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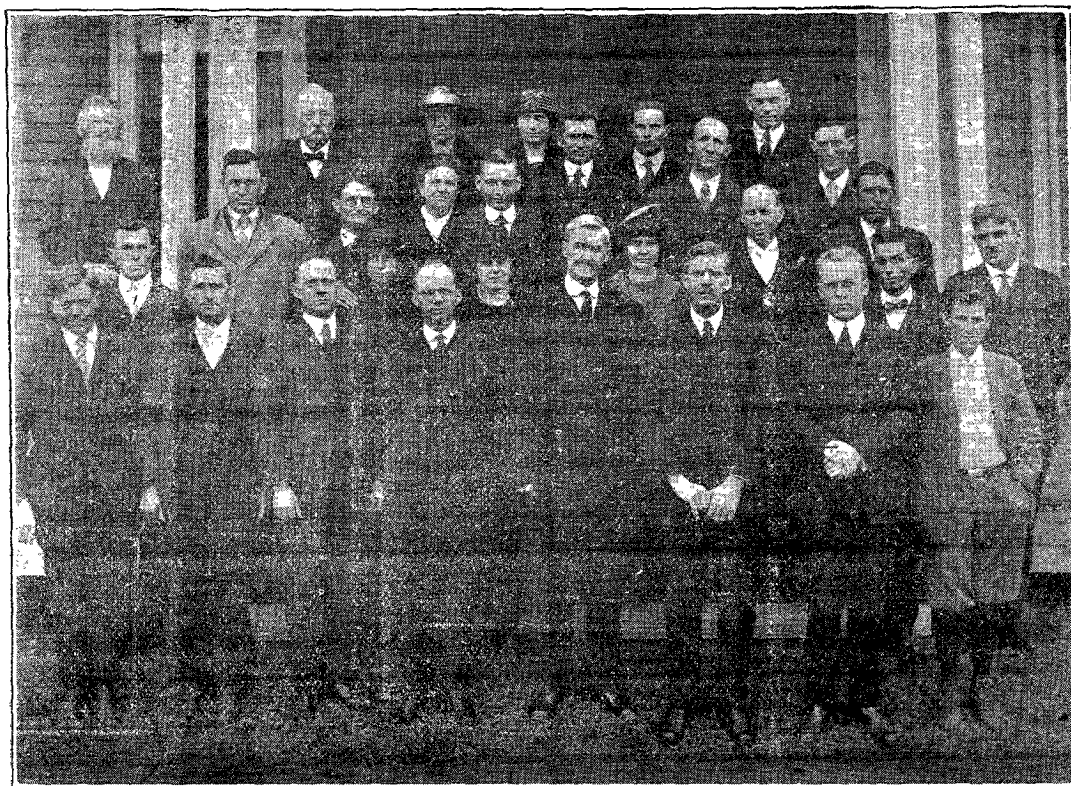
"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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Louisiana Colporteurs' Institute



TOP ROW—John Harzman, J. B. Hardy, Mrs. W. A. Hunt, Miss Viola Mann, W. A. Hunt, R. W. Babylon, R. R. Coble, Dalton Frazier, Wm. Watson.

MIDDLE ROW—L. B. Spear, E. L. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sellars, Mrs. J. B. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Causey, Mrs. Coble, F. E. Wagner, A. Pendas, R. N. Kerr, Obie White

LOWER ROW—Pinkie Johnson, W. D. Bush, C. B. Caldwell, B. E. Wagner, V. O. Cole, C. N. Sanders, L. E. Christman, Austin Watson.

As previously noticed, our institute was held at Mansfield, February 29 to March 9, the first meeting being held Sunday evening.

Judging from past reports, this was the best as well as the largest institute ever held in Louisiana. There were 24 colporteurs in attendance. One feature was especially noticeable, and we are

sure that we shall see an increase in this line more and more at each coming institute till the work is finished. There were six lady colporteurs in attendance.

The first day, prayer bands were organized, the results of which were seen in the Spirit-filled sessions each day. Throughout the institute there

was no levity but a settling down to consecration and good work.

The Lord blessed Brother Wagner in securing good accommodations for all, and there was not one word of murmuring heard throughout the meetings.

The first hour of each day was devoted to a study on prayer-life, after which followed the institute studies throughout the

day. The instructors were Brethren V. O. Cole, B. E. Wagner, L. E. Christman, C. B. Caldwell, and the writer. The goal set was 25,700 hours and \$50,450 worth of books delivered.

The church at Mansfield did all they could to make our stay pleasant, and while sickness prevented many from attending, their prayers daily ascended to God for His blessing upon the

institute. We shall all long remember our pleasant stay with the Mansfield church.

The evening services were attended by a number from the city, who gave good attention to the subject of the "Victorious Life," this being the theme presented each night.

The parting meeting was held Tuesday evening. After a final study on the prayer-life, a social meeting followed, in which all

expressed a determination to spend more time in prayer the remainder of the year, and by God's grace to live the victorious life. After singing "God be with you till we meet again," this noble company of men and women separated to carry the truth-filled books to the people of this State. We hope that all our people will present these self-sacrificing workers to God, asking for their success.

C. N. SANDERS.

Synopsis of Report of the Medical Department

Rendered by Dr. E. A. Sutherland at the
Southern Union Conference.

About one year ago Dr. Sutherland was asked to act as Medical Secretary of the Southern Union Conference until some one could be found free to devote his entire time to the work. So large is the Union and so extensive the work that should be done, and that one carrying the responsibilities of Dr. Sutherland can only touch the edges. At the recent meeting of the Union Conference in Nashville, Dr. Sutherland reported some of the activities along medical lines and the openings for medical missionary work.

Last summer the campmeetings of this Union were visited and health talks and medical instruction were given. Many of our people need medical attention, but they have access only to physicians administering drugs. They are begging for instruction on the subject of diet, home sanitation, healthful dress, and rational methods of treating the more common diseases.

Later the Influenza leaflet was published, the home missionary secretaries were organized for a medical campaign in the churches and a valuable work was done in a number of the lar-

ger congregations, some reports of this work having appeared in the *Survey*.

The Rural Sanitarium has been training nurses for medical missionary work in both city and rural districts. There are three cafeterias and three treatment rooms in Southern cities, and besides Madison, seven small rural sanitariums are in operation.

The people of every church should be educated to care for themselves and their neighbors. There are localities where it is still the theory that the night wind causes malaria, and that typhoid fever is due to deadening timber or the blue skum on water. Horse chestnuts are carried in the pocket to prevent rheumatism, and Black Draught is thought to be the panacea of all ills. People need instruction on preventive medicine. They need to understand the relation of flies, mosquitoes, and tainted water to common diseases; how to cure and how to prevent hookworm and amoebic dysentery; they should understand the result of adenoids, diseased tonsils, and abscessed teeth.

The Doctor stated that truly no medical man can cure any disease except through the power of God; that medical science can only bring them into the right way of living, and that credit should be given to God for healing.

Every school child should pass a physical examination and receive treatment when it is necessary. A great campaign is needed for the physical salvation of our children. Much of this work could best be done by well-trained nurses, and it was recommended that the Union employ a man and his wife, both nurses, who shall be free to give their time to medical missionary work among the churches.

Forty per cent of the men and women, at the most productive period of life, are suffering some physical weakness as the result of neglect during childhood or youth. More than fifty per cent of the children of this Union are suffering from some physical defects, many of which could be remedied by attention at the proper time. We owe this to the church and its future workers. We cannot get A-grade missionaries from C-grade students. To

save our youth will more than pay the expense of medical supervision. Proper instruction on health topics will go far to change the teaching of physiology in the schools from mere theory to a subject that bears directly on the life of the students.

The study of the subject shows the need of health literature and impresses one with the openings, all through this field, for well-trained nurses, willing to give themselves to soul-saving as well as to the physical well-being of the people.

Soda biscuits are everywhere.

Very little is known of balanced ration.

Much grease and fried foods are used.

There is a big field for health leaflets.

Ninety per cent of the bread is made of white flour.

In rural districts many people have no toilets.

In country districts screens are scarcely seen.

The people need instruction in simple treatments.

These are some of the suggestions given by those who have been active workers for the people. It all goes to show that a good and a great work can be done by those qualified to give instruction and to demonstrate in their homes the better way of living. It calls for the self-supporting worker, the all-round Christian farmer with his family, each member fitted to carry a health message with the rest of the gospel.

The Missionary Volunteer Secretary of East Canada writes: "Our young people have had success with 'Epidemics.' One of our Missionary Volunteers in Ottawa sold over 250 copies in a few weeks, working after school was over."

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

News Items

Elder McComas spent Sabbath, March 13th, at Huntsville, Alabama, visiting the Oakwood school.

Our people through this conference will be sorry to learn Elder Wight is leaving the Southern Union; however our loss will be great gain for the Central Union Conference where he has been elected president.

Elder Wight spoke to the Fatherland Memorial Church Sabbath. He rehearsed the experience of this people from their beginning and showed how that the Lord had been with His people. He stated that he believed we were in the very close of this work and that Christ would soon come. Some had asked him if he was going to preach his farewell sermon. He stated, "I don't preach farewell sermons." Elder Wight said that as he went to his new field he expected to put his whole life into the work there. He said he would never forget the work in this Southland, and that he would do all that he can to get money and men for work here in this needy field. The main burden of his talk was that we as a people should keep our fire on the altar burning.

Brother M. F. Knox, treasurer of the Southern Publishing Association, is slowly improving from his sickness.

Elder Martin spent Friday and Sabbath with the Memphis church.

There has been on an average of 25 at the white institute, which is now in session. We shall watch with interest the reports of these workers as they

go to their different fields of labor.

Brother Cheshier is helping some of the colored colporteurs in and around Memphis.

Brother Brooks still has some good territory, however it is being taken fast, and those who are planning on entering this part of the Lord's work should get in touch with him as soon as possible.

Sister Frank Pierce of Manchester, Tenn., writes that she is of good courage and that during the past few weeks she has been able to do considerable in assisting the sick around her home.

Elder A. N. Allen and Brother Shipley were callers at the office last week.

Elder G. C. Russell of Paducah spent several days at the institute. He conducted part of the Bible studies. Elder Russell is a great believer in the colporteur work. He has interested several of his new Sabbath-keepers to take up this branch of the Lord's work.

F. L. HARRISON.

Did you begin the Testimonies Reading Course in 1918? We hope so, for every earnest Christian should read these excellent books. If you have begun the course and it is not yet finished, plan your reading so as to finish it this year, for every Missionary Volunteer who completes his reading this year, although he began in 1918, will receive one of the following gift books:

"Gospel Workers."

"Early Writings."

"Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing."

"Christ's Object Lessons."

"Life Sketches of Sister White."

"Education."

More than twenty Missionary Volunteers have drawn gift books already. Get one during 1920.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union

Memphis

The first Sabbath in March was a great day of rejoicing for the Memphis church when Elder Wood announced from the desk that every dollar on the church indebtedness had been paid. For a moment deep silence prevailed, then the entire congregation, as with one voice sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," followed by an enthusiastic testimony meeting.

Looking back over the work of the past two and a half years, we see clearly how the Lord guided in every step of the way. For many years we had felt the need of a new and larger building, during which time many plans were laid, but not until in the providence of God Elder Wood came to us did we decide definitely to build. From the very first sermon he preached he endeavored to instill courage and faith to step out and begin building at once.

For some time we were in a state of indecision as to the most suitable location for our new church. Some preferred the old site; others wanted to get into the eastern part of the city, and others near the heart of the city. When the present location—one of the most prominent and desirable in the city—was selected, all felt impressed that the Lord had definitely led us to this place. Many were still fearful; some thought it impossible to attempt anything at such a time of national perplexity; others urged that there was no time for delay; that as the work was of the Lord, He would go before us and help surmount all seeming difficulties.

With only four hundred dollars in the treasury, after the lot was purchased, with our old building sold, with only a bor-

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
Geo McGee[2wk]	DR	102	78	\$382 00	\$13 85	\$395 85	\$15 25
M J Patrick[2wk]	BR	67	40	81 00		92 25	11 25
C R Cannada	DR	41	23	102 50	12 75	114 25	18 75
E Chastain	DR	33	13	60 50	6 25	66 75	6 25
Mrs E Warren[2wk]	DR	33	21	100 50		100 50	
Mrs B Watson[2wk]	BR	32	18	93 00		93 00	
Ruby Hamm	BR	23	18	86 50	5 00	91 50	12 00
A L Hamm	DR	23	20	103 00	7 25	110 25	7 25
Mrs I Harrell[2wk]	DR	15	14	72 50	6 25	78 75	6 25
Rosa E Sharp	Helps	10			38 75	38 75	38 75
Mary Rowland	OD	7	7	18 00		18 00	
Total		380	252	1099 50	101 35	1206 85	115 75
COLORED							
West Brown[2wk]	GC	99	32	153 50	2 60	156 10	44 10
P Hampton[2wk]	HM	73	20	70 00	14 00	84 00	14 00
Emily Billups	GC	39	19	121 50	30 75	152 25	30 75
Fannie West	PPF	39	26	102 50		102 50	
Preston Seard[2wk]	OD	22	34	99 00	1 00	100 00	1 00
Floyd Booth	BR	3	3	12 00		12 00	2 00
Bibles						2 00	
Total		275	134	558 50	48 35	608 85	91 85

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

John Harzman	OD	41	54	\$149 00	\$	\$149 00	\$25 60
W D Bush	DR	20	1	4 50		4 50	93 00
W A Hunt	BR	8			1 75	1 75	29 75
R N Kerr	OD	24					80 60
G B Richardson	OD						80 00
W C Causey	BR	12					77 50
A Pendas	BR	19					55 00
Wm Watson	BR	5					13 50
A Watson	BR	2					9 00
R W Babylon	OD	2					2 50
Total		133	55	161 50	1 75	163 25	466 45
COLORED							
T Longware(2wk)	BR	50	9	46 00		46 00	321 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

COLORED							
Louis Rayford	DR, BR	23		\$	\$	\$	\$147 50
Arthur Price	CK	33	29	63 50		63 50	
James Nicholson	CK	24	24	60 00		60 00	
Mrs Virgie Wilson	CK	30	24	54 50	2 00	56 50	30 50
H S Baskerville	SR, BR	48	12	51 00		51 00	
L B Getter	CK	9	19	38 00		38 00	
Wm Franklin	PPF, CK	25	4	13 25		13 25	34 00
Dr S L Grant	CK	3					7 50
Total		195	112	280 25	2 00	282 25	219 50
Honor Roll—H. S. Baskerville.							

Dates for Colporteur Institutes

Louisiana Colored
Oakwood Junior College
Southern Junior College

March 19-28
March 30-April 6
April 15-24

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

R D Capps	BR	33	14	\$86 00	\$3 00	\$89 00	\$
A C Hughes	BR	32	19	93 50	6 50	100 00	
E J Lloyd	BR	30	5	25 00	4 75	29 75	
C McNeill	BR	32					217 00
Bert Miller	HM	33	20	51 00	4 50	55 50	
Joe Rainwater	HM	41	56	159 00	3 40	162 40	
R B Rowe	DR	35	31	131 00	5 00	136 00	
Mrs R B Rowe	OD	19	21	60 50	3 00	63 50	
E V Sykes	BR	29	18	93 00	5 00	98 00	
E C Widgery	BR	12	15	72 50		72 50	
Myra Wing	BR	1			1 00	1 00	4 50
Total		297	199	771 50	36 15	807 65	221 50
COLORED							
Frank Panks	HM	22	7	17 50	5 25	22 75	
Robert Cook	GC, HM	42	27	89 00	13 00	102 00	221 50
Total		64	34	106 50	18 25	124 75	221 50
Grand total		1399	795	3023 75	207 85	3239 60	1436 05

Summary of the Colporteur Work in the Southern Union Conference, February, 1920

Conference	Agents	Hours	Orders	Value	Value delivered
Kentucky	16	1715	971	\$4329.70	\$4585.50
Louisiana	17	1312	983	3579.30	3210.35
Tenn. River	14	1982	894	3035.10	2204.80
Mississippi	11	857	506	2554.90	454.55
Alabama	10	267	227	1797.45	211.80
Total	68	6133	3581	15296.45	10667.00

Comparative Sales for the Corresponding Month of Last Year

	1919	1920	Gain	% Gain
Kentucky	\$3613.35	\$4329.70	\$ 716.35	.20
Louisiana	478.90	3579.30	3100.40	.626
Tenn. River	1931.50	3035.10	1103.60	.57
Mississippi	2036.10	2554.90	518.80	.25
Alabama	419.60	1797.45	1877.85	.328
Total	8479.45	15296.45	6817.00	.80

rowed one in which to worship, with winter fast approaching, we fully realized there was but one way to move, and that was forward. With love and harmony prevailing in the church, and with but one mind and aim, on August 16, 1917, the work of excavation actually began. From that time onward the Lord began to work for us in a marvelous way. By stirring up the members of the church to greater activity and zeal, it also wrought upon the hearts of many not of our faith to give

of their means, which amounted to more than four thousand dollars. As in days of old when the tabernacle was being built the women came forward to work with their hands, so the women of the church organized an auxiliary, its object being to raise money for the building fund. All the women showed a great willingness to work. The Lord readily blessed the labor of their hands. When the need was great, when the treasury was low, when bills pressed for payment, the auxiliary always

came forward with means to assist in meeting the demands, which were always urgent and pressing. This branch of the work put into the treasury about \$1,500.

After camp-meeting the church building, the auditorium upstairs was completely and splendidly furnished, also the Sabbath-school room and church school room were thoroughly equipped. We never so appreciated the judgment, business and executive ability and untiring energy of our beloved pastor as now. We are glad that he has been permitted to remain with us until the full indebtedness was paid off, and until the dedication, which will be in the near future.

We wish to encourage those who might hesitate to build a house of worship in times like this. All things are possible to those who believe. God will work for those who step out by faith.

WILLIE THOMPSON.

Oakwood College Constituency Meeting

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

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

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

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

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Alabama News Items

We are pleased to learn that Brother Clayton McNeill of Mobile, one of our colporteurs who was stricken down with smallpox, has made a speedy recovery, so is now able to enter the field again. He is of good courage and expects to make his delivery this week. We wish him the best of success.

Elder J. F. Wright made a flying trip to Mobile recently on business. While there he made arrangements with Brother C. R. Waters to take charge of the erection of our new office building at Clanton, Ala. He expects to begin work about the middle of April.

While Elder Wright was in Mobile he spoke to the church Sabbath morning, also again Sunday night. He reports good meetings. The members there are recovering from the "flu," so the attendance was very good at these services.

Plans are now being laid to move the office to Clanton, Ala. We expect to leave Birmingham about the 1st of April. Our people throughout the conference seem to favor the move.

We are happy to learn that the Mobile Sabbath schools plan for a big 13th Sabbath program at which time they will receive a large offering. Let all of our schools follow this good example. Let us make it a good day everywhere.

Sister Rasmussen, who has been sick during her vacation, writes that she is feeling much better and will return to Pensacola soon. The church there will be happy when she returns.

The past week eleven letters were received at the conference from people in Alabama not of

our faith. They had learned of us through our literature. The efforts of our colporteurs are not in vain. Our good books are reaching the honest hearts. Let us all push this grand and noble work.

13th Sabbath Offering

Let all of our good people throughout the conference remember the 13th Sabbath offering. The money goes to dark Africa. That field is ripe and they need workers. Let us each and everyone give a dollar. And let all who can make it a two-dollar day. May the Lord give us a good day.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Room 621 Crutcher and Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky.

Office Mail Bag

Elder Keate was called to Nashville Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Union Conference Committee.

Sister R. I. Keate visited the Hartford church over Sabbath and Sunday.

Three persons were baptized at the Jefferson Street Louisville Church, Sabbath, Elder Hansen officiating. It was the first time Brother Hansen had been with us since his serious illness.

Elder J. G. Dasent reports two persons who desire to be baptized and unite with the Chestnut Street Church.

Brother A. T. Babienco, a student of E. M. College who spent his holiday vacation in Kentucky in the colporteur work, writes: "Write me about open territory for D. & R. Another student and I may come to Kentucky to labor next summer."

Several have sent in 25 cents for the Home Missionary Calendar and have expressed their

appreciation of the calendar. Thank you.

Last Sunday's orders, as reported by Jefferson Hickman, amounted to \$129.

Brother F. F. Harrison reports new Bible readers as the result of books he sold a year ago.

Dr. E. A. Sutherland and others from Madison, Tenn., were in Louisville the first of the week in the interest of the treatment rooms which were recently started in the city. The work is getting a good start. Brother C. E. Worrell is giving his personal attention to it.

The special effort being conducted by Elder J. G. Dasent has been in progress a little more than two weeks. The first Sunday night there were but sixty persons present. The third Sunday evening nearly four hundred attended. Extensive advertising, the use of the stereopticon, and the hearty co-operation of the church members and Conference workers, have all been important contributing factors in bringing about the increased attendance. A deep interest is manifested in the truths presented. Elder Dasent, and those assisting him, solicit the prayers of all in behalf of this work, and they are looking for large results.

We have two copies of "Chart of the Week." This chart shows the unchanged order of the days of the week as recorded by many different nationalities. Former price \$1.00. Selling now for 50c. We understand publishers' supply is exhausted.

Make yourself or friend a present of that valuable little book, "What Think Ye of Christ," written by Elder G. B. Thompson in his interesting way. Price 50c. There is a real inspiration in it for you.

BURTON CASTLE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Louisiana News

A splendid site has been secured on one of the main streets of New Orleans on which a tabernacle is being erected in which to hold the next series of meetings, which are to open March 30.

Elder E. M. Trummer, Dr. T. S. Johnston and J. H. Elvin, with their families, sailed from New Orleans March 17 for their respective fields in South America. Brother and Sister C. E. Boynton left the previous week.

Elder and Dr. Parmele made a short visit in New Orleans while on their way from Florida to the West Coast. Elder Parmele has been given charge of the West Caribbean Conference, and will soon be taking up the duties of his new field.

Following the Institute at Mansfield, Elder Sanders made a short visit to Shreveport, then visited the Alexandria and Lake Charles churches, and several isolated members.

Brother Christman spent Sabbath, March 13, with the Hammond church in the interest of the Home Missionary work. Mrs. Christman has again returned from her visit to Ohio, where she spent several weeks with her people.

If you do not have a copy of "Ministry of Angels" you should secure a copy from the Tract Society. Price 35c in paper binding, 75c cloth. This will be the main help to our Sabbath school lessons for the next quarter.

From the Philippines

When contemplating a business venture the question we ask ourselves intuitively is, "Will it pay?" Our business is winning souls, and we can testify that

the Home Missionary Department of this business pays.

Proof. Bro. R. A. Caldwell, pioneer colporteur in the Philippines, secured a young man's subscription for the *Signs* weekly. The young man became convinced that the seventh day was the Sabbath of the Bible and taught his fellow church members the same truth. They, too, believed and called for the living preacher. Pastor R. E. Hay visited them, holding a few meetings in a private house. They promised him that if he would send them a man who could speak the Ilocano language that they would provide him a place in which to hold meetings and also with food and shelter. Pastor Leon Rhoda was accordingly sent. He held a two-weeks' meeting and was compelled to leave, but not until he had organized a Sabbath school.

Three months later Pastor J. O. Afenir and helper began work among this same people. It was the privilege of the writer to take part in a few meetings at this time and witness the method pursued by them in building a chapel. The meeting was called to order by Pastor Hay. But little time was spent in discussing architectural plans. In fact the first I knew somebody said he would give a post. He was followed by others until soon ten were promised. Others pledged so many bundles of Cogan grass (for the thatched roof) and still others ten, twenty and thirty bolo (a variety of bamboo) to be used in the walls. Just then it began to rain, and as the meeting was held in the open, it adjourned abruptly. I left the next morning, so saw no more of the operations for four weeks, when I returned to perform the rite of baptism and organize a church. You can imagine my

surprise upon alighting from the truck to see a neat little chapel all roofed and floored and practically inclosed. The floor is made of Suale (strips of bamboo woven like a mat). It is laid on the ground on a bed of rice chaff and will last two or three years. An interesting feature of this 30x40-foot chapel is that it will be completed with an expenditure of not to exceed \$3 in cash.

Sabbath morning 23 earnest men and two women were buried with their Lord in baptism. In the afternoon a church was organized and officers elected in the evening. Thus came our first S. D. A. church among the Pangasinan and Tingan people.

Our experience here will be long remembered. The Tingans have no marriage ceremony (many of these people are Tingans). The young people simply agree before the old men's council to live together as man and wife. It came to light about one hour before time for organizing the church that many of these people had never been legally married. Inasmuch as it is our custom not to admit to membership individuals who are not legally married, all that was left to do was to get busy and solemnize a few marriage ceremonies. We were unable to get around before time for the meeting, but before retiring had united in Holy Matrimony eleven couples.

The people seemed pleased that they could get a legal document declaring they were married. I am told that the Tingans are quite as true and loyal to their companions as many of whom we would expect more.

And all this as a result of a brother taking a subscription for the *Signs of the Times* while waiting for a train.

S. E. JACKSON,
Manila, P. I.

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Union Conference Directory

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I suppose that the people of the Southern Union will be expecting an article from me, inasmuch as I am to soon leave this field.

I want to express to you my regrets in having to leave here, but I feel sure it will be for the furtherance of the cause here. The past eight years in the Southern Union Conference have brought to me many pleasures, and I know that I shall never lose my interest in the progress of the work, and shall watch its development with more than ordinary interest.

Many changes have taken place in this field in the last eight years. Some of the institutes which were at that time being conducted have been closed, and it was our plan to immediately begin the erection of a new intermediate school somewhere in the southern part of the Union, but my going to another field will not in any way militate against this enterprise, for the brethren who are here on the grounds will carry forward the plans, and it is expected that the near future will see school buildings and churches

being erected more numerous than ever in the past.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the constituency and the laborers for your kind cooperation and assistance during my stay here in the Southern field and commend to you the incoming president, Elder G. W. Wells of Oakland, Cal. Brother Wells was at one time a worker in the Alabama Conference, and also the president of the Georgia Conference, and is well known to many of the people. I am sure that the constituency in this field will be pleased to welcome him back to the South. His coming here will not be like the coming of a new man, for he is well acquainted with the conditions and abundantly able to take up the duties and responsibilities of this field. His record in the past commends him to the people who know him, and we have every reason to believe you will be pleased with the change of administration. S. E. WIGHT.

Notes in General

During the first two months of this year our deliveries have amounted to \$14,767.25. The same time last year they were \$5934.03, making again over the same period of \$8833.22.

At this writing we have held eight institutes thus far during this season, with four more to be held, including the two Junior colleges; thus making twelve in all. The colored institute lately held at Greenville, Mississippi, and the one for the white colporteurs at Mansfield, Louisiana, were considered by those who have long been in the work in those two conferences as being the best ever held in these respective fields.

There are eighteen colporteurs present at the institute now being held at Nashville, Tennessee, for

the white colporteurs of the Tennessee River Conference, and two or three more are expected to be here.

The dates for the "Big Weeks" in the colporteurs' work are as follows:

June	13-19
July	11-17
Aug.	15-21

Louisiana also desires to have a "Big Week" before the above dates, which will be in April.

On account of holding the campmeeting in Kentucky the first part of June, that conference is planning on having her first "Big Week" May 16-20.

Many of the conference officers and some of the presidents are planning definitely on spending one or more of these "Big Weeks" in the field with a prospectus. Surely this example will be a great incentive to the laymembers, and especially to prospective colporteurs to do the same.

Let us "keep the home fires burning" with the message and with the love of the work, so that it may become as Jeremiah says: "His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." Jeremiah 20:29.

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Note

The Colporteurs' Institute at the Oakwood Junior College, Huntsville, Ala., will be held March 30-April 6, instead of April 8-14.

The West Michigan Missionary Volunteers raised \$4818.31 for missions during 1919, although their goal was only \$2500; \$3436.90 of this was raised in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.