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

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The Khaki "Steps to Christ"

The following from a Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary expresses the sentiments of all who have seen this Special Edition of "Steps to Christ."

"The little Army and Navy edition of 'Steps to Christ' has just been received, and I cannot refrain from writing you just a word of appreciation of the little volume. It seems to me it is just what is needed to help our boys day by day in the terrible struggle that they must constantly face. It is just the right size, and so light that it can be carried without any burden at all; it is continually pointing the way to Jesus and teaching them His great love. I will do all that I can to increase the funds in helping to scatter this little treasure among those who need it most."

Our Union Missionary Secretaries and the Camp Pastors who have been appointed are undertaking to supply all of our own boys with copies. Then we want to supply just as many others as funds will permit. What we have done so far is nothing compared to what we should do for the hundreds of thousands of men who are enlisted in this great world war. Shall we not swell the Soldiers' Literature Fund so that another edition can be quickly prepared? Men are going down to eternal death every day. Shall we not do what we can to point

them to "the lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world?"

Send your offerings to W. T. Knox, Treasurer, Takoma Park, D. C.
M. E. KERN.

"The world is all our neighbor.
The stars are foreign lands."

Our 1918 Slogan

"I'm going to remember to take some tracts with me when I go downtown today," said a Missionary Volunteer one morning. It is a simple thing to do; yet how easy it is to forget it.

On the elevated train, she took out one of the tracts and laid it

On the Other Side

We go our ways in life too much alone;
We hold ourselves too far from all our kind;
Too often we are dead to sigh and moan,
Too often to the weak and helpless blind;
Too often where distress and want abide
We turn and pass upon the other side.

The other side is trodden smooth and worn
By footsteps passing idly all the day;
Where lie the bruised ones that faint and mourn
Is seldom more than an untrodden way.
Our selfish hearts are for our feet the guide—
They lead us by upon the other side.

It should be ours the oil and wine to pour
Into the bleeding wounds of stricken ones,
To take the smitten and the sick and sore
And bear them where a stream of blessing runs.
Instead we look about—the way is wide—
And so we pass upon the other side.

O friends and brothers, gliding down the years,
Humanity is calling, and all
In tender accents, born of grief and tears!
I pray you, listen to the thrilling call.
You cannot in your cold and selfish pride,
Pass guiltlessly upon the other side.

--Selected.



on the seat. When she had left the car, the conductor picked it up, looked it over and put it in his pocket. Later he gave it to the lady with whom he boarded.

A few days afterward, one of our Missionary Volunteers was canvassing the neighborhood for the Watchman. He called at the home of this lady. She had read the tract, and when the magazine was presented, she was glad to learn more of what the tract had explained. She invited the young man into the house, and after a profitable visit, he made an appointment for the Church Bible Worker to come and give the lady studies. After a series of studies, the lady has now been converted to the truth, and will be baptized shortly.

Another woman purchased the Watchman from the same young man on the same day, was also glad when Bible readings were suggested, and an appointment was made with her, too. She and her daughter have just recently decided to obey God, as a result.

Doesn't it pay for our Missionary Volunteers to "be always ready?"

Remember that our 1918 Slogan is "A year of active services;" and do not be content until you are actively engaged in doing definite missionary work for God.

Present Truth No. 27

This number of Present Truth prepared by Elder A. G. Daniells, is ready to mail. The theme of this issue, "Armageddon—the Last Great Battle," is presented under the following topics:

Armageddon—(its meaning); Why this war has been named Armageddon; the Scriptures the Source of Information Regarding Armageddon; Where the Battle of Armageddon will be Fought; The Whole World to be Involved; Armageddon Foretold by other

Prophets Besides John; Joel's Prophecy of War; History of the World Outlined in Prophecy; The Present Outlook—Does it Presage Peace or War? The Cause of Armageddon; Armageddon closes the World's History; The Kingdom of Christ.

While this issue of Present Truth is full and complete in the presentation of its special theme, it is also the climax of the two preceding issues, No. 25, "The World in Ferment," and No. 26, "After the War—What?" In these three issues the great Advent message has a setting that makes it of the most thrilling interest, and of unusual convincing power. The molding influence of these three numbers read in the order published, can hardly be estimated. They should have a wide circulation.

Denominations Exempt From Fighting

The question of what denominations are to be exempt from actual fighting service in this war is one that has been under discussion for a long time, but is not yet definitely settled. In the eastern department, however, a ruling has been made by the United States District Board of New York city, which is the final court on exemptions, that the following list of denominations will be exempt from combatant military service: The Quakers, which include the Society of Friends, the Plymouth Brethren and the Seventh-day Adventists. The Assemblies of God, the Seventh-day Christians, the Apostolic Church and several sects of smaller membership also asked exemption, but under the existing law their request could not be granted.

Members of exempt denominations, however, must bear their share in service for the Government. Drafted men who can

show satisfactorily that they are real members of one of the exempt denominations and have not attached themselves to it simply to escape military service, are held for noncombatant service and are put in Class I A. They can be sent by the local boards to the camps, but will not be called upon to fight. Salvation Army officers, the board rules, cannot be exempted as "ministers of religion."—*The Continent*.

The New 1918 Instructor Temperance Annual

The 1918 Temperance Annual will be issued under date of Mar. 26. It will be beautiful in design, coloring, illustrations, and strong in contents. It touches the liquor traffic in its present-day stages, and is well designed, in all respects, to add to its present wide influence in its last great struggle for national prohibition.

The present year will be the time of victory or defeat of the great national temperance movement. During this year many states, through their legislatures, will be expected to ratify the prohibition amendment providing for national prohibition, but there will be, unprecedented opposition to these ratifications by the liquor forces which must be met and defeated. The greatest power against the liquor traffic is public sentiment, and the best way to mould the public mind is by giving it the great volumes of facts which condemn liquor in the most effective way. That is what the 1918 Temperance Annual will do. Its power and influence will be in proportion to its circulation. Now is the time to order and to begin work.

Last year's prices will be continued this year. Fifty or more copies are four cents each; five to forty copies, five cents each; one to five copies, ten cents each.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Mississippi Notes

Wednesday, Feb. 27; Bro. A. L. Hamm and Miss Ruby Chastain were united in marriage, Elder W. P. McLennan officiating. The marriage was celebrated at Elder McLennan's home, after which they started in their automobile for their canvassing field, making a few stops enroute to visit relatives. They both expected to be hard at work the following week selling "Daniel and Revelation" in Quitman county. All join in wishing them a successful and happy wedded life.

Bro. F. W. Schmehl, our new Field Missionary Secretary, arrived with his family last Thursday. He comes to us from the Louisiana Conference, where he has been a successful colporteur. He and Brother Shidler, who has spent the past week at the office looking after the book work, left Sunday morning for Webster county to assist Brethren Hastings and Brooks, who are starting into the work there.

Brother N. L. Taylor, our new Tract Society Secretary, is finding it difficult to keep a stock of the small books on hand, as the members of the church are taking such an active part in their circulation. It seems from all reports that about all the effort it takes to sell these books is to let the people know that such books are to be had. There is a ready demand for them everywhere. These small books are offering an especially favorable opportunity for missionary activities on the part of our people.

We were all saddened Friday morning by the announcement of the death of Bro. E. A. Taylor's father. Bro. Taylor returned from his canvassing field just in

time to be present at his father's death. Brother and Sister Taylor have the sympathy and prayers of all in this hour of their bereavement.

We are glad to welcome Elder McLennan and family, who come from Louisiana. They are nicely located in Jackson, and Elder McLennan is laying plans for very aggressive work here in the city.

Brother Shidler spent several days at the office last week. He and Brother Schmehl are at Mathiston this week helping Brethren Hastings and Brooks get started in the book work.

The following extract was taken from a letter written by Bro. Virgil Smith, who is canvassing in Sunflower county, and whose report was \$335.55 for last week: "The Lord certainly has been good to me the past few days. The 'Loud Cry' is sounding faintly now, but soon it will be like heavy thunder. Now is the time to make haste."

To Our Believers In Mississippi

We trust that our brethren and sisters will avail themselves of the special offer that our people are making us on the Testimonies. The volumes of the Testimonies ought to be in every home. We are entering times when we must know for ourselves what "Israel ought to do." Changes will be rapid ones. There will not always be some one present who can give us advice. In the times to come, it will become necessary for us to decide on the spot. We ought to read the Testimonies and be enlightened in regard to our duty, understanding what the church will pass through in the last days. Much instruction and warning has been given to those who will be living when the final

crisis will be reached. Now is the time to buy the Testimonies.

We ought also to read the *Review*, our general church paper. From time to time articles will appear that are right to the point, coming just in time. Again and again the next issue of the *Review* has had an article that made clear the thing that was in our mind. Subscribe for the *Review* now.

Thrice, you should have our *Union Worker*. You want to keep informed as to what is being done in our Union, and especially what is done in our State. We expect to have a number of meetings and report their progress, etc. Then you want to know what our colporteurs are doing. I do trust that you will make a special effort to get the Testimonies, *Review* and our *Union Worker* at this time

C. J. BUHALTS.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Louisiana News Notes

Tuesday, March 6, Elder E. L. Maxwell and family arrived in New Orleans, and after spending a few very pleasant hours with old friends, took the train for Arkansas, where the family will visit relatives while Elder Maxwell attends the General Conference.

A card from Brother Coble says he is now located at Grayson near Columbia, Caldwell Parish, where he will canvass this year.

March 4, The Louisiana Conference Committee met in New Orleans, with a full membership present, also Elder Wight and Prof. Staines. The campmeeting, tent efforts for the summer, and other lines of work were studied and plans laid.

At the Home Missionary Insti-

tute, held at the New Orleans Church No. 2, very definite plans were laid for work, and a decided interest was shown in the sale of our small books and the *Watchman*. They also laid plans to place in the homes 1,000 copies of each of the 24 numbers of Present Truth, and an initial order of 2,000 copies were ordered. Quite a few took forty copies of the Crisis series books to sell, and two days later one of them phoned to the office to arrange for getting more.

The following is copied for the special benefit of "Doubting Thomas," of "Somewhere," La.: "Dear Brother Caldwell:-

"I know you will rejoice with me for the goodly number of orders the Lord helped me to secure the past week." (His report shows 42 orders, value \$195, taken in 52 hours.) "All praise to His dear name." What a blessed work it is to have the privilege of carrying the Bread of Life to hungering and perishing souls. As one lady expressed herself, 'I was just ready to grab that book. I heard of your being in the neighborhood last week and was afraid you would not be back. I was sure glad to see you ride up last night.' But those orders do not tell it all. Some of my best experiences were with those who were not interested enough in their soul's salvation to give an order.

"Brother Boswell suggested having a 'Big Week' beginning March 10. I think it a good idea. With the Lord's help I expect to make every week through the year a 'Big Week,' for we certainly have no time to lose.

"Sorry to lose one of our men from the field, but my prayers go with Brother Schmehl. I feel that puts a greater burden on those left, and we should strive to be a Gideon's band and pass our goals enough to cover the loss." (Signed) JAS. TURNER.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

SOUTHERN UNION, FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 2

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

| Name | Book | Hrs. | Orders | Value | Helps | Total | Deliv'd |
|----------------|------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| R W Harris | OD | 11 | 19 | \$38.00 | \$ | \$38.00 | \$ |
| J E Miller | DR | 40 | 13 | 55.50 | 10.20 | 65.70 | 5.85 |
| J W Wilhelm | BR | 37 | 16 | 68.00 | 6.25 | 74.25 | 3.25 |
| Andy Schroader | BR | 32 | 15 | 67.00 | | 67.00 | 9.00 |
| R Y Howard | BR | 43 | 15 | 60.00 | | 60.00 | 7.00 |
| Lee Page | BR | 27 | 25 | 103.00 | 3.40 | 106.40 | 2.95 |
| J C Gaevart | GC | 19 | 3 | 12.00 | 1.50 | 13.50 | 1.50 |
| T Kroeger | BR | 29 | 13 | 62.00 | 1.50 | 63.50 | 1.50 |
| Ella Marable | OD | 13 | 16 | 33.00 | 2.00 | 35.00 | |
| G H Slaughter | OD | 26 | 29 | 61.00 | | 61.00 | .75 |
| William Fort | OD | 18 | 30 | 64.00 | 1.50 | 65.50 | |
| I E Bradley | BR | 44 | 22 | 101.00 | 17.00 | 118.00 | 3.50 |
| A J Bishop | BF | 11 | 8 | 12.50 | .50 | 13.00 | |
| Annie Gore | BF | 3 | 9 | 12.00 | 1.00 | 13.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | BR | | | | | | 13.00 |
| Total | | 353 | 233 | 749.00 | 44.85 | 793.85 | 48.30 |

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

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|--------------|--------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| U Bracy | GC | 43 | 20 | 86.00 | 18.75 | 104.75 | |
| G W Brown | BR, WW | 53 | 5 | 22.00 | 6.00 | 28.00 | 3.75 |
| E D Coleman | GC | 16 | 3 | 16.00 | 4.00 | 20.00 | |
| R J Cooke | OD | 41 | 54 | 125.25 | 5.35 | 130.60 | |
| B D Crawford | BR | 53 | 19 | 80.00 | 4.70 | 84.70 | |
| H L Edwards | BR | 30 | 12 | 50.00 | | 50.00 | |
| Chas Hubbard | BF | 38 | 22 | 52.00 | 12.00 | 64.00 | |
| H W Jones | GC | 49 | 13 | 55.00 | 2.00 | 57.00 | |
| M S Peppers | BR | 8 | 2 | 11.00 | 2.50 | 13.50 | 5.00 |
| G W Powers | BF | 34 | 69 | 157.50 | 8.25 | 165.75 | |
| Q Tew | BR | 42 | 11 | 45.00 | | 45.00 | 4.00 |
| Total | | 407 | 230 | 699.75 | 63.55 | 763.30 | 12.75 |

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

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|-----------------|----|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Virgil Smith | BR | 97 | 101 | 428.00 | 56.80 | 484.80 | 56.80 |
| Henry Balsbaugh | OD | 132 | 76 | 173.50 | 11.50 | 185.00 | 33.75 |
| C R Canada | | 95 | | | 63.75 | 63.75 | 63.75 |
| E A Taylor | BR | 21 | 6 | 26.00 | 10.65 | 36.65 | 10.65 |
| A L Hamm | DR | 26 | | | 7.20 | 7.20 | 88.20 |
| Mrs Ida Harrell | DR | 11 | 1 | 4.00 | 15.00 | 19.00 | 19.00 |
| A A Johnson | OD | 38 | 15 | 46.00 | 6.00 | 52.00 | 1.00 |
| Pertha Hampton | HM | 100 | 22 | 74.00 | 27.65 | 101.65 | 6.00 |
| Total | | 520 | 221 | 751.50 | 198.55 | 950.05 | 279.15 |

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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|--------------|------|------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| James Turner | BR | 52 | 42 | 195.00 | | 195.00 | |
| M B Wilson | OD | 19 | 16 | 37.00 | | 37.00 | 4.00 |
| L B Spear | BR | 25 | 12 | 65.25 | 1.25 | 66.50 | 5.25 |
| L B Spear | Misc | 25 | | 48.75 | | 48.75 | 11.25 |
| Bibles | | | | 4.60 | | 4.60 | 7.50 |
| Total | | 121 | 70 | 350.60 | 1.25 | 351.85 | 28.00 |

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

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|-----------------|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| Wm J Keele | DR | 35 | 3 | 14.00 | 30.85 | 44.85 | 12.05 |
| H E Beck | BR | 15 | 4 | 17.00 | 5.10 | 22.10 | .85 |
| B Paul Keele | DR | 41 | 9 | 41.00 | 13.30 | 54.30 | 9.05 |
| H G Miller | CK,DR | 41 | 8 | 15.00 | 2.85 | 17.85 | 108.50 |
| R H Hazelton | BR | 25 | 7 | 28.00 | 1.00 | 29.00 | |
| E Widgery (2wk) | DR | 51 | 12 | 48.00 | 15.60 | 63.60 | 4.75 |
| Bibles | | | 1 | | | | 1.00 |
| Total | | 208 | 44 | 163.00 | 68.70 | 231.70 | 136.20 |
| Grand total | | 1609 | 798 | 2713.85 | 376.90 | 3090.75 | 504.40 |

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

News Items

Brother Wade is visiting Bro. Paul Keele at Milan for a few days this week. He spent a few days the past week with Brother H. E. Beck, formerly connected with the Kentucky Conference as State agent. He is located nicely at Paducah, Ky.

Quite a number of orders have been coming in of late for the *Watchman* magazine. The paper has made a great many improvements and almost every home has ordered it. The subscription price is \$1.50 a year. Order now.

Elder Elliott reached the city March 5th, after an extended trip through the western part of the field. On his way home he stopped off for a few hours with Brother Wheeler and Brother Keele at Martin. He will look after his correspondence and matters of business and depart for the General Conference within ten days.

Mr. Barnes Broiles, a student at the Ooltewah College, arrived in Nashville Feb. 24, and is now at work in the city here. He plans to return to school for the fall term.

The Cafeteria which recently opened their new dining room on Sixth Ave. North are enjoying a

heavy patronage. The dining room has been repainted and papered, the effect being very pleasing and cleanly. The people who make up the guest list constitute some of the best people of Nashville. The Nashville Agricultural and Normal School has the operation of the Cafeteria in charge.

Miss Lucinda Sill, a former colporteur in this field, is assisting with the work at the Vegetarian Cafeteria, having come here a month ago from Indiana.

Mr. J. M. Boyce, of Hernando, Miss., has returned to Memphis, Tenn., and will make his residence at 2185 Young Ave. We are indeed glad to have Brother Boyce back in our field again.

Miss Sadie Rogers, the Education and Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretary, is visiting the Memphis Church for a few days. She will return to Nashville the latter part of this week.

We are very sorry to announce the death of Brother Thomas Johnston, at Dickson, Tenn. Brother Johnston had been a member of the Conference Church for some years, and had been faithful in paying his tithes and offerings, having given liberally to the cause. He had been ill of pneumonia for only a few days, passing away Thursday morning, Feb. 28. Brother Bellinger, of the Nashville Church, was present

the following day when the funeral services were conducted. The obituary notice will be sent in by him.

Some counter-efforts have been made in the city by the ministers of other denominations to discount the work done by Elder Martin. A leading minister of the Unitarian denomination spoke at the Knickerbocker Theatre Sunday night on the observance of Sunday, stating that it was a day of rest, and could be used for recreation and enjoyment of the pleasures of the world. He advocated the opening of the picture shows on Sunday, etc. The following morning a leading pastor of another church attacked both his and Elder Martin's views, and thus much interest has been aroused on the Sabbath question.

Brother Milton Young, of the Jackson No. 2 Church, writes that the Exemption Board has re-considered his case, having placed him in class 5, which is to be entirely exempted from the selective service act of the military draft. Brother Young has been a student of the ministry for some time, and is now the pastor of the Jackson No. 2 Church, having been successful in his work in Nashville and other places.

Brother Milton Young of the Jackson No. 2 Church desires a continuous supply of our periodicals for use in his work as pastor of the church there. Please send all literature postpaid to Milton Young, General Delivery, Jackson, Tennessee.

NASHVILLE HONOR ROLL

Pupils neither tardy nor absent during the last school period: Lucile Gleason, Roland Harvey, Elbert Honeycutt, Norman Knox, Guthrie Hunter, Junior Gleason, Daniel Hale, Edith White, Ger-tie Honeycutt, Clarence Stagg.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Office Mail Bag

Elder Keate sends us good reports concerning his visits among the churches. There is considerable activity manifested by the church members in the matter of distributing Present Truth and selling our small books.

Brother Jesse Miller has received word that he is to appear before the Draft Board for examination. He has been placed in class 1. He registered in Kansas, but has been able to obtain a transfer to Kentucky.

Brother Hickman spent a few days in the office attending to necessary records, but is out again on a two weeks' trip. The activities of the men "at the front" and the drilling of new recruits make these busy days for him.

Elder Campbell has gone to Richmond to conduct a series of meetings. There has been on record for some time past an urgent request for a minister. It seems that some are already keeping the Sabbath.

Brother Wagner, writing from Moreland, says: "Remember the meetings here. There is a good interest thus far."

Bro. S. G. Sharp, of Winchester, wrote that he wanted to help out on the Colporteurs' Thirty-thousand-dollar goal, and sent for some books. He writes now that he sold the books in just a few minutes, and others are waiting until we can fill another order for him.

Why not subscribe today for the Review and Herald and the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER?

BURTON CASTLE.

The Colporteur's Reward

There is never a day so dreary

But the colporteur finds the way
To the home of some lonely person
Who is drearier than the day.

He trudges over the hill-sides
steep,

And into the valley he goes,
With ever a thought for those
who weep,
Because of life's heavy woes.

Like the Master he leaves the
ninety-nine

Who are safe within the fold,
And follows the path of love divine
To rescue a soul from the cold.

The Saviour said, Inasmuch as you
Have helped the least of these,
You are my friend and disciple
true,

And I will hear your pleas.

—BURTON CASTLE.

Goobers

L. A. Hansen, in *Life and Health*

Some of our readers will not know what "goobers" are. They are worth about \$60,000,000 a year to the South. The goober is one of the richest foods, containing a large per cent of fat and about 30 per cent of protein. A good many of you have eaten the butter made from the goober, and there is also a very excellent salad oil made from it. In other words, we are speaking of the peanut when we talk about the goober. The peanut is a splendid substitute for flesh food, affording food elements similar to those of flesh foods, but in higher proportion and free from any injurious elements of broken-down animal tissue. In cost the protein of the peanut compares favorably with that of other staple foods, such as bread, milk, peas, and beans.

As ordinarily eaten, peanuts are not very easily digested. This is probably due to insufficient chewing and to the fact that they are eaten between meals or after a hearty meal. They are suitable

to form part of a regular dietary. Some people believe that the addition of salt prevents digestive disturbances, but this is not borne out by facts. Salted peanuts are probably more palatable to most people.

The average healthy person can probably eat peanuts without discomfort, while others may have spoiled their ability to digest them. When nut butter was first introduced, many well-meaning persons were tempted to eat too freely of it. They may have gotten their share, as now they seem to find that peanut butter does not agree with them.

The peanut is a concentrated food, and should be used sparingly. The use of large quantities of peanut butter, or the use of the butter in too many foods, is not advisable. Being so rich in protein, the peanuts should be used in connection with bulky or starchy foods, such as fruits, breads, and vegetables. Caution should be exercised in the use of prepared nut foods, of which there are several varieties on the market.

Every one may not know that peanut butter is better when thinned with about an equal amount of water. Work in a small quantity of water at first, thoroughly emulsifying the mixture, gradually adding more, stirring with a spoon or fork. Thus prepared, the butter is as palatable as without the water, more so to some people, and will go much farther, besides helping to prevent overeating of it.

The peanut oil has a very high fuel value. It belongs in the same class as cottonseed and olive oil, and may be used where these are used. Large quantities of peanut oil have been sold under the name of olive oil, but there is no reason for this excellent oil's going under false names. The more it is known, the better it is liked.

Tomorrow's Hunger Possibilities

This is the title of an April *Signs Magazine* article that will create a lasting impression and make men think. "Modern Revivals" is another; "Breaking the Grip of Death" is another; "Jerusalem for the Jews" is still another. In fact, the April number is full of just those things that most concern people these days. It bears a message that will be gratefully received by some. Will you be among the bearers of that message? One of our sisters in Ohio, recently speaking of her success with the *Signs Magazine*, said she sold 152 copies one day. She thinks it would sell as readily at 25c as at 15c. Think of it, friends! Her commission for the one day's work referred to amounted to \$12.16. Are there not others of our sisters who will take up this blessed important work?

When Your Own's in Khaki

It makes all the difference in the world when your own's in uniform, observes the Columbus Dispatch. You may think you have a proper appreciation of the soldiers; you may feel that you are patriotic; you may suppose that you are doing all you can to help win the war. But you will know nothing about appreciating a soldier, about patriotism, or about sacrifice, until one of your own puts on a uniform.

All of which is suggested by a little incident of a recent football game at the university, when the soldiers were drilling. Few noticed it—for it was not intended to be noticed—but the few who did notice it grew mellow and sympathetic and left the grounds feeling that the world does not realize the human suffering that is endured by the

women of this country at this time.

A woman sat in one of the lower priced seats. She came unattended. No one seemed to pay any attention to her. She was dressed demurely, with a dark veil about her eyes. She knew nothing about football; that was not what she went out to the grounds to see. Her eyes were fastened upon the uniforms; that was her object—to behold the boys in khaki. And she sat there while they were going through their drill, and wiped a tear from her eye occasionally, and her bosom heaved with emotion, and she spoke to no one about her. When the soldiers left the field she also left, unnoticed by the throng.

Her own boy wears a uniform. That was the sorrowful secret which she held. He is "somewhere in France." She knew none of these boys before her, but her own wears a uniform; that was enough. And so she sat there, thinking, praying, sympathizing, loving these lads who are clad as her boy is clad. It was a great game of football—perhaps.

Value of the Soy Bean

The soy bean, which has been an important food of the Chinese for about five thousand years, has only recently been seriously considered as a food in this country, though in protein and fat content it ranks high above all other beans. An effort is now being made to introduce it more generally. In the South the soy bean has been raised for its oil, and the by-product from the oil presses—containing nearly fifty per cent protein—has been sold for fertilizer. Mr. Hoover has interested himself in the matter, and this protein is now ground into a soy bean flour, which is being put on the market. The Department of Agriculture and other agencies

are attempting to educate the people regarding the value of the soy bean and its products.—*Life and Health*.

"Napoleon became great because he knew how to make use of opportunities. He used to say, 'In every battle there is a crisis, ten or fifteen minutes only, on which the outcome depends. To make proper use of this short space of time means victory; its neglect, defeat!' It is the same in the battle of life. A quickly and properly formed decision oftentimes decides a destiny. To neglect the development of gifts in youth is disastrous. Victory or defeat oftentimes hangs on the thin thread of an insignificant-appearing opportunity."

Misfortune

Men count me as an enemy
That sometimes comes by
stealth,
Though often striking suddenly
To sweep away their wealth;
A dark, mysterious threatening
power,
With misery in its wake,
Demanding heavy tolls of grief,
And would their heart's blood
take.

This picture is reversible,
And on the other side,
A blessing in disguise am I,
As many have descried,
Who bravely met and stood the
tests
My coming to them brought,
Schooled by my fires or chilling
blasts,
Life's lessons were they taught.
What, though I took their gold,
their health;
Removed their loved one,
friend;
Oppressed and wearied day by
day,
'Twas means unto an end.
Far greater gifts I brought to
them,
Gifts of eternal worth—
The love of God, peace, patience,
faith,
Fitness for the New Earth.

—W. E. BARNES.

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Publishing House Notes

Our superintendent, Brother W. A. Harvey, and bindery foreman, Brother L. L. Lawrence, made a recent trip to Chicago and other Northern points. They visited a number of supply houses and printing establishments in the interest of the work here at the Publishing House.

The new universal catalogue of publications has now been furnished to all the tract societies. Some important changes have been made in the prices and classifications of many of the publications listed. If you have not already received a copy of this new catalogue, drop a postal card to your tract society secretary and ask him to send you one.

The design for the Harvest In-gathering covers of the *Watchman* for 1918 has been accepted by the General Conference Committee, and is now in the hands of the artist for final painting. The covers will be printed in four colors, the same as last year. The design is a very impressive one, and is hoped will do much toward helping to reach the \$250,000 goal, which we under-

stand it is proposed to set for this year's campaign.

Many of the readers of the *WORKER* will recall a picture which appeared in these columns last year, showing some of our employees at work in their Publishing House gardens. Last year there were 18 who took advantage of the offer made by the Publishing House to use its extra ground for garden purposes. This year the number has increased to over 30, or nearly double. This is largely due, no doubt, to the increased cost of living.

It has already been stated in the *WORKER* that more *Watchman* are being sold at 15 cents than were ever sold of corresponding issues at 10 cents. However, it may also be interesting to know that this "more" has increased to 50 per cent. In other words, the circulation of the *Watchman* is now 50 per cent larger than it was a year ago at this time, while every issue is being oversold by several thousand copies. It is needless to say that Brother Hooper, our circulation manager, is wearing a broad smile these days.

The sales of the Home Office Book Department for the month of January amounted to more than double those of January, 1917, or a gain of a little over 100 per cent. If this may be taken as an indication of what our faithful colporteurs are going to do during this year, it will not be surprising if 1918 does not greatly surpass anything that has yet been accomplished in the sale of Seventh-day Adventist literature.

The men "behind the books" in the Southern Union will doubtless be interested in the following telegram received from Bro. H. R. Gay, manager of the Fort Worth branch of the S. P. A.,

dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, where he attended the institute for that conference. It reads:

"Arkansas Institute twenty-one colporteurs, goal \$40,000. Seven for \$3,000 each. Thirteen in field first week March. Seventeen before March closes. Harrison says sixty-five colporteurs set goal for \$101,200. Look out for old Southwestern. Kirkham says keep your eyes across river."

The \$162,000 goal that has been set by the Southern Union Conference is no doubt causing our good friends "across the river" to become alarmed and to realize their danger. There promises to be some real interesting and friendly rivalry this year among the three Unions comprising the book territory of the Southern Publishing Association.

Our workers will also be interested to learn that some additional machinery has been purchased for the bindery, which will double the output of that department on the large books; and from the present outlook this has been done none to soon. At this writing the work on the new warehouse addition, for the storage of paper stock and finished books, is progressing nicely, and this greatly needed space will soon be ready for use. A number of additional workers have been employed during the past few weeks, all of which may be taken by our faithful colporteurs as assurance that the Southern Publishing Association intends to leave no stone unturned to meet the growing demands of the field.

R. L. PIERCE.

STUDY AT HOME--If you cannot attend one of our training schools, why not form the habit of studying at home? The Fireside Correspondence School will teach you how. Elder A. G. Daniells, President of the General Conference, says: "I believe your school is conferring an unspeakable benefit upon our people." Let us tell you more about this matter. Address C. C. Lewis, Prin., Takoma Park, D. C.