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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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## President's Report of the SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

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I count this a special privilege to present this first report of the Southern Junior College at the regular session of our Union Conferences which comprise its constituency. It was four years ago the 2nd of April that it was voted in Atlanta to secure a college site near Ooltewah, Tenn. Soon after that meeting a large company of workers, representing the two Unions and the General Conference, came to Ooltewah, looked over the site, and laid plans for its purchase. In locating the school here at Ooltewah it was recognized that the only education worth while in these strenuous days is that practical kind which teaches the student to actually do with his hand the things he learns about in books. The original tract was one of 285 acres; but before this could be bought, it was necessary that money enough be raised to pay the indebtedness on the Southern Training School and buy the farm. It took about \$30,000 to do this, but the money was in hand and the farm purchased on the first of October, 1916—a little over three years ago.

Eighteen days later the school opened with forty young men and women in attendance. Before the close of the year this increased to sixty.

As soon as it became known throughout the South that young people of limited means could come to the school and earn an education, and materially assist themselves, applications began to come in from all directions, until within a year after the school was opened more than two hundred applications had been received. The school has been crowded to its utmost capacity every year. Students have been willing to live in shacks and tents, to put up with all kinds of inconvenience, in order that they might receive the character development that the school had for them.

I well remember some of the young ladies speaking of how they carried on their laundry work the first year. It was done in a little woodshed that was practically nothing but a roof, and water was heated in an open vessel over a wood fire. The

clothes were all wrung by hand. Bricks were heated at the fire for the girls to stand on in order that they might keep warm.

There was a very earnest spirit of co-operation in spite of all the hardships that had to be passed through that first year. There were forty-five stoves on the place, and all the wood for these stoves had to be cut by the student wood crews.

The first year over \$11,000 worth of work was given to between 60 and 65 students. This meant that each student earned in the neighborhood of \$170 to assist himself through school.

As soon as spring opened in 1917, the girls' dormitory was begun. But funds came in slowly; and when it was time for school to open that fall, it was with great difficulty that we could care for the large influx of students. There was no heat in the girls' building, the doors were not hung, some of the windows were not in, the finished floors not put down; but the students came by the scores and fifties. They moved in, used

curtains for doors, sat upon their trunks for chairs—any way to get along. The attendance that year was very much greater than the year before, being about 190. The heating plant was not completely installed until the day before Thanksgiving. I remember one morning going over to breakfast when the frost was on the ground like snow, and as yet there was not a bit of heat in the building. I spoke to one of the girls at the table and said, "It's very cold this morning, isn't it?"

She smiled and said, "Yes, it's cool; but oh, we like it here!"

Some of the parents would write in to the office and say, "I'd like to know how my child is getting along. I can't hear a word from him except in praise of the school."

It was such a spirit as this, in the face of hardships they had to endure, that made these pioneer years the most enjoyable that one could wish for. It seems almost like a dream as we look back over the experiences of these first two years, for they were very, very hard. All the water used by the school had to be carried in barrels, for we had no water system. There were no comfortable bathrooms where the students could have hot and cold water. But through it all there has been manifested the most remarkable spirit of devotion and earnest co-operation that I gave ever seen in any company of young people.

It is this spirit of self-sacrifice manifested not only by the students, but also by the leaders, in enduring tremendous difficulties and hardships, while providing comfortable homes, that will show itself some day in the mission field. It engenders a spirit of true service. They not only are directed to the truths that

relate to the conduct of life, but they actually take hold of the practical work of raising humanity and of accomplishing service for others.

There has been quite a desire among the students to carry this spirit out in the neighborhood. This manifested itself in meetings being held in nearby school-houses by the ministerial bands, in treatments given in the homes of the neighbors, and in general practical Christianity manifested in the relation one to the other. As a result of these meetings, several of our neighbors have been brought into the truth.

As soon as the girls' home was completed, preparation was made to begin building the boys' dormitory. The expense of this building was very much greater than that of the girls' home, because of advance in price of materials of every description. But a great portion of the construction work on this building was given to students. They appreciated this help, for it enabled many of them to work their way through school, and assisted others very materially.

The work on this building was not begun until late in the summer of 1918. Soon after school commenced that year, workers from all over the South and some from Washington, D. C., united in what was called a "Workers' Bee" to assist in erecting this building. They worked about two and one-half weeks, and succeeded in putting up the greater portion of the framework. The inspiration and courage imparted to the student body by these workers was greatly appreciated by the school.

About this time the Southern Publishing Association recognized the need of an adequate water system for the institution, and generously made us a donation of over \$6,000 to

equip the school with a water supply. A large spring at the foot of the mountain was properly walled in, a pump house built, and water forced from the spring to a reservoir sufficiently high on the mountain to give regular city water pressure. The capacity of this reservoir is about 30,000 gallons; and as soon as we have electricity—which will provide an automatic control of the pump—we hope to have a very effective and adequate water supply. This gift of the Southern Publishing Association also included 800 feet of regular fire hose, mounted on two reels, one of which will be located near each dormitory, and proper fire drills will be organized to assist in taking care of our buildings.

The boys' dormitory was under cover soon after the beginning of the year 1919, and all the winter and spring were spent in preparing for the plastering. This was done in the summer, and the boys moved into their new building at the opening of school, on the third anniversary of the purchase of the farm.

Soon after school opened this year, a "Working Bee" was again organized, and very materially assisted in the erection of a large dairy barn, blacksmith shop, and corn crib. Though not working so long as they did the previous year, because of the impossibility to get material, their help was greatly appreciated. The material to finish the barn has not yet arrived, but we are hoping to get our stock under shelter before the winter is over.

The attendance this year is the highest we have had in the South, being 229. Of this number, 174 are in the academic department.

Almost every room in the boys'

home is full, and many of the girls have been staying three in a room, because some of their regular rooms have been used for class purposes.

The prospects for another year are the brightest we have ever had in the experience of the Southern Junior College. If we are able to provide the amount of work and open the way for all to come who would like to, our facilities will be as inadequate as they have been all along. It would not surprise me in the least to see close to three hundred students here another year.

When we first started the school, some of the brethren from the North came down and looked the plant over, and said, "Brethren, you're building twice too large. Your dormitories would be ample if you made room for only fifty."

But while we are looking forward to an administration building this next year, one of the great problems that will confront this institution in the near future will not be so much the question of class room space as it will be added facilities in our dormitories. Our dormitories, each built to accommodate one hundred students, will be altogether too inadequate.

Through all the experience of the school, we have recognized our entire dependence upon the Lord, and His blessing has been with us every step of the way. It has been a move of sheer faith, and yet I am firmly convinced that God's plans for the work here in the South are as much greater than anything we have conceived of in the past as the present development of the school is greater than that which entered the minds of the brethren as they first talked of the work here.

"My brethren in the Southern field, I ask you, in the name of the Lord God of Israel, to quit you like men. The Lord is at the helm..... God lives and reigns. He will open the way for the neglected Southern field to be cultivated for Him. Let the workers there come up to the help of the Lord, and with joy proclaim His truth.... When perplexities or hindrances present themselves, lift the soul to God in songs of thanksgiving. .... Remember that the Lord looks in compassion upon this field, and that He knows its poverty and need. The efforts you are making will not prove a failure." Vol. 7, pp. 236, 237.

Since we purchased the original tract of land, friends of the institution have bought additional tracts adjoining us and given them to the institution, so that at the present time we have very close to six hundred acres of land. We appreciate this generosity on the part of our friends, for it enables the school to plant its buildings in very nearly the center of a tract of land large enough to protect it from families who wish to move in.

We urge all our people to send their children to the school when they reach the proper age; but we do not advise any family to move in near the school. The Spirit of Prophecy is directly against this plan. A brother came to me not long ago and suggested that one of his relatives would like to come in and buy up an acreage within a mile of the school; but we plead with him to keep them away. There comes a time in the experience of every child when the education of a school dormitory will be the very best thing in his experience. At this age they should be sent to the school, and if the

parents are too poor to stand the expense, the brethren should rally round these young people and see that they are not wanting for help.

One of the greatest needs of the institution at the present time is to provide adequate labor that will bring in cash return to the school. Last year the school gave over \$22,000 worth of work to the students, and according to present reports the amount we will give this year will be very close to the same figure; but of this \$22,000 only a little over \$5,300 brought in cash return.

It cost the school last year to educate its 165 students \$49,902.18. This means that nearly one-third of the total amount was taken out in work that produced no cash return to the school.

Located as we are near Chattanooga, we feel that one of the very best ways to increase the cash labor proposition would be to remodel our print shop. If we could put in modern labor-saving machinery and give that department a nice, commodious building in which to work, we are sure that in another year they would add materially to the cash return for labor. This would mean practically \$20,000—\$10,000 for equipment and \$10,000 for the building. But when you think that this \$20,000 would thus come to us in the form of an endowment which would not only give students a practical education in a very essential trade, so far as this message is concerned, but would also assist them in earning their way through school, we feel that it is not asking too much to come before our people with the request that they give this very serious consideration.

Another need is for adequate

library and science equipment. We have put in several hundred dollars' worth of equipment in our laboratories this year, and have added a number of volumes to our library, but we need to put in at least \$3,500 worth of equipment this coming year. This will be just a starter.

Then we need \$1,000 for fencing. Our fences have been poor, and as a result the cattle have not stayed in the pasture, but have gone around over the farm, causing a great deal of trouble in regard to the crops.

It has been suggested that we turn the raising of this \$4,500 over to the Collegedale Catchem Club, which last year in a month's time raised \$3,500 for the completion of the girls' home. I would suggest this for your consideration that we lay plans whereby the conferences can materially assist the students of the Southern Junior College to raise this amount, and that we set aside the month of March in which to accomplish this task. It can be done in one month just as well as in two, and I am very much in favor of having a definite time, and not dragging such a campaign out over an extended period.

God has blessed the school with a faculty who stand shoulder to shoulder, and are earnest, consecrated Christians. He has influenced scores of young people who have come here, with no special aim in life, to give themselves definitely to His service.

In the three years that the school has been organized, we have baptized and added to the church here 52 young men and women. One of our students is already in the mission field, having gone as a teacher to Korea, and we are planning that quite a company of young people will leave the school for the mission

## KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
D R Allman	BR	25	19	\$93 50	\$2 00	\$95 50	\$
G T Ashlock	OD	16	12	37 00	75	37 75	
A T Babienco	BR	34	10	40 00		40 00	315 85
Lee Crutcher	BR	36	15	67 50	8 90	76 40	43 25
Mrs Lee Crutcher	OD	8	12	30 00	9 00	39 00	
Jeff Hickman	BR	25	48	248 50	10 50	259 00	13 50
R Y Howard	BR	25	5	22 50	2 50	25 00	17 50
Lee Page	BR	15	25	115 50	4 50	120 00	37 50
H P Waldo	BR						538 50
Ed Whittier	PR	50	11	49 50	3 00	52 50	510 00
Total		234	157	704 00	41 15	745 15	1476 00
COLORED							
Wm Fort	HM	21	14	38 00		38 00	22 50
Mrs Wm Fort	HM						2 50
Wm Martin	BR	42	17	79 50	1 50	81 00	4 50
C D Minnis	BR	33	19	94 50	2 25	96 75	38 75
Jennie Oden	HM	5	1	2 50	60	3 10	
G H Slaughter	HM	27	20	53 00		53 00	29 00
Total		128	71	267 50	4 35	271 85	97 25

## TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Paul Keele	DR,CK	48	41	\$88 00	\$	\$88 00	\$ 6 25
Geo Wallace	CK	28	24	52 50		52 50	
H G Miller	CK	36	23	44 00	6 00	50 00	1 50
Wm J Keele	DR,BFL	11	5	13 50	5 00	18 50	7 00
COLORED							
Arthur Price	CK						\$218 00
J S Nicholson	CK						201 50
Louis Rayford	DR,BR	40	37	183 50	1 00	184 50	54 75
W S Herron	PPF,CK	27	37	131 25	4 30	135 55	
Virgie Wilson	CK	43	17	36 00	2 00	38 00	125 00
Mollie Hurdle	CK	39	7	14 00	1 00	15 00	112 50
William Franklin	CK	27	32	105 15	3 27	108 42	
H S Baskerville	DR,BR	26	6	28 00		28 00	
Dr S L Grant	CK	39	8	14 00		14 00	14 00
Bibles (2wk)				43 40		43 40	14 50
Total		365	237	753 30	22 57	775 87	755 00

Those putting in 40 hours or more are the following:  
Honor Roll—Paul Keele 48, Louis Rayford 40 1-2, Virgie Wilson 43

## ALABAMA CONFERENCE

B F Harmon	BR	13	7	\$31 50	\$	\$31 50	\$36 00
Clayton McNeil	BR	31	39	187 00	6 00	193 00	
R B Rowe	DR	40	37	218 00	5 00	223 00	
Mrs R B Rowe	CK	25	41	99 00	5 50	104 50	
Mrs Myra Wing	BR	22	8	36 00	8 75	44 75	39 00
COLORED							
R J Keitts	OR	2					7 50
Total		133	132	571 50	25 25	596 75	82 05

field this year. It is the greatest aim of this institution to be so used of God that it can turn one hundred percent of its students into the active work of finishing the Third Angel's Message.

We wish to take opportunity here to express our most grateful appreciation for the co-operation that has been rendered the school by the field, and for the prayers that are ascending from

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Elmer Chastain	DR	44	29	\$141 50	\$17 20	\$158 70	\$17 20
T J Connors	BR	59	26	121 00	2 00	123 00	24 00
George McGee	DR	41	26	119 00		119 00	
Mrs B W Watson	BR	10	26	37 00	25	37 25	
Mrs Ida Harrell	DR	11	5	27 00	4 00	31 00	4 00
Mrs Ethel Warren	DR	8	4	18 00		18 00	
Total		175	98	463 50	23 45	486 95	45 45
<b>COLORED</b>							
Wm Watts	BR	70	44	200 00		200 00	
West Brown	BR	76	6	29 50	2 85	32 35	75 35
Total		146	50	229 50	2 85	232 35	75 35

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

L B Spear	BR	33	28	\$145 50	\$	\$	\$ 7 00
W A Hunt [2wk]	BR	47	28	133 00	20 25	153 25	13 50
John Harzman	OD	41	37	105 50		105 50	154 00
R R Coble	BR	23	18	87 50		87 50	
R W Babylon[2wk]OD, BR	43	28	71 50	2 30	73 80	89 40	
W C Martin	OD	21	20	53 00	4 00	57 00	
A Pendas	BR	17	9	41 50		41 50	
R N Kerr	OD	15	15	37 50	3 00	40 50	3 50
W C Causey	BR	10	5	22 50		22 50	
G B Richardson	OD	27		80 00		80 00	
Bibles				15 70		15 70	22 50
Total		277	188	793 20	29 55	822 75	289 90
Grand total		1456	933	3782 50	149 17	3931 67	2821 55

Summary of the Colporteur Work in the Southern Union Conference for January, 1920

Conference	Agents	Hours	Orders	Value	Deliveries
Kentucky	14	1193	1138	\$4778.15	\$1419.00
Louisiana	16	252	947	3928.20	667.85
Tenn. River	14	1485	1168	3311.90	256.30
Alabama	12	721	399	1901.75	1440.00
Mississippi	9	266	165	649.25	317.10
Total	65	3917	3817	14569.25	4100.25

Comparative Sales for Corresponding Month Last Year

	1919	1920	Gain	Loss
Kentucky	\$4047.60	\$4778.15	\$ 730.55	
Louisiana	206.80	3928.20	3721.40	
Tenn. River	1431.20	3311.90	1880.70	
Alabama	1269.97	1901.75	631.78	
Mississippi	331.80	649.25	317.45	
Total	7287.37	14569.25	7281.88	

100 per cent gain

V. O. Cole.

Dates for Colporteur Institutes

Louisiana	White	February 29-March 9
Tennessee River	White	March 10-19
Louisiana	Colored	March 19-28
Oakwood Junior College		April 8-14
Southern Junior College		April 15-24

many homes that its success may be accomplished according to God's good purpose.

We pledge ourselves with you, to throw all that we have and are into the work, in order that the message may be hastened, and that souls may be snatched from the burning. When we see the amount of money that has been turned into the educational development of the South during the past four years, we can only with deepest awe exclaim, "Behold, 'what hath God wrought!'" It is with deepest humility that we take up the work before us for another period, and our greatest desire is that God may make us winners of souls.

Quadrennial Report from Alabama Conference 1915-1919 Southern Union Conference.

It is surely a privilege to bring to the delegates assembled at this Union Conference Session greetings from Alabama and to give you a brief report of the work, together with the progress made during the past quadrennial period. We, with profound gratitude and thankfulness of heart, bow before our chief Commander and reverently acknowledge every gift and precious blessing bestowed upon our work as coming from Him who alone is worthy to be praised. God has certainly been good to us in our small portion of the vineyard here in this beautiful Southland.

CHANGES IN OFFICE

During the past four years

there has been two presidents in Alabama. Elder A. L. Miller carried the work until the fall of 1918, at which time the writer was invited to take the Presidency of the Conference. Two other changes were also made. Brother B. C. Marshall succeeded O. R. Godsmark as Conference Secretary in the month of February, 1918, while Brother J. R. Staton succeeded M. L. Wilson, who gave up the office of Field Secretary to enter the ministry.

#### WORKERS ADDED

In 1915 we had in the employ of the Conference and Mission 13 laborers, while at the close of 1919 we had 31 laborers employed, 14 of which were taken on the past year. This of course includes workers both in the office and field. Four years ago we had but eight regular colporteurs, while now we have 25; however this number has been much larger during the summer months. The past season there were as many as 60 men, women and students in the field at one time. We feel extremely grateful for this good increase in our force of laborers.

In 1915 our membership was 655. However, during 1917 and 1918 our colored constituency suffered quite a loss in number as well as some renewals from the Conference, thus causing us to sustain a net loss during these years instead of making any gain. So while we have had a gross increase of 317, with a net increase of 151 during 1919, yet we have only a total membership of 849. There has been baptized during 1919 158 people. God has blessed our ministers and Bible workers the past year, and we hope that 1920 will prove to be even more fruitful.

#### EVANGELICAL

Twelve efforts have been held during the past four years.

Some of these have been quite fruitful, while others have accomplished very little. The past two years efforts were conducted for the white people by Elder I. M. Martin, O. L. Denslow, O. F. Frank, and the writer. These men have been assisted by a number of Bible workers; as the result a good church in Mobile has been raised up and strengthened. A good church in Pensacola has been developed; and the work in Birmingham has had a very good growth.

Our colored work has not made much advancement until the past year, when Elder Lawrence conducted two strong efforts in Birmingham. About 100 have been added to the church, and still the work is onward. We hope that there is a brighter day for the colored work throughout the Mission.

#### CHURCH BUILDINGS

In this connection I would like to state that a neat church edifice was erected in Mobile during 1918 and finished the past year. The white church in Birmingham has purchased a good building. After such good results from Elder Lawrence's effort for the colored people it has been decided to build a church for them in Birmingham, so a lot was purchased and plans are being laid to erect the building this coming summer.

A new church was organized one year ago in Pensacola, Fla., and they are also looking forward to a new building in the near future.

#### FINANCIAL

Our tithe has made a steady gain each year during this quadrennial period. In 1916 there was received \$9,264.07, in 1917 \$12,278.28, in 1918 \$15,322.19, while in 1919 we have received \$24,452.07, making a gain over 1918 of \$9,120.88. We surely

praise the Lord for this good increase.

In like manner our Mission funds have steadily grown. There has been an increase from \$6,740.74 in 1916 to \$10,347.99 for 1919. This causes us to feel very thankful indeed to our Heavenly Father. He has placed upon our people the spirit of willingness to give and has made it possible for us to reach our Mission quota the past two years with a margin of over \$1,000.00 each year for 1918 and 1919.

#### LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

Next I mention our book work. The orders have had a gain from \$10,000.00 in 1916 to \$104,000.00 during 1919, while our deliveries and office sales combined have increased from \$7,787.32 in 1916 to \$73,558.63 during 1919. Even though the world has been torn with war and troubled with strikes and perils on every hand since we last met with you in a Union Conference session, the Lord has been pleased to wonderfully bless and prosper this department of our work. With strong courage we look to the future and believe that if we will keep humble before God and move forward by faith, trusting all to our Heavenly Father, 1920 will prove to be the brightest and best year yet for the literature work in the Alabama Conference.

#### HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

It is a pleasure indeed to note the awakening among many of our churches and their willing response to the different lines of Christian endeavor laid before them. This department largely holds the key to the situation in the finishing of God's work in the earth. There has been a good increase in work done each year since 1915. Thousands upon thousands of pages of Present

Truth, Harvest Ingathering papers, and Crisis books have been scattered. Now that the department is being well organized under the leadership of Brother C. T. Burroughs, our new secretary elected at the time of our campmeeting last fall, we feel that the future will see some real advanced steps taken in this line of work among our churches.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Our Sabbath School Department is raising its banner high along with other departments. We owe much to our schools, for they have nobly assisted us in mission funds each year. The spirit of giving is certainly growing in many of our schools in Alabama, and we do believe that great things are in store for us. At the present we have 31 schools, with a total membership of 750. It is surely gratifying to hear from most every quarter of the Conference that this department will do its share toward raising the 50c per week for missions, and from recent experience we feel certain that they will not disappoint us.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

In these two departments we have seen much to encourage us. A goodly number of our young people have taken a stand for God. There has been a good response to the goal set by the general Y. P. M. V. Department. Up until 1915 not a single Standard of Attainment Certificate had been issued. Since then 32 have been issued. From 1908 to 1915 only 23 Reading Course Certificates had been granted. During this four-year period 116 have been given. Our young people have done nobly in raising mission funds each year. Recently Prof. Paul Bradley was secured to head up this department, so we look for much to

be accomplished in the near future.

For four years now we have had an average of ten church and mission schools conducted in our Conference. These have been doing good work. Many of our children have finished the church school work, and the past two years a goodly number of these students have been in attendance at the Southern Junior College. We sincerely thank the Lord that a number of them are definitely preparing for the work in the proclamation of this three-fold message. We are working hard to help our schools to reach a better standard.

Now as we review the past we are well acquainted with the fact that mistakes have been made, and we have probably not accomplished all we should; but we have asked the Lord to forgive us for our mistakes, while we thank Him for what He has done for us. As a Conference and Mission, we desire an interest in your prayers that we may be able to do all that God expects of us during the coming months and thus finish the work speedily here in the great Southland.

J. F. WRIGHT, Pres.

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

### Colporteurs' Institute

The Lord has certainly blessed our faithful colporteurs in 1919, and they have been able to place many of the truth-filled books in the homes of the people in Louisiana. We can't tell what the results will be till we stand among the redeemed; then we shall see those who would not have been saved had it not been for the truth which they received through reading the books.

We are sure all who attended the institute last year can testify they were greatly helped, and were better prepared for their

work. They had a new vision. They saw the work which God had called them to in a different light, and certainly it was seen in the grand work which they were able to accomplish.

Who should attend the Colporteurs' Institute? We reply, all who expect to canvass this summer. One says he can't afford to lose the time. But, dear colporteur, does it not seem strange that Jesus could spend 30 years in preparing for only three-and-a-half years active work before his crucifixion. This should answer the question that we can't afford to spare the time. Time is short and we can't afford to let any opportunity pass whereby we can by improving the privilege become better and more efficient laborers for the Lord.

One might say he had had so much experience in the field that there was not much for him to learn at the Institute. This may be true, and this is all the more the reason why he should attend, so to give his experience to those who have less than he, and thus help others to learn how to meet the different phases of the colporteur work.

Our Institute will be held at Mansfield from February 29 to March 9. The railroad fare and free board and room will be furnished to all with whom Brother Wagner has made arrangements. He no doubt has or will write each one giving them instructions as how to reach Mansfield and where the church is located.

Come, dear brethren, with your heart all aglow and enter heartily into the work of the Institute and thus be better prepared to do the work of God. Let us be at the first meeting and stay till it closes, and thus go to our work with a determination that by God's help we will win more souls for Christ in 1920 than in any year of our lives.

C. N. SANDERS.

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## ALABAMA CONFERENCE

### Alabama News Items

The Colporteurs' Institute for the white brethren closed Tuesday night, Feb. 17, with a little gathering at the home of Brother Marshall. The men go to their new territory with strong courage, and we shall daily pray for God to bless them.

A meeting of the Conference Committee was held the 18th. We were pleased to have Brother Staines, from the Union, in counsel with us. Plans were laid which will be mentioned later.

Bro. A. P. Ivie recently paid the office a pleasant visit.

Last Sabbath was Colporteurs' day at the Birmingham church. Many interesting experiences were given and the service was a profitable one.

Miss Vinnie Goodner, one of our Bible workers, has been released to assist Elder Runch in New Orleans until our tent season opens in June.

Another dear soul was added to the Birmingham church last Sabbath by baptism. This church continues to grow.

Elder J. F. Wright and C. F. Burroughs, in company with Bro. O. R. Staines, are visiting Oakwood for a few days in behalf of the Home Missionary work.

## Religious Liberty Offering

Remember that Feb. 28 is our annual Religious Liberty Offering Day. Let each church carry out a good program, and a large offering be received. The program will be found in the "Gazette," which is suggestive. The Liberty Magazine is doing a splendid work, so let's give liberally so many of our lawyers and newspaper men can be supplied with this periodical.

## TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

### Special Notice to Church Treasurers

Remittances from the churches should be mailed to the Conference Office not later than February 29 or March 1. The last Sabbath in the month is the 28th. The Conference remittance must reach the Union Office before the 6th of March. It will, therefore, be necessary for you to be prompt in mailing your church remittances not later than the first of next month.

### News Items

Some people throughout the Conference are offering to provide board and room free to student colporteurs who will canvass the counties in which they reside. We expect to have several students with us during the summer, and there may be others who desire to assist them in earning their scholarships by giving them a place to stay over week-ends.

Our white Colporteurs' Institute will be held in Nashville March 10-19, and from all indications there will be a large attendance

at the same. We expect from twenty to thirty to be present, and perhaps more. If there are those in the Conference who plan to take up this line of work, the Tract Society will be glad to get in touch with you and make arrangements for you to attend this Institute. This is surely an opportune time in which to sell our truth-filled books, and we are receiving inquiries from different places in regard to territory.

## KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Room 621 Crutcher and Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky.

### Office Mail Bag

We are sorry to learn that Brother Hughes' family are quarantined with the small pox. Brother Lee Crutcher went to Williamsburg to make a delivery for him.

Religious Liberty Day Feb. 28. Are you ready for Sunday laws? Most of us are not. Then we must rally to the support of the Religious Liberty movement. This is a time of great crisis. Let us use our influence and our money against this terrible evil which is sweeping our country like wildfire.

At the close of the recent Southern Union Conference meeting Elder Fred S. Keitts went on down to Mississippi, his new field of labor. Our prayers go with this family, and may the Lord continue to use them for the advancement of this great message.

Brother Chas. A. Howard has moved to Lexington. He has taken the pastorate of the church there, which place was left vacant by the transfer of Elder Keitts.

Elder C. C. Webster is just opening a series of meetings in a theater building in Henderson. We should daily pray for these many and varied interests throughout the Conference.

Burton Castle.