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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 BACK BLOCKS"

The Missionary Volunteer Secretary for Australia wrote me as follows:

"Our report for the quarter is not yet complete. We have many outlying churches in what is termed 'the back blocks' here, and these always hold up our reports. However, the report for the last quarter will be sent on to you as soon as it is made up."

I understand that the churches referred to are far back from the centers of population, and that the distance is the cause of delayed reports.

Judging from the difficulties we experience in getting all our reports in on time, I would say that we have some "back blocks" in America too.

The Missionary Volunteer Society Secretary's report blank has this note in a prominent place on the first page:

"Please fill in this report within *ten days* after the close of the quarter, and send it to the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary. Answer each question to the best of your knowledge and ability. Please do not leave a blank unfilled. Make some answer. *This is very important.*"

If a Society secretary does not follow this instruction, the Conference secretary is perplexed and delayed in getting his report made up and sent to the Union secretary. The Union secretary

is delayed, and hence we are delayed in getting out the quarterly summary of Missionary Volunteer work for the entire field.

Brother secretary, Sister secretary, as an officer in the Missionary Volunteer Society you are a steward of spiritual things. Do you remember that "it is required of stewards that a man be found faithful?" (1 Cor. 4:2.)

Are you faithful in doing your part, so that the work of the Lord is not hindered? No organization can really prosper unless its activities are faithfully reported, and its members take an active interest in the work.

The reports for the second quarter of 1918 were due to be sent to your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary July 10. Were yours in at that time?

Are you doing your bit faithfully, or do you live in a "back block?"

M. E. KERN.

Literature to Every Nation

The gospel of Jesus Christ is to go to all the world. This great truth is being recognized more and more by the children of the Lord everywhere. We are now publishing the third angel's message in 124 different languages and in every part of the earth. Many of these nations have sent of their children to our own country. The last Fourth of July was celebrated in Chicago by the representatives of

25 different nations, strangers by birth and from afar, yet loyal American citizens.

Our publishing house at Brookfield, Illinois, is now handling literature in 25 different languages. All of this literature is devoted exclusively to the gospel of salvation. In a recent visit to our publishing house we were shown through the stock room. There are shelves and shelves of literature in many tongues—magazines, tracts, pamphlets and books.

We have been greatly encouraged to see an increase of circulation in this literature, but it should receive a much larger circulation. We must not permit the work to lag, but speed it up more and more. We request all our brethren to help us in this important activity.

At the recent General Conference Committee Council, Elder J. W. Hirlinger, Home Missionary Secretary of the Columbia Union, was appointed to lead out in the circulation of literature among these many people in the United States and Canada. We are glad that we can have Elder Hirlinger for this work, and we believe that all our conference tract societies and churches will give him their hearty cooperation. God has a purpose in bringing these sons and daughters from the ends of the earth to our shores. He desires them to read our literature and thus become acquainted with the truth.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Tennessee River Conference Association of Seventh- day Adventists

The Tennessee River Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a legal body, will hold its first session in connection with the Campmeeting on the campground, Academy Campus, Hazel, Ky., Sept. 5-15. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 10 a.m. At this meeting officers for the coming two years will be elected, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

W. R. ELLIOTT, President.

F. C. BRUCE, Secretary.

Tennessee River Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

The first biennial session of the Tennessee River Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene on the Academy Campus, Hazel, Ky., Sept. 5-15, 1918, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate, without regard to numbers, and to one additional delegate for each 15 of its membership. The first session will be held Friday, Sept. 6, at 11 o'clock a.m., at which time we hope there will be a full representation of the duly accredited delegates from all the churches of the Conference.

W. R. ELLIOTT, President.

F. C. BRUCE, Secretary

Tenn. River News Items

Elder Elliott and Brother Staines have been spending the past two weeks in visiting the churches in West Tennessee. They report good meetings hav-

ing been held in Leach, Hazel, Paducah, and Springville. From this latter place the brethren returned to Nashville.

It has been decided to hold the Campmeeting and Conference at Hazel, Kentucky, on the school campus, Sept. 5-15. We hope that a large number of our people will be present at this meeting, as it is to be an important one. We understand that Elder F. C. Gilbert of South Lancaster is to be with us at this meeting, and the spiritual interests will be well taken care of. Those who attended the last meeting held at Hazel will remember the place as being ideal for a campground. Good shade and water are in abundance, and those who desire rooms can secure same in the school dormitories.

Brother Hazelton has just completed a very successful delivery, and will continue to work in Ballard County, Ky.

Miss Grace Holt and the young ladies under her care, who have been working with the small books and magazines in order to earn a scholarship for one of our schools, continue to do nicely in their work. They are expecting to visit some of the small towns in proximity to Nashville, and hope to do a large business.

Bro. Edison Pound, of Paducah, Ky., recently associated with our colporteur band at Dyersburg, Tenn., has been called to the colors. Brother Pound was a registrant of the 1918 class, having attained his 21st birthday this year. Bro. Jesse Allen is also registered under the last-named class and will be called for service sometime soon.

Bro. Roscoe Gray, of the Nashville church, has been notified of a change in his classification, having been moved forward from class two to class one, and has

already been called for physical examination. He will be sent to camp soon. Bro. Ivan Lawrence, of the Publishing House, has also been placed in class one and is expecting an early call to the training camp.

Some visitors from the Oakwood Junior College were present at the Nashville Memorial Church Sabbath. Among those here were Brother Swafford, Professor Beardsley, Elder Bird. These brethren were also present at the Young People's meeting held Sabbath evening and gave some good practical instruction to those present. They returned to the school the first of the week.

Bro. F. L. Harrison of the Publishing House recently made a change in his employment in order to comply with the regulations of the Government. He is now working at the Powder Plant, but is allowed the privilege of the Sabbath. Mrs. Harrison and the baby are visiting her people in the North.

In a letter recently received from Bro. Chalmer Chastain of the Springville church, now connected with the 48th Engineers at Camp Fort, Benj. Harrison, Indianapolis, he requests an interest in the prayers of God's people that he may continue faithful. He has been favored with leave of absence on the Sabbath. Brother Chastain was married to Miss Elmer Fitch just before going to the camp.

Bro. W. D. Wade, of the Hazel Academy, announces the arrival of a nice baby girl at his home. During the summer season Brother Wade has been taking care of the school farm, and reports that the crops are doing nicely, especially since the recent rains.

Miss Minnie Brown, of the Memphis church, is spending her vacation in Nashville, having

arrived here two weeks ago from attending the summer school at Ooltewah. She expects to return to Memphis sometime in September.

Miss Nobia Morgan and her mother passed through the city last week en route to their home in Mississippi. They expected to visit the College at Ooltewah on their way home.

Mrs. W. E. Templeton, of the Southern Publishing Association, is quite ill, being confined to her bed with fever. At the present time she is at the Madison Sanitarium.

Elder MacLay continues to hold Sunday night meetings, same being attended by a large number of outsiders. His lectures have been given considerable publicity by the scattering of announcement cards throughout the resident portion of the city each Sabbath afternoon prior to the lecture. The city is divided into territorial bands, and each band is made up of ten or fifteen volunteer workers. In this way the entire territory is covered and the work made easy.

Some good rains have fallen lately in Middle and West Tennessee, and the prospects for good crops are very promising. Bro. Wheeler wrote a few days before the rain that the corn was almost destroyed in his county, and that if rains did not fall soon, everything would be lost. Through the goodness of God rain has been plentiful and the crops will be saved, making the work of our colporteurs a success.

The Conference office is just in receipt of a shipment of 150 khaki "Steps to Christ," which are very appropriate for gifts to our soldier boys and others interested. Send 25c to the Tract Society and one will be sent postpaid to any address. These books cannot be mailed to France without permission of the P. O. Dept.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

To the Colored Brethren and Sisters of Louisiana:

Your Campmeeting will be held at New Orleans August 8-18. To reach the ground when arriving in the city over the L. & N., the Southern, or at the Union Station, take a Louisiana car and get off at the corner of Louisiana and Howard St., at which place the large tent is located. Those coming on the Texas & Pacific can take any car going to Canal St., and get a transfer to Louisiana Ave., which will take them to the above location. C. N. SANDERS.

Louisiana Items

Elder R. W. Parmele, President of the North Latin American Union Conference, organized at the recent General Conference, is now in New Orleans, and with Elder C. E. Knight, secretary and treasurer, is fitting up their Union office, which is to be located here. Elder Knight will doubtlessly spend most of his time at the office, while Elder Parmele's time will be quite fully taken up attending to the various duties abroad.

A new church of 30 charter members was recently organized at Hammond, consisting of those who have come into the truth under the efforts of Bro. A. R. Bell, and some who have heretofore held their membership in the New Orleans No. 2 Church. A few days later Bro. Bell wrote another had stepped out from the world and taken his stand for the truth. Others are interested.

Brother and Sister H. F. Brown, who have been laboring in Honduras, spent a few days in New Orleans on their way to San Antonio, Texas. They were enjoying their work in that field, and would gladly have borne with

the hardships to be met, but returned in response to their Country's call. He gave a very interesting talk at the New Orleans Church No. 1 Sabbath. Elders Parmele and Knight also told in a very impressive way something of the work in their field, the hardships to be met, and the pleasure of seeing souls gathered in for the kingdom from those darkened lands.

The tent effort being conducted by Elder Lawrence and his associates in New Orleans is proving a very interesting feature of the work here. The tent is crowded and many regular attendants are to be seen from night to night.

Brother and Sister Denton, from Amite, arrived in New Orleans Monday, the 15th, on their way to Lake Charles to assist in preparing the camp. Elder and Mrs. Morrow, Brother Boswell and Sister Sanders have also joined the force to help make the camp comfortable and pleasant.

The latest word from Lake Charles is that Elder Frank is now the happy father of two daughters.

After further consideration it has been decided that it would be much better for the colored campmeeting to be held in New Orleans rather than Hammond, as previously announced. If those planning to attend have not already made arrangements, address Elder J. H. Lawrence, 2608 Robert St., New Orleans, La., for particulars.

Elders O. Montgomery and J. W. Westphal, Brother and Sister E. F. Peterson, Brother and Sister J. H. McEachern, son and baby; Brother and Sister R. J. Sype, and Sister J. A. P. Green and child, were expected to sail from New Orleans for their fields of labor the 19th of the month.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Thursday night I returned from a trip to Stanford, Paint Lick, Winchester, and Beattyville. I spent a few days at Stanford with the brethren there, looking over the situation and visiting the interested people. As we did not feel things were fully ready for the organization of a church at that time, we postponed it, but hope that this church will be fully organized before Campmeeting.

While at Stanford, in company with Brother Denslow, I ran down to visit Bro. Jacob White and Bro. R. W. Harris at Paint Lick. My next visit was to Beattyville, where I stopped to see Bro. Hoover, and after spending the night there I returned to Winchester to see Bro. Hatton Ford. I found the believers there of good courage, and Bro. Hatton Ford is expecting to be in the canvassing field before very long. Sister Ford has had excellent success selling our small books, and has set her goal at \$50 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

From here I visited Bro. S. G. Sharp, who lives a short distance from the little station called Mina. Bro. Sharp secured the use of the school-house near his place, and by letting the neighbors know that we were going to hold meeting that night, the place was filled. An excellent interest was manifested in the sermon, and a number of people urged me to stay longer and hold meetings there, which I would gladly have done had it not been for the fact that the site of our Campmeeting had to be settled immediately. Brother Sharp has been doing good work among his neighbors with our literature, and otherwise, and I found a few who

COLPORTEURS' REPORT SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE, FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 20

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
R H Hazelton	BR	30		\$	\$	\$	\$120.00
Cleve Smith	DR	28	36	175.00	3.50	178.50	
H G Miller	CK	54	23	41.50	4.50	46.00	4.00
M Wheeler	DR	25	15	66.00	1.50	67.50	1.50
Garland Wheeler	OD	15	4	8.00	3.65	11.65	1.65
*E C Widgery	OD	47	14	32.00	4.25	36.25	2.55
*Paul Zalabak	BR	29	9	38.00	7.65	45.65	65.65
*J R Allen	BR	28	11	49.00	9.00	58.00	45.40
*Floy Morgan	OD	48	6	14.00		14.00	25.05
*Gladys Lambert	OD	43	5	11.00		11.00	37.80
*Gladys Knox	OD	47	20	41.00		41.00	38.70
B Paul Keele	DR	44	18	92.00	20.40	112.40	6.20
Wm Keele	DR	42	10	47.00	15.30	62.30	8.25
John Grout	OD	45	21	51.00	26.83	77.83	23.05
D E Pound	BR	31	15	65.00	3.25	68.25	
(*2 wks) Total		669	252	892.50	160.78	1053.28	426.95

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Fannie Cox	BR	54	91	441.00		441.00	
Alex Cox	BR	50	84	395.00		395.00	
A L Perkins	BR	33	69	325.00	29.30	354.30	
C R Cannada	DR	50	57	333.00	16.90	349.90	
Wilfred Nathan	BR	30	61	331.00	2.00	333.00	
H D Brooks	BR	40	13	56.00	3.75	59.75	
Mattie Lee	HM	11	15	52.50	3.00	55.50	
Perthia Hampton	HM	38	14	50.00	3.75	53.75	
M Hastings	DR	39	10	46.00	2.00	48.00	
H Balsbaugh	OD	21	15	30.00	.85	30.85	15.00
Lou J McElroy	PG	37	6	24.00	3.25	27.25	
F S Kalar	BR	2	5	27.00	1.25	28.25	
Emily Billups	PG	37	7	26.50	2.00	28.50	
C A Abbey	BR	2	2	9.00		9.00	32.00
Bibles				182.85		182.85	
Total		444	459	2328.85	68.05	2396.90	47.00

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

T R Battle	CK	12	14	21.00	1.25	22.25	
G W Brown	BR	18	4	20.00		20.00	
E D Coleman	GC	44	10	50.00	15.00	65.00	
R J Cook	OD, BR	40	37	146.70		146.70	13.00
J E Foly	BR	16	8	33.00	6.00	39.00	
C E Giles	BR	27	16	76.00	7.60	87.50	25.00
J C Holland	BR	50	55	253.00	15.50	268.50	32.00
Hugh Jones	GC	8			13.40	13.40	38.00
CA Powers	BR	36	14	72.00	3.00	75.00	
G W Powers	CK, BR	21			5.60	5.60	92.50
R Thomson	BR	22	9	44.50	2.00	46.50	
J T Weed	RB	42	41	192.00	6.00	198.00	4.00
Q Tew		24	4	17.00	.50	17.50	
Bibles				12.40		12.40	
Total		358	212	937.60	75.75	1013.35	204.50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Beulah Daniel	OD	29	22	44.00	5.50	49.50	
Inez Dickman	OD	35	16	27.00	26.00	53.00	26.00
Annie Gore	BFL	2	2	4.00		4.00	
R W Harris	OD	42	42	85.00		85.00	
F F Harrison	DR	29	14	57.00	1.70	58.70	5.10
M L Howard	BR,OD	33	13	59.00	2.55	61.55	
R Y Howard	BR	38	10	40.00		40.00	6.50
R J Hyatt	BFL	15	24	46.00	9.65	55.65	29.00
Lee Page	BR	11	8	33.00		33.00	
Harry W Perrin	BR	8	8	34.00	2.00	36.00	405.00
H Ramey (2 wk)	OD	27	14	28.00	5.00	33.00	38.00
D C Ray	BR	51	55	238.00		238.00	
Fred Rahm	BR	12					410.00
J P Salmon	OD	24	11	26.00		26.00	
Julia Slaughter	PPF	10	13	35.00	.50	35.50	17.50
Georgia Tyler	BFL	5	5	12.50	.50	13.00	
Edw. Whittier	BR	36	51	238.00	4.20	242.20	4.25
Jno. Wilhelm	BR	40	12	49.00	11.25	60.25	5.30
Totals		447	320	1055.50	68.85	1124.35	946.65
Grand total		1918	1243	5214.45	373.43	5587.88	1625.10

were well informed on this truth. It would appear that it would not be long until they could be taken into church membership. I suggested organizing a Sabbath School, which they said they would do, and you will notice by another news item that the same has already been organized. From this place I returned to Louisville, and at the present writing we are working hard to get the question of the spot on which the Campmeeting will be held settled. Do not fail to plan to attend the Campmeeting, as it is quite possible this may be the last one we will ever have. We will have excellent help, and I am sure the Lord will greatly bless us, so do not fail to come.

On July 9 Brother White wrote in, mentioning an excellent visit he had had with the Sand Hill church. He says the members all pledged themselves to work more faithfully, and chose Sister Anna Beck as Home Missionary Secretary for the

church. The church also decided on securing a set of the Testimonies, and making a study of them.

Sister Gatton, of Louisville, is carrying on correspondence with the interested people whose names have been furnished us by the colporteurs.

Brother Brownlie has written in, telling us of about ten different people in his district who are ready and desire to unite with the church.

Brother Christman is still looking after an excellent interest in Metcalf County. He says at last four have declared their intention of keeping the Sabbath, and he is expecting others. Some people from that neighborhood are planning to come to Campmeeting; one or two young people are considering seriously attending Ooltewah school. He also recently visited the believers in the vicinity of Lecta, and held a meeting or two with them. In his letter he also says: "My machine is giving splendid service,

and is a wonderful help to me in my visiting. Without it I feel sure it would be impossible for me to handle the situation. Continue to pray for us here."

Brethren F. S. Kietts and William Winston are engaged in a tent effort at Paris. They write of an excellent interest. The tent has been more than full a number of times, and they were very much encouraged over the prospects of results.

R. I. KEATE.

Office Mail Bag

Brother Wagner has a fine motorcycle, with side car, to use in his work.

Bro. R. W. Harris, who is selling "Our Day" around Paint Lick, reports two new Sabbath-keepers as a result of his work thus far in that territory.

The army camps have three of our boys, but Bro. Hickman reports some new recruits. He says the workers are all of good courage.

We have just received word from Bro. Jesse Miller, who recently left Kentucky, that he is with the colors, and located in Camp Funston, Kansas. He writes that he is getting along very nicely.

Elder Keate preached an excellent sermon on Christian Education at the Jefferson Street Church, Sabbath.

We were pleased to receive a visit from Bro. A. N. Allen last week, and appreciated his timely counsel regarding important questions in this field.

Brother Hickman was a recent caller at the office, and is now delivering books for Bro. Theodore Kroeger, who was recently called to the army.

Sister Martha Jones sends in an order for more of the small books,

and says regarding those which she ordered: "I sold them in a hurry."

Bro. J. W. Ratliff recently ordered 50 "World in Perplexity." He has just sent in an order for 50 more, and says: "I sold the 50 in three mornings before six o'clock, and never lost a minute's time from shop. I always ask the Lord to help me sell the Truth, and He does." In his postscript he says the people are just thirsting for books.

Bro. John Brownlie writes that he is making preparations to hold more meetings at Belcher, Ky.

Elder W. H. White was in Louisville over Sabbath.

Elder Martin presented the Sabbath question to a large, attentive audience at the tent Sunday night. Many have expressed their willingness to step out and obey this truth.

We take this opportunity of announcing the arrival of a fine boy at the home of Brother and Sister Andy Schroader. Brother Schroader is tentmaster of the Louisville Tent Company.

Bro. Millard C. Taft and wife have arrived from Vermont to connect with the tent effort in Louisville. Brother Taft left his law practice to engage in evangelistic work.

Sister R. Y. Howard, our Bible worker at Covington, reports a new member added to the Tri-City church.

Brethren Lee Page and Harry Perrin both report excellent success in their recent delivery of books. Brother Page also orders 75 copies of the Harvest Ingathering papers.

Bro. S. G. Sharp, of Winchester, tells us that last Sabbath they organized a Sabbath School there with five adults and six children. They expect more to join them soon.

BURTON CASTLE.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Alabama News Notes

Bro. J. R. Staton and wife arrived home Monday night after a three weeks' visit in Kentucky.

Elder S. E. Wight called at the office Wednesday morning on his way to Lake Charles, La., to the Louisiana campmeeting.

Sister Nellie Orr, who attended the summer school at Ooltewah, has taken up Bible work in our conference and is now located at Montgomery.

Elder Miller was in Anniston Tuesday and after counseling with Elder Buckner, who is holding the tent effort there, they decided to hold the colored campmeeting at that place, as the effort could hardly be finished up there in time to have the meeting at any other place.

Elder Miller and Brother Marshall were at Hackelburg last week looking the proposition of a school at that place. There is quite an interest there and it is hoped that we will be able to open up a school there in the near future.

It has been decided to hold the Conference campmeeting at Ensley, a suburb of Birmingham. A beautiful place had been secured with plenty of shade. Our people throughout the conference should be planning on attending this meeting. Remember the date, September 12-22.

Sister Richardson left Monday night for Nashville, where she will take up work at the Southern Publishing Association.

Bro. C. A. Wilson and wife, of Pensacola, have been called to connect with the tent effort at Anniston.

Brother Buckner's wife expects to leave soon for Battle Creek, where her daughter is to undergo an operation.

Pensacola Tent Effort

It will be of interest to readers of the WORKER to know that the effort at Pensacola began July 7th with an excellent attendance, the tent being filled to overflowing with apparently a fine class of people. Many stood during the service, while a number were turned away for lack of room.

We feel that we have much to praise the Lord for, especially in securing such an excellent location, just two short squares from the heart of the city, on one of the most prominent thoroughfares.

Especially noticeable is the good spirit that prevails among the workers. This feeling seems to be felt by the people who attend the meetings, for which we are very thankful to the Lord.

The burden of the speaking is being carried by Elder J. F. Wright, while the writer has charge of the music. Associated with us in this effort are Mrs. K. Rasmussen as Bible worker, her assistant being Mrs. C. T. Burroughs. Mrs. J. F. Wright is at the piano, while her sister, Mrs. L. E. Hamilton of Miami, Florida, is rendering excellent service as soloist. CHAS. T. BURROUGHS.

"Gratitude is the fairest blossom that springs from the soul, and the heart of man knoweth none so fragrant; while its opponent, ingratitude is a deadly weed, not only poisonous in itself, but impregnating the very atmosphere in which it grows with fetid vapor."

The more you know about Christian living, the more you know that there is more to know about it.

To All Our Brethren

For a number of years we have published the Harvest Ingathering papers in several languages. After careful consideration the General Conference Committee decided that this year the Harvest Ingathering papers should be published only in the English language. Printing material is very expensive and it costs much to get out these papers. Then, too, we need to exercise care and thought lest we create opposition to the truth while gathering funds for the work. In view of present conditions, it seems best to the brethren that we confine our Harvest Ingathering work this year to the Watchman only. But this need not, and should not, mean that our brethren who used to have other Harvest Ingathering papers take no part in the work this year. The mission field is greatly in need of funds. One way by which we may show loyalty to our God and our fellowmen is to bring the light of the gospel to those in darkness. Let us all order a large number of the Watchman and use them faithfully. We who have had our own papers in past years should be the first to be in the work with the Watchman this year. We should order no papers this year from the publishing house at Brookfield. Every order for papers should be sent to the tract society of our own conference.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.

There is a great want about all Christians who have not suffered. Some flowers must be broken or bruised before they emit any fragrance. All the wounds of Christ sent out sweetness; the sorrows of Christians do the same. There is something sacred and sweet in suffering; it is so much akin to the "Man of Sorrows."

Educational Day and Oakwood

Since August 10th is Educational Day throughout the land, it is requested that the colored churches in these three Unions---Southern, Southeastern and Southwestern---fully observe the same and take a liberal collection, specially for the Junior College at Huntsville, Ala., which is just now in pressing want owing to needed expansion being made by the school since it has been raised to a Junior College.

I am also seizing this chance to say that I am deeply concerned in the present and future of the College. So I am pledging it my warmest and unfatiguing support, and also call upon our workers and our people everywhere to pray and work for its

success, through its hard struggles; for those who are at its helm and trying to make it succeed are carrying many heavy and perplexing burdens.

Since the Lord has ordained that school to be a place of training for our youth to be prepared to do service in this final message, we should gladly give it our whole-hearted support along all potent lines.

Yours in the work,

W. H. GREEN,
Secretary of Negro Dept.

CHART NOTICE

I wish to announce that I have a limited amount of time in which to make charts. Please address me at 636 S. 2d St., Louisville, Ky. I expect to be here several weeks.

G. S. VREELAND.

Summary of the Colporteur Work in the Southern Union Conference for June, 1918

Conference	Agents	Hours	Orders	Value	Misc.	Deliveries
Mississippi	23	2552	2704	\$12,543.35	\$	\$97.00
Alabama	17	2180	1375	6,385.13	82.25	785.51
Kentucky	17	2362	1549	5,330.10	212.80	2572.95
Louisiana	10	869	1104	5,069.50		411.75
Tennessee R.	14	916	390	1,794.58		275.83
Total	81	8879	7122	\$31,304.60	\$295.05	\$4143.04

Comparative Sales for the Corresponding Month of Last Year

Conference	1917	1918	Gain	Loss
Mississippi	\$5,136.65	\$12,543.35	\$7,406.70	
Alabama	4,000.90	6,385.13	2,384.23	
Kentucky	3,369.35	5,330.10	1,960.75	
Louisiana	2,908.15	5,069.50	2,071.35	
Tennessee R.	3,834.30	1,794.58		\$2,039.72
Total	\$19,339.35	\$31,122.66	\$13,823.03	\$2,039.72

It will be seen from these comparative figures that each local conference in the Union, save one, made a substantial gain over the corresponding month of last year; while the total gain for the entire Union amounts to \$11,783.31, or 62 per cent.

The largest sale for a local conference during one week was made in Mississippi, which for week ending June 15 amounted to \$5398.04. The largest weekly sale by one colporteur was made by Brother Hugh Moomaugh of Louisiana during the same week, which amounted to \$1055.10. The largest sale for one person during the month was made by Brother Wilfred Nathan in Mississippi, a student from the Oakwood Junior College, whose sales amounted to \$1878.50. The largest sales by a sister during the month were made by Sister Fannie Cox of Mississippi, who is also an Oakwood student. The value of her sales for the month are \$1722.25. Kentucky stands at the head of the list in value of books delivered.

I am sure that every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in the South will desire to thank the Lord for this wonderful record and will pray that each book may become a soul-saving agency in the homes of the people.

V. O. COLE, Union Field Missionary Secretary.

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Louisiana (white),
Lake Charles, July 25 to Aug. 4.
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..... Aug. 29 to Sept. 8.
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..... Aug. 29 to Sept. 8.
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Hazel, Ky., Sept. 5 to 15.
Alabama (white)
Birmingham, Sept. 12 to 22
Alabama (colored)
Anniston, Sept. 12 to 22.
Mississippi (white) Sept. 19 to 29.
Mississippi (colored)
..... September 19 to 29.

To the Southern Union Conference:

I wish to express my appreciation of the summer school at Ooltewah at the expense of the conference. I received much benefit and an inspiration to push farther into the school work. Yours for the Master's service,

MRS. H. L. REESE.
Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

The friends of Elder Geo. I. Butler will be interested to learn of his welfare during his recent illness. In a letter just received at Collegedale by Elder F. W. Field, Sister Butler requests that a statement of her husband's condition be published in our Union papers, that his many friends in the South may know how he is; and she asks that this statement be accepted as a reply to many letters of inquiry, all of which she is quite unable to answer.

Brother Butler is being very tenderly cared for at the home of Dr. B. Heald, near Healdsburg, Cal. His wife is with him, also Sister Butler's daughter and son-in-law, W. D. Burden, who are in this country on furlough from Japan. Brother Butler is very weak, and his physician gives no hope of his ultimate recovery. For a time he suffered much pain. But more recently he has been almost free from suffering. Sister Butler writes: "He has been very happy, trusting in the Lord. Not a murmur has escaped his lips. The Lord is very near, and surely has heard the prayers of God's people for him." May these prayers be continued that this aged servant of the Lord may still be upheld during his few remaining days.

Death of Sister E. M. Graham.

Our readers will be pained to learn of the death of Miss Edith M. Graham, secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, which occurred at Pasadena, Cal., July 11. Sister Graham had been in declining health for some time, and had gone to California, previous to the General Conference, for medical treatment.

In the death of Sister Graham this cause loses a most efficient laborer and godly woman. The funeral was held at Pasadena July 17.

Lessons In Newspaper Reporting

Hardly a week passes in the life of the average worker but what something happens which would form the basis of either a news item concerning the progress of our work, or a "letter to the editor" on the signs of the times, or an article bringing in some of our doctrines. Every worker in the denomination should be able to write acceptably for the newspapers.

The Press Bureau has just published a new and somewhat revised edition of "Lessons in Newspaper Reporting." A set of these lessons will be sent free to those of our people who will send in their request. Such requests should be addressed as follows: Press Bureau of the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Obituary.

JEFFRIES—Charles Jeffries was born in Kentucky, near Springville, July 6, 1835, and died at his home in Columbia, South Carolina, July 16, 1918, age 83 years and 10 days. He leaves to mourn the loss, his wife and two children, a son in the West, and Miss Elma, who is a nurse in this city.

Brother Jeffries embraced present truth about 17 years ago under the labors of Elder Pegg and lived an earnest Christian life before his friends and neighbors. For a number of years he was a patient sufferer from some form of stomach trouble, often being compelled to go many days without food, and for a number of months was confined to his bed. In his sickness he was kind and patient and seemed to grasp the sweet assurance of his acceptance with God. Death came peaceably when he quietly fell asleep about 12 o'clock at night. The funeral services were held at the home by the writer, after which the remains were laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver in the morning of the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken to the friends and relatives present from Revelation 14:13. E. W. WOLFE.

FOR SALE—Beautiful home in St. Cloud, Florida; corner lot, sidewalk all around, six-room house, bath, porches, twelve bearing fruit trees; orange, lime, grape fruit, satsuma. Price \$3500. Part of proceeds goes to missions. Address Elder J. L. Shuler, Room 31 Deaderick Building, Knoxville, Tenn.

"Most people's strength is measured by the size of the difficulties they have to overcome."