



"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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A Report On  
**The Educational Work of the Southern Union**  
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This denomination has been given much instruction by the servant of God about maintaining our own schools for the instruction of our own children. The dangers of our young people attending schools of the world have been pointed out. Where this instruction has been unheeded, we have many times seen the young people leave the denomination, drift out into the world, and become lost to us.

So with this instruction and these examples to guide us, we are trying hard to make it possible for every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl in the Southern Union to get a Christian education.

To reach this goal much constructive work must yet be done. Like the educational systems in the states in which our work is located, we have far to go and much to do before we can be where we should be. We have to train workers to go back into the Highland sections which form such large areas of our territory, and reach the masses there located,—people who are ignorant, superstitious, and unsusceptible to the great truths of this message, and who have thus far been reached chiefly through the agency of the rural schools. We have to wait patiently for

the graduates of our one advanced school for colored youth to supply laborers to this race which forms more than one-half the population of some of our states. Then we need more well educated white workers in all departments of this message, and these workers for the most part must come out of the South, trained in our own schools.

Because of this three-sided nature of the educational work as found in the South, it differs from similar work in any other section of the country, and multiplies by three many of our problems and much of our work.

As a part of our denominational endeavor, and as a fair example of its general growth, I believe the educational work in this Union was never faced by brighter prospects. While the growth of this department has not been as phenomenal as some others, yet it has been steady and substantial. I am sorry that my presence in this field enables me to speak with a personal knowledge of but two of the four years covered by this report.

#### WHITE CHURCH SCHOOLS

As I have said, the educational work in this Union divides itself into three distinct classes, viz.,

the white church schools, negro mission schools, and rural schools.

Of the white church schools, we have twenty, with an enrollment of 409 students. Tennessee River and Alabama Conferences lead the list with six schools each. Mississippi and Kentucky come next with four each, followed by Louisiana with two. While several of the schools are carrying nine grades of work, this is not ideal with but one teacher, and we do not urge their doing any work above the eighth grade. In the entire Union there is but one academy to care for the product of these twenty church schools and an almost equal number who complete the eight grades at public schools. This academy is the Southern Junior College. At the time of the last conference meeting it was barely conceived of, and still an unborn project. Today, although not yet completed, we have a splendid modern plant, accommodating more than two hundred students, who fill the dormitories to capacity limits. They are an earnest, eager class of boys and girls, too. We all are proud of this institution hidden away among the mountains near Chattanooga. There have been

88 students from this Union to enroll at Ooltewah this year. These 88 are divided among the conferences as follows: Alabama 29, Tennessee River 26, Mississippi 14, Kentucky 11, Louisiana 8.

#### NEGRO MISSION SCHOOLS

The Union has 15 colored mission schools, or 5 less than the number of white church schools. The enrollment is also a little less, 370, while the per cent of enrollment is greater. Among the conferences, Alabama leads in the number of mission schools with 6, followed by Mississippi with 3. Tennessee River, Louisiana and Kentucky come last with 2 each. We have in this Union the only school of its kind in the world, for giving our colored boys and girls an intermediate and advanced education. I refer to Oakwood Junior College, located at Huntsville, Alabama. While this institution has existed for a number of years, yet there has never been a time when the enrollment was as heavy as it is this year, 195. The school has entirely outgrown several of its buildings, and larger ones are needed badly. Not only are larger buildings needed, but some entirely new ones must be erected to accommodate new industries and phases of the school's activities. This institution has sent out and is sending out many workers to the colored people. It needs, however, to be strengthened in several departments and made to provide more fully for the needs of the field for workers of all kinds and classes. Study is now being given by the management for accomplishing this. There are 35 students from the Southern Union attending Oakwood this year.

#### RURAL SCHOOLS

Those among our ranks who have had the longest experience

in working for the people of the Southern Highlands, have found that the most successful methods for getting the truth to this class are in the establishing of rural schools for the educating of the state-neglected children, and in sanitariums for the free care of the sick of the community. These schools and sanitariums are used as a wedge for getting the Third Angel's Message before the native folk, and for winning their hearts.

In the Madison Agricultural and Normal Institute we find, not the first rural school, but the parent of most, if not all, of the rural schools in this field, of which there are eight. All but one of these are located in the Tennessee River Conference, the exception being on Sand Mountain in Northern Alabama. The others are at Madison, Fountain Head, Ashland City, Franklin, Bon Aqua and Lawrenceburg, in Tennessee. Outside of Madison, which has an enrollment of 150, coming from all over the country and crowding the school to its limit, there are 138 students in these schools. Some of these are Adventist children, but the majority are not. It is a real inspiration to visit the rural schools and to see how hard and how faithfully these self-supporting workers labor for those about them. And think of the courage, determination, perseverance and vision these workers must possess to work quietly on and on for five, six, seven, and eight years without seeing a single soul converted to this truth. But who is able to tell what the earth-made-new will reveal as results of these years of effort.

For the past three years the General Conference has been helping the rural schools in a financial way. Altogether, this Union has been given \$6,218.03.

\$5,537.71 of this has been spent in providing buildings and equipment, and we now have on hand \$680.32. We have a committee composed of Dr. Sutherland, myself, and the conference president in whose field the school is located, who consider the needs of the different schools and decide what help shall be given.

#### IN GENERAL

Summarizing the above statistics, we have a total of 46 schools of all kinds in the Union, with an enrollment of 1124 students. Only a small portion of this number represents students of other than Seventh-day Adventists parents. This is the best record ever made in the Southern Union, being a small increase over last year, which was in turn a large increase over anything previously recorded.

It has been only a few years ago that our largest union conference had but 1,000 students in its schools. And it was then thought that this was a big accomplishment and a fact worthy of special note, as indeed it was. We of the Southern Union today feel thankful for the progress that has been made in the educational work in our field. We believe that only a beginning has been made and that the future holds greater possibilities. Let us pray our heavenly Father that He may watch over these children and youth, guiding them safely through the pitfalls and snares that the enemy throws about them, and that in due time they may make valuable workers for this needy field.

We are very desirous of having and it is highly important that we have a better system of schools throughout this Union. As we grow in size and number we need also to grow in efficiency. It is here that our task has only begun. To have a better system

of schools, the individual school must be better, for no system is of maximum strength as long as there is a poorly developed kind or unit in the system. Our advanced schools can not be best if the intermediate are only fair and the primary poor. One is dependent upon the other. The General Educational Department is constantly striving, in conjunction with the unions and conferences, to work out new methods and plans for standardizing the schools.

#### MEDICAL INSPECTION.

One method of having better schools is to have a better class of students in attendance. We do not mean by this that we need a different class, but we want those who are now in attendance to become stronger, healthier and more fit. "What shall it profit a child if he gain the whole curriculum and lose his own health?" We want to send out from our schools students who are not only spiritually and mentally fit, but physically fit as well. To obtain the former we must have the latter. A pure and well-trained mind can not well exist in a diseased and ill-trained body.

To help gain this objective, Doctor Martinson, of Chattanooga, and I recently made a tour of the church and mission schools throughout the Southern part of the Union. At each school every student was given a thorough physical examination. His eyes and ears were tested, his heart examined, and his teeth and tonsils looked at. A record was made of each student's condition, one copy of which is filed in the office of the conference superintendent and the other copy left with the teacher.

In order to make our work as personal as possible and to realize the greatest results, each

parent was advised by a letter of the condition of his boy or girl who is attending one of our church schools and invited to cooperate with us in having a more healthy group of students and a better school. All of the teachers showed a marked interest in the medical inspection work, and have been of much assistance in carrying out our plans.

In some places we consulted with the public school and health official in regard to our work. All of them agreed that medical inspection is a fine thing, and something they are looking forward to as being adopted in the public schools eventually. Some of the public officials commended us for leading the state in this work, and one city health officer asked for a copy of our record blank to use as a model for a blank the Board of Health were trying to work out.

This medical examination work has only been started. We hope to make it a part of the yearly school program, and soon to have the help to do the follow-up work ourselves. Such a plan when it is fully operative will do as much as any other one thing in turning out from our elementary schools a fit class of students.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL.

We are glad that the summer schools for both white and colored teachers have been made permanent parts of the yearly work of Ooltewah and Oakwood. The summer school is an indispensable asset to the teacher and field in the raising and maintaining of high standards in the elementary schools. Showing how greatly appreciated is this means for giving the teacher advanced instruction during the summer, I can quote from many letters received from teachers who have attended the summer schools. We aim to make the summer

courses of study such as will give the teacher the instruction most helpful and needed, at the same time allowing her to complete the regular normal course.

It is essential that we have more and better teachers for our elementary schools. One reason, and perhaps the chief one, why there is such a dearth is because of the wages paid. Financially speaking, the same recognition is not given the church school teachers as the Bible worker or stenographer, during the time she is actually at work, to say nothing of the four months she is unemployed. I do not feel that the two latter named classes of workers are receiving one cent too much pay, but I do know that our loyal teachers are underpaid.

As I say, this matter of wages lies at the foundation of the shortage of teachers. (Not that they are after the most money, but that some can not exist on what they have been getting). Coming at the very time when efforts are being made to raise the standards, this matter of remuneration makes our work of recruiting more and better teachers a hard one. So in order to partially remove this handicap, and to provide better facilities, I here present two definite propositions for your consideration.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR RELIEF

First: The Fall Council in Boulder took action that each local conference set aside a portion of its 4c come-back for the assistance of needy church schools as follows:

"Voted, 1. That the portion of the come-back to the unions on the fifty-cent-a-week fund be shared by the unions with the local conferences as conditions may warrant.

"Voted, 2. That the local conferences be recommended to

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set aside some definite portion of this fund for the assistance of needy church schools."

No definite portion is named in this general action, for the reason that conditions differ much in the various conferences, and it is left to them to determine the apportionment. This does not lessen the need of the apportionment being definitely made.

It is not the intention of this plan to take away from the local church the least responsibility in supporting its own church school, as heretofore. It is intended only to give help where the church is not able to carry the full burden itself, in providing proper facilities for the school and in paying the teacher.

I would like to see a portion of this 4c come-back definitely set aside at this meeting for the schools of the Southern Union. There is no question about our being able to use to a good advantage any amount we may receive. Besides the question of teachers' wages, many of our school buildings and much of the equipment are ill-adapted for the use we are making of them. In fact, I would not be surprised to see some of our city schools closed by the health officers because of the unsanitary conditions which exist.

Second: The normal departments of our schools should be a strong source of supply of teachers for the elementary schools. Graduates from such departments are trained in the latest methods and are most liable to be successful teachers. In the past we have not had many graduates from our normal departments,—not nearly as many as we have needed and hoped for. Those connected with the normal work at our schools tell us the reason more teachers are not turned out

## KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
Dr Allman	BR,DR	30	10	\$66 50	\$17 50	\$84 00	\$
Lee Crutcher	BR	13	8	36 00	1 75	37 75	10 50
Mrs Lee Crutcher	OD	5	1	2 50		2 50	54 40
H M Gibson	HM	28	17	44 50	9 25	53 75	29 10
Jeff Hickman	BR	30	7	33 50		33 50	394 05
R F Hickman(2wk)	BR	96	63	400 50	45 50	446 00	
M L Howard	BR	20					197 00
R Y Howard	PR	30	9	40 50	1 50	42 00	28 50
Lee Page	BR	18	2	9 00	4 50	13 50	273 00
Total		270	117	633 00	80 00	713 00	986 55

## COLORED

Gracie Gratehouse	HM	21	1	2 50	1 00	3 50	15 00
Wm Martin	BR	45	16	77 50		77 50	3 50
C D Minnis	BR	38	22	91 00	2 00	93 00	28 50
Jennie Oden	HM	8			75	75	
G H Slaughter	HM	13					39 50
Total		125	39	171 00	3 75	174 75	186 50

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

B E Wagner (2wk)		72	157	\$406 00	\$40 10	\$446 10	\$74 00
W C Martin		34	51	130 00	49 00	179 00	
R W Babylon		33	41	117 50	2 50	120 00	1 50
L B Spear		24	21	105 50		105 50	38 00
R N Kerr		35	22	55 00	9 25	64 25	5 75
H W Sellers		26	5	25 00		25 00	55 50
R R Coble		42					378 50
W C Causey		30					349 00
John Harzman		41					14 40
Bibles				17 50		17 50	5 00
Total		337	297	856 50	100 85	957 35	921 65

## COLORED

E H Fournett [2wk]		54			2 00	2 00	15 55
A Sawyer		15					14 00
E R Burke							8 90
Bibles				9 87		9 87	9 87
Total		69		9 87	2 00	11 87	48 32

## ALABAMA CONFERENCE

E J Lloyd	BR	9	3	\$14 50	\$1 60	\$16 10	\$
Clayton McNeil	BR	13	19	89 50		89 50	
E V Sykes	BR	32	13	63 50	3 25	66 75	
Myra Wing	BR	3			4 00	4 00	27 00
COLORED							
Matilda Matthews	BR	12	9	56 00	2 00	58 00	
Total		69	44	223 50	10 85	234 35	27 00

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## TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

J W Browning[2wk]	BR	140	2	\$151 50	\$	\$151 50	\$
Geo Wallace	GC,CK						121 50
H G Miller	CK	34	28	54 50	15 50	70 00	26 50
Paul Keele	CK	38	18	56 50		56 50	23 50
D J Peeler	DR	24		44 50		44 50	
Wm J Keele	BFL,DR	22	8	19 00	11 00	30 00	4 00
Bibles				9 00		9 00	4 85
Total		258	56	335 00	26 50	361 50	248 85

### COLORED

Wm Franklin	CK,PPF	26	41	121 00	1 00	122 00	6 00
Louis Rayford	DR,BR	37	20	108 00		108 00	
Arthur Price	CK						100 00
Mollie Hurdle	CK	42	37	77 00	1 00	78 00	12 50
W S Herron	CK	35	21	68 00	1 25	69 25	67 00
Virgie Wilson	CK	38	27	59 50	7 00	65 50	56 00
H S Baskerville	DR,BR	42	12	56 50		56 50	
L B Getter	CK	12					51 00
Dr S L Grant	CK	33	13	27 50		27 50	
Bibles				8 00		8 00	
Total		266	171	525 50	10 25	535 75	292 50

Honor Roll—Those putting in 40 hours or more: J. W. Browning 140; Mollie Hurdle 42; H. S. Baskerville 42.

## MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

George McGee	DR	43	35	\$164 50	\$	\$164 50	\$
H D Brooks [2wk]	BR	50	36	167 00	6 00	173 00	6 00
Elmer Chastam	DR	45	21	104 50	21 00	125 50	21 00
Mrs Ida Harrell	DR	14	11	60 00	1 00	61 00	1 00
M Hastings	BR	12	8	37 10		37 10	
Bibles							4 75
Total		164	111	533 10	28 00	561 10	32 75

### COLORED

Wm Watts [3wk]	BR	84	56	256 75		256 75	
West Brown[2wk]	BR	18	2	9 00		9 00	33 00
Total		102	58	265 75		265 75	33 00

Grand total 1600 893 3553 22 262 20 3805 42 2777 12

## 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

union and the local conference where the teaching has been done. I recommend such a plan as this for adoption by this Union.

### FINANCIAL HELP TO STUDENTS

While on this matter of help, I wish to mention the financial assistance which the conferences have been giving their students

during the past two years. In all it totals \$2948 divided as follows: Alabama \$400, Kentucky \$785, Louisiana \$225, Mississippi \$538, Tennessee River \$1000.

This giving of help to worthy students is a commendable thing, and I am certain it is money well invested.

## FREQUENT CHANGING OF SUPERINTENDENTS

At times it seems almost deplorable to me that we change educational superintendents so frequently. In some cases a person no sooner learns the work, to say nothing of contributing to its upbuilding, before he is shifted to another place and other duties. As a consequence, much time and money has been wasted and the work actually hindered. During my two years' sojourn in this Union there have been ten different people serve in the five conferences, and dame rumor has it that more changes will take place soon. Encouraging thought! In one conference three superintendents have held office within the past twenty months. And these figures do not represent the times when months have elapsed with no one in charge. We might just as well make up our minds now as later, that no department can be brought to its rightful place in the conference as long as two years are thought to be a long and honorable tenure of office for a conference laborer.

### NEED OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS

That there is a crying need for more secondary schools in the Union can not be denied or overlooked, and I hope that something definite will be decided at this meeting for answering the need. The conference presidents were written some time ago, asking that they be prepared to present to this body any concrete proposals that their conferences have to make for establishing schools. At the time Hazel Academy was sold, we thought to re establish it at once, and did do considerable looking around and considering of propositions. But as far as I am informed, nothing has come from this activity. I have a

definite proposal to make on this point to the proper committee. There has also been a bit of discussion as to whether we should operate one or two more academies in the Union. I believe that our geographical position calls for two schools, and that we have the students to fill them as full as they need be. I am not in favor of undertaking anything large, as after the Ooltewah plan; but something simple, neat, and comfortable. That such schools will be a help and strength to Ooltewah is commonly admitted, I think.

#### CONCLUSION

I feel very grateful to God for His many blessings to us during the past four years. Without Him, what has been done could not have been; and in looking into and planning for the future, we make our plans large because we feel He is our Helper.

JOHN C. THOMPSON.

## ALABAMA CONFERENCE

### Alabama News Items

Last Friday night and Sabbath morning, Feb. 20-21, Elder J. F. Wright spoke to the students at Oakwood Junior College. When the service closed Sabbath morning a call was made and four students responded, giving their hearts to the Lord. Prof. O. R. Staines and Brother Burroughs were associated with Elder Wright in Oakwood in behalf of the Medical and Home Missionary work. These three brethren returned to Birmingham Monday to assist in the Colporteurs' Institute for the colored people.

We were made very sad to learn that Brother J. F. Dennis has been very sick recently, however we are pleased to report

that he is able to be up and around at this writing.

It is a pleasure to say that Miss Garrigan is improving and able to be back to her work in the office.

Our colporteurs have all gone to their new territory now. We are already receiving some encouraging reports. Every one set a new goal for the new year. We trust that they will be able to put in full time and thus reach the goal they have set. As you read this news item remember them in prayer and feel free to write those whom you know a cheering letter. They will appreciate your remembering them.

Two tent efforts will be held this summer for the white people. Elder O. L. Denslow will conduct one in Decatur, Ala., while Elder Wright will lead out in the other at Pensacola, Florida. A good company will be associated with each of these brethren.

Brother M. L. Wilson is being called to take up work in Pensacola, Florida. He will also be pastor of the church in that beautiful little city.

Our Sabbath School lessons next quarter will be upon the subject "The Ministry of Angels." The book written by Elder I. H. Evans, entitled "The Ministry of Angels," will prove to be a splendid help. You can secure it through our Tract Society office. Price in the cloth binding 75c, paper cover 35c. Don't forget to place your order soon, so as to have the book in time to use.

Mrs. K. Rasmussen, one of our Bible workers in Pensacola, Fla., is taking a short vacation and a much needed rest. She is visiting friends near Chicago, Illinois.

Elder O. L. Denslow, at the close of the Union meeting, left

for Michigan, where he will spend a short time visiting his relatives.

Mrs. C. T. Burroughs, who is assisting in the work at Pensacola in the absence of Sister Rasmussen, reports four more new readers.

Begin now to lay your plans to attend campmeeting. It will convene Aug. 26 to Sept. 4. New tents are being purchased for this meeting, so we will be able to care for all better than last year. The location will be given a little later.

## MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

### 'Round in Mississippi

The absence of the usual stir about our office is quite in evidence with three of our workers still on the sick list and two of the others out of the city.

Eld. C. J. Buhalts of Nashville, Tenn., made a short call at our office this week en route to his work in Alabama.

Bro. Taylor and Bro. Smith, who have been ill since their return from the workers' meeting, are improving, but still confined to their beds.

Elder Elliott's return from Washington Sabbath morning was a pleasant surprise, and his stirring sermon at the morning service much appreciated. It has been several weeks since we have had this privilege, as most of his time has been spent among the other churches and companies of our conference.

Miss Mary Welch, who was compelled to give up her school work on account of poor health, has gone to her home in Durant, Mississippi.

Bro. C— writes: "Last Monday night I called at the home of a Mr. Childers and asked to stay for the night. He said, 'Sure.' He was busy doing up

his evening chores, so I helped him and soon we finished and went to the house. While his wife was busy getting supper, we talked, and soon the subject of religion came up. He asked me to what denomination I belonged, and when I told him, he said, 'Well, sir, you know I lived very close to a family of this belief for a while, and you are more than welcome'. When we sat down to supper, he called on me to return thanks, and then told his wife that I was a S. D. A., and you should have seen her countenance beam with pleasure as she said, 'We are glad you came.' They purchased a 'Bible Readings', and a very pleasant evening was spent, all because the other family lived the Truth. It pays to be Christians every day."

Does it pay to visit every home? Listen to what W. W— writes: "As I left a home without an order, and the next house was two miles up a lane, I was told that there was no need of my going up there; but answered that my work was to search out these souls in the lanes, byways, and hedges. When I reached the place I found several families, and came away rejoicing over the 5 orders I had taken, and \$17.00 given me on deposit."

Dear workers, let us each morning seek God earnestly for a closer walk with Him, and pray for a burden for souls. Do not give up until you receive this blessing, then God can use us to the honor and glory of His name.

Be a daily Christian.

Let Jesus be our example.

Be an epistle read by all men.

## TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

### News Items

Elder Martin returned from the East Friday. He left the

office Tuesday for Paducah, where he expects to spend a few days with Brother Russell.

Brethren Nicholson and Price, who are canvassing in and around Murfreesboro, were callers at the office this week. They are both of good courage and had splendid deliveries.

Brother Brooks visited Jackson, Memphis and Bon Aqua the first of the week. He states that there will be several from Jackson and Bon Aqua who will attend the institute.

We have a good supply on hand now of the book "Epidemics" and we will be glad to give orders our prompt attention. Now is the time to sell this book while the "flu" is raging.

### Appointments for Tennessee River Conference

Since taking up work in this conference I have been anxious to visit each church and get acquainted with your plans and the needs, but before purchasing Elder Haskell's house, I was obliged to spend considerable time looking for a home, and twice have been called East. Now we are nicely located, and following is a list of the dates when I plan to be with each church. I shall be glad to be with you and study with you the conditions of the field and the plans of the committee for aggressive work this coming season:

Springville	March 4-7
Jackson	March 19-23
Memphis	March 24-28
Bon Aqua	April 10-11
Ashland City	April 13-14
Fountain Head	April 16-18
Goodlettsville	April 20, 21
Hazel	April 23, 24
Trezevant and Leach	April 25-27
Hillsboro and Kingsfield	April 29-May 1
Lawrenceburg	May 2, 3
Madison	May 8, 9

Bro. F. L. Harrison is expecting to make these appointments

with me and will be able to audit the church books and give such help to the treasurers and clerks as may be needed. We trust that these meetings will be well attended, and pray that they may prove a spiritual feast for us all. I. M. MARTIN.

### Canvassers' News Items

Bro. Paul Keele sends in a report of \$147.50 worth of orders for last week.

Brethren Price and Nicholson are now making their deliveries. They have taken nearly one thousand dollars' worth of orders since the institute.

Brother Rayford is meeting with excellent success in Hardeman County. His two-hundred-dollar report last week was followed by a good one this week.

Brother Franklin recently joined Brother Herron, who is working at Murfreesboro. They are both meeting with excellent success. Bro. Franklin planned to take up the ministry, but now states that he wishes to remain in the colporteur work.

One report for last month amounted to over thirty-three hundred dollars.

Bro. Wm. J. Keele and son, Paul, are doing excellent work in and around Paducah.

Bro. O. J. Peeler is starting out with his Ford to canvass Murray County with "Daniel and Revelation."

Our stock of "Coming King" is moving off nicely, so the Tennessee River Conference has taken over all the "Past, Present, and Future" which the Publishing House had and is also giving our colporteurs 60 per cent discount on this book. "Past, Present and Future" answers the questions concerning Spiritualism which are so agitating the minds of people at the present time. R. R. BROOKS.

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Dec. 28, 1919.

Some few months ago we asked for clean copies of our papers to use in missionary work here in Jamaica. Many kind friends responded by sending packages of Signs, Signs Monthly, Watchman, Life and Health, Youth's Instructor, Little Friend, etc. In addition to distributing these, we have been sending some to influential persons here, lawyers, doctors ministers and merchants, and as our prayers go with them we believe that they will prove as good seed sown in good ground in many instances, and we are anxious to continue this work. During the past month we have received no papers, so our supply is almost exhausted, and unless we receive more, we shall have to greatly reduce our mailing list. We thank all those who have sent papers, and earnestly solicit further help. JOHANNAH DAW.

Lebanon, Tenn. Feb. 8, 1920.

My husband and I were in Mayfield, Ky., a little over two years. We found many kind friends. Our good books were sold in the city and country, also thousands of our papers, tracts

and "Present Truth" series left in the homes. We left six adults, two youths and four children rejoicing in the truth. Three of these have moved to Arkansas and united with the church there.

Last Dec. 16th we came to Lebanon. Here we are among kind people, where several orders have been taken for our books, and I am holding readings and expect to find honest hearts. MRS. MOLLIE LONG MILLER.

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

### Colporteurs' Institute

The colporteurs' institute for our colored workers will be held at the Number 2 Church at New Orleans March 19 to 29. The first meeting will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock, at which time we hope to see all our colporteurs present, with the expectation of remaining to the close of the institute.

If any are desirous of entering the colporteur work and are thinking of attending the institute they should write to Bro. B. E. Wagner, 2811 Stonewall Street, Shreveport. We extend the same courtesies to our colored colporteurs as to our white. Their railroad fare, room and board will be furnished them.

We believe the instruction given at this institute will be of such a character as to give the colporteurs a better preparation for their work. This work requires as much greater preparation than work of a worldly character, as it is greater than any worldly work.

Let us all come praying that God's blessing will be in every lesson given during the institute. Shall we not all decide that 1920 shall be our banner year? Let all seek God that many of the colored people in Louisiana will accept the message through the

ministry of the printed page placed in their homes by our Christian colporteurs. We hope all our people will remember our workers as they are attending the institute. C. N. SANDERS

## KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Room 621 Crutcher and Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky.

### Office Mail Bag

Brother M. L. Howard reports finding every member of his family sick in bed, except the baby, when he returned from making a delivery.

Sister Crutcher reports an excellent delivery from her work in Winchester.

E. T. Wheeler, elder of the Powder Mills church, has been in the city several days with his brother who has been obliged to have a surgical operation at one of the local hospitals.

A recent visit of the Conference secretary to the Stanford church found the believers there of good courage. They are raising nearly fifty cents per week per member in their Sabbath School.

We have three copies of that excellent book, "From Judaism to Christianity," by Elder F. C. Gilbert. You may obtain one of these for \$1.25. Order now if you want one.

Brother F. F. Harrison is in Murray at present with Sister Harrison, who went there for medical attention.

A recent letter from Sister DeVillex, from the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, reports a slight improvement in her daughter's condition.

Our stenographer has been sick for three weeks, but is better, and is expected back soon.

A. B. Castle, the Conference secretary's father, is visiting here at present. Father Castle has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for more than sixty two years.

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