

Report of Union Conference President

The last Union Conference session was held March 22 to April 1, 1916, in the Publishing House Chapel. These four years have passed quickly and we find them filled with interest, and much has been crowded into this short period.

The great war that was then in progress has closed, leaving the world to live 'under conditions far different than was then anticipated. Some of our homes have experienced to a slight degree the sorrow that war brings. Because of our country's short participation in the struggle, we had as it were only a view of the terribleness of a conflict of this character. It is evident, however, that the devotion of many of our workers has been intensified and our work has increased under the difficulties of the hour.

The laboring force has increased from 144 in 1916 to 212 in 1920. A few of the workers in this Union have discontinued labor and retired because of failing health, and two have fallen at their posts of duty-Elder J. A. Morrow in the home field and Elder C. F. Lowry in These two workers Burma. rest from their labors, but their works do follow them. The majority of the workers now in the field enjoy good health, for which we should be thankful.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership to date is 3629, which is 575 more than in 1916. This is small, but conditions have prevailed which reduced some of the colored churches to almost nothing. One colored church moved North for work at the beginning of the conflict between this country and Germany.

COLORED WORK

The work among the colored people has moved rapidly. Schools have been conducted in many places. Church buildings have been erected, and a good share of the increase in our church membership was due to the faithful efforts of this people. When Elder Scott, who was the Union Evangelist for the Mission Department, went to the Southwestern Union, Eld. J. H. Lawrence took up this work and has held efforts in three cities, viz: Memphis, New Orleans and Birmingham.

FINANCIAL GROWTH

The Treasurer's report will give the facts regarding the

large increase in tithes and foreign mission offerings. The term "poor South" is now to be discarded. We are to take our place by the side of our sister conferences in the fifty-cent-aweek plan. We expect Alabama and Kentucky to take their place by the side of Tennessee and be self-supporting in the year 1921. Louisiana has been self-supporting for one year, and will be this year, and we hope will continue to be. Mississippi, with onefourth of its membership in the work, will some day reap a harvest of souls and also become self-supporting. The Union Conference, which has been really a burden financially to the local field, has changed its financial standing from the insolvency of 1916 to actual assets in 1920.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

The educational line of endeavor has been steadily growing. Four years ago the outlook for a college in this field looked rather dark. Our central training school was small and in debt \$14,500.00. Now we have a Junior College filled with students and out of debt, with property approximating \$125,000. The achool located at Ooltewah, Tenn., will eventually send many workers into our field, and also into foreign fields. A few church schools and rural schools have been added to our list and the outlook for the general educational work was never better than at the present time.

COLPORTEUR WORK

It is hardly necessary for me to give more than a passing notice to the colporteur work, for everyone is confronted by the recruiting officers of this department, and whether he has a job or not, he is asked why he is not employed in the colporteur department, and it is considered a decided mistake for an individual not to have any employment. The success in this line of work is marvelous, and eternity alone can only give the results for good.

EVANGELISTIC WORK

The Mission Department was first in this line, but three years ago the white department ventured to put a company into the field, and we trust that it will become a permanent feature in the prosecution of our work in this field. Elder I. M. Martin began work in Mobile, and later held a series of meetings in Nashville, Tenn; Louisville, Ky., and Birmingham, Ala., with success in each place. When he accepted the Presidency of the Tennessee River Conference, the Uuion Committee asked Elder T. G. Bunch to take up this line of He has been holding a work. series of meetings in New Orleans. We will leave to the Conference Presidents to tell of the success of these meetings.

MEDICAL WORK

A beginning has been made, but only a beginning. However, in the report of the Secretary will be shown a large work, but when compared with the needs of the field, it seems small. Our Medical Secretary has visited some of the churches, attending our campmeetings, and has rendered most faithful service, for which we are sure our people are very appreciative.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This Conference should lay plans to develop the medical work and organize a permanent department of the Conference and consider putting in a permanent secretary who can devote his full time to this line of work.

We should consider the erection of an intermediate school somewhere in this Union in the very near future, as our school at Collegedale will soon be crowded with students beyond their capacity. Plans should be laid to secure means to helpcomplete the Southern Junior. College in the very near sutre. We must give our attention to this until the plant is brought to the place where it can do the work for which it was established.

We would recommend that consideration be given to the erection of a new office building for the Union Conference.

We should also give consideration to raising one dollar per member for the International Publishing Houseas recommended by the General Conference Committee.

The fifty-cent-a-week plan for missions should not escape our attention, but should be brought forward during this meeting and such plans devised as will secure to the General Conference this sum of money from our field.

May the Lord help us in the consideration of plans for the future development of the work in this needy field in which we, as laborers, have the privilege of spending our time, Let us consecrate ourselves to God for service and for the success of every enterprise and every endeavor for the futherance of the cause of God in the earth.

May it be that this meeting will be one of great importance and the beginning of a new era in the experience of workers and people in this field.

S. E. WIGHT.

Notice

The constituency meeting of the Oakwood Junior College has been postponed to convene in the city of Nashville, April 2. This was advised by the General Conference Committee because of a meeting of the colored workers to be held at that date in Nashville, and also the inability of some of the Union men interested in the school to attend. We trust that all will take notice of this change.



The Call of the Hour

"In a special sense Seventhday Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and lightbearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import-the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.

"The[§]most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them." Vol. 9, page 19.

"My, brethren and sisters, remember that one day you will stand before the Lord of the earth to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. The vineyard is large, and the Lord is ealling for laborers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soulsaving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?" Colporteur Evangelist, page 33.

"All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work, for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning." Vol. 6, page 313.

"The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. We have no time to lose, We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications?....A great work is to be done in our world and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" send back the answer clear and distinct, "Here am I; send me." Vol. 6, page 333.

Will you answer this call? For those who desire to become better prepared to do this work, an institute for missionary colporteurs will be conducted atMansfield. February 29to March 9. If you feel impressed to engage in this soul-saving work during the present year. address the writer at 2811 Stonewall Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, and information will be given, how you may attend this institute without cost.

To be a successful colporteur means determination to stick to it under discouraging and unfavorable circumstances. It means persevering efforts. But think of its educational value, of the many precious experiences gained, and the peace and satisfaction which it brings. Then think of the eternal reward. The joy of seeing souls saved in the Kingdom and the words "Well done" from the lips of our Saviour will be well worth the price paid. Are you willing to pay the price?

> B. E. WAGNER, Field Missionary Secretary.

Southern Union Worker



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Office Mail Bag

Elder Keate was in Lexington on business the first of the week.

Brother Brownlie writes that there is considerable opposition developing in and around Madisonville, but he is hoping to see results from the effort there.

Bro. Lee Crutcher writes that they are nicely located at 151 Magnolia Ave., Winchester. They were unable to find a house in Mt. Sterling.

Bro. E. J. Kratt, writing from Wolf Pit, Ky., says: "I started my deliveries last Sunday; am having good success. It seems that where I lose an order the Lord sends some one else to take the book."

Bro. H. P. Waldo has made his delivery and returned to Emmanuel Missionary College. He says: "I would not take \$500 for my experience."

Bro. F. F. Harrison gives us this information: "Brother Page and I have sold 45 copies of 'Bible Readings' in this town, which was worked less than two years ago."

Bro. R. F. Hickman says people are hailing him on the street, asking him for a copy of "Bible Readings." They say: "You sold one to my neighbor, and I want one." BUFTON CASTLE.

The Colporteur Work

The colporteur hurries along the way, hardly stopping to rest by night or by day. He feels there are souls who are waiting for light, so he works with a will and he works with his might. He looks to the house far away from the road, or beyond the

thick briers that have never been mowed. And he starts right away to see who is there, with the hope that from them he may drive away care. There is many a soul who is groping alone, who finds that for them life holds but a groan. Who would soon be at peace with the Master and you. if only they heard of this message so true. We are working so hard, not for lucre or pay, but for wages that rust not and never decay. Where the moth never enters and nothing destroys, where there are no perplexities, nothing annoys. The "Time of the end" we are living in now, and time for life's pleasures we cannot allow. If we all take a hand in this work good and true, and do withour might what our hands find to do, It will quickly be finished and then will come rest, far removed to the place where there's none to mo-BURTON CASTLE. lest.

Died

Mrs. Mary Anne Pile died at her home in Campbellsville, Ky., at 6:10 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 1920, of pneumonia. Sister Pile was born in Adair County in 1843. At the age of 15 she united with the Methodist church, Fourteen years ago she and her husband, Charles William Pile, united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Brother and Sister Pile have been very ardent believers in the Advent message, and have put forth their best efforts to pass on the good news of the Sa-. . .

viour's early return to their neighbors and friends. The believers in this conference extend to Brother Pile their sincere sympathy.

She was kaid to rest in the cemetery at Campbellsville. The writer conducted the funeral services. R. I. KEATE.

A Colporteur's Experience

I have just returned from making a delivery in Nelson County. In spite of the fact that I had some difficulty, my delivery beat all previous experience as to size. It amounted to \$163, and was a 104 per cent delivery. An order for a half leather book was lost, but later in the day the book was sold to another party who had not ordered one. An extra book in the cloth binding was sold to another party.

I hired a buggy of the hotelkeeper where I stayed. One of the rods underneath the buggy broke and the vehicle turned completely over, and me with it. The buggy was badly torn up. When I settled with the man, he took a four-dollar book for two nighths' lodging, one meal, and the damage done to the buggy. That evening I had the privilege of giving a Bible study on the Sabbath question to interested people.

A few evenings ago I visited our neighbors three doors away, giving them a Bible study and taking orders for \$16 worth of "Bible Readings."

FRED A. MOTE.

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COLPORTEURS' REPORT

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 17

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ALABAAMA

Special Notice

I hope that each one who plans to attend the Colporteurs' Institute for the white workers which will be held in Birmingham February 8-17 will write and let me know just the time they expect to get here. We have many things that we want to plan and study together. No one should think that they do not need the meetings; for we are living in a time that we have new issues to meet. In order to do this we need the counsel that comes from each other and we certainly need divine aid that the Lord gives us in these institutes.

Just think each year brings us nearer the coming of the Lord, and I believe that each colporteur wants to do all in his power to help hasten that great day. If we do this we must have a preparation, so let all come to this meeting, and we will pray and seek the Lord together and I am sure you will never regret it.

J. R. STATON.

Pensacola, Florida

Beginning with Sunday night, January 11th, and continuing for eight nights, there was what seemed to be the most successful revival ever held in Pensacola for our people It was the effort of the visiting workers to bring before the church a real practical lesson on individual godliness each night and set before the people some tangible facts about the Christian life.

Each believer and interested one was visited during the meeting and urged in a personal way to prepare for the coming of the Master.

The weather was typical of

Pensacola. While a little rain fell at times, it was very pleasant and bright. Attendance was very good from the first meeting and continued to be so throughout the entire series.

A special consecration service was held Sabbath afternoon at which a large number stood and agreed to sign a covenant with God to live an earnest, consecrated and active Christian life in the year that is before us. The Holy Spirit came down in a special way and all were impressed that it was high time to lay aside every hindrance and give ourselves fully to God for cleansing and service until the work was finished. This service was made especially precious when at the close one dear soul came forward and united with the church.

On Sunday evening after the preaching service a short business meeting was called, during which the quarterly and annual reports were read. All were made to rejoice at what had been accomplished during the year. This little church made a percapita to missions of 59c per week for the year. This is especially good, as it is one of Alabama's youngest churches, being organized just one year ago.

The Home Missionary Secretary was present during the entire time and had on display a number of our denominational books. It made us rejoice to see our people take advantage of this opportunity to supply themselves with this good literature.

The burden of the meetings was carried by the Conference President. Elder Wright, and associated with him were Mrs. J. F. Wright, Conference Sabbath School Secretary; Mrs. K. Rasmussen, Miss K. Meyer, and Mrs. M. A. Burroughs as Bible workers, and the writer.

This was the second of the

series of meetings which it is hoped can be held with each church throughout the Conference during the present winter and spring. May God direct and bless in them all as He has done in this one.

CHAS. T. BURROUGHS.



Tennessee River News Items

Brother Wm. J. Keele has ordered a supply of the Colporteurs' Reading Course books. We are in hopes that other colporteurs will do likewise. The Reading Course consists of three books, and are only \$2.85.

Brother Arthur Price holds the record so far in book sales this year. Brother James Nicholson is also meeting with wonderful success. In forty-eight hours he took \$120,50 worth of orders for "Coming King." The canvassing work agrees with Brother Nicholson. Some of his friends have been telling us that he appears as did Daniel when he would not partake of the King's food, in that he has gained in flesh.

Brother Louis Rayford reports while assisting Brother Cheshier the Lord blessed them with \$70 worth of orders in twelve hours.

Sisters Hurdle and Wilson, who are working in Paducah, are also meeting with excellent success, and wishing that a Bible worker might follow up their efforts.

Sister S. L. Grant, who has been working in Nashville, is of good courage and rejoicing in her work.

Brother H. G. Miller is able now to put in part time. Brother and Sister Miller are located at Lebanon.

Brethren Paul Keele, George

Wallace and Hollus Schneckloth are all meeting with excellent success in their work.

Sister L. B. Getter has averaged almost an order an hour with "Coming King." It is remarkable how the work is progressing.

Bro. Brooks has just returned from a visit to the Oakwood Junior College, also Southern Junior College, and reports that we will have a larger number of students for the summer's work than any previous year. Brother Franklin from Oakwood is coming right away. He will join Brother Herron at Columbia.

A Report from Nashville

It was early in the spring of 1919 that the writer was invited to connect with the work in the Southern Union Conference, and since last May we have been located in Nashville.

The brethren advised the erection of the campmeeting tent in the city for a public effort and we set about to secure a location, which was found on South Eighth just three blocks from the postoffice.

All arrangements were made for the meeting, and with the assistance of Bro. Montgomery, Mrs. Gavert, Miss Houston and Miss Dora Giles, we launched the campaign. It was evident from the very first that the Lord was with us. The people came to the tent to hear and several responded to the message.

This meeting brought us up to the campmeeting, when we were requested to tear down and give up our tent for the coming meeting; all concerned believed this a mistake, but we were compelled on account of the meeting being in the fall and we had the only tent avilable for the camp.

After this meeting we erected the tent in North Nashville and began again, with the assistance of Elder H. P. Gray, Mrs. Gavert and Miss Houston. The attendance was large and the people seemed very much interested, thus we spent just a few weeks in the tent, and as the result of the summer's work we had 26 ready for baptism. The weather being so cold, it became necessary to take down the tent, but before it was wrecked the Conference Committee voted to erect a wooden tabernacle, with a sawdust floor, the same to be erected on the lot where the tent stood, and we continued the effort.

The crowds keep coming, and at this writing the ministers in the neighborhood are all stirred up over the work we are doing, so at the 9th Ave. Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock Sunday the minister spoke on the Sabbath question, having invited Adventists to be present, and of course we did not dissappoint him. We announced a reply the following Tuesday night and we found our place too small to accommodate the crowd, which was interested as the result of the free advertising given us.

We are happy to tell you that some of the strongest members of that church are attending our meeting every night and we are praying the Lord to bring them into the Message.

This coming Monday night the Christian Church minister is to speak on the Sabbath, and has sent us an urgent invitation to hear. This man interrupted our meeting last Friday night at the close of a revival effort we had by getting up and demanding of us a debate on the Sabbath question, but as we believe there is no question about the Sabbath, we feel like Nehemiah, we haven't time to come down from

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the great work the Lord has called us to.

We have 30 new members on our list keeping the Sabbath, not counting the young people and children who are anxious to go with us and a host of people interested in the study of the Truth.

We trust our people throughout the Conference will remember the work in Nashville that God will add to the church such as shall be saved.

I would not forget in this report the splendid help our people are giving us by their attendance and help in giving Bible readings to interested people. The Publishing House orchestra and the young people who sing in the choir help make the meeting a grand success.

If you have friends in North Nashville, write them and urge that they attend the meeting. Remember us in prayer.

J. W. MCCOMAS.

The Yiddish Magazine for 1920

Our people everywhere will be pleased to learn that there was an increased interest in our Yiddish literature for the year 1919. It was the first time we issued a Harvest Ingathering for our Jewish friends, and they were greatly impressed with our work. God certainly blessed the endeavors of His children, as they went to the lost sheep of Israel with our message and its meaning.

The Yiddish magazine has changed its name. Its new title is "Die Its-de-gee Tsa-ten," or "The Present Issues." We plan to consider every phase of our great message from the standpoint of the issues of the day, and their meaning in the light of the Old and the New Testament to our present-day conditions. The magazine is to be departmentized, and we hope that it will have a large circulation.

The first issue is to be a health number. It will be called "The Gut-te Ge-zund-heit" issue. meaning "The Good Health" number. We believe that if our brethren in presenting this issue to the Jews will tell them that we follow the Bible teaching in treating the sick, and that we live in harmony with the laws of the Scriptures, many of these people will be pleased to secure the paper. This issue should be scattered by the thousands.

A small leaflet is being prepared for those who expect to sell this number, and you may receive a copy free by sending to your Tract Society, or to the Jewish Department, at South Lancaster, Mass.

Send your order at once through your church librarian to the Tract Society. In clubs of five or more copies, 8 cents each. The paper sells for 15 cents. The Pacific Press at Brookfield says the papers will be ready by February 1. F. C. GILBERT. Secretary for the Jewish Department.

The Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the West Michigan Conference writes: "'Epidemics' going fast. It's the best seller I have seen for a long time. Here is what the Grand Rapids children have done. One girl used forty one afternoon. A ten-year-old boy went two blocks, selling ten books,—two little girls each ten copies in a short time."

The Pacific Union Conference has set apart the week ending March 6 as Missionary Volunteer week, during which time all the workers in the Union are to give special attention to work for the children and youth.

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Union Conference News Notes

Mr. C. E. Smith and wife of Jackson, Miss., reached Nashville Wednesday morning, the 21st, to connect with the cafeteria through the session of the Union Conference.

Elder S. E. Wight spent two days of last week at the Lake Union Conference Session in Battle Creek, Mich., and at Emmanuel Missonary College, Berrien Springs.

Prof. J. C. Thompson spent a portion of two days of last week at the Tuskegee Institute, attending an Educational Convention, returning to Nashville in time for the opening of the Conference.

Brother V. O. Cole returned to the office Thursday morning, after attending institutes in Kentucky and Mississippi. He reports splendid prospects for the work during the coming year.

Delegates to the Union Conference begun arriving during the day Sunday, and the first meeting of the Conference was held Sunday night in the Chapel of the Southern Publishing Association.

The first session of the Conference was held Monday morning for organization and appointment of committees. The remainder of the day was devoted to the Bookmen's Convention, with Bro. V. O. Cole in charge.

Tuesday, the 27th, was a continuation of the Bookmen's Convention during part of the day, with Bible Study hour by Bro. W.W. Prescott, and departmental meetings in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, reports of the President and Secretary-Treasurer were given. Report of Elder Wight appears in this issue. Other reports will be furnished our readers later.

The daily program is as follows:

	A.M.
Breakfast	7:00-
Bible Study and	
Devotional	8:30- 9:45
Conference Session	10:00 - 12:00
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Dinner	12:30
Miscellaneous	2:00- 3:30
Departmental	4:00- 6:00
Supper	6:00-7:00
Preaching	7:30

Oakwood College Constituency Meeting

The constituency meeting of the Oakwood Junior College will be held in the second Seventh-day Adventist church in Nashville, Tenn., at 10 o'clock Friday, Apr. 2, 1920.

The constituency of this Association are the Union Committees and Mission Committees of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences, the Faculty of the Oakwood Junior College, and such members of the General Conference Committee as may be present.

The meeting is called for the

election of officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of such business as the constituency deem advisable.



We are very glad to have Elder S. N. Haskell with us this week. He occupied the hour of eleven o'clock service on Sabbath and during the week he will take the Chapel hour, giving us some helpful instruction on the Spirit of Prophecy and its relation to this closing work.

Mrs. K. R. Haughey stopped over for a day or two last week en route to Graysville to attend the Union Conference session.

Mrs. J. P. McGee of Collegedale is now at the Reeves (Ga.) Sanitarium, receiving treatments.

Brother Fountain, our blacksmith, is very happy as he goes about his work now. He has moved into the new shop, which will make his work very much more pleasant than formerly.

Brother Raymond R. Brooks, Field Missionary Secretary of Tennessee River Conference, spent several days at the College last week. He found the students from that conference very enthusiastic over taking up the colporteur work during vacation next summer in order to earn scholarships for next year in school, and a number are planning definitely to enter the field as soon as school is out.