit detailed report or a breakdown of the work for each department. However, God knows and records the faithful work of every teacher and student and the noble sacrifice which they have made to make such a report possible.

The first fruits of Southern Missionary College as a senior college were realized last May when six men and women received Bachelor of Arts degrees. A class of fourteen has already organized and will receive degrees the last week in May, 1947.

In conclusion, I express sincere appreciation and thanks to the constituents of Southern Missionary College for the privilege of working in this field during the past four years. I would further take this opportunity to reconsecrate myself to God's cause and whatever work He has for me to do. I am certain that Southern Missionary College and its faculty, students, and graduates will play an important part in the finishing of God's work on earth and thus hasten that greatest roll call of all time—the call of our Lord and Master Teacher.

Asheville, North Carolina
February 13, 1947

Florida Sanitarium and Hospital Report 1942-46

By L. N. CHRISTENSEN, M. D., *Medical Director*

It is indeed a great privilege for me to bring you a brief report of the past five years of progress at the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, 1942 through 1946. Many changes have taken place since its establishment 38 years ago, but especially during these past five years has the blessing of the Lord been on the institution in a marked way.

I would like to take you on a little tour through some of these departments. Let us start with the Business Office. In here we have the oldest employees of the Sanitarium, Mr. H. L. Harvey, who has been here for the past 35 years. We also have Mr. Leighton T. Hall, who is now our Assistant Business Manager, and has been with the institution 20 years. We appreciate their good work, assisted by other faithful helpers. One of the later additions to this department is our much loved Business Manager, Mr. A. C. Larson, who came to us in November, 1944, to take up the work which Mr. R. G. Bowen had carried so faithfully for a number of years.

Next let us visit the Medical Department. At the beginning of 1942 we find Dr. C. J. Larsen as our Medical Director, which position he held through the hard years of the war, until the close of the year 1945, when he left for Los Angeles to take post-graduate work in surgery.

On our staff at that time were Dr. R. W. Rosenquist, who had to leave before the end of the year because of poor health; and Dr. L. N. Christensen, who was taken into the army the last of August, 1942. The latter part of this year Doctors D. H. and Lauretta Kress joined the staff and served faithfully through the years of the war. In 1943 Dr. R. C. Floren came to us from Bolivia and worked hard until May, 1946, when he left the institution to go into private practice. In the fall of 1945 Dr. Christensen was released from the army and returned to the Sanitarium. In March of 1946 Dr. Wm. E. Westcott joined the staff, also having been recently released from the army, where he served as a major. Dr. D. C. Hartwell took up his duties as staff physician in June of 1946. He was also in the

army, and was released as a Lt. Colonel. The last three mentioned composed our present staff, but we are in great need of more doctors to join us.

The daily average number of Out-Patient Calls has been—

Our Patients 1942	31.1		
House Patients 1942	66.5		
Totals 1942	11,567		
1943	1944	1945	1946
44.6	59.2	73.3	75.9
102.2	104.7	111.3	124.8
16,513	22,068	26,769	28,263

Miss Ardall Ficklen, our Medical Desk Supervisor, with her assistants has been and is doing a splendid job of directing these people to their various destinations.

In the Nursing Department we are glad to have had Mrs. Edna Judd-Behner with us since 1943 as the Director. Her assistants are at the present time Miss Mazie Herin, and Miss Maureen Maxwell. The services of Miss Mildred Bradley cannot be forgotten. She left in 1946 to give her talents to the needy of India.

During the past five years 85 students have been admitted and 54 have finished the Nurses' Training Course, and are giving their services in various places. Eighteen of our students were transferred from the Mason Memorial Hospital in Murray, Kentucky. We have 48 students in training right now, and wish we had more earnest, consecrated young men and women. If it were not for our faithful and devoted student nurses, our work could not be carried on. Fourteen graduate nurses are doing the supervising, and 12 others are helping out, though not full time; also 20 nurse aids and eight hydrotherapy attendants. About 18 recent graduates are taking advanced education.

In the Men's Hydrotherapy Mr. W. W. McCabe served faithfully for many years, but due to age had to lay down the work, which in September, 1945 was taken over by Mr. Paul S. Furman. In this department have been given 36,193 treatments during the past five years.

In the Ladies' Hydrotherapy we have had several persons in charge. At the present time Miss Miriam Kerr

is supervisor. She graduated from our School of Nursing in 1945. They have given a total number of 45,794 treatments during this period of time.

Mr. L. E. Wood has charge of the Electrotherapy Department. In 1942, 6,581 treatments were given, with a steady yearly increase until in 1946, when 10,978 were given, or 4,497 more than the first year of this period,—with a total of 45,131. New equipment is being added from time to time, and more space is needed.

One department that is hard to get along without in a Sanitarium and Hospital is the Clinical Laboratory. Mr. Howard Wieland is in charge there. He came here as a student nurse in 1929, and since shortly after graduation has worked there. In 1942, 12,117 tests were made in our laboratory, while in 1946, 42,654, thus showing several hundred percent gain. New equipment has been added, and more is hoped for yet to keep abreast with our advancing times.

Another department which is a great asset to this institution is the X-ray. In 1943 and 1945 we were glad to get new equipment there. Mr. Heriman Ray has been in charge there since 1937. This department has shown a steady increase. In 1942, 1,363 treatments were given and X-rays taken, and the following years, 2,174, 2,843, 3,260, until 1946, 4,314.

Our pharmacy department has made many improvements and gains during the past five years, the main one being its new location. At the present time our pharmacist is C. W. Eason.

In the Operating Room we find Mrs. Ethel Clarke, also one of our graduates, who has been supervising since 1927. The number of operations done has about doubled during the past five years, with a total of 9,132 for this period.

During the five-year period new equipment has been added to our Maternity Department. We have had 1,545 births (including 15 sets of twins—eight of them last year—and two sets of triplets, of which there are only three on record in our county.) Miss Lenora Trimmier, a graduate of 1936 is in charge there.

The nursing care in our hospital wing has been under the care of Miss May Wheeler since 1937. In the Sanitarium, Henrietta Clay-Wade, class of 1944, has been the supervisor since the summer of 1946. For a number of

years previous to this the work was carried by Miss Katherine Weaver, now Mrs. Pillsbury. Many other faithful workers could be mentioned if time would permit.

The main reason for our existence as an institution is that we might win souls for the Kingdom. At the head of this branch of our work is our Chaplain, Elder H. S. Premier, a man versatile in his varied contacts with guests and workers, teaching Bible classes in Nurses' Training School, and week ends filling the pulpits of nearby churches. His good work is greatly appreciated.

Our new Bible instructor and teacher of Evangelism, Miss Violet Larson, in the short time that she has been with us, has led several precious souls into this Truth. She reports many more interested people, so many that she finds it almost impossible to take care of the appointments for Bible studies. A large number of these are given by the student nurses, and she has also made a call for help from the church. She relates:

"For a number of weeks we have been studying in one home with a mother and her two children. Lately we have been presenting the Sabbath truth and have earnestly appealed to them to step out in obedience to God's commands. The hearts of these people have been stirred, and it is evident that they have been giving the question serious thought.

"Two of our patients fully accepted the Message while they were yet in the hospital. One of these ladies has

already been baptized and is one of our workers in the Pharmacy Department. She is a very zealous member in trying to bring others into the Message. The other woman is the mother of five children. Although they live quite some distance from town, the mother with her little brood of children are very faithful in meeting for Sabbath school and church from week to week with the company at Taft, Florida. We are now preparing the mother and the oldest boy of thirteen years for baptism to take place in the near future.

"Besides these mentioned, we have an elderly woman now keeping the Sabbath and attending Sabbath services. We have been prevented from giving her as much personal instruction as we would like since she has been out of the city for some time, but now that she is back we hope to resume our studies."

Just one little personal experience. —One busy afternoon a woman called saying that she *must* see me that day. Although my appointments were more than full, I told her to come in and I would see her as soon as I could. It was not medical help she wanted. She said that we had something she did not have, and she wanted it. She is now coming to our home twice a week for Bible studies.

May the Lord put His Spirit upon all of us who are working at the Florida Sanitarium and help us to work intelligently for Him, while time shall last.

As Went The Winecoff

By MRS. B. E. WAGNER

Ting-a-ling went my phone on Sabbath morning, December 7. I had promised to be at Sabbath school early and was hastening to be off. Ting-a-ling, it rang again.

I lifted the receiver and my neighbor fairly shouted, "Do you have your radio on? The Winecoff is burning! Has been on fire since four this morning."

Quickly I turned the button and heard the calls for doctors, nurses, Red Cross, nurses aides, anyone who could help or give information. Everyone else was asked to stay away from downtown Atlanta. All stores would be closed.

It seemed incredible that the Winecoff, one of Atlanta's fine fireproof

meeting in Atlanta and many of them were registered at the Winecoff. Some of their bodies were beyond identification except by dentists. Mr. and Mrs. Winecoff, who made their home in the hotel, perished in the flames. All day the casualty list mounted. The final count was 119 dead and many others injured and in hospitals.

Early the next morning my husband came in from Jacksonville. From his train he walked immediately to the Winecoff. In the early gray dawn of that Sunday morning fifty people stood gazing through the gaunt hollow-eyed windows where death had probably thrown its black shadow across the path of some loved one. A policeman told him he had seen 15 people jump to the pavement.

My husband spoke to a gentleman at his side and mentioned that the scene before them was a miniature of what is coming to our world. The man quickly agreed and remarked that it would be sooner than we think. Ever on the alert for interested souls, my husband then told him about "Bible Readings" and took his order. When he wrote the name and address he saw that the gentleman is almost a neighbor of ours.

The following comment by Pierce Harris in one of his newspaper feature articles is both significant and rewarding: "Not a Bible was burned, and nearly all were opened at some passage," is the report of a man who had a chance to look over the smoke-stained rooms of the Hotel Winecoff after fire had swept through its halls and rooms claiming 119 victims on its greedy way. The fact that no Bibles were burned is surprising, but that nearly all of them were open is not to be wondered at. When the human spirit finds itself backed into a corner and facing death, it is as natural for it to turn to the sources of its faith as for water to seek the sea.

"It is another and more assuring phase of a picture of a disaster which shocked a nation. Not all of the occupants of the great downtown hotel gave way to panic; not all of them jumped out of the windows. Some of them, so the eloquent testimony of these open Bibles indicates, saw death push its frightful face through the flames, felt its hot breath coming closer, and, seeing no way of escape, simply turned to the altar of their faith."

Just to keep step with my husband's

hotels was burning. But the radio went on, and on, and it was tragically true. The fire had broken out in a hall and leaped along the halls and stairway toward the roof. When the occupants looked into the halls they were a blazing inferno and from the windows there were no fire escapes. Many jumped from windows the firemen's ladders could not reach, and others dressed and waited by their windows for the help that never came.

When I arrived at Sabbath school everyone was talking about it. All our doctors and nurses had gone to the rescue. Victims were from every section of Georgia as well as from other states. The Georgia Youth Assembly, a group of high school students; was

work I go out every autumn for a little canvassing experience of my own. In doing this I have observed two things. One is, that some wives of our military soldiers endure a year alone with greater fortitude than some of the wives of the soldiers in our colporteur army endure for a much shorter period. The other is, that in almost every home the Bible occupies a place in the living room near the lamp. We live in the Bible belt where the people do read the Word of God.

In the work of creation Jesus associated with His Father. I like to think of the colporteur's wife as his associate. To her it is given to know his plans and purposes, to share his joys and sorrows. It is the colporteur who stands in the limelight, whose reports we read, and to whom goes our admiration or envy. But—let me say it softly—the associate-colporteur helps to make that report possible. The loneliness at home, the care of the children, the finesse of finances are

her problems. Her cheerful solution of these problems often spells the difference between success and mediocrity for her colporteur-evangelist husband.

Dear associate-colporteur, inside the covers of the book carried by your colporteur-evangelist partner, is found an answer to the questions that puzzle our tangled, tormented world today; a message of peace for its awful disquietude. Shall we not send these soul partners forth with a smile and a prayer?

As went the Winecoff, so will go our world. As its occupants waited with open Bibles for the help that never came, so our neighbors in many dark counties are waiting at their windows with Bibles opened at unexplained passages—waiting for the help that will never come unless a colporteur evangelist reaches them. God grant that it may never be written in the annals of our Southern Union that our colporteurs were too few, or too late.

So Little Time

By B. E. WAGNER

There is so much to be done and so little time in which to do it that we need at once 200 more colporteur evangelists. Note the following statement from a daily newspaper under the title "U. S. Doom is Predicted."

Wichita, Kans., Feb. 18. (AP)—A prediction that not more than 10 per cent of present Americans will be alive in five years was made here tonight by George H. Earle, former governor of Pennsylvania.

Earle's prophecy came as the result of several years' service as a personal "undercover" agent for President Roosevelt in Istanbul in the war and from conversations with American and Russian scientists relative to the atomic bomb.

If we fully realize how little time we have to warn the world of its coming doom we would not continue to follow worldly pursuits when God is calling us to serve as colporteur evangelists. When influential men of the world declare in books, magazines, newspapers, over the radio and from the pulpit that we have come to the end of civilization, should not Seventh-day Adventists arise and quickly finish the work?

The following statement from the

messenger of the Lord should move us in the Southern Union to much greater haste in proclaiming the last message of salvation. "The time is coming when the Southern field will be closed, locked up." *G. C. Bulletin*, April 25, 1901.

Over 340 dark counties present to us an overwhelming challenge. Colporteur Evangelism is God's solution to meet this mighty challenge. If you feel impressed to engage in this work, God is calling you to respond now. Write to the publishing department secretary or your conference president at your conference office address.

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In South America

Within the past two years the Alabama-Mississippi Conference has furnished six workers to the neglected continent called South America.

In the Fall of 1945 Elder David Miller, his wife and baby, accepted the call to do evangelistic work in South America. They traveled by air-

plane and are now enjoying their evangelistic work there.

Brother F. C. Petty, a native son of Alabama, born in the city of Andalusia and educated in Southern Missionary College, was in charge of our work in the city of Sylacauga for about a year. Last August Pastor Petty, his wife and child, accepted a call to Peru where he will teach in the Lake Titicaca Training School. Many of our Sabbath school members are well acquainted with the Pettys and will continue to support them in their prayers and by their gifts in the Sabbath school.

Pastor and Mrs. George Carter, after taking charge of the Gadsden district for several months, were called to South America. They are now located in Georgetown, British Guiana, the field where the famous Davis Indians are located. Many of our Sabbath school members are well acquainted with Mrs. Carter, who formerly was Miss Jean Myers of Mobile, Alabama.

With all of these workers now in South America, the field to which the overflow of 13th Sabbath offerings on March 31 will go, I am certain that every church member will cheerfully give to support the workers in the neglected continent of South America. We are proud of these young people, our sons and daughters who have heard the call to service. Now it is our privilege to show how much we are willing to back them up by giving through the Sabbath school a very liberal offering on March 31.

H. J. CAPMAN

Camp Meeting

After three years without camp meeting due to war regulations, we are very happy to announce the date of the 1947 camp meeting, May 29 to June 7, in Meridian, Mississippi.

Under the tall southern pine trees on the old Beeson College grounds our camp meeting will again be enjoyed by all our people, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Ben Cameron.

It is not too early to arrange to plan on attending camp meeting. We can already announce that the Voice of Prophecy group will visit our camp meeting and broadcast the message from Meridian.

Announcement of rates and tents, etc., will appear in a later issue of the TIDINGS.

H. J. CAPMAN

13th Sabbath Offering

The first thirteenth Sabbath of 1947 is approaching. Our thoughts and plans to meet the appeals that come to us from South America make us conscious that God is doing a great work in that country.

These demands are increasing by the passing of the days. This is the way that it should be. Let us remember, though, that God had made it possible for us to meet these demands and as the spirit of giving and sacrificing grips us we shall meet the ever increasing calls for help.

As we plan our offering for this coming 13th Sabbath may we plan the best offering we have ever given. None are too poor to give. The widow gave her mite, which was all she had and God blessed both she and her offering.

Wishing you God's richest blessings in your giving for the needs of South America.

L. D. PRATT

Go!

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

Not only was this command to the believers of Christ day but it comes to you and I today. "Go," and as we go we are to "witness." We are his witnesses. If the people in the world today ever hear of Jesus it will be because we tell them of Him. Did you ever think of the wonderful word, "Lo"? So many claim the promised presence but the "Lo" is joined to the "Go;" it is "Go and lo I am with you alway." If we would possess the "Lo" we must "Go." God is searching for those who will go as literature evangelist today. No better preparation for the vital test of faith, which our people will encounter in the last days, can be obtained than is provided in the colporteur work.

Under its influence timidity and weakness give way to steadfast, confident assurance that will stand unmoved and true in any circumstance.

Dear brother and sister, if you today are ready to claim the "Lo" message of our text by going as literature evangelist, write to your Publishing Department Secretary, J. T. Welch, Box 1311, Meridian, Mississippi.

Construction of Conference Warehouse

On the morning of March 17 the ground was turned for the construction of our new conference warehouse in Meridian. The contractors, Messers Kling and Vining, have assured us that the new storage building, forty feet by sixty feet, will be complete and ready to use at the close of our camp-meeting.

This new structure is urgently needed for storage of our camp meeting and tent equipment, also to house the conference truck as well as space for Bible House books and supplies.

Camp meeting will be held in Meridian March 29 to June 7. This will afford our people a fine opportunity to visit our new office building and also to inspect the new warehouse here at headquarters. H. J. CAPMAN

Book and Bible House News

A new book written by Grenville Kleiser is entitled "5000 Words You Should Know." This book is invaluable to everyone who wishes to enrich his vocabulary. One's vocabulary is not only indicative of the level of one's achievement in life, but a real stepping stone to business and social preferment. Keratol binding is only \$1.50.

Another new book is "Building Better Sabbath Schools" by Marion Lawrence. It is needed in every Sabbath school. Shall we as leaders do our part that the Sabbath schools will grow in every way to the glory of God. Price \$1.00 in paper binding.

Spring time is a good time to have some temperance meetings and temperance literature distributed. Why not use a few dozen, hundred, or thousand of the latest Temperance *Signs*. Send for a sample copy and prices of the "Temperance Education Number." Will you not do something to warn others now?

Thank you for your recognizing the value of good books at the several Saturday night book sales during March. We know that many of you are glad that plans are going forward that we shall have camp meeting beginning May 29. This will give a large number a chance to examine and purchase profitable literature.

C. L. JACOBS

News Notes

★ Pastor Warren Brooks Findley and

wife are the proud parents of a baby girl born February 17.

★ Elder and Mrs. J. A. Dewald were made very happy when a baby boy was born on March 6, 1947. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 12 oz. and was born in the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital.

★ Elder and Mrs. H. J. Capman are happy grandparents. A son was born to George and Ruth Tatum in the Washington Sanitarium on March 1. Mrs. Tatum is the daughter of our conference president.

★ The regular Wednesday morning prayer circle conducted in the conference office on March 5 had 51 prayer requests. It is always a pleasure for our office workers to remember your petition at the throne of grace.

★ Elder L. W. Pettis was in charge of the Week of Prayer for the youth of the Birmingham church during the week of March 8 to 15.

★ Elder Pratt visited the Mobile and Prichard churches on Sabbath, March 8 in the interest of the *Signs of the Times* Campaign. Elder Pratt reports that the *Signs* Subscription Campaign is going forward with very encouraging success throughout the conference. March is the month for increasing the *Signs* circulation. The *Signs* wins more souls and the more subscriptions we send in the more souls will be won for Christ.

★ Brethren C. L. Jacobs and Silas Neece of our Book and Bible House were in Jackson, Mississippi for Sabbath services March 8.

★ On March 8 Elder H. J. Capman spoke in the Gulfport church in the morning and the same afternoon accompanied by Brother and Sister Harvey and Mrs. Capman they visited the Picayune branch Sabbath school.

★ For more than a year we awaited the arrival of two new walnut desks for our conference office. These beautiful desks arrived on March 6 and are now in the president's and treasurer's rooms. The old desks were sold to Elders L. D. Pratt and E. L. Marley.

★ The Hattiesburg Colporteur Rally was a real success as representatives from Mobile, Laurel, Ellisville, Talawah, Florence, Pine Forest Academy, and Meridian would like to tell you. The friendly church was filled to capacity but all were glad to be present for the uplift from the talks and music. Especially appreciated was the

wonderful outdoor dinner prepared by the Dorcas ladies.

★ Brother C. L. Paddock, manager of the book department of the S.P.A., attended our Colporteur Rally at Hattiesburg preaching at the eleven o'clock hour and holding vesper service in the evening.

★ A very successful Week of Prayer has just been conducted by Elder L. D. Pratt at Pine Forest Academy. A class of seven has been organized to study further the doctrines of the remnant church.

★ Elders L. W. Pettis conducted the Week of Prayer for the Birmingham church school and young people. There was a baptism of several youth Sabbath, March 15. The meetings were a real blessing to the Birmingham youth.

★ God is rewarding your faith in prayers for the colporteur work in Alabama-Mississippi Conference as is evidenced by the gain of 41% in orders for the first two months of 1947 over the same period of 1946. The results of your prayers are seen also in the increasing number of requests for a place in the colporteur ranks. Burton Everett, recently of the U. S. Navy began colporteuering in Meridian this week. We welcome Roland Smith, also, to the bookman army. He is working Anniston and vicinity.

★ Brother M. J. Harvey attended the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital Constituency Meeting and also the Union Conference Committee Meeting that was held in Orlando, Florida, March 17-18.

★ Miss Jacqueline Hancock who is attending Southern Missionary College this year has been invited to work in our conference office beginning about June 1. She will work for Elder L. D. Pratt in the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments. We look forward to Miss Hancock joining our office family.

★ The 20th Century Bible School is grateful to our faithful colporteurs for their active support in securing enrollments. When the numbered green cards come in we have a picture of the literature evangelists, after delivering a book, making an earnest appeal in behalf of the Bible School as they present the card. At the Hattiesburg Colporteur Rally, March 15, Mrs. G. H. Ward of Mobile, told of a number of her customers who are taking the 20th Century Course and have

opened the home for cottage meetings. When she arrived for the Bible study they were busy working on the Bible Course lessons.

CAROLINA

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North Eastern District

In the recent *Signs* campaign the Roanoke Rapids company, consisting of only eight members, gave two hundred subscriptions to the people around them. The Rocky Mount company, also only eight members, gave one hundred sixty-five subscriptions. This means sacrifice on the part of these faithful members, but they are glad to have a part in sending the message of truth to those who are in darkness.

In Rocky Mount last year one member pledged a good number of *Signs* not knowing from where the money would come, but believed the Lord would provide a way. Weeks went by and no money came. Then one day a lady offered her a good price for a discarded piece of furniture. Like a flash the thought came to this member that the Lord is giving me my *Signs* money. She rejoiced in that experience and her faith was strengthened. She has again pledged her *Signs* this year.

Though small in number our four companies in the North Eastern District are doing a great work in witnessing for God. The Holy Spirit is with them in their endeavor.

A willing and working spirit was shown in the Ingathering this year. In Elizabeth City the goal was reached in three days. In Wilson three fourths of the goal was reached in two days. With a will to work and trust in God great things may be accomplished.

D. G. ANDERSON

A Twentieth Century Experience

A young lady in Raleigh took the 20th Century Bible Course and was very much interested in the things it taught. She was an "A" student in all her work, but she couldn't fully understand the teaching of the True Bible Sabbath. There was some doubt in her mind as to whether the lessons were correct on this doctrine. So in order to

find out if the lessons were teaching true doctrine she wrote to the "Voice of Prophecy" radio program. They assured her that the seventh day is the Sabbath. The Lord still directs those who are seeking for truth.

D. G. ANDERSON

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Young People's Week of Prayer

It was a real privilege to spend a few days with Elder Lauda as he conducted the Young People's Week of Prayer at Tampa. Each morning Elder Lauda met with the older students in the church school, while Elder Gjording or the writer met with the students in the lower grades.

About twenty-five fathers and eight mothers of students attending our church school are not members of the church, and the burden of the prayers of our youth during this week was for these fathers and mothers. It would have touched your heart if you could have heard these boys and girls request special prayer for their daddies or mothers.

The Friday morning meetings were especially inspirational as the students stood and rededicated their lives to Christ for service. The Lord was surely present for the 11 o'clock service Sabbath morning as our people responded to the appeal made by Elder Lauda.

Sabbath afternoon the young people from a number of neighboring churches joined with the Tampa youth in a lively and interesting Sing-spiration. We trust that the victories won during this Week of Prayer may be lasting victories. Surely our youth have a glorious opportunity to witness for Christ in these closing days of earth's history.

LEE CARTER

News Notes

★ Brother and Sister H. T. Barnhart have many friends throughout the Southern Union, many of whom will be interested in a recent report on Sister Barnhart's condition. Following her serious automobile accident last summer, she has undergone a number of operations on her foot which was so badly crushed. For the past several weeks she has been at the Florida Sanitarium, and we are glad that she

is making steady progress toward complete recovery. She will require treatment for some time yet, but is very much encouraged by the latest reports from her doctors. She has greatly appreciated the kind thoughts and messages of her friends during this long period of disability.

★ During the winter months we frequently have opportunity here in Florida to greet friends from the North, and we are always happy when circumstances send them to our Sunny Southland. Among recent visitors in Orlando was Elder Carlyle B. Haynes, who spoke one Sabbath at the Winter Park church. Mrs. H. H. Votaw has also been absorbing Florida Sunshine for the past several weeks, and we trust has received real benefit from her visit here.

★ Elder J. A. Dewald was a recent visitor from Alabama - Mississippi where he is pastor of the Pensacola, Fla., church, and he delivered an inspiring sermon in the downtown Orlando church a few Sabbaths ago.

★ Elder and Mrs. R. H. Hartwell are visiting his parents, Elder and Mrs. H. C. Hartwell, in Orlando, and he was also guest speaker at the Orlando church on Sabbath, March 15th. Having just returned from China where he went immediately after the close of the war, he was able to give much first-hand information regarding post-war missions in China, and there is nothing that appeals more definitely to the average Seventh-day Adventist congregation than news from our mission fields by one who has recently been on the "firing line."

★ Another visitor at the Conference Office recently was Mrs. W. E. Kuester who is visiting her parents, Brother and Sister Iles. Elder and Mrs. Kuester were recently transferred from Cuba to Nassau, a beautiful little island in the Bahamas which is only a short hop by plane from Miami. To make her visit to Orlando still more pleasant, it coincided with that of her sister, Mrs. Nelson, of Indiana.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

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Onward to Victory

While it appears that some of our people have permitted inclement weather and various other circum-

stances to keep them from getting an early start in the Ingathering work, we are happy to report progress and success on the part of those who have determined to let nothing hinder them.

Special commendation is due the Waycross and Columbus districts, which reached their goals before the Union Session, and the Atlanta First district, which reported victory shortly afterward. These churches have demonstrated what can be done when all the members work together as one man to accomplish one purpose.

Practically every one whose name is listed on the Atlanta First Church roll had an active part in the Ingathering campaign and unusual success was attained by those participating in the Sunday morning house-to-house solicitation, a number receiving from \$12 to \$20 apiece as a result of two or three hours work each Sunday morning the program that was followed. On one occasion a group who engaged in this type of service reported over \$200 for missions and often ten or twelve solicitors brought in from \$85 to \$100 within a few hours' time on Sunday. The brethren especially found this method successful, though the sisters also did well and the senior youth discovered it was well worth their time.

The juniors and primary children, as well as the older youth, can always be depended upon to do their part in the Ingathering and this year has been no exception. Students of the Atlanta Union Academy report having solicited in the neighborhood of \$1,000. This was secured by various methods, including street work by the girls and house-to-house solicitation by the junior boys, a small group of the latter sometimes receiving as much as \$50 from two hours' work in ordinary residential territory.

Special mention should also be made of Ernestine and Franklin Hambrick, of Griffin, Georgia, who worked untiringly to help put their church over the top. Ernestine, age 5, raised six and a quarter junior minute man goals and Franklin, age 9, raised five junior minute man goals. These children have set a splendid example for the rest of us and we trust that any who for one reason or another have not yet had an active part in this year's Ingathering campaign will determine to do something immediately, for we are anxious to see each district reach its minute man goal before the close of this month so the conference can

launch into a strong evangelistic program during the spring and summer. Your bit may mean victory for your church as well as souls for God's kingdom. Do not delay longer.

I. M. EVANS

Graysville Federation Meeting

Sabbath, March 1, the Graysville, Crossville, and McMinnville Districts met together at Graysville, Tennessee for an all-day Youth's Rally.

Our guest speakers were Elder F. B. Jensen of Collegedale, Elders Scriven and Ackerman of Atlanta, Elder E. A. Lemon of McMinnville, Brother C. W. Beach of Crossville, and of course our own pastor Elder A. L. Dickerson.

An estimated 150 people attended the services. At 9:30 o'clock we enjoyed Sabbath school together. Brother Cook from Collegedale taught the lesson. Brother Hickman, also from Collegedale, favored us with special music. During the 11:00 o'clock hour, at which time Elder Jensen spoke, we were challenged as youth to "Give our bodies, a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service." The congregation stood in reconsecration as Brother Cook sang "I Am Satisfied With Jesus."

Since this was the first M. V. Federation meeting to be held in the conference, the afternoon was taken up in the discussion of the constitution and work of the societies, and the election of officers. The "Cumberland Section of the Georgia-Cumberland Federation of Missionary Volunteer Societies" was the name chosen. The following officers were elected:

Honorary President—J. M. Ackerman, Atlanta, Georgia; President—J. F. Lewis, Graysville, Tennessee; First vice-President—Lawson Halverstott, Crossville, Tennessee; Second vice-President—Mrs. Arthur Edmister, Coalmont, Tennessee; Secretary-treasurer—Mrs. Harold Hannon, Dayton, Tennessee.

At the evening meeting, pictures were shown and Elder Ackerman gave a demonstration which showed the amount of nicotine in a cigarette, after which the group went to the academy building for a social hour and march with Miss Jean Ackerman at the piano. To close the program, all joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

MRS. HAROLD HANNON

Building Better Sabbath Schools

"Thou shalt have a vision."

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"The teacher should make the lesson fit into the daily life of his pupils. . . It is easy to lecture but not so easy to ask proper questions . . . No matter how well taught a lesson may be, if there is not a message to the pupils, there is no permanent benefit . . . The teacher can render very great service by teaching his scholars how to think . . . He leads them into right habits of Bible reading and of prayer . . . No Christian life can ever be strong without regular habits in this matter . . . The scholars should be taught that regular feeding upon God's Word and regular habits of prayer are the best of all ways to fit themselves for the tasks of life and to arm themselves against life's enemies . . . Good teaching is the strongest drawing and holding power of any Sabbath school. The teacher who carries his scholars in his heart continually, thinking about them, planning for them, praying for them, is actually giving his life for his scholars."

The foregoing are sketches taken from the book "Building Better Sabbath Schools." Wouldn't you like to have a copy for yourself? If you are a Sabbath school officer or a teacher, you cannot afford to be without it. If you are interested in the Sabbath school, you should have it. Get a "sky vision" instead of a "tent vision." It is available in two bindings; cloth, \$1.50; paper, \$1.00. Order from your Book and Bible House.

B. L. THOMPSON

News Notes

★ One evening last week the office workers gathered at the home of Brother and Sister R. S. Blackburn to bid farewell to Brother and Sister J. L. Everett, who are leaving Atlanta for work in the Albany district. Brother Everett has assisted Elder Keith in ministerial work during the past year and Sister Everett has served as one of the secretaries in our conference office. While this couple will be greatly missed in Atlanta, we know they will receive a hearty welcome at Albany and wish them much happiness and success in their new responsibilities.

★ Recent word from Elder A. D. McKee states he has some very fine interests in and around Knoxville and that he hopes to baptize a number of new, staunch Seventh-day Adventists before long.

★ We understand Elder Kenyon and Brother Coe are having some interesting experiences in the Columbus District and hope to be able to pass these on to you shortly.

★ We were made sad the other day to receive a telegram from Loma Linda, California informing us of the death of Elder L. A. Semmens, who labored in this field for some three years as pastor of the Atlanta First Church. Elder Semmens was a friend of Adventist youth throughout North America and did much to promote the interests of the Atlanta Union Academy. We extend to his family and other relatives our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

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From the Paris District

On Sabbath, March 15, the Lord sent a shower of blessings upon the three churches in the Paris district, Hazel, Murray, and Paris, when they met in the new church auditorium in Paris, Tennessee.

The purpose of this gathering was two-fold. First, the 1947 Ingathering campaign was launched into full swing with a key-note of victory in a short time. A message of courage and service and the realities of the life hereafter was given in the morning service

by Elder E. J. Barnes, our Conference Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary.

The greatest blessing of the day was received when five precious souls were baptized and became part of the remnant church. Surely as we see the work of God progressing and the Three Angels' Messages going to the ends of the earth, the coming of our Lord must be near at hand.

It was also the privilege of His people in this section of the field to see eight of our boys and girls receive their pins for completing work in the Progressive Classes.

We feel that God is blessing His work in the Paris District, and we solicit the prayers of our believers in His vineyard. W. G. AMBLER

Ingathering

We thank God for the splendid spirit of our churches in the 1947 Ingathering. The Highland Academy church, with a \$20 per capita goal, has gone over half of the way toward reaching it. The report from Ashland, Kentucky, designates the most responsive Ingathering year to date and at the same time a real spiritual blessing to the church.

Let us make the 1947 Ingathering program a soul-winning campaign. We can win souls by reaching goals. Please enroll as many people as possible in the 20th Century Bible Course. About 300 enrollments from the Paducah District have reached us this week. Let us press into line and offer our continued service to God. There is not time to waste. Let us give our time and see every church in Kentucky-Tennessee not only reach their church goals but also the General Conference minute-man goals.

D. W. O'FFILL

Needed—50 Colporteur Evangelists

In a recent examination of our territorial records I was amazed to find so many counties which have not had a colporteur for a decade. There are three counties that have never been canvassed; 37 that have not been canvassed for 20 years; 28, for 15 years; and 62, for five years. This makes a total of 140 counties which should be a real challenge to every Seventh-day Adventist who wants to see the work finished. Dear friend, God wants you to answer this call. He has spoken to your heart before and you have put it

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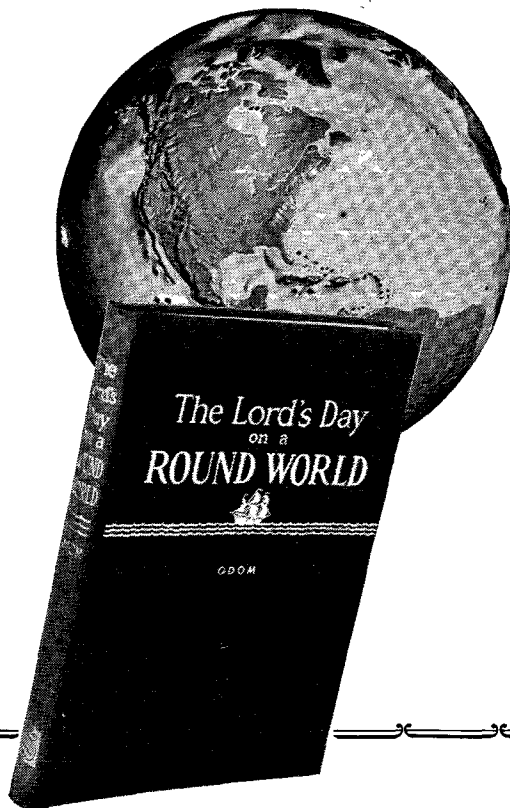
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off. Will you put it off again? How long must God wait for His people? How long must he wait for you "to arise and shine?" Isa. 60:1.

We are living in a dark, dark, hour—an hour when God's people "should arise and shine." The greater the darkness the brighter our lights should shine. The very fact that the expression "arise and shine" is used indicates that we are sitting and the call comes. Do you hear the call? Do you? Will you answer? Yes, God needs 50 workers. Will you be one of them?

W. L. CROFTON, *Publishing Department*, 3208 West End Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee

Rooms For Students

In a little while from now the young people from our colleges will be joining our regular workers in the field. We are expecting many to be coming to Kentucky-Tennessee; so we will need places for them to stay. I am sure that we can count on you. If you want your county worked, write information to W. L. Crofton, 3208 West End Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

SOUTH CENTRAL

1914 Charlotte Ave., Nashville 2, Tenn.
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Silent Spiritual Food

It has been said: "Tell me what you read and I will tell you what you are."—"What readeest thou?" It is true that what one reads has a great deal to do with the shaping of his character. We are blessed above many to have such a great variety of books and periodicals at our command. It is our desire to see every family with the Spirit of Prophecy books and the books for young people in their home.

"Satan knows that to a great degree the mind is affected by that upon which it feeds. He is seeking to lead both the youth and those of matured age to read story books, tales, and other literature. The readers of such literature become unfitted for the duties lying before them. They live an unreal life, and they have no desire to search the scriptures, to feed upon the heavenly manna."

Many a youth can trace his conversion back to some afternoon or morning when he was studying or reading from some inspired writer.

It is very necessary for us to make a sacrifice to place the right kind of literature in our homes for our youth. "Messages to Young People," "Day by Day," "Early Writings," "Book of Daniel," "Book of Revelation," "Christian Service," and "Counsels on Food and Diet"—all are in the Christian Home Library. Set—can be secured for only \$1.25 each.

We have a few new books that are just off the press. Some of these are: "Really-Truly Stories,"—\$2.00, "Animal Heroes"—\$1.75, "David and His Harp"—\$1.75, and "Live and Help Live"—\$1.00.

We have many other books, the descriptions of which you have, no doubt, already received from us. We also have a few copies of the "Morning Watch" and "Radiant Religion"—plain and deluxe.

As we realize the times in which we live, we know that we are in debt to our families. We should do our best to place the right kind of literature in our homes which will help in developing the right kind of characters that can be used in God's cause for the finishing of His work.

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Sanitarium News

About two months ago a very fine gentleman who has an electrical business in the city of Orlando, met with an accident while deer hunting. His left thumb was completely severed. He was a long way from help, and it took him seven hours by foot, horseback, and truck to reach the Sanitarium. He was very much pleased at the service he received, and greatly impressed at what he saw as others came to the Sanitarium for service. He watched a mother bring a child in with a broken bone, and although he was sure she did not have the money to pay the bill, the nurses and doctors took care of the case without asking her ability to pay. As he watched this, the thought came to him that he had not done much in his lifetime to help others and he wanted to do something to help such needy individuals. He immediately thought of a plan, and soon proposed to build a cottage on the Sanitarium grounds at no cost to the institution. He talked about this among his friends and three others have promised to do likewise. He feels that he will be able to get sponsors for four other such projects, making eight two-room cottages with private bath for each room. Work has begun on the first two of these cottages.

Recently Elder Cox and Brother Larsen were invited to present our building plans to the Lions Club of Winter Park. After the plans were presented, opportunity was given, and many questions were asked about the future of the institution. There was a very interesting spontaneous testimony given by nearly every member of the club, each telling of his experiences in connection with the institution, when family or friends had been confined to the sanitarium. They were unanimously well pleased with the service received, and unanimously voted to do all they could to raise funds in the city of Winter Park to help with the construction of the addition to the institution.

A formal notice has already appeared in the SOUTHERN TIDINGS regarding the constituency meeting of the Sanitarium, which convened March 17 at 2 P. M. at the Sanitarium. There was a goodly number present, including those who were not delegates to attend this important meeting and listen to the reports and progress of the work during the past five years.

Recent additions to our Sanitarium family are Mr. and Mrs. James D. Simmons of Knoxville, Tennessee. Brother Simmons is connecting with our credit department, and Mrs. Simmons is temporarily acting as dean of women. Mrs. Simmons is the former Marion Seitz, who for some years served as educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Miss Violet Larson, our Bible instructor, is keeping busy giving Bible studies and keeping patients supplied with good literature. Her work is already bearing definite fruit, as there are several individuals who are now keeping the Sabbath. She expects these individuals to be baptized soon.

Southern Missionary College

"The School of Standards"
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S. M. C. Notes

The Southern Missionary College Spring Week of Prayer, March 7 to 15, was conducted by Elder L. A. Skinner, Associate Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the General Conference, and Elder E. J. Barnes, Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

The program for college students consisting of three meetings daily, included morning worship, conducted by Elder C. E. Wittschiede of the college theological department, and chapel talks and evening worship given by Elder Skinner. Prayer bands with student leadership met after each chapel service to discuss and pray for the solution to personal problems.

Elder E. J. Barnes, formerly Bible

teacher of Forest Lake Academy, conducted the services for the Collegedale Academy at their regular chapel periods during the week. He also conducted the meetings for the Collegedale Church School, and met with the college prayer band leaders each morning for worship.

The students enjoyed interviews with both speakers and many found a new experience in Christian living.

The college orchestra, under the direction of Robert Jochmans, presented a two hour program on Saturday evening, March 8 in Lynn Wood Hall.

"Campus Favorites"

"Campus Favorites" contains the favorite recipes of Southern Missionary College students and faculty members and is compiled by the Home Economics Department.

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Erratum for "Campus Favorites"

Attention is directed to several corrections which should have been made in "Campus Favorites," the recipe booklet compiled by the home economics department of Southern Missionary College.

On page 107, "Vegex," the listing should be 1 pound of yeast instead of 1 cake.

It will be noted that three recipes call for the use of pepper. The home economics department regrets this proof-reading error. It does *not* condone the use of pepper, and these listings should have been stricken out before printing.

You are urged to make these corrections in the books already purchased at the Asheville Union session. Similar corrections have been made in books remaining in stock.

SUNSET TABLE

Friday, March 28, 1947

Atlanta, Ga.	6:55
Charlotte, N. C.	6:41
Collegedale, Tenn.	5:58
Huntsville, Ala.	6:03
Memphis, Tenn.	6:18
Meridian, Miss.	6:13
Nashville, Tenn.	6:04
Orlando, Fla.	6:40
Wilmington, N. C.	6:29
