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Rublishing Mouse Notes

The new 40 x 80 warehouse addition to the north end of the Office building has been completed and already is nearly full of paper and other stock.

During Red Cross week every employee at the Home Office of the S. P. A. was glad to have a part in the work of the Red Cross by donating a day's wages, which amounted to \$129.41.

A new two-ton "White" truck ordered some months ago has been received and is now in service. It is needless to say that Brother White thinks a great deal of his new "White" and is wearing a broad smile these days.

A few days ago the Office shipped a carload of books to the Fort Worth Branch. The car contained 140 cases, which weighed 40,122 pounds, having a retail value of \$42,290.00.

Two orders recently received from the Washington Branch of the Review and Herald and the Kansas City Branch of the Pacific Press called for nearly 20,000 copies of "The Return of Jesus," "Spiritualism," "The Other Side of Death," and "The Christian Sabbath."

At the present time the Office is printing a 30,000 edition of "Bible Readings," 25,000 "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy," besides several large editions of the smaller books. Work has also

been begun on the "Harvest Ingathering Watchman," which promises to be the most interesting and attractive Ingathering Special ever issued. Do not forget that the goal this year is \$250,000.00, or a quarter of a million. It is fully expected that this amount will be raised, for the American people are just beginning to learn how to give.

The sale of the 25 and 50-cent series by the Home Missionary workers and the lay members of our churches is increasing so rapidly that the Board of Directors of the Southern Publishing Association have found it necessary to order a machine for the putting on of paper covers, instead of doing this work by hand.

Recently Brother Lawrence and his force of Bindery workers broke the record by delivering 18,000 books to the Book Department in one day. Next to hearing of the good experiences encountered by those in the field, there is perhaps nothing that spurs our Office workers on any more than to see large quantities of our message-filled literature turned out; and often there is a friendly race to see who can accomplish the most in the same length of time.

Last week another one of our employees was called to the colors, namely, Bro. Charles Loftin, who was working in the Press-room. At the morning worship of the last day Brother Loftin worked at the Office the workers of his department presented him with a new Bible and a copy of "Steps to Christ." Thus far the Southern Publishing Association has furnished the following men for the Service: Mr. Earl Jeys, Mr.Royal Hubbell, and Mr. Charles Loftin. Besides, Miss Elizabeth Flippin, one of our former stenographers, recently left for Washington to accept a similar position with the Government.

During the past few weeks several new workers have been added to the S. P. A. family, as follows:

Bro. J. H. Goodrich, of New Jersey, has connected with our Art Department, thus giving the Office two good artists.

Bro. J. W. Grout, of Ohio, an experienced pressman, has been added to the Press-room staff, while Bro. H. G. Land, a bookbinder, recently arrived from Virginia. Mr. John Hale recently arrived from Arkansas and has also taken up work in the Bindery.

Miss Ethel Murphy, who formerly worked in the Tennessee River Tract Society, but who has been teaching the past year in Mount Vernon Academy, has accepted a stenographic position

with the Office. Our stenographic and clerical force has been further increased by Mrs. O. R. Godsmark, of Chattanooga, and Miss Edith Cutler and Mr. Harrold Mikkelson, of Berrien Springs, Michigan. The following former employees, who have been away to school the past year, have now returned "home:" Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Krauss, from Berrien Springs; Mr. R. C. Gray and sister, Miss Alsie, and Miss Masie White, from the Southern Junior College. Ooltewah. We indeed pleased to welcome these additions to our loyal band of earnest workers.

One of our presses has been running night and day on Elder Daniells' new book, "A World in Perplexity," for which some large have already been re-One order calls for ceived. 13.050 copies, and another one for an even 25,000. It is expected that this book will have even a larger sale than that enjoyed by the "World War," which was also written by Elder Daniells. We hope to have finished books by the time these items are printed.

The work in the Southeast is increasing so rapidly that our Atlanta Branch has outgrown its present quarters; besides, the building is for sale. It was therefore decided for Bro. M. F. Knox, our Secretary-Treasurer, and the writer to visit Atlanta, and in company with Elder Branson, and our Branch Manager, Brother Randall, some time was spent in looking for a suitable location. After making careful investigation, it was decided to purchase the building on Fair Street, formerly occupied by the Atlanta Church. This building was found to be in a well preserved state of repair, while its construction is such as will enable it to be remodeled to advantage. When this work is completed it will not only give the Branch a permanent home, but one well arranged for its work and with ample room. The last word received was to the effect that several men had been employed to work on the building, and it is now expected that the office will be in its new quarters by July 1.

At this writing the July number of the Watchman Magazine is on the press. There seems little doubt that this "Liberty" issue will be the most attractive, artistic, as well as one of the most important numbers of the magazine ever published. This will be the first of our three special summer numbers. good things are also promised for August. A few days since there was a Prophetic Conference of churches of different denominations held in Philadelphia. was understood that at this conference the second coming of Christ and the present World War were to be among the most prominent subjects to be studied. Elder Carlyle B. Haynes, one of the Magazine's leading contributors, attended this conference, and we expect his report to appear in the August number of the Watchman. Watch for it.

It was the writer's privilege to attend the closing exercises of the Southern Junior College, and to listen to an impressive address delivered by Elder Daniells, based on those immortal words of Mordecai to Queen Esther, ".... and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" In a room beautifully decorated, in which United States flags played a conspicuous part, and with one of the six graduates wearing the Khaki, these words took on a new meaning. As the speaker so feelingly and appropriately expressed, in view of the preplexing conditions we are now facing, it was not an occasion for frivolity and the or-

dinary congratulations, but rather for serious reflection and sober meditation upon the graduates reaching this new point of opportunity and responsibility in their experience under conditions which the world has never met before. It was indeed an impressive gathering and one well calculated to give all present a keener realization than ever before of the real meaning of the words of the text, "....and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" These are words which may burn deep into the heart of every colporteur, and every worker, and every layman, for surely a most grave and weighty responsibility rests upon our people in this time of great stress and preplexity. If there ever was a time for earnest, faithful effort that time is now, and may the Lord help each one to faithfully do the work assigned him, even as did Queen Esther. though it may require much fasting and prayer, as well as long hours and the enduring of many hardships and privations. But, we have the glorious promise that the reward is certain, and the victory is sure.

R. L. PIERCE.

Testimonies, 9-Volume Edition

While, of course, the 4-volume edition of "Testimonies" is preferable, yet there are those who have nearly all the numbers of the 9-volume edition and wish therefore to complete their sets. To such we are glad to say that single volumes Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, both in cloth and limp leather, are still obtainable. Prices are as follows: Nos. 5 and 6, \$1.00 each in cloth and \$1.50 in limp leather. Vols. 7, 8 and 9, 75c in cloth and \$1.25 in limp leather.

Pacific Press Publishing Assn.

"True greatness is to take the common things of life and walk bravely among them."

God's Aviation Corps

All the world is keyed up to a supreme effort, and anyone who in the midst of this intensity fails to put in every ounce of his energy can feel himself nothing less than a slacker. But as the work of the Church embraces more and higher objects than the work of the Nation—as it aims to save and make happy not only for time, but for eternity—so much the more devoted and keen for service must every church member be.

Now the Lord is not drafting anyone. Who ever gets into His service must volunteer. Volunteer! and get into whatever branch you are best fitted for. But before you make your choice. your attention is called to the Aviation Corps. It's a branch of the service that appeals to the spiritually daring, nerve-steady, resourceful, and ambitious. And it develops those qualities where there is none too much of them to start with. And then it brings results unique in value, and not less important than any other. It's the most romantic, as it is the newest, department in the service.

Our Aviation Corps is the magazine work. Of all the branches of service it's the most mobile, the most adaptable, the most upto-date. It can go anywhere, any time, at any speed. Whoever engages in it gets more rapid-fire action crowded into a minute than the artillery gets in a week-not so heavily effective, understand, but at a mile-a-minute pace. And not only has it a duty in bombing raids; it is effective in observation. The information to be picked up by our magazine workers and passed in by them is the most varied, extensive, and recent to be obtained.

It is a service that must appeal to thousands of our students

and others of our young people who are full of vigor, initiative, and desire for earnest service. And to a great if not an equal extent it must appeal to our stay-athome church members who can spend only an occasional hour. The great cities must be worked, and for this specially trained squadrons as well as lone fliers must be provided. Our own neighborhoods, city or country, must be worked, and in this less strenuous service nearly every church member may make frequent flights.

There is great opportunity in the Aviation Corps? The Watchman Magazine will help you start. Write for information to your tract society. A free booklet entitled "General Sales Information" will be sent you.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Tenn. River News Items

Elder Elliott and Elder Wight are in Memphis for a few days. A revival service will be conducted for the church and the blessings of the General Conference will be brought home to the believers. Elder Wood writes that the new church building will be formally opened Sunday, June 9th. The members were permitted to look through the building last Sabbath, and the first service was held.

Bro. Ben Marshall of the Alabama Conference was in Nashville for a few days last week on business.

J. A. Traugh and family reached Nashville Wednesday afternoon, and after remaining over the night, left the city the following afternoon for Lexington, Tenn., their new field of la-

bor. Elder Traugh comes from the South Carolina Conference, this being an exchange of laborers, Elder Bellinger having connected with the work in Charleston, S. C.

Plans are on foot to conduct a tent effort for the colored people of Nashville, and Elder Dasent will be assisted by three of the students of the Oakwood Junior College. The meeting will begin in about ten days.

A number of the students from the Southern Junior College are now with their friends and parents in the city here. Among those coming home are Miss Masie White, Miss Alsie Gray, Miss Helen Curtis, Mr. R. C. Gray and Mr. Trawick. These all are employed during the vacation season in ways connected with the message.

The Hazel school closed on May 28th, and three of the young men students have decided to enter the colporteur work, these being Jessie Allen, Paul Zalabak and Edison Pound. They will work in Robertson County.

Bro. W. D. Wade has tendered his resignation as field secretary in order to spend more time with his family and to assist his wife with the duties in the rearing of the children. Brother Wade has six boys and has felt that he should be with them, as they are becoming of mature age and need a father's watchcare. The brethren of the committee felt very reluctant to accept Bro. Wade's resignation, but realized that his responsibility was at home. Bro. C. R. Fairchild of Mount Vernon, Ohio, has been called to accept the position made vacant by Brother Wade's resignation and will be with the boys in the field in about ten days. Brother Fairchild is owner of a car and will use it in his work in this conference.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE SHIPPING

Home Missionary Work in Southern Alabama

After spending two days with Brethren Dillen, Cole and Staton at Oakwood and three days with Elder Rowland and the Birmingham Church, I joined Elder J. F. Wright and we have visited a number of little companies of believers in the Southern part of Alabama.

At Ashford, beginning Friday, May 17, we held a three days' Elder Wright spoke meeting. to good-sized outside audiences at night, while the day meetings were occupied by the writer in studying with our people the need of each member doing definite, systematic home missionary work among his neighbors and friends. Though this church numbers but few, yet each took hold nicely and over one hundred Crisis books and some current Watchman were They will also use one hundred Present Truth and fifty Watchman per month.

We next spent two days with the believers at Dothan. church has been greatly reduced by removals, but the remaining few are loyal to the truth, and are taking hold to do all in their power to get the message for this time before the people.

At Montgomery we met Elder and Mrs. Prieger, former laborers of this conference, but more recently from Haiti. Together we had three meetings here. Montgomery is a large field with but a handful of believers, and while all our people are glad to do all they can, yet they feel the need of help to put forth a stronger effort than they are able to man.

Reaching Silverhill on Friday evening, May 24, we had most

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE, FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 1

| KENTUCKY CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|--|---------------|--|
| Name | Book | Hrs. | Orders | Value | Helps | Total | Deliv'd | |
| Mary Aldridge | OD | 31 | 29 | \$58.00 | \$3.00 | \$61.00 | \$ 2.50 | |
| I E Bradley | BR | 8 | 1 | 4.00 | 5.85 | 9.85 | 158.95 | |
| H Ethington (2w | k)BR | | | | | | 200.00 | |
| Ada Fort | BR | 12 | 4 | 16.00 | 3.15 | 19.15 | 5.25 | |
| J C Gaevert | DR | 36 | 9 | 36.00 | 8,40 | 44.40 | 1.60 | |
| F F Harrison | DR | 26 | . 8 | 33.00 | 3.55 | 36.55 | | |
| R F Hickman | \mathbf{BR} | 9 | 9 | 39.00 | 7.00 | 46.00 | • | |
| M L Howard | BR | 32 | 15 | 73.00 | 1.35 | | | |
| R Y Howard | BR | 35 | 4 | 16.00 | | 16.00 | 8.00 | |
| E G Marable | OD | 15 | | | | | 2.00 | |
| Ella Montague | OD | 5 | 10 | 20.00 | * | | | |
| A F Owens | BR | 12 | 13 | 61.00 | 2.75 | 63.75 | 1.50 | |
| Lee Page | BR | 18 | 11 | 45.00 | | 45.00 | | |
| H W Perrin | BR | 32 | 25 | 104.00 | 1.50 | and the second s | 1.50 | |
| Fred Rahn | BR | 49 | 46 | 202.00 | 9.65 | 211.65 | 1.50 | |
| R B Rowe | DR | 23 | 30 | 166.00 | •••• | 166.00 | 29.00 | |
| Mrs R B Rowe | CK | 17 | 24 | 59.50 | | 59.50 | 40. 00 | |
| J P Salmon | OD | | 22 | 45.00 | | 45.00 | 31.00 | |
| E Whittier | BR | | | 10.00 | | 10.00 | 254.00 | |
| J W Wilhelm | BR | 50 | 20 | 82.00 | 9.05 | 91.05 | 3.10 | |
| W T Wilson | OD | 28 | 18 | 14.00 | 2.65 | 16.65 | 2.65 | |
| | OD | 465 | | 1064.50 | | | | |
| Total | · · · · · | 400 | 298 | 1004.50 | 54.85 | 711.40 | 702.55 | |
| | M | ISSISS | IPPI | CONFER | RENCE | | | |
| M Hastings | DR | 45 | 48 | 239.00 | 8.95 | 247.95 | | |
| F S Kaler | BR | 20 | 42 | 230.00 | | 230.00 | | |
| J L Waller | \mathbf{DR} | 42 | 46 | 214.00 | .75 | 214.75 | | |
| C R Cannada | BR | 37 | 38 | 185.00 | 22.70 | 207.70 | | |
| Percy Stewart | BR | 17 | 35 | 185.00 | 2.50 | 187.50 | | |
| A A Johnson | \mathbf{BR} | 39 | 43 | 165.00 | 2.00 | 167.00 | | |
| Emily Billups | \mathbf{DR} | 42 | 32 | 140.00 | 8.75 | 148.75 | | |
| L J McElroy | DR | 42 | 32 | 133.00 | 9.50 | 142.50 | • • | |
| Susie Beasley | $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{M}$ | 27 | 25 | 118.50 | 3.75 | 122.25 | | |
| H D Brooks | BR | 42 | 20 | 88.00 | 2.25 | 90.25 | | |
| A Cox | BR | 13 | 22 | 97.95 | | 97.95 | | |
| F Cox | BR | 13 | 22 | 97.95 | | 97.95 | * | |
| H Balsbaugh | OD | 29 | 31 | 66.00 | 1.70 | 67.70 | 11.00 | |
| E A Taylor | BR | 16 | 12 | 52.00 | 2.30 | 54.30 | * | |
| Bibles | | | | 50.40 | | 50.40 | | |
| Total | | 424 | 445 | 2061.80 | 65.15 | 2126.95 | 11.00 | |
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| R Hazelton (2wl | | 42 | . 8 | 32.00 | 1.00 | 33.00 | 148.00 | |
| B P Keele | DR | 54 | 22 | 103.00 | 25.20 | 128.20 | 6.95 | |
| Wm J Keele | DR | 44 | 11 | 53.00 | 19.55 | 72.55 | 9.40 | |
| H G Miller | CK | 51 | 30 | 54.50 | 9.95 | 64.45 | 6.70 | |
| Cleve Smith | DR | 28 | 42 | 212.00 | 3.50 | 215.60 | 3.50 | |
| EC Widgery O | | 34 | 10 | 23.00 | 2.60 | 25.60 | 1.75 | |
| Totals | . , | 253 | 123 | 477.50 | 61.80 | 539.30 | 176.30 | |
| ±00015 | | | 7 | ****** | 01.00 | 555,50 | 1.0.00 | |

| G W Brown | BR.CK | 45 | 9 | 37.00 | 2.95 | 39.95 | |
|-------------|------------------------|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|--------|
| U Bracy | GC | 91 | 37 | 155.00 | 7.50 | 162.00 | 54.00 |
| R J Cook | OD | 42 | 21 | 77.00 | 1.25 | 78.25 | 13.00 |
| H L Edwards | \mathbf{BR} | 27 | 8 | 32.00 | 2.50 | 34.50 | |
| J E Foley | BR | 37 | 18 | 78.00 | 6.25 | 84.25 | |
| J C Holland | BR | 14 | 8 | 38.00 | | 38.00 | |
| C L Hubbard | $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{K}$ | 89 | 57 | 132.00 | 11.50 | 143.50 | 63.00 |
| H W Jones | GC | 48 | 12 | 41.00 | 1.00 | 42.00 | 13.00 |
| C A Powers | BR | 15 | 15 | 82.00 | 4.50 | 86.50 | |
| G W Powers | BR,CK | 46 | 45 | 128.00 | 8.60 | 136.60 | |
| Q Tew | BR,OD | 53 | 22 | 89.00 | 3.50 | 92.50 | |
| R Thompson | BR | 21 | 9 | 42.00 | 1.50 | 43.50 | |
| J T Weed | BR | 9 | 6 | 28.00 | | 28.00 | |
| Bibles | | | | 36.75 | | 36.75 | 23.65 |
| Total | | 537 | 267 | 995.75 | 51.05 | 1046.80 | 165.65 |

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

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|-----------------|---------------------------|-------|------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| R R Coble | BR | 36 | 27 | 125.00 | | | 10.00 |
| L B Spear (2wk) | BR | 94 | 164 | 849.00 | | | 18.00 |
| B F Brown | BR | 47 | 73 | 367.00 | | | |
| Hardy Mann | $\mathbf{B}^{\mathbf{R}}$ | . 9 | 3 | 16.00 | | | 9.00 |
| J B Hardy | BR | 9 | 12 | 39.00 | | | 5.00 |
| M B Wilson | OD | 21 | 22 | 53.00 | | | * |
| Total | | 216 | 301 | 1449.00 | | | 42.00 |
| Grand total | | 1895 | 1434 | 6048.55 | 232.85 | 4424.45 | 1097.50 |

excellent meetings over Sabbath Though there are and Sunday. but three families of our people, yet they are glad to make God's work first, and are expressing their earnestness in various lines of missionary activities. Brother Oscar Priegar, elder of the Summerdale Church, was with us at these meetings. Sabbath as we studied the necessity of the life in harmony with the teaching of the literature we are endeavoring to circulate, God, by His Spirit came very near to His people and a real spirit of consecration came in. Our people here took and arranged for a goodly amount of literature. On Sunday night Elder Wright spoke at the school house to an interested audience.

Tuesday night, May 28, we began a week's institute with the Mobile Church. God has greatly blessed the efforts that have been

put forth by Elders Martin and Wright and their co-laborers for the people of this city. Over forty have been added to their membership and a number of others will evidently unite a little later. A very neat church is near enough completion so that we used it, and altogether this church has done most commendable work.

The attendance at the night meetings was excellent, and as we studied God's plan for making known the way of salvation through the cooperation of every church member, a spirit of deep earnestness and consecration took hold of both new and old members. Nearly every member expressed not only in words, but in definite acts, a determination to cooperate in carrying out God's plans for them. Their missionary organization was completed,

earnest band leaders chosen, and every member assigned to one of these bands. Orders were placed for one thousand copies each of Present Truth, and a portion of the city is being mapped for systematic work, with these, the Crisis books, and the magazines. We have reason to expect great things from this church.

While in this city we visited all of our colored believers and held one meeting with them. They are using Present Truth, Crisis books and Watchman. What was once a good strong church has been reduced by removals to a few sisters and their children, but they are working hard and being loyal to the truth, hoping that a laborer may be placed here soon.

At each place the matter of subscriptions to the Review and the Union Worker have been looked after.

These companies have together taken, ordered and laid plans for the use of over \$600 worth (retail value) of literature. Surely results are bound to follow such efforts. As our people take hold of these lin's of work, a new experience comes into their own lives and both they and those for whom they labor are greatly blessed. May each continue to do earnest, energetic, faithful service till the work is done.

O. R. STAINES.

Alabama News Notes

Sabbath, June 1, the company at Talladega was organized into a church. Elder Buckner writes regarding it: "We organized a little band of 17 yesterday. Elder Miller was with us and all appreciated his timely remarks regarding organization and the duties of an organized church."

Mrs. Katie Miller, secretary of the Elkwood Missionary Society, placed an order for a nice assortment of tracts to be used in missionary work in that locality.

Bro. N. F. Nelson and family of Southport, Fla., have recently moved to Mobile, where they can enjoy church privileges.

Bro. J. E. Foley writes: "The Lord is blessing me and I want to do all I can to make good during the big week and every other week, as we don't know how soon the work may close up for us."

Sister S. W. Lorren in sending in a number of subscriptions to the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER states the following: "The WORKER is a fine paper. Am always glad to see the good reports of the colporteurs each week contained therein."

Brother and Sister Marshall spent the week-end in Nashville, returning home Sunday night.

"The work is very encouraging. Surely the Lord is preparing the way for the colporteurs."—G. W. Powers.

"My report this week has been small, owing to the fact that it has been a proposition for us to get located. I am of good courrage. We like our territory fine, and expect to do a good week's work next week. We have the finest prospects for a good summer's work that I have ever known. Surely the harvest is ripe. I am ready to spend and be spent in the work of the Lord, and I ask your prayers."---J. T. Weed.

"Just a line with my report. I wanted to make it over \$100.00, but it seemed impossible. Nevertheless, I am of good courage. Things look bright here."--Q Tew.

Bro. J. C. Holland, located at Florence, Ala., in a few hours took \$39.00 worth of orders. Brother Weed, who is working with him, in the same length of time took \$56.00. These brethren are just getting started in the

work this week and expect to win scholarships this summer.

Brother Clarence Giles stopped at the office Sunday on his way to Florence, Ala., where he expects to canvass this summer in connection with Brethren Weed and Holland.

Bro. J. R. Staton left Tuesday for Florence, Ala.

Miss Ruby Glasgow, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. B. C. Marshall, the past few weeks, left last night for her home in Nebraska.

We were glad this week to receive a letter from Bro. Norman H. Waters, who is doing governmental work at Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark. He writes that he has been given the privilege of keeping the Sabbath. Brother Waters for several years has been engaged in the colporteur work in this State and had planned to take up this line of work this season also, but it seemed best that he take up quite different work from that he has been doing the past three summers.

Office Mail Bag

Bro. M. L. Howard feels that Sister Howard is improving in health, but they both desire us to continue to pray for her recovery. Please remember this request. Brother Howard also wishes to thank the brethren and sisters for their earnest prayers in behalf of Sister Howard.

Bro. G. H. Curtis is today finishing his work of auditing the Conference and Tract Society books.

The Conference Secretary's father, A. B. Castle, has just arrived from South Lancaster, Mass. Brother Castle has been

a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years, having been a member of the second church ever organized among this people at Buck's Ridge, New York.

Some of our boys who have been located at Camp Zachary Taylor for several months are being transferred to Camp Sherman at Chillicothe, Ohio.

Sister R. Y. Howard writes of three or four more keeping the Sabbath in Covington, who, she thinks, will be ready for church membership before long.

Elder I. M. Martin was a visitor in the city for a few hours one day last week.

A good letter was just received from Bro. Jessie Miller, who recently returned to his home in Kansas. Brother Miller writes that he is doing some canvassing while waiting for his call to the army.

Sister Ellen Graham, of Nicholasville, is in poor health, but finds it possible to devote some time to selling our magazines. She writes: "I ask an interest in your prayers that the Lord will hold me up and give me strength and courage to face whatever is before me." She was special prayer for her two sons.

We are very glad to learn that Bro. Harry Potter, who recently connected with the Tract Society office as secretary at Atlanta, is enjoying his work very much.

BURTON CASTLE.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Louisiana Items

Another good addition to our canvassing corps is Bro. B. F. Webb, who has for some time been living at Ward, La. He is now working in Caddo Parish

with Brother Spear, and sends in his first report for the season, \$367.00 worth of "Bible Readings" orders.

A little over a week before Brother Hardy Mann, age 15, belonging to the Shreveport Church School, joined the ranks, and plans to spend the summer months canvassing with Bro. J. B. Hardy, located at Winnsboro.

Brethren Hugh Moomaugh and H. Lynn have recently arrived from the Keene School and will make their headquarters at Natchitoches while canvassing the surrounding territory.

Elder A. N. Allen spent several days in New Orleans, speaking to the church Sabbath in the interest of literature for our boys in the camps. From New Orleans he went to Shreveport, having an appointment there for Sunday night service.

Brother Denton writes very encouragingly of their little Sabbath School at Amite, and says they plan to have baptismal services next Sabbath, June 8.

We are glad to report Elder Sanders doing very nicely since his recent operation. He is again able to be up, and will soon be attending to his usual official duties.

Blessings in Disguise

Don't listen to those melancholy souls who tell you there is no rapture in living. Life is neither a sad tragedy nor a worthless farce. We persist in disavowing that miserable pessimism which disfigures much of our modern life.

Some conceited individuals cherish the delusion that if they "ran creation" this old world would be a much more habitable spot. And even true and loyal hearts grow sad and weary because of the burdens which are their daily portion.

"This world is full of pain!" says the mental despeptic. Aye, of joy, too. Why not tell us the latter half of the truth? And how much pain is self-caused!

Yet, even tho pain is with us, it serves its purpose. It is the guardian of bodily safety, conscience, and honor, saying with stern tones to the vicious and profligate, "Thus far hast thou gone; go no farther, lest a worse thing befall thee."

Taken from us, and with its sharp reminders absent, we should rush on to physical and moral mortification. It is nature's signal-light of danger ahead. Well were it for men if they always heeded it and turned from violating our great mother's laws. Pain has these uses, and they fulfil the beneficent Creator's purpose.

"But we are beset with constant and imperious toil, Work! Work! Such is human hap!" mutters the pessimist.

Aye, and it is that very labor which brings man up from the low level of the savage to the higher plane of civilized manhood.

God's best gift to man, and man's highest dignity and crown, is the divine necessity of toil. There is no more miserable man than he who is worthless because he is idle.

Then when you have dealt with these objections, the last and most serious yet remains: Are we not the victims of discontent and deepseated, abiding dissatisfaction?—Yes, and that is the groundwork of progress, the mainspring of civilization, the trumpet call to advance. Our most puissant deeds are born of conscious failure. Contending with difficulty develops our noblest strength. Palissy, the potter, with eager vision and deft fingers, throws aside his ninetyninth failure that he may found his success upon its ruins in the next attempt he makes to conquer nature. The man was dissatisfied. and it is very fortunate for the world he was so. Depend upon it, the things we are too ready to call evil are only blessings in disguise, and we must not be weary of this grand earth a good God has given us. -Selected.

Home Missionary Report for Quarter Ending March 1, 1918 Southern Union Conference

| | Ala. | Ky. | La. | Miss. | Tenn. R. | Total |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|----------|
| Number of churches | 25 | 13 | 12 | _ 20 | 20 | . 90 |
| Membership | 757 | 355 | 476 | 378 | 989 | 2905 |
| Persons reporting | 154 | 173 | 130 | 81 | 263 | 801 |
| Churches hold. wkday mis. meet'gs | | 3 | | 4 | 3 | 10 |
| Churches holding Sab, mis. meet'gs | 12 | 2 | 12 | | 2 | 28 |
| Churches hold. 4th Sab. mis. meet'gs | | 3 | 8 | 1996 | 10 | 21 |
| Members Conference church, isolated | | | 46 | | 25 | 71 |
| Number reporting, isolated | 1 | | 6 | | 8 | 15 |
| Letters written | 344 | 198 | 147 | 124 | 490 | 1303 |
| Letters received | 237 | 123 | 120 | 78 | 159 | 707 |
| Missionary visits | 1366 | 686 | 378 | 446 | 1537 | 4441 |
| Bible readings | 626 | 181 | 129 | 234 | 493 | 1663 |
| Subscriptions taken | 90 | 146 | 16 | 26 | 201 | 479 |
| Papers sold | 1513 | 1329 | 515 | 69 | 2001 | 5427 |
| Papers given away | 4319 | 5275 | 2811 | 500 | 5365 | 18,270 |
| Books sold | 2097 | 299 | 151 | 1031 | 538 | 4116 |
| Books given away | 190 | 172 | 271 | 65 | 242 | 940 |
| Tracts sold | . 38 | . 12 | 28 | | 18 | 96 |
| Tracts given away | 649 | 1933 | 247 | 1723 | 918 | 5470 |
| Hours Christian help work | 1005 | 720 | 390 | 202 | 2204 | 4521 |
| Clothing given away | 236 | 219 | 162 | . 69 | 764 | 1470 |
| Number meals given away | 470 | 232 | 233 | 77 | 339 | 1351 |
| Treatments given | 63 | 57 | 15 | 43 | 227 | 405 |
| Signers to Temperance pledge | 31 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 63 |
| Home Missionary offerings | \$31,32 | \$41.03 | \$39.39 | \$9.94 | \$90.41 | \$242.09 |
| Number conversions | 12 | 2 | 7 | | | 21 |
| Bouquets of flowers | 3 | " v | | 4.27 | | 3 |
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Campmeetings

Louisiana (white)

Louisiana (colored) Aug. 5 to 11. Tennessee (colored) Aug. 12 to 18. Kentucky (white)

.....Aug. 29 to Sept. 8. Kentucky (colored)

......Aug. 29 to Sept. 8.
Tennessee (white) Sept. 5 to 15.
Alabama (white) Sept. 12 to 22.
Alabama (colored) Sept. 12 to 22.
Mississippi (white) Sept. 19 to 29.
Mississippi (colored)

..... September 19 to 29.

Notes from the Union Office

Elder S. E. Wight and Bro. V. O. Cole left Nashville Wednesday morning, June 5, for Memphis, Tenn., to hold some meetings and attend the dedication of the new church there.

Bro. Earl Montgomery and family stopped in Nashville over night the 4th on their way to Clarksville to assist Brother Pound in his effort to begin there Sunday night the 9th.

Bro. G. H. Curtis returned to Nashville from his trip to Louisville, Thursday morning. Mrs. Curtis also reached Nashville Thursday morning on returning from her visit to her parents' home in Iowa.

Elder I. M. Martin, who has been with us here in Nashville for some months, now in charge of the Nashville effort, is packing up this week preparing to leave for Louisville, Kentucky, where he will hold a summer's effort in a large tent.

Southern Junior College

Copious showers of rain fell during the past week, breaking the long dry spell, and assuring good crops on the school farm.

Mr. Butler Anderson of Graysville, Tenn., and Mr. Robert Wynn of North Carolina are recent arrivals at Collegedale. They will work up a credit during the summer and attend school next year. The recent calls for young men to help in the work have resulted in a lively correspondence with the school, and the prospects for new recruits are good.

Our president, Professor Wood, and wife, and Brother Macmillan, our new business manager, have arrived for duty at the school.

Miss Jeanetta Hardin left Wednesday last for a few weeks' visit to her brother, W. L. Hardin, and family in Memphis, Tenn.

Excellent reports are coming in from the students who entered the colporteur work at the close of school, some reporting almost phenomenal success from the very first. Definite reports of their work will, of course, appear in due time.

The summer normal school for church school teachers began as appointed, and is now in full swing. The program of studies includes the classes in normal subjects, reviews, and advanced work for credits. Prof. J. A. Tucker, Elder F. W. Field, Mrs. M. B. Marshall, Mrs. J. W. Tucker, and Miss Juanita Hibben comprise the school faculty. enrolled in the school are as follows: Mrs. C. F. Fox. Leoretta Heacock, Marie Ray, Pearl Lewis, Mrs. G. E. Bullard, Elizabeth Cowdrick, Mary E. Baxter, Nellie Travis. Mrs. H. L. Reese. Mrs. Susan Ard, Mrs. Mary L. Ballard, Bertha Laughlin, Mrs. Mae Keele, Virginia Caradine, Ida Acker, Eunice H. West, Lowell Johnston, Mrs. E. Sammer, Eva Sammer, Mrs. Ada Hughes, Nellie J. Orr, Mrs. Wrenn. Mrs. Washburn. Nellie Brown, Mary Robert.

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