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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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OUR GIRLS

How to Win Them to Christ and His Service

No one questions the necessity, the importance, or the difficulty of this work. Our girls are here; the dangers before them and their tendency to drift to the world are imminent. The question confronting us is, How may they be saved to God and His cause?

Those who accomplish this great work must have a knowledge of God, must know how to talk to Him, not *about* Him. They must have also a "working knowledge" of those whom they would lead to God. Mr. Moody put it in this way: "When you want to introduce two people, you must be near them both."

This nearness to God is found through prayer, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the study of His word and works. This takes time—time to study, to meditate, and to pray. The following statements from S. D. Gordon may be helpful on this point:

"Prayer changes things. It changes things at the other end. It changes things at this end—the praying end.

"When our Lord Jesus can reach His pierced hand into your life and make any change He chooses there, then listen softly with your inner ears—then you

may reach up your longing, needy hand and make any change you choose in human lives and circumstances.

"When God can do as He likes in us and with us, we—are you listening reverently?—we can do as we like with God."

Do not condemn this as being too strong till you have considered the God-doing-as-He-likes part.

It is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring us to this point—to be our teacher in this great school of prayer. Are we willing to pay the tuition? It means to put out of our lives everything that breaks connection with Heaven. Are we willing to let Jesus make any change He chooses in our lives? If we are, rest assured we will be brought near to Him.

It is easy to believe and to teach, and to help others to believe and to know that Abraham, Elijah, and other Bible characters were near to God; but "no greater service can be rendered our boys and girls than to help them to see and know that God was never nearer men than He is today." The book, "The Hand that Intervenes," is teeming with incidents just as thrilling and convincing as are the stories of the Bible heroes.

But how shall we come near to the one whom we long to win or to introduce to Jesus? It is well to remember that many times, if not always, the nearest way to the heart of a light-hearted, apparently frivolous girl is by the throne of grace. We have heard much about the power of personal touch, and here is the time and place to show its power. It is not the time to give a sermonette of facts and ideas; it is not the time to show intellectual power; but, like the mighty silent workings of nature, it is the time to show the power of the life that tells. It is a power that is felt, as was said by those men as they walked with Jesus to Emmaus, "Did not our heart burn within us as He talked with us by the way?"

Psychologists are unable to explain how one life tells on another, yet we see and know of the power of this unconscious influence, as we call it. We understand the sources of this silent power. But if we influence for the right, we must be right, with clean hands and pure hearts—hearts filled with love to God and love for lost souls about us, and hands cleansed from earthly

stain. Then can the truly effectual personal touch be given.

But this silent, indefinable influence is not all there is to winning of souls. We must walk with them and talk with them. Girls of the teen age have great ideas of a "good time," as they are pleased to call it. They will not be won by condemning these good times, but they may be lifted to higher ideals by right example and by tactful leading. It is another link in the great chain that binds them when they can see that you have not forgotten when you were in the same path in which they are now treading. Win their confidence by being a real friend and a real companion.

One said of Henry Drummond, "It was the way he laid his hand on my shoulder that led me to Christ." The touch of sympathy will vibrate and win.

Here is the report of one who was won to Christ in her teens: "I realize now that it was the personal touch method that she used. She encouraged her girls to be her companions. The means she used were varied. Sometimes she invited one or two (usually two) to go home with her after Sunday school in the afternoon to stay to lunch. Never will I forget those delightful walks to and from her home, and the happy hours spent in her home. The lunch was always simple and easily prepared, but the fellowship was sweet. The after-supper hour came to be the hour of confidence, and many a problem was solved and many a noble ambition was fired by her side. She worked in an office down town, and we were made to feel that it gave her pleasure to have one of us drop in at the closing hour to walk home with her. Were there church papers to fold or similar work to be done, she sought our

help. She knew how to write letters and she was generous with her pen, ink, and postage. Some of those letters are among my most cherished possessions."

Note that there was provision made for utilizing the ever present activity of girls. They are full of life, and if this desire to do something is not turned to useful service, it will be turned the other way.

Our girls can and will be won to God and His service. There is a way, and those who will may find it.

MRS. C. N. SANDERS.

(Paper Read on Educational Day)

Six Out of Ten

A Missionary Volunteer Secretary writes: "Ten societies have reported so far, and six out of the ten report that every member has reported."

Our Missionary goal is "Every member a reporting member." How can it be otherwise? Could there be a real Missionary Volunteer who would have no missionary work to report in three months? Would a soldier who had volunteered to serve his country, but performed no service, be counted a good soldier?

God has called each of us to service. He has "left to every man his work." He has called the youth to honor Him "in any branch of the work where they are qualified to labor." And "there are many lines in which the youth can find opportunity for helpful effort." So there is no excuse. Every youth who loves Jesus can find something to do for Him—not some big thing necessarily, but some small service for His children. A kind word, an errand for a tired mother, a cheerful visit to one who is sick, a leaflet given, or a few words about the Saviour's

love, take little effort, but amount to a great deal.

"Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone,
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in Heaven the deed appears,
Pass it on."

The Missionary Volunteer Secretary quoted above says further: "By the end of next quarter I hope to have every society on the honor roll." We hope she may. Would not that be fine—every Missionary Volunteer in a whole conference reporting work done! It might be in every conference, if every member were living in vital relation with the Master.

Do you suppose there was any three-month period in the life of Jesus, even as a boy, in which he did not make some personal effort to help someone? We read in "Desire of Ages" that "from His earliest years He was possessed of one purpose, He lived to bless others."

Have you made the New Year's resolve in the Morning Watch Calendar yours? "I will endeavor to spend some time in Bible study and prayer each day, and to make a personal effort at least once a week to encourage or draw someone nearer to Christ."

If every Missionary Volunteer would make and keep this good resolution we would have a 100% reporting membership. Do you think the Lord requires less than this resolution calls for from any of us? M. E. KERN.

In all things throughout the world the man who looks for the crooked will see the crooked, and the man who looks for the straight will see the straight.—Ruskin.

The world looks brighter from behind a smile.

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

News Items

The Colporteurs' Institute began in Nashville Wednesday morning, March 10, with a good number in attendance. Several others are expected to be in within the next day or two. We are looking for this Institute to be the largest and best Institute which has been held in Tennessee for some time.

The workers who have gathered here are very enthusiastic and full of courage. The names of these in attendance at the Institute will appear in the WORKER next week.

On account of sickness at the Springville Church, Elder Martin and Brother Harrison spent Sabbath, March 6th, with the Paducah Church. There were four who united with the church there last Sabbath as the result of Elder Russell's faithful efforts. There are others who expect to come into the church soon. There are a good many interested in the truth in Paducah and we look for much fruitage.

Brother Ray Kinney of Hartford, Conn., arrived in Nashville Monday morning to attend the Institute. Brother Kinney has come to our field to canvass. Most of his work has been done in the cities. He has been very successful in his work in Connecticut, and we shall look forward to receiving some good reports after he gets started in the work here.

Brother Jesse Miller of Kansas arrived February 10th to attend the Institute, after which time he will become one of our colporteurs. Brother Miller has spent several years in canvassing in the South and is acquainted with conditions here.

The Colporteurs' report for the month of February shows a large gain over last year. We note that the colored workers have delivered over \$300 worth more books than the white workers during the month of February. They are at the top of our list.

In our news items last week it was stated that Brother Keele and Paul were having good success canvassing in and around Paducah. This should have been Jackson, Tennessee, instead of Paducah.

As I see the great need of workers in our colored work here in Tennessee, it makes me explain, "Come over in Macedonia and help us."

In the little place where I am working there are a good many colored people. Some are very intelligent and are desirous of living up to the light they have. Others are in total darkness. I especially ask the prayers of God's people that I may be able to live before these people in such a way, and put books in their homes, that they will be lead to a knowledge of the Third Angel's Message.—LOUIS RAYFORD.

To the Readers of the Worker

The work is onward in Memphis. I have so many calls I don't know where to go first. One lady went with me to church today for the first time; she had only had one reading. She happened in to a reading where we were having the change of the Sabbath, so she heard that for her first reading last Tuesday night and she accepted the Sabbath and prepared for it yesterday and kept the Sabbath today and is just carried away about it. She is so happy in the light and thinks her husband will keep it

with her. I read with them both on the Sabbath tonight, and he sees it plainly and showed quite an interest. Several are just about ready to yield, it seems, and others are keeping the Sabbath.

I had quite an experience Tuesday last. In one neighborhood there are four families that come together for studies weekly—a splendid class of people. There is a Methodist minister in one of these families and he got his daughter-in-law very much confused about the Sabbath, so she insisted that we meet at her house and discuss both sides of the subject before this crowd. Last Thursday (Feb. 19th) we met for the discussion. He was to have the first hour, while I kept quiet; then I was to have an hour while he kept quiet. The Lord gave a wonderful victory, for we didn't enter into this discussion without much earnest prayer. The church prayed over the matter at prayer-meeting the evening before, and also while I was engaged in the discussion, and I fasted and did much earnest praying over the matter that God's name might be glorified, and it was. He spent about an hour talking about the importance of keeping the first day—the day Christ arose on—and how the church just fell into keeping it *generally* since Christ's resurrection, and never quoted one single text, or read one. The only one he referred to was Rev. 1:10. When my time came and I began reading text after text, he wanted to leave, and acted awfully ugly, but was persuaded to stay. He acted in such a manner that those who were seeking light were thoroughly disgusted and saw he had no scripture for Sunday-keeping, and were just established in the truth, and they ad-

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vised me they never heard anything so poor as what he put up.

I came home rejoicing that some had been established in the truth. Others are deeply troubled. Pray for them that they may decide for the right. My heart is full of joy seeing what the Lord is doing.

MRS. MAMIE MOORE EDER.

Lebanon

It has been over six months since I have been able to do much in the colporteur field. This is due to overwork last summer and a light attack of the "flu."

Hoping to regain my strength, I accepted an invitation from my sister, in Colorado, to make her a visit after campmeeting. I was further encouraged to do this by a nice check which she sent me. I was in Colorado five weeks, and from there I went to visit my brothers in Iowa, where I spent six weeks. My health improved some, but I contracted a severe bowel trouble from the alkali water in Colorado, from which I have not fully recovered.

While on this trip I used quite a number of copies of the Present Truth and Harvest Ingathering papers and collected \$31.33. A Catholic priest, who gave me 50c three years ago, gave me 75c this time. A friend in Bagley, Iowa, increased his donation from \$1 two years ago to \$2.50 this year. I greatly enjoyed this missionary work, and want to do my share each year as the opportunity presents itself.

My health is better and I plan to place as many of our truth-filled books in the hands of the people as my strength will permit. We are nicely located in Lebanon and have a good field in which to work. There are

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Name	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deiv'd
Paul Keele	CK,DR			\$	\$	\$	\$189 50
J Browning (2wk)	BR	34	13	60 50	2 00	62 50	40 00
Wm J Keele	DR,BFL	9					54 00
H Schneckloth	BR	22	12	46 00	2 00	48 00	1 00
H G Miller	CK	24	11	22 50	4 00	26 50	29 00
C B Luck (2wk)	BR	25	8	37 00	1 00	38 00	9 00
C F Knapp	CK	13	2	4 00		4 00	24 00
Total		127	46	170 00	9 00	179 00	346 50

COLORED

Mrs Virgie Wilson	CK	37	10	22 00	2 00	24 00	104 00
M Hurdle	CK	30					94 00
Louis Rayford	DR, BR	26	12	66 50	3 00	69 50	7 00
James Nicholson	CK	46	7	63 00		63 00	2 25
W S Herron	PPF, CK	21	14	46 50	3 25	49 75	30 50
Wm Franklin	PPF, BR	24	17	42 50	3 50	46 00	
H S Baskerville	DR, BR	38	13	38 50		38 50	
Dr S L Grant	CK	11	7	25 00		25 00	
Arthur Price	CK	29	13	17 00	5 00	22 00	33 75
Total		262	93	321 00	16 75	337 75	271 50

Honor Roll—Those who put in 40 hours, James Nicholson.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

A C Hughes	BR	15	6	\$27 00	\$	\$27 00	\$
E J Lloyd	BR	37	10	47 00	4 40	51 40	
Bert Miller	HM	35	25	67 50		67 50	
N F Nelson	BR	26	13	59 50		65 15	9 00
Joe Rainwater	HM	33	30	85 00	4 70	89 80	
R B Rowe	DR	9	5	32 00	3 00	35 00	14 00
Mrs R B Rowe	OD	4	6	17 50	2 75	20 25	83 50
E V Sykes	BR	29	6	37 00	5 00	32 00	159 50
Total		188	17	362 50	25 60	388 10	266 00

COLORED

Frank Banks	HM	9	6	21 00	4 00	25 00	
Robert Cook	GC	38	19	80 50	7 45	87 95	
Matilda Matthews	BR	38	15	72 50	5 25	77 75	20 50
Total		85	40	174 00	16 70	190 70	20 50

about 4,500 people in the town, and I am anxious to visit each home with our good books. My wife and I are of good courage in the Lord, and desire to be faithful to the end. The work will soon be finished and we may then go home.

H. G. MILLER.

Obituaries

Mrs. Virginia Green Raymond was born in Nashville August 19th, 1857, died at the City Hospital March 6th, 1920. Sister Raymond had suffered much the past few months as a result of a

broken hip bone. The setting of the bones was not a success, so that they never healed, and she decided to have it done over again. The operation seemed to be a success, but Sister Raymond never recovered from the shock, and after several weeks of suffering she fell to sleep Sabbath evening, and we laid her away to rest, awaiting the call of the Life-Giver.

Mrs. Nancy Carney was born in Davidson County, near the old home place, June 15, 1875, and died March 7, 1920. Sister

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D R Allman	BR,DR	24	\$	\$	\$	\$142 50
G T Ashlock	OD	23				53 75
Lee Crutcher	BR	21	15	68 50	3 00	71 50
H M Gibson	HM	19	7	22 00	8 70	30 70
R W Harris	OD	14	7	20 00		20 00
R F Hickman (2wk)	BR	75	48	236 50	48 00	284 50
M L Howard	BR	33	24	121 50	8 00	129 50
R Y Howard	BR	31	9	40 50		40 50
Claud Hughes	BR	32	11	58 00	50 00	108 00
M E Jacobs	OD	17	38	95 00	8 00	103 00
Lee Page	BR	3				52 50
Total		292	159	662 00	125 70	787 70
COLORED						658 55
Wm Fort	HM	18				35 00
Mrs Wm Fort	BR	6	1	4 50	2 50	7 00
C D Minnis	BR	43	17	82 50		82 75
Geo Slaughter	HM	22				78 75
Total		89	18	87 00	2 75	89 75
Grand total		1043	373	1776 50	196 45	1973 50
						1717 55

Dates for Colporteur Institutes

Louisiana	Colored	March 19-28
Oakwood Junior College		April 8-14
Southern Junior College		April 15-24

Carney was sick about two weeks with the "flu" and at the same time eight in the family were down with this dreaded plague. Everything was done for her that human hands could do, but to no avail. Her health previous to her late sickness had been very poorly, making it easy for the "flu" to work. Sister Carney accepted the truth about six years ago, and it was the testimony of her friends that she was a faithful, devoted woman, not only to her family, but to the neighborhood folk. The funeral was held in the little church near her home, with a very large attendance, and comforting words were spoken by the writer and Elder Robinson. She was then borne to her resting place where we believe angels marked the spot to be remembered when the Saviour comes to gather home His faithful. J. W. McCOMAS.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Colporteur's Report

Sister Warren writes: "I surely enjoy my work, although I have a hard territory, and am determined, by the Lord's help, that the people of this city shall have no excuse for not having accepted the message. I went to a home last week, and after trying for some time to get some response to my knock, I walked around the house and saw a lady out in the barn lot. I called to her, and she very kindly invited me out to where she was, watching her sister milk. As I approached her I introduced my work and began showing my prospectus, when she asked, 'To what church do you belong?' I told her the Seventh-day Adventist. She then asked me the price of my book, and said I need

not canvass her as she wanted it, and I took the order without showing my prospectus. She had heard Elder Washburn preach at one time, and urged me to come and teach her our religion, as she said it was the grandest religion in the world.

"I canvassed a Catholic lady a few days ago, and while showing her my work, she made every excuse possible not to give me an order. She told me that she was very much interested in Spiritualism, and thought it was a wonderful thing. I told her I was not engaged in the work I was doing for the dollars and cents, but was interested in the salvation of souls, and begged her to let Spiritualism alone. I then told her that the book 'Daniel and Revelation' that I was handling showed Spiritualism to be the work of Satan and a sure sign of the last days, which God warns us against. After talking with her for a few moments on the subject, she gave me her order and paid me \$2.50 in advance for her book. She then sent me to her friend, another Catholic lady, and I secured her order also. Surely God answers prayers, and let us walk with Him every moment, for we know not when the enemy will attack us."

GRANTHAM — Ella Shirley Grantham, widow of William Francis Grantham, was born in Russiaville, Indiana, Oct. 25, 1855. She parted this life in New Orleans, Louisiana, Feb. 25, 1920, aged 64 years and 4 months. Four sons, a daughter, two sisters, a brother, and other relatives survive. Mrs. Grantham was a member of the New Orleans Seventh-day Adventist Church and fell asleep in the hope of the first resurrection. The funeral services were conducted from the home of her son, O. R. Grantham, and words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

T. G. BUNCH.

The Pure Faces of the Lilies

Greet us in this resurrection of the year. And they speak to us through the pages of the April *Watchman Magazine*—

"Consider How They Grow," by Floyd Bralliar.

"The Message of the Lilies," by Eugene C. Rowell.



The beautiful truth never shone more clearly or fully than in this issue. Follow this array:

The Atonement: "If You Surrender, You Win," Meade MacGuire.

Prophecy: "We Have a More Sure Word of Prophecy," Irvin M. Martin.

The Sanctuary: "Behind the Curtain of Space," Tyler E. Bowen.

The Second Advent: "He Shall Reign in Glory," Carlyle B. Haynes.

The Sabbath: "Shall We Keep the Sabbath?" Stemple White.

Tithing: "The Things That Are God's," Asa T. Robinson

The Church's Message: "However, Let Me Run," Alonzo L. Baker.

Religious Liberty: "Take Away All But Liberty," Charles S. Longacre.

State of the Dead: "Spiritualism's Path to Popularity," Geo. B. Thompson.

The Resurrection: "If a Man Die, Shall He Live Again?" Arthur W. Spalding.

The Millennium: "God's Zionist Movement," Varner J. Johns.

Health: "What Does God Have to Do With Disease?" Louis A. Hansen.

Social Fallacies: "The Men Higher Up," George McCready Price and Robert B. Thurber.

Nor fail to remember that there are great things in—

"Little Talks on Great Matters."

"Nonibala," a story of India, by George Burgess.

"Trumpet Blasts."

"Baby Girls and Baby Dogs," a story about proper values, by Martha Warner.

"The Poets Sing," a page in colors.

"Let Us Repeat."

Superbly illustrated with many full-page cuts and a dominant color scheme of buff and black.

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Office Mail Bag

Elder Keate is holding a series of meetings at Hartford.

Bro. W. A. Ralls has begun Sunday night meetings in a hall in Covington.

Bro. Thompson spent last Sabbath with the Shelby Street Church.

Bro. Moore is finding new recruits for the colporteur work and he believes the outlook is good for a successful year.

The Sabbath School Quartermasters for the second quarter are here. Send in your order early.

Watch for the names of those who have reached, in the first quarter, their goal of \$26.00 for Missions.

For several days Dr. Hansen has been confined to his bed with bronchial pneumonia. He has been very sick, but now seems to be on the gain. We are all praying that he may soon be restored to health.

Bro. M. L. Howard writes: "We are now located in a very nice little four-room cottage in the very best part of town (Salt Lick). We were told there was no place here, but we took it to the Lord and we have a place that was refused to more than a dozen applicants. So we see how the Lord touched another heart."

The members of the Tri-City Church have just sent in an order for 300 of the Spiritualism number of the Signs weekly.

Why should "the open space in Orion" interest us? Read about it in the wonderful book, "Astronomy and the Bible." Price 1.50

BURTON CASTLE.

Panola and Yamacraw

Besides short visits at several other places, the writer held meetings during February at each of the above named places.

The meetings at Panola were especially in the interests of church organization, and as it proved before the meeting closed the erection of a building for church and school purposes. As a large majority of the Locust Branch church members now live near Panola, it had been decided best by all concerned to disband the above-mentioned church and organize one at Panola. So as many as could be present met at the home of Sister Mary Kindred, Sabbath, February 14, and voted these changes. The next day a full set of officers

were chosen for the new Panola church. We also took up the matter of building, in which all heartily entered, and gave definite amounts in material, labor, etc. We believe that with God's continued blessing and the same willingness on the part of all, this new church will soon have a neat little house for church and school. We were made to rejoice at the closing service to see all the children and youths give themselves to Christ.

One new member was also added to the church at this time, making a total membership of 20. Our prayer is that God may

richly bless this new body and make them likewise a blessing to others.

I was pleased to find an excellent Sabbath school in progress at Yamacraw with some 25 or more members. The Spirit of God was very near as we met together at this place from day to day, and all testified to a deeper experience obtained. I left several sick, but blessed by having the good services of Brother A. A. Hendrickson in their illness. It is the plan to soon organize this company of believers into the Yamacraw church.

W. H. WHITE.

Southern Union Conference Home Missionary Report

For Quarter Ending December 31, 1919.

	Alabama		Kentucky		Louisiana		Mississippi		Tenn. River		Totals		Grand Totals	
	Col.	White	Col.	White	Col.	White	Col.	White	Col.	White	Col.	White		
No. Churches & Cos.	4	9	4	18	4	7	12	10	3	18	27	62	86	
Membership Chs.	181	375	203	539	216	394	182	232	202	827	984	2367	3351	
Persons reporting	106	176	80	191	104	118	59	145	32	25	381	655	1036	
Wk'ly. Ch. Meetings	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	4	4	8	
Ch. Meetings Sabbath	1	1	2	7		2	4	3	1	1	8	14	22	
4th Sab. Ch. Meetings	1	4	2	9		1			1	2	4	16	20	
Memb. Conference Ch. and Isolated		9	49		96	9	63	15	41	1	60	34	309	343
No. Conf. Ch. & Isolated reporting	3	8		48		16	4	7		3	7	82	89	
Letters written	1355	282	199	278	244	289	281	365	205	30	2284	1244	3528	
Letters received	1177	169	34	126	191	71	194	195	122	14	1718	575	2293	
Missionary visits	589	718	664	1232	738	280	422	518	749	127	3162	2875	6037	
Bible Readings	320	227	303	116	567	102	397	247	164	87	1751	779	2530	
Subscriptions taken	25	54		114		11	42	54	25	5	6	95	241	336
Papers sold	952	749	771	1523	280	2019	1218	399	864	1599	4085	6289	10374	
Papers mailed, lent or given away	1941	18740	3000	9871	3648	4121	3462	5798	3583	11120	15643	49650	65284	
Books sold	281	1021	783	511	584	570	2278	351	860	1638	4786	4091	8877	
Books lent or given	179	261	193	157	185	164	54	148	46	33	657	763	1420	
Tracts sold	60	137	57	106	177	410	109	10			403	663	1066	
Tracts lent or given	2449	620	748	2510	522	1984	178	496	734	217	4631	5857	10458	
Hrs. Christian Help Work	606	471	505	1581	360	242	364	518	1042	238	2877	3050	5927	
Articles clothing given	52	178	107	368	176	131	123	146	64	56	522	879	1401	
No. meals provided	67	112	71	308	208	68	205	105	32	35	583	628	1211	
Treatments given	88	43	43	48	81	21	75	88	86	2	353	202	555	
Signers to Temperance Pledge	9						52	29	1	62	29	91		
No. Conversions	1				3	2	12		2	2	18	4	22	
Bouquets given							9			9	9	9		
Off. to H. M. work \$71.68		0		26.59		19.25		78.70		196.22		1078.57		
	24.14		43.26		56.28		18.00		740.67		882.35			

O. R. Staines, Sec.

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Notes From the Union Office

Bro. G. H. Curtis spent last week at Birmingham, auditing the books of the Alabama Conference and Tract Society.

Reports from Mansfield, La., are to the effect that the white colporteurs' institute held there was the largest and one of the very best gatherings of this kind ever held in that conference. In a letter from Brother Cole, he speaks optimistically of the prospects for the book work in Louisiana.

Prof. John C. Thompson is spending some time at the Union office, perfecting plans for the campaign which is being launched throughout the Union to gather in and strengthen the Christian experience of our young people. Much interest is being shown by our workers throughout the Union in this effort, which is under the leadership of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department. Brother Thompson expects to spend some time among the churches and schools of the Tennessee River Conference, getting in touch with the young people.

Bro. O. R. Staines has just returned from Huntsville and Ooltewah where he showed his book exhibits to the students, giving them the opportunity of purchasing most of our denominational books at a reduced price.

Elder Buharts, the Union Financial Secretary, left Sunday for McKinley, Ala., where he is superintending the cutting of timber from land which the Union owns. The lumber is to be used in the erection of churches and schools throughout the conferences.

Alabama Sabbath Schools

The Sabbath Schools in Alabama have made a good record during 1919, not only in offerings, but in other lines as well. There has been a steady increase in offerings each year, but last year we more than doubled that of 1918.

In 1917 our total Sabbath School offerings were \$2,377.98

In 1918 our off. were 2,511.36

In 1919 our off. were 5,285.89

Some of the schools showing the best records for the year were as follows:

CONFERENCE	Per week per capita for year 1919
Pensacola	35c
Jackson	30c
Sheffield	29c
Birmingham No. 1	23c
Mobile	22c

MISSION	
Birmingham No. 2	30c
Oakwood	18c
Anniston	15c

Many of our schools are working hard to make a perfect record, both in attendance and daily study of the lesson. While a good many failed on these points, because of sickness and other things, yet we were pleased to issue 380 Cards of Honor. There were four in the

Birmingham church who were perfect both in attendance and daily study for the entire year. How many will do as well during 1920? Let us each strive to do our very best.

We have had an increase in our Sabbath School membership the past year of 236, and there were 127 baptized. We feel very thankful for the way in which God has blessed us the past year and for the spirit of liberality He is giving His people. Let us take for our motto "Onward and Upward" until the work is finished.

MRS. J. F. WRIGHT, Sec.

One hundred and seventy-two pages of Elder I. H. Evans' book, "Ministry of Angels," are assigned as lesson text in the study of the next quarter's Sabbath School lessons beginning April 3. A regular course of reading is provided in this book in connection with ten of the thirteen lessons during the quarter. This means that every adult member of the Sabbath School should have this book constantly at hand during the study of this interesting series of lessons about the Angels and their work. It will aid you in getting the most possible benefit from your study. In cloth binding the price is only 75 cents, postpaid; paper binding, 35 cents. Your tract society can supply you.

Life's Greatest Joy

Have you ever helped another?
Ever earned a grateful smile?
Ever asked a weary brother
In to ride with you a mile?
Have you ever given freely
Of your riches and your worth?
If you haven't, then you've really
Missed the greatest joy on earth.
Has a thrill of pride possessed you?
Have you felt your pulses run
As a weaker brother blessed you
For some good that you had done?
Have you seen eyes start to glisten
That were sad before you came?
If you haven't, stop and listen,
You have missed life's finest game.

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