

Ooltewah, Tennessee, February 5, 1920

A Report On

The Missionary Volunteer Work of the Southern Union For Quadrennial Session of Southern Union Conference January 25 to February 4, 1920.

There is an old saying among the Hebrews to the effect that the Jewish nation came to an end because its children and youth were neglected. Certain it is, that, as we study the history of the chosen people of God during the years immediately preceding the captivity, we find evidences of widespread unbelief, worldliness and idolatry among the younger generation. Take for instance the three young kings who followed each other on the throne, Jehoikin, Jehoichim, and Zedekiah, and whose reigns mark the end of the nation. Of the first it is written: "At the very time messages of impending doom were urged upon princes and people, their ruler, Jehoikim, who should have been a wise spiritual leader, foremost in confession of sin and in reformation and good works, was spending his time in selfish pleasure." "Within a few years he closed his disastrous reign in ignominy, rejected by Heaven, unloved by his people, and despised by the rulers of Babylon whose confidence he had betrayed-and all as the result of his fatal mistake in turning from the purpose of God as revealed through His appointed messenger.'

Speaking of young Zedekiah we read from "Prophets and Kings:" "The Lord revealed to Ezekiel in vision some of the abominations that were being practiced in Jerusalem, and within the gates of the Lord's house and even in the inner court. The chambers of images, and the pictured idols, every form of creeping things and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel; all these in rapid succession passed before the astonished gaze of the prophet," Foremost among those who were rapidly leading the nation to ruin was Zedekiah their king. Forsaking entirely the counsels of the Lord as given through the prophets, forgetting the debt of gratitude he owed Nebuchadnezzar, violating his solemn oath of allegiance taken in the name of the Lord God of Israel, Judah's king rebelled against the prophets, against his benefactor, and against his God. To the 'profane wicked prince' had come the day of final reckoning. 'Remove the diadem; the Lord decreed.' 'Take off the crown.' 'I will overturn, overturn, overturn it,' was

the divine edict concerning the throne of the house of David.'"

There were three other young men of royalline who lived contemporaneously with the three above mentioned, and whose lives are splendid examples of devotion to duty and allegiance to God. Just as a wrong training and a wrong vision were responsible for the wickedness among so many of the people of that age, so right training and vision were the means of Daniel and his companions being able to pass through so great temptations untainted and unharmed.

"Daniel and his associates had been trained by their parents to habits of strict temperance. They had been taught that God would hold them accountable for their capabilities, and that they must never dwarf or enfeeble their powers. This education was to Daniel and his companions the means of their preservation among the demoralizing influences of the court of Babylon. Strong were the temptations surrounding them in that corrupt and luxurious court, but they remained uncontaminated. No power, no influence could sway them from the principles they had learned in early life by a study of the word and works of God.''

The history of the Jewish people is very similar to the experience of the true people of God of this age. Where the following of wrong principles and harmful practises brought disaster and shipwreck then, it will bring and is bringing disaster now.

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world." Education, page 271.

How broad a statement! It was made years ago, before the denomination had a department whose special sphere of work was the youth. The Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department was called into existence as a result to help accomplish the work of organizing and training the youth and directing their energies and enthusiasm.

It is said that the world's greatest need today is of young men and women who will live lives of consecration and surrender to God. Surely this is the paramount need of this denomination. Money and resources we need, but men and women we must have if we are to continue to answer the calls that are now crowding upon us. Nations are dependent upon their young men for defense and conquest. We, likewise, as a people, are dependent upon the youth to step to the front, filling up the gaps and bringing new strength and energy into the work, both at home and in the far-flung corners of the earth.

The work of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department is to foster and encourage a desire for things

beneficial, pure, ennobling, and holy among the youth, and to win them to Christ. To do this is no small task. for youth is known and accepted as a time when none too many thoughts of a serious nature are entertained. It is also the time in life when people want pleasure and good times. So in working for the young people we must make our endeavors of a pleasing as well as helpful and uplifting kind. Hence we have different projects which we try to get the youth engaged in, and which comprise our goals. In addition to general missionary work, we have the senior, junior, and primary Reading Course books, also a splendid list of helpful tracts; the plan of reading the Bible through yearly by completing two chapters each day: the Standard of Attainment. which comprises a good knowledge of Bible Doctrines and the history of our denomination: and the raising of money for missions. All of these projects are for the sole object of winning the young people to Christ.

A study of this branch of the work during the past four years show a steady growth along all lines of activity. In 1916 there were only a few more than 300 young people in the Union who were actively engaged in missionarv work, while during the year just closed there was almost twice this number, or 613. Especially happy are we to know that 507 young people were converted to Christ from 1916 to 1919. By far the best record has been made the past year; 172 children, young men and women were buried with their Lord in baptism during the last twelve months. How we rejoice over this! Mav we not expect to see many workers eventually in the field from among these?

Another interesting item is the increase of the offerings to missions of the young people. In 1916 \$1487.00 were given, while in 1919 \$3201.00. This is an increase of 115 per cent, as well as twice the amount of the year's goal. Doubtless all of us have seen it demonstrated during special campaigns, such as the Harvest Ingathering, that the young people and children are valuable helps. Some of our church schools have raised \$50 and \$60 each

Equally substantial increases are there in most of the other features of the Missionary Volunteer work.

Our Needs

I firmly believe the greatest need of this department is that we as leaders may be endowed with a full measure of the Spirit to work for these younger members. Oh! I pray that God may give us all a deeper realization of the importance of this work, may help us to sense the fact that the eternal destiny of souls is at stake, and that the outcome probably depends on our attitude to them.

It would surely be a good thing if all our workers, as they go about in the conferences, would help to encourage the young people and stimulate their work. Then, the pastors of local churches can do much to help if they will remember the young folks in their sermons and in visiting and ministering among their members. Too often the vouth become cold towards the church because the church and ministers are cold or indifferent towards them. It has been said that the pastor's or elder's interest in his youth can be measured by the kind of young people's society at his church.

I think it is well, too, for us to set aside a definite occasion, from time to time when we all are to work and pray especially for the young who are described as "the most precious heritage of the church."

I wonder also if instead of always having the regular church service on Sabbath we could not with profit occasionally invite the yeung people to carry out a program.

May we all not remember the statement made by Christ when on earth that it is necessary for us each to become as a little child if we are to inherit the new earth.

JOHN C. THOMPSON.

Report of the Union Field Missionary Secretary

As we closed up the record of the book work at the end of 1918 and found that the value of books delivered by the colporteurs alone in the Union amounted to \$109,767.34, our hearts were made glad, and we won. dered whether or not this record would ever be broken. However, as we realize that nothing is impossible with God, our bookmen set out for the work of the New Year with the determination to give to the Lord their best endeavors, and then leave the results with Him.

In talking the matter over with some of our Union brethren, we thought that if the deliveries for 1919 could reach \$150,000 we would indeed be happy, though we dared not set our goal that high as we thought that \$125,000 worth of books delivered would be as much as our faith could grasp.

As time passed week after week and month after month and we could see how the Lord was mightily blessing our faithful colporteurs, our faith began to grow. But not until all the figures were in after December 31 and the record made up did we fully realize that the deliveries of 1919 for the colporteurs alone in the Union would reach the enormous figures of \$227,579.68, being a gain of \$117,812.34 over the previous year, which is equal to 108 per cent.

It will be noticed from the tabulated report that Mississippi takes the lead with \$72,-249.15 worth of books delivered. while Kentucky follows with \$56,922.86. Alabama has \$55,-521.57, and has made the largest gain, which is 206 per cent, and also the largest per cent gain of any of the conferences in the Union. Louisiana and Tennessee River Conferences both did well compared to what they had done in previous years, but we do not believe that either one of these Conferences are at all satisfied with their present attainliving in a time when pestilences and troubles of various kinds may be expected, we will have to learn to surmount these difficulties if we are to be permitted to have a part in the closing work, for we are told that the work will close during a time of trouble such as never was.

In 1918 we had to contend with the "flu," and in 1919 with the floods and boll-weevil. So we do not know that 1920 has in store for us, but one thing we are sure of and that is, that the Lord is the hope of His people, and that His servant has told us that "As long as probation lasts there will be an opportunity for the colporteurs to work."

The average book sales per hour in the Union during the year was \$2.70. The average per hour of books delivered throughout the Union was \$1.61. BIENNIAL PERIODS

The value of books delivered for the two biennial periods is as follows:

	1916-1917	1918-1919	Gain	Per Cent
Mississippi	30489.56	107,549.67	77060.11	253
Kenthcky	32170.57	89,620.18	57449.61	178
Alabama	21793.66	73,597.55	51803.89	238
Louisiana	21221.50	43,864.39	22642.89	107
Tenn. River	21139.08	22,715.23	1576.15	7
	126814.37	337,347.02	210532.65	166

ment. So we may not be surprised to see something happen out of the ordinary in these two fields during the present year.

It will also be noted from the tabulated report that the percent of gain in each local conference over the previous year ranges from 80 to 206 per cent, while the gain in the Union amounts to 108 per cent.

On account of the floods and boll-weevil in a large section of our territory, the percent of orders delivered is not as large as we had hoped it would be in ordinary times, but as we are now It will be understood that these figures do not mean the value of orders taken, but they are the value of books delivered, which are now in the hands of the people. Neither do they represent Tract Society sales, as their sales amount to \$301,127.~ 29.

HELP FOR FIELD SECRETARIES

The work has grown to such an extent that it makes it necessary for each field secretary to use an assistant during at least a part of the year. In some instances during the summer when the student col-

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porteurs are at work two assistants have been found necessary. In this the Conferences have been very willing to cooperate, realizing that there is no department of the work that is a greater asset to the Conference as a whole than the sale of our truthfilled publications.

SLOW-MOVING BOOKS:

The books that have been stored for years in our publishing houses are being disposed of rapidly. The large stock of "Coming King," "Past, Present & Future" have all been brought to the local Conferences in this Union, and also a great number of Heralds of the Morning have been purchased.

Not ALL ARE TO USE ONE BOOK Perhaps all are aware that during the past few years nearly all of the colporteurs have been eager to handle Bible Readings to the exclusion of others of our large books which the servant of the Lord has said should be sold.

"The light given was that Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, the Great Controversy and Patriarchs and Prophets would make their way. They contain the very message the people must have, the special light God has given His people. The Angels of God will prepare the way for these books in the hearts of the people."

Another statement she makes is found on page 94 of Colporteur Evangelists, as follows:

"No one book should be carried exclusively and kept before the public as if it could supply every demand of this time. If the Lord has light for His people brought out in different ways in different books, who shall venture to put up barriers so that the light shall not be diffused throughout the world? The Lord desires our brethren to devise plans so that the light

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 24

Name Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
S H Cheshier D&R	44	36	\$193.00	\$ 4.00	\$197.00	\$ 4.00
W S Herron* CK	94	58	133.00	16.00	149.00	
Jas Nicholson CK	33	33	86.50		86.50	8.50
Paul Keele CK	41	40	83.50		83.50	6.00
Mollie Hurdle CK	26	28	70.50	7.00	77.50	
Geo Wallace GC&CK	31	32	73.50		73.50	
Arthur Price CK	27	22	57.50		57.50	
L B Getter CK	37	24	56.00		56.00	
Virgie Wilson CK	15	23	53.00	2.00	55.00	
Susie McGee* Helps	52					42.00
H Schneckloth BR	7	6	29.00	1.50	30.50	
DrSL Grant CK	29	2	23.00		23.00	
Sallie Hutch CK	10	.3	4.50	1.50	6.00	
Wm J Keele D&R,BFL	7	3	11.50	2.00	13.50	2.00
[*-2wks] Total	454 3	10	874.50	34.00	908.50	63.50

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R R Coble*	BR	53	55	\$268.50	\$	\$268.50	\$
H W Sellers	BR	30	42	194.50		194.50	
John Harzman	0D	23	54	165.50		165.50	
W C Causey*	BR	52	32	151.50		151.50	
W C Martin	OD	27	36	90.00	27.95	117.95	
A Pendas	\mathbf{BR}	28	20	91.00		91.00	
W Watson	\mathbf{BR}	28	14	63.00		63.00	8.00
T Longware	\mathbf{BR}	16	1/4	60.25		60.25	
G B Richardson	0D	27	18	52.50		52.50	
A Sawyer	BR	19	10	47.00		47.00	
W D Bush	DR	17	9	40.50	1.80	42.30	45.00
W A Hunt	BR	17	$\overline{7}$	33.50	3.15	36,65	9.00
L B Spear	ΗW	23		32.50		32.50	
A Watson	BR	23		27.00		27.00	
Mrs R M Hunt	OD	7					39.50
Mrs R H Fournett	\mathbf{BR}	34					35.50
Mrs E R Burke	BR						28.80
Bibles				55.55		55.55	9.15
[*2wks] Total		424	311	1372.80	32.90	1405.70	174.95

He has given shall not be hid in our publishing houses, but shall shine forth to illuminate all who receive it."

So in view of these statements we are endeavoring to have more of our colporteurs devote their time to the sale of such books as Great Controversy and Daniel and Revelation. During our institute season thus far we have had only one very small Bible Reading Class, while the majority of the colporteurs are studying to handle either Daniel and Revelation or Great Controversy. We are glad to have it thus, and are sure that by han-

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Lee Crutcher	BR	19	18	\$ 82.00	\$ 4.40	\$ 86.40	\$.75
D R Allman	BR&DR	37	20	102.00	24.35	126.35	
Wm Fort	$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{M}$	12	20	51.50		$51\ 50$	7.50
Mrs Wm Fort	BR	3	3	14.50	8.65	23.15	-
R W Harris	CK&OD	7	9	23.50		23.50	18.50
R F Hickman	* BR	32	75	365.00	35.00	400.00	
M L Howard	BR	7	3	14.50	2.25	16.75	
Claud Hughes	t BR	51	23	107.50	25.50	132.70	35.50
M E Jacobs	OD	6					20.00
E J Kraft	BR	60					539.00
C D Minnis	BR&OD	46	16	68.50	1.25	69.75	60.95
Lee Page*	BR	44	88	401.00	13.15	414.15	26.45
G H Slaughte	r HM	17	22	61.00		61.00	7.00
J A Wehner	OD	25	24	60.00		60.00	
[*2wks, †3wk	s] Total	366	321	1351.00	114.25	1465.25	715.65
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C R Cannada	DR	25	15	\$80.50	\$13.20	\$93.70	\$13.50
Floyd Booth	\mathbf{BR}	13	1	5.00	1.80	6.80	68.50
West Brown	BR	31	10	57.00	85	64.35	36.50

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M J Patrick	DR	13					34.00
Mrs E Warren	\mathbf{BR}	1			4.75	4.75	
Mrs I Harrell	GC	1			1.75	1.75	
Bibles	_					6.50	
Total		59	26	142.50	22.35	177.85	152.50
Grand total	1	803	968	3740.80	203.50	3957.30	1106.60

Dates for Colporteur Institutes

Alabama	White	February 8-17
Mississippi	Colored	February 18-27
Louisiana	White	February 29-March 9
Tennessee River	White	"March 10 19
Louisiana	Colored	April 2-11

dling these books many precious souls will see the light of present truth that would have perhaps otherwise been left in darkness. MISCELLANEOUS:

The year 1919 has indeed given the Southern Union some remarkable experiences, so inasmuch as it all comes from the Lord and man is not to be praised, it might be well to note some of them.

1st: It gave to Louisiana the

world record for one colporteur during the week ending June 14 in the sale of \$1,152.00 worth of books in 41 hours—or an average of \$28.10 per hour.

2nd: It gave to Mississippi the largest annual sale of a single colporteur, as he delivered more than \$6,000.00 worth of Daniel and Revelation.

3rd: It gave to Mississippi the world record for one week as a local conference, their sale being \$11,362.12 for week ending July 19.

4th: It gave to Mississippi the world record for one month for a single conference in the sale of \$36,221.72 for July.

5th: It gave to the Southern Union Conference the world record in the sales of six successive months during the year, the largest sales being during the month of July when \$91,803.49 worth of books were sold. Thus we can hardly be surprised at some of the General Conference brethren who thought that we were having "windfalls" in the Southern Union. We trust that 1920 may give us more of such "windfalls."

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion it might be well to add that as the servants of God in olden times risked their lives and all they had for the cause in their days, we are reminded of the fact that history often repeats itself, and that many of the experiences of the past centuries will be reinacted. Therefore it will not in our day be surprising when we are made acquainted with the fact that during the past year some of our field secretaries and colporteurs have more than once heard the growl of the dragon, and have barely escaped with their lives on several occasions while pursuing their regular work. However, in all this they found that the Lord is still the hope of His people.

In times like this such precious assurances as are found on page 489 of Ministry of Healing are very dear.

"Whatever comes to him comes from the Saviour who surrounds him with His presence. Nothing can touch him except by the Lord's permission.....All experiences and circumstances are God's workmen whereby good is brought to us."

With this in mind we advance in the untrodden path of the new year, not knowing what the future may bring forth. but being assured that God is at the helm, and will evidently guide the old ship of Zion safely into harbor. My prayer is that we who are present may all be aboard and also be found pulling at the oars when probation closes.

> V. O. COLE, Union Field Missionary Secretary.



The Kentucky Colporteurs Institute

Previous mention has been made of the white and colored institutes, but one feature deserves special mention, and that is the matter of personal goals which our colporteurs set for themselves. As evidence that this is not a mere fanciful diversion with these men, we would call attention to the fact that six or eight of them either reached or exceeded the goal they set for 1919. Several others came very near reaching the amount for which they were working.

Some of the goals for 1920 are as follows: Claud Hughes, \$5.000; Jefferson Hickman. \$5,000; Lee Page, \$4,500; R. F. Hickman, \$4,000. At the colored institute Wm. Fort and George Slaughter set their goals for \$3,500 each, and C. D. Minnis, \$3,600. The total goal for both white and colored workers is 21,850 hours of work and sales to the amount of \$91,000. The total goal for 1919 was \$60,000. and this was more than reached. Several colporteurs were unable to attend the institute, so that with what they will raise we look for sales to the amount of \$100,000 for this year.

The following report from Brother R. F. Hickman leads us to feel that these men have not set their goal too high. He writes: "In 32 hours I have taken orders to the amount of \$400.50. All these orders were taken right where I lived and worked, and sold books before. I met our doctor yesterday. He said: 'Don't give me a canvass; put my name down for one leather binding, for I have read that book and it is fine.'"

- The work will soon be finished in this troubled world of ours,
- The faithful will be gathered beyond the shades and showers;
- And if we work in earnest to gather in the wheat,
- We-soon can have it garnered and will the Saviour meet.
- There is nothing can betide us as on our way we go,
- Except what God in mercy allows, and wills it so.
- So up! the morn is breaking, be on your way again,
- We are nearing now the judgment, we are in the latter rain. BURTON CASTLE.

Final Harvest Ingathering Report for Kentucky

The complete returns from all the churches showed a total raised \$3,040.77. Of this amount the colored believers raised \$739.59. While we did not reach our goal of \$5.00 per member, yet we did fine, and we ought to feel deeply grateful to the Lord for His blessing which attended the efforts put forth. The total number of white believers who raised \$5.00 or more was 142. The total colored, 41. So far as we have been able to learn the highest single amount for this Union was \$300

raised by Sister John W. Ford of Bowling Green. We very much regret that the name of the youngest person in our Conference who raised \$5.00 was left off the final bulletin. It had been on previous copies, but through an oversight was omitted on the last one. The person referred to is Geo. Edward Sibert, of the Louisville church. We greatly appreciate the substantial help given by the Juniors amoung us, and by the members of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies throughou the State.

It is good to have our names on the Honor Roll here, and I believe God honors the efforts we make to place it there, but we do not forget that there are others, who, because of sickness or some orther legitimate reason, were unable to raise their quota; but in the great roll-call above may it appear that there is not one name missing from the list which is recorded by the churches in the Kentucky Conference.

BURTON CASTLE.

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.

> S. E. WIGHT, Pres. J. I. BEARDSLEY, Sec.



The Meetings in Mobile

On the night of January 2 Eld. Wright began a ten-days' meeting with the members of the Mobile Church. The purpose of these meetings was to revive once more the first love in the church and to renew all to a more earnest activity in the cause of the Lord. Taking all things into consideration, the meetings were well attended. The weather was unusually cold the first part of the meetings for this far South, and we experienced considerable rain the last of the week. However a good work was done for the church, and on more than one occasion the Spirit of the Lord came very near and many confessions of sin were made and a real earnest desire to do the work of the Lord seems to have taken possession of the church. The meetings were conducted in the form of Bible studies and subjects revealing God's displeasure with sin and the necessity of living at this time a life wholly dedicated to God were emphasized. On the last Sabbath of the meetings more than fifty entered into a very solemn covenant with the Lord to be more faithful in all lines of Christian service, and especially to live a life wholly dedicated to the Lord.

Individuals who were not members of the church present during the meetings. were deeply moved by the earnest spirit manifested by all and on the last night of the meetings several asked an interest in our prayers and expressed themselves as being determined to live a Christian life from that time on.

Mrs. Wright, who was present, gave some very valuable assistance to the Sabbath School. This was especially appreciated by the new officers who were just beginning the duties of the new year. The Sabbath School is undertaking the task of raising one-half of the quota of the church for missions. They will do it, too.

Bro. Burroughs and his fine display of our message-filled books was a prominent part of each service. He conducted the song service for Eld. Wright's meetings and sold books as long as he could afterwards. Our people seem glad to see an assortment of our good books and always take advantage of he opportunity to buy. He nearly sold out his supply. The visits of Sister Burroughs and Sister Rasmussen were very much appreciated by their many friends here. To all these workers we say, "Come again. We are always glad to see you."

O. L. DENSLOW.

In Memory of Bessie Staton

(Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Staton,)

We have buried our dear sweet darling, Our eyes will behold her no more,

- And her beautiful little body Now is resting beneath earth's cold sod.
- But we miss her, oh constantly.
- Yes, often we think we can hear her sweet voice,
- Baby-like, saying, "Papa" and "Mama," And how she did make us rejoice.

Ob, yes, we are coming. dear one,

When the sorrows of life shall have passed: We'll rejoin our sweet darling

- Where pleasures forever shall last,
- With hearts breaking we knelt by her bedside, We heard the last pitiful cry:
- Then bowing our heads in submission
- To Him who is dwelling on high, We thanked Him who released her
- From this life of suffering and pain,
- And some day in the very near future
- Will give her a home where disease can ne'er reach her again.

-J. R. STATON.



'Round in Mississippi

The Tract Society force is comfortably situated in the new Tract Society office just south of the church building. We certainly appreciate the new, quiet, pleasant, roomy building after working in such close quarters for so long a time. The old office is being remodeled to give more light and air and will be used in the future for the Conference workers.

Brother Crawford has just completed the plans for the new colored church to be erected in Jackson.

Elder Elliott, Bro. Taylor and Bro. Schmehl are attending the Union Conference meeting at Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Mayberry's Bible class is growing here in Jackson, and she reports some beginning to keep the Sabbath. Let us all pray for her success in this work.

The Jackson Missionary Society are sending out over 150 Present Truth each week. What are you doing to help advance the cause?

Brother C. E. Smith reports a good interest in Home Missionary work among the churches in Mississippi.

Brother Connors says: "Takes four mules to pull an empty wagon here." In the face of the mud and rain, Brother Connors delivered twenty dollars' worth of books last Sunday,

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.

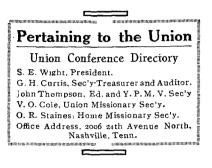
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News Notes From the Conference

On Tuesday, January 28, we were favored with a visit from Elders E. E. Andross and Chas. Thompson, Vice-President and first Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference. These brethren were with us but a few hours, but Elder Andross has promised to return to spend several days during the latter part of the meeting, Elder Thompson going from here to the meeting of the Southeastern Union at Gravsville. Tennessee.

Elder and Mrs. W. W. Prescott arrived Tuesday morning to spend the entire time of the conference with us. The studies of Elder Prescott at 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. are greatly enjoyed by those present and are proving very helpful. Elder Prescott spoke Wednesday night at the large tabernacle where an evangelistic effort is being held in this city.

Brother Karl Snow and wife, missionaries on furlough, but returning to their field in Honduras, were in Nashville a few days recently and Brother Snow favored our people with a stereopticon lecture on the work in his field. This was greatly enjoyed by those present.

On Monday night of last week a minister of the Christian church announced to speak against our people in a church building of that body in the city, this meeting being attended by most of the delegates present. On Tuesday night Elder J. W. McComas, our evangelist in this city, replied in the tabernacle to a packed house and the truth we hold so dear never shone more clearly than it did that night as it was presented by our brother. The vast audience gave the best of attention and we believe that there will be souls in the kingdom as a result of this meeting. The music by the large chorus choir, also by the Publishing House orchestra, was splendid.

The Union Conference meeting was much larger this year than four years ago, the chapel at the Publishing House being filled to overflowing at each session. The hours set apart for the various department meetings are much appreciated, giving opportunity for the different departments of our work to get together for counsel. These meetings are being held in various rooms in the Publishing House and Conference offices and the North Nashville church building.

Among our workers and other friends present at the meeting is noted the following: LOUISIANA

Elder C. N. Sanders, C. B. Caldwell, B. E. Wagner, L. E. Christman, Elder E. H. Huntley, T. R. Huxtable, Mrs. C. N. Sanders, Mrs. M. Mohr and Elder N. B. King.

Kentucky

Andy Schroader, Mrs. C. Heinig, Mrs. Burton Castle, Mrs. C. A. Hanson, W. A. Ralls, Mrs, M. Lucas, Elder C. C. Webster, Elder Luzerne Thompson and Miss S. E. Ready. ALABAMA

Misses A. M. Kalar, Vinnie Goodner, Kathleen Meyer, Lucinda Jobst, Panza Garrigan, Grace May, Mrs. B. C. Marshall, Mrs. K. Rasmussen and Mr. Niles Jobst.

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Mrs. J. B. Mayberry, Miss Nannie May Smith, Mrs. Chauncey Smith, Mrs. N. L, Taylor, A. L. Hamm, Jack Jackson, and F. S. Keitts.

On Saturday evening the delegates and visitors were given a rare treat in a concert given by quartette from Fisk University, who sang the famous Jubilee songs for which this school is known country over.

The Conference Presidents' reports of the various Conferences were given Wednesday and proved very interesting and encouraging as they told of the splendid progress made during the past four years. (Some of these reports appear in this issue. Others will follow.)

Footprints of Faith

A series of articles are now appearing from month to month in the Life Boat magazine from the pen of the late David Paulsen, M. D., well known to our people as a man of great faith and endeavor and an inspiration to young people.

Notice some of the sub-titles in the February number:

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"Ran Calls for the Lord"

"Living by Principle"

"An Overruling Providence"

"One of My First Experiences"

"Had to Love Them."

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