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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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Sending Literature to the Soldier Boys

Are we wasting our postage? The January issue of the United States Official Postal Guide has the following to say regarding magazines for soldiers and sailors:

"Magazines for soldiers and sailors should be *current* and *clean*. It has come to attention that many of the unwrapped, un-addressed magazines mailed by the public at the one-cent postage rate for soldiers and sailors are useless for the purpose intended, some being so old as no longer to be of any interest, some are torn and soiled and unfit for further use, while others are of such character as to be wholly unsuited for reading matter for soldiers and sailors.

"Postmasters are requested to give this matter publicity and impress upon their patrons that the publications mailed under the arrangement referred to should consist of clean copies of current or comparatively recent issues of magazines devoted to literature or containing matter of general interest."

We are informed (by men who know) that large quantities of literature, secular and religious, sent in the manner indicated in the above statement have been hauled to a convenient spot on the camp and burned, or dis-

posed of in other ways. Our periodicals deserve better care and attention.

Is there a better way of getting our literature into the great cantonments of the country? Yes. Most of the conferences in which army camps are located have a worker appointed to keep in touch with our boys there, and we are hearing excellent reports from some of these brethren. Here is a little of a recent message from Brother Helligso of the Nebraska Conference, who gives a portion of his time to keeping in touch with Camp Funston:

"I took with me 100 copies of the February Signs Magazine (Soldier Number), giving some to the boys, and then going to the camp libraries where I met the librarian and had a good talk with him. He accepted the magazines, promising to send them at once to the twelve Y. M. C. A. and the four Y. W. C. A. Hostess Houses, where the men can read them. He was very favorably impressed with the paper. He said he would be glad to put into circulation books that I might send him, so I have sent ten copies of the 'World War' in cloth binding, expecting to send more books and papers in the future."

We find it is much better to send literature to the boys either through these special workers assigned to camp service, or direct to the names of soldiers. Recently one order came to the Signs office directing that 97 copies of the weekly be sent regular-

ly to as many young men. Their names and camp addresses accompanied the order, and there is no doubt about their receiving the papers promptly and in good shape. When our boys leave their present location, to be transferred, or sent "over there," those knowing about the change should inform the office promptly, that the papers may reach the boys as quickly as possible.

The February Signs Magazine—the Soldier Number—contains some gripping articles that our soldier boys need *just now*. One sister, evidently impressed with Dr. Thompson's article on "The Blight of the Great Red Plague," appearing in the February Signs Magazine, sent an order through her tract society for 100 copies to be sent to one of the large camps. We ought to get at least 25,000 copies into the hands of soldier lads in American camps before the month closes. What will you do to help accomplish it? As stated above, kindly send your donation to the Signs Soldiers' Literature Fund through your conference treasurer. Thank you.

THE SIGNS.

The Return of the Jews

Present Truth No. 26 takes up briefly, yet forcibly and conclusively, "The Return of the Jews," under the title of "The Gathering of Israel," showing that the restoration of Israel as taught in the Bible is the gathering of spiritual Israel into the kingdom of Christ, and not the gathering of the Jews to literal Palestine.

Report of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Convention

Of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences, S. D. A., Held at the
Southern Junior College January 19 and 20, 1918.

Promptly at 6:30 p.m., January 19, Prof. Wood announced the opening of the Y. P. M. V. Convention. After a short devotional service, the first topic on the Agenda paper was thrown open for discussion.

SECRETARY'S POLICY AND IDEALS

It was suggested that, "Our policies should surround ideals of the highest sort." That it is better to begin small and grow than to dwindle. The best societies are an outgrowth of prayer band as a nucleus.

THE CENSUS AND ITS USE

Profs. Wood and Tucker told of the great help such knowledge as our census cards properly filled out would be in the training and saving of our youth. It was voted to try to complete the census of both Unions by camp-meeting season.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S READING TENT

It was recommended that such tents be provided for all our campmeetings this year, and that each be placed in charge of a competent person, when the Conference Secretary cannot be present.

CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE

Voted to ask the Conference Secretaries to recommend to local societies that they supply themselves with three copies—one for the leader, one for the secretary and one for the file. Voted to adjourn.

THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER MANUAL

Sunday morning, 8:00; Prof. Tucker in chair.

Prof. Kern stated that such a manual is now in preparation by Miss Erickson and will be for the instruction of society leaders.

WORK FOR THE SOLDIERS IN THE CANTONMENTS

After a prolonged consideration of their needs, it was voted that we as Y. P. M. V. workers of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences ask the Division Conference to provide suitable legal help for our boys in acquiring non-combatant papers; and that Profs. Wood and Tucker provide a suitable preamble, which shall be presented to the Division. Adjourned to 1:30. Prof. Wood in chair.

At this meeting several of our boys who are subject to call to Government service came in to hear the plans that are being made to assist them by the Y. P. M. V. Prof. Tucker rehearsed to them the work of the previous session.

CAMPMEETING WORK

Much attention was given to the M. V. work at our campmeetings by Profs. Kern, Tucker and Wood. The workers favored a unity of the thought, given by few, as the more effective way; and it was therefore recommended that in general we follow the lesson prepared by the Department for this purpose.

THE 1918 GOAL

It was recommended that in every way possible we continually keep before our young people the goal we have set for ourselves.

Prof. Kern stated that there is on the press now a Junior Standard of A. manual which will be of great assistance in reaching that part of the goal. He also stated there is a leaflet coming for the Seniors. Also lessons on Bible Doctrines are being prepared by Eld. Mead Macguire. This year the Seniors will follow the texts in the Morning Watch.

Prof. Wood exhibited a unique design for promoting the Bible Year classes. It consisted of a device showing the world in darkness which grows wonderfully light as the class proceeds with Bible reading.

Prof. Tucker showed us his plans for a grand array of thermometers climbing for a place at the top.

REPORTING MEMBERSHIPS

After discussion, it was decided to use the largest number reporting in any one quarter of the year for the "Reporting Membership."

Decided also to report all work done for those in need, either in or out of the church.

OFFERINGS

Prof. Kern recommended the "budget" plan, including a personal goal for each member. This we decided to adopt.

JUNIOR WORK IN CHURCH SCHOOLS

This subject was discussed with enthusiasm, and declared to be the most important work of the church school teacher. Those who talked on the question were Profs. Kern, Tucker and Wood, Miss Philmon, Brother Cray and others.

The question of continuing the Junior societies during the summer was considered. Miss Philmon suggested that the teacher train some one during the school term to carry on the work during the summer. She stated that in her opinion the Junior societies would be able to do more work during vacation than during the school year, and would take keener delight in it because of having no diversion. In this way she stated the school garden could be cared for also.

Prof. Tucker suggested that some of the young men and women of the College could go home and organize Junior societies during the summer in their

own churches, helping them in their gardening as well as leading them on hikes, etc.

Adjourned to 7 p.m.

Session opened by song and prayer; Prof. Wood in chair.

MORNING WATCH

Our aim, "Calendar for every Bible." After due consideration as to its merits and its future possibilities, Prof. Wood suggested that every Volunteer worker continually carry a supply with which to supply the unsupplied.

Prof. Kern opened the question as to whether we should have a gift edition prepared with a better cover. There was much argument for and against it; but the "year" predominated.

Voted to keep for a length of time our Morning Watch aim "A Calendar for every Bible" as a foot-line in the Union paper.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

Recommended that all the isolated young people of both Unions be organized into Conference M. V. societies by their conference secretaries, and that the members of these societies be asked to report every month.

Instruction was given that separate reports be made of the white and colored work in the Southeastern Union. All reports should also be in the hands of the conference secretary within ten days after the close of the quarter, who in turn must get them to the Union secretary by the 30th.

Motion to adjourn. Invocation by Prof. Kern.

HATTIE L. PICKARD, Sec'y.

The Colporteur Work in the Southern Union Conference

Since my last report to the WORKER we have held institutes for the colporteurs of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. At present, the second institute for Mississippi—the one for the colored workers—is in progress. At each of the meetings a nice class of workers has been in attendance, eight attending in Alabama, fifteen in Mississippi, nine in Louisiana, and there are ten at the institute now in session. Each of the workers included in this enumeration, with a very few exceptions, definitely planned for a good year's work in the colporteur field. A few were unable to get started at once, but in the most part each went direct to his field from the institute having set a goal for himself that will require diligent effort to reach.

At each of these meetings a spirit of heart-searching and a reaching out after God for more of His Spirit to accomplish the work in hand seemed to be the burden of each one present, and the Lord came graciously near on many occasions, and dealt out in copious showers the blessings sought. It was a very pleasing sight to witness the determination on the part of the veteran colporteur as well as the recruit to go forth into the Lord's vineyard to labor untiringly for Him, and to attempt greater things than they had ever thought possible for accomplishment.

We were pleased that it was possible for Elder Eastman to return in time from the institute in Cuba to be present at the institutes at Jackson, Miss., and Shreveport, La. Elder Wight was also present at these meetings. The counsel and instruction given by these men of experience was very much appreciated, and, we know, will have a strengthening effect on the work in these fields.

Following are the goals for 1918 set by the several conferences of the Union as compared with those of last year, and what was actually accomplished last year, compared with 1916:

	GOALS		DELIVERIES	
	1917	1918	1916	1917
Alabama	\$12000	\$30000	\$ 6655 96	\$15137 70
Kentucky	15000	30000	12448 89	19721 68
Louisiana	12000	25000	6762 50	14709 15
Mississippi	15000	52000	10347 51	20142 05
Tennessee	12000	25000	7531 80	13607 28
So. Union	\$66000	162000	39746 66	83317 86

These 1918 goals have been set by the colporteurs themselves, the effort on the part of those in charge of the meetings being rather to keep them from setting the goals too high.

The comparative summary below shows what might have been accomplished by the individual colporteur in each conference had he been only an average man, and worked only the average number of hours each week, but had just kept "pegging away" right through the year without a stop:

	Ave. No. Workers Each Wk.	Ave. Hrs. W'kly	Ave. Sale Per hr.	Total Average Sale	Total Average Delivery	Ave. Del'd Per hr.
Alabama	9	39	\$1 37	\$2298 80	\$1681 96	\$ 98
Kentucky	10	35	1 61	2428 45	1972 19	1 20
Louisiana	4 2-5	41	2 06	3500 37	3343 00	1 71
Mississippi	8½	37	2 49	4044 86	2426 75	1 44
Tennessee	9	28	1 85	2172 35	1511 92	1 22
So. Union	40	36	1 86	2912 29	2082 94	1 28

"Keep two main facts in mind: This, first, that education chiefly depends on the individual, not on the place, even when the place is the best college in the land; and this, second, that in the boy or girl it depends more on the will-power than the brain power."

The fact that a very few have such totals to their credit is due to their failure to keep steadily at work. These figures help us realize the possibilities of the colporteur work even in a financial way, and the groundless fears entertained by some that they would be unable to support their families if they cut loose from their worldly employment and took up the colporteur work. Surely the Lord is a good paymaster; for the above figures represent the wages received in this life only. The greater portion of their wages will be awarded these faithful ones after the sounding of the last trumpet.

M. W. SHIDLER.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Office Mail Bag

Sisters Jones and Saltz of Chattanooga spent a few days in Louisville in the magazine work.

Brother Keitts writes from Lexington: "A great interest is being manifested here by the papers which are being distributed."

Brother James Hickman is busy in the field. He is walking through mud and water in his effort to make the \$30,000 goal a reality. He has just sent in a "hurry call" for Harvest Ingathering papers to use along with other work.

Sister Josie I. Bell, writing from Lexington, says: "Am enclosing my pledge. The only growing thing we have is a fairly good-sized grape arbor, and with the help of the dear Lord, my husband and myself will faithfully endeavor to do our part. The pledge calls for one-half of the grapes."

Sister B. S. Crandell, the wife of one of our soldier boys from Indiana, is in the city and expects to make Louisville her home as long as Bro. Crandell is stationed here. Bro. Crandell has work as stenographer at Division Headquarters.

The Louisville Church is working hard to dispose of two thousand *Watchman* magazines, and have also placed their order for a thousand copies of *Present Truth*, and expect to use this number each month.

Sister W. H. White of Ford, Ky., has been laid up for some time on account of a bad fall on the ice. We are glad to report her condition improving.

BURTON CASTLE.

Kentucky Items

There are some of "The Cross and Its Shadow" left. This is an excellent book on a subject that we all need to be familiar with. Order one now. All the money paid for the book goes to help the Ooltewah school.

Do not forget your five cents a week for the WORKER.

In planning your crops this year take the Lord in as your partner. Promise Him a portion on a per cent. Sign the pledge slip enclosed with the recent letter sent you and return it to this office.

Remember "Every Member a Soul-Winner."

The Louisville Church is carrying on a campaign with the *Watchman* to raise money for the church school and for church improvement. Last Saturday night, in a short time, a few young people sold 120.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Parents of Louisiana

What are your boys and girls reading? Can you say the following statement is not true? "The trend of many a life for good or ill, for success or failure, has been determined by a single book."

Almost unlimited are the attractive covers, inviting the eyes to search the pages within. The best is none too good for precious moments to be paid to the contents. With whom shall it be left to select? Certainly not with the untrained judgment of the youth. Just recently I heard a young lady say how thankful she was that in her youth her father always consigned to the flames any literature that came into the home, if in his judgment it was not of a pure, uplifting nature.

There is a reason for placing

Home Missionary Report for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1917--Southern Union Conference

	Ala.	Ky.	La.	Miss.	Tenn.	Total
No. of churches	25	19	13		21	78
Membership		663	363		820	1846
Persons reporting	158		102		164	424
Letters written	487	396	261		500	1644
Letters received	304	167	182		199	852
Missionary visits	1853	2108	950		1377	6288
Bible Readings held	587	602	323		611	2123
Subscriptions taken	48	108	11		36	203
Papers sold	4490	1907	7914		3236	17547
Papers given away	4119	6040	1369	1600	8931	22059
Books sold	1113	1217	300	7000	553	10083
Books given	229	707	429		451	1816
Tracts sold	19	543	4		119	685
Tracts given away	765	2768	402		1167	5102
Hours Christian						
Help Work	1235	3025	508		1447	6215
Clothing given away	410	333	163		703	1609
Meals given	449	442	190		370	1451
Treatments given	140	196	24		113	473
Signers to Temp. Pledge	1	29	605		1	636
Number conversions	6		10		12	28
Off. to Home Missions	\$32.27	63.54	36.58		17.95	150.34

O. R. STAINES, Sec.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

SOUTHERN UNION, FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 9

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
Andy Schroader	BR	13	5	21 00		21 00	11 00
Lee Page	BR	25	19	76 00	25	76 25	25
J C Gaevvert	GC	9	2	8 00	4 25	12 25	50
F E Trees	GC	5	4	16 00		16 00	
Wm. Fort	OD	32	31	64 00	3 10	67 10	1 00
Geo Slaughter	OD	36	25	54 00	3 60	57 60	3 60
R J Hyatt	BF BR	3	12	18 75		18 75	19 75
Miscellaneous	BR	6					21 00
Total		134	98	257 75	11 20	268 95	56 10

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Wm J Keele	DR	33	2	10 00	17 00	27 00	18 50
B Paul Keele	DR	38	3	14 00	16 60	30 60	8 20
H G Miller	DR	43	4	11 50	9 25	20 75	11 00
Total		114	9	35 50	42 85	78 35	37 70

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

J W Harrison	BR	20	6	28 00		28 00	60 00
H L Edwards	BR	8	2	8 00		8 00	
Q Tew	BR	18	7	29 00	1 50	30 50	
Total		46	15	65 00	1 50	66 50	60 00
Grand total		294	122	385 25	55 55	413 80	153 80

before our youth the books selected for the Y. P. M. V. reading courses. At the office, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, are complete sets of these books for the past two years, the Senior, Junior, and Primary courses. All it will cost your boy or girl to have the privilege of reading these books is to ask for them and pay the return postage. They may be kept two weeks from the day they are received, free; but if kept longer, a fee of five cents per week is charged. Remember, they are sent, and you pay the return postage only. Order of the Y. P. M. V. secretary, and not of the tract society.

Here are the lists: Senior Course, 1916-1917: "The Advance Guard of Missions," "Getting Acquainted With the Trees," "Steps to Christ," "History of Waldenses,"

Junior Course, 1916-1917: "Places Young Americans Want to Know," "Children's Missionary Story-Sermons," "First Book of Birds."

Senior Course, 1917-1918: "Luther, the Leader," "Good Form and Social Ethics," "Life Sketches of Ellen G. White," "Ventures Among the Arabs."

Junior Course, 1917-1918: "Martin of Mansfield," "Fifty Missionary Heroes," "Topsy-Turvy Land," "Elo the Eagle and Other Stories."

Primary Course, 1917-1918, "Cloverfield."

Who will be the first to ask for a book to read?

Reading Course certificates are given to those completing any of these courses. Written reviews are required for the Junior course only.

MRS. C. N. SANDERS.

Louisiana Items

Bro. H. W. Denton, from the Mississippi Conference, who is now laboring in Louisiana, has taken up work in Amite, Tan-

gipahoa Parish. Sunday, Feb. 10, was the first of a series of meetings held in Stuart's Hall. He reports a splendid congregation and deep interest. Also is holding Bible readings with some of the prominent families there. The meetings are held Sunday, Tuesday and Friday of each week. Mrs. Denton is also lending valuable assistance.

Following the Colporteurs' Institute recently held at Shreveport, Elder Sanders has been visiting the companies at Ringgold, Fullerton and DeRidder, also isolated members, and the church at Lake Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lanier sailed for Honduras, Feb. 8th, to take up work in their new field.

Elder and Mrs. Isaac Baker arrived from Honduras last week. They will visit friends and rela-

tives in Oklahoma before going on to the General Conference.

Elder McLennan and family are now in Jackson, Miss., in which Conference Elder McLennan is to labor this year. Our prayers for his success go with him to his new field of labor.

The children of the Sugartown Sabbath school repeating the memory verses for the fourth quarter of the year are Pearl, Lena, Lela, Willis, Jewell and Oscar Johnson, Louise Harzman and Willie May Bush.

Mrs. William Binks and family have returned from Mississippi and are now living at Fullerton, and are enjoying the privilege of being in Sabbath school.

One of our isolated sisters writes encouragingly of the work she has been able to do with the Signs weekly. Last year she

sent in several club subscriptions to the paper, and now writes: "I am very happy to tell you that one of the parties the paper was sent to has, through reading it, accepted the truth, and by lending her paper to relatives and friends, has raised up quite a little company of believers; and another one writes that she enjoys her paper so much, and that she knows that we have the last message." This is one of the many ways in which all can scatter seeds of truth.

NOTICE—The Present Truth will be sent to seven addresses for the entire year 1918 for the small sum of \$1.00; 15c each for less than seven names.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Alabama Notes

Norman N. Waters, one of our former colporteurs, who is now a student at Ooltewah, was an office visitor this week.

L. N. McAlpine and wife, members of the Conference Church, send in their remittance for the month of tithes, offerings, etc. They are of good courage and trying to hold up the light of truth in their locality.

Bro. O. P. Ivie, of Montevallo, paid the office a visit last week, and while here paid his tithe and Sabbath School offering for the month.

Bro. J. R. Staton, who is to take charge of the book work in this field, arrived in Birmingham Thursday, Feb. 14th. We are glad to welcome Brother Staton to this field.

The following was received from Brother Tew: "Just a line

with my report. Am of good courage and feeling much better this week. Hope to get a good list of orders for my next report."

Bro. M. W. Shidler, who has been attending the colored institute at Bessemer, left Tuesday night for Nashville.

Address all mail intended for this office, not to individuals, but to either the Alabama Conference, or Alabama Tract Society, 316 Lyric, to avoid delay.

Bro. G. H. Curtis arrived in Birmingham Wednesday morning, Feb. 13, and will spend some time in the office looking after the work here.

Bro. F. J. Rowland, pastor of the Birmingham Church, spent a few days this past week in Borden Springs, in the interest of the work at that place. He reports a profitable visit.

Bro. J. F. Dennis, of Montgomery, placed a nice order for 1,000 Present Truth to be used in missionary work at that place.

Union College Colporteurs' Institute

The Spirit of the Lord has been resting richly upon Union College since the week of prayer. The fruit of this is being seen in the spirit of service that has taken possession of more than one hundred of the students who have offered themselves for the colporteur field the coming summer.

Never in the history of Union College or of any other school have we seen such a desire to press into the work as we see this year. It is not an emotional movement. The regularity of the students day after day attending the various colporteur classes indicates the stability of their purpose. The selection of those books that give the special message of warning signifies that the motive of the young people in entering the colporteur work this year is the winning of souls rather than the earning of scholarships. That wonderful book "Great Controversy" predominates with a class membership of 35, "Daniel and

Report of Treasurer of Mobile Church for Year 1917

	Tithe	Sabbath School	Special Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Colored Wk.	Religious Liberty	Missions
January	\$808.00	\$7.60	\$	\$	\$40.00		
February	87.51	7.39				6.67	
March	58.12	35.35					
April	65.02	19.68					
May	69.97	8.99					
June	54.87	55.62					
July	107.52	20.00	29.80				
August	125.95	19.14				.50	1.00
September	80.89	15.91					.20
October	256.86	52.30	2.00	43.42	1.00		.35
November	122.27	18.51		11.50			.07
December	105.45	53.24	17.38	21.69			
Totals	\$1942.43	\$313.73	\$49.18	\$76.61	\$41.00	\$7.17	\$1.62

Dear Brethren: I know that you rejoice with us over the fact that even counting the fact that the membership was greatly increased during the last quarter (we give thanks for this too) that the Mobile Church has again made its 20c-a-week quota and "over-the-top." Thanks.

CARL G. MEYER, Treas.

Revelation," "Bible Readings," "Practical Guide," "Easy Steps," and the new book, "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy," by Elder W. A. Spicer, have proportionately large classes. We rejoice to see all these truth-filled books going to the people, but it seems in the order of God that "Great Controversy" should be in the lead as it was designed by the author to prepare the inhabitants of the earth for the time of trouble which is now breaking upon the world.—J. H. McEachern, in Central Union Outlook.

"Angels from courts above will attend the steps of those who come and go at God's command."

Notice

All persons other than regular delegates planning to attend the General Conference session to be held in San Francisco, California, March 29th to April 14th should communicate with Elder J. L. McElhaney, Secretary Locating Committee, 537 25th Street, Oakland California, for room or board accommodations.

STUDY AT HOME--If you cannot attend one of our training schools, why not form the habit of studying at home? The Fireside Correspondence School will teach you how. Elder A. G. Daniells, President of the General Conference, says: "I believe your school is conferring an unspeakable benefit upon our people." Let us tell you more about this matter. Address C. C. Lewis, Prin., Takoma Park, D. C.

Notice

The NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY is being moved to the Madison School and Sanitarium and we have on hand a small stock of Veg. Cheese and Veg. Roast which we offer at the following low prices while it lasts.

These prices are net.

Case Vegetarian Cheese 24- 2 lb. 4 oz. cans \$8.10.

Case Vegetarian Cheese 24- 1 lb. 4 oz. cans \$5.40.

Case Vegetarian Roast 24- 2 lb. 4 oz. cans \$8.10.

Case Vegetarian Roast 24- 1 lb. 4 oz. cans \$5.40.

Kokofat 10 lb. can \$2.85.

These foods are nice and fresh. It will be three or four months before the Factory will be running again, so send in your order at once. NASHVILLE HEALTH FOOD CO., MADISON, TENN.

The Colporteur

Down the valleys, up the mountains,
Hither, yon, I see them go.
Some o'er prairies, some by fountains;
Sometimes fast and sometimes slow.
Now in hamlet, now in Woodland;
Busy mart, or quiet glen;
Faithful in their Master's business,
Seeking e'er the souls of men.

Rising in the early morning;
Trudging through the heat of day;
Wasting never precious moment—
Yet with always time to pray.
Toiling, trudging, yet with gladness;
Full of faith and hope and cheer;
Joyful to proclaim the message
Of the coming Saviour near.

Then their noble wives—God bless 'em;
Send the word—as woman can—
"Courage, 'John,' do well your duty,
Quit yourself full like a man,
God will care for wife and babies,
Soon we'll meet no more to part."
Then with thanks for such a comrade,
"John" toils on with happy heart.

Father, bless our dear colporteurs,
Men and women, young and old;
Build for each a glorious mansion
Close beside the street of gold.
Give them *now* thy Holy Spirit,
Let an Angel hold each hand
Till beyond the "Rolling Jordan"
They shall reach the "Promised Land."

Thinking oft of home and loved ones—
Wives and babies, boys and girls,
(From the great-big manly fellows
To the tots with golden curls);
Oft they long to see those faces,
Oft to kiss those loved ones dear—
Then from 'neath the weary lashes
Steals there forth the silent tear.

J. I. Taylor, in Arkansas Weekly Letter.



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Pertaining to the Union

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News Items

Brother Shidler is spending a few days at the office after finishing up his round of institutes, coming here directly from the colored institute being held at Bessemer, Ala. He reports a very pleasant time spent at the different meetings of the Union and a promising outlook for the work this year. Bro. J. R. Staton, formerly Field Secretary of the Mississippi Conference, has accepted a call to take the same work in Alabama, which place is made vacant by Bro. M. L. Wilson's taking up the work of the ministry. Brother Shidler, after attending to some pressing duties here at the office, will spend some time in Mississippi, looking after the book work there.

Elder S. E. Wight left Nashville Thursday morning for Chattanooga, Tenn., where he expected to meet Prof. Howell and others for a council.

Prof. Wood spent two days this week at the Oakwood School at Huntsville, Ala.; from there going to the Southern Junior College, Ooltewah.

Brother G. H. Curtis finished his work in the Mississippi office and returned to Birmingham, Ala.,

for further work in that office the morning of the 13th.

Last Sunday night The Orpheum Theater was well filled when Elder I. M. Martin spoke on the subject of "Spiritualism—The Master Delusion of the Age." It was an especially live subject here at this time, because of the fact that the week previous, Thurston, a well-known magician, gave his demonstration at this same theater, and every one who attended could read in the entrance the announcement of our meeting Sunday night on the above subject.

From the time the doors were opened until 8 o'clock, Cartoonist G. S. Vreeland entertained the gathering crowd by his chalk pictures as an introduction to the subject of the evening. After the stereopticon pictures, and the opening song which was thrown on the screen, Elder S. N. Haskell invoked God's blessing on the meeting.

Elder Martin in his discourse traced the history of spiritualism from its first seance in the Garden of Eden down to its present form as we see it in modern spiritualism. He said that if the church had held and taught the Bible truths concerning the nature of man and the state of the dead, spiritualism could never have gained a foothold among Christians—it would still be confined to heathendom. He made it so plain that spiritualism was nothing more than devil worship; that the report which appeared the following morning in the paper announced in bold headlines, that Spiritualism is the work of the devil. Elder Martin showed conclusively from the Bible that man is not conscious after death, and that it would be impossible for the dead to communicate with the living, on the authority of the Psalmist who said, "His breath goeth forth, he returneth

to the earth, in that very day his thoughts perish."

The audience was deeply interested, and at the close of the service many waited for an opportunity to talk with the speaker and inquire further concerning the subject.

Southern Junior College Notes

Miss Josephine Cothren, of Sheffield, Ala.; Mr. Leir Hamilton, of Elbridge, Tenn.; Mr. Lloyd Denny, of Graysville, Tenn., and Mr. Malcolm Sawers, of Vicksburg, Miss., arrived last week to take up work the second semester.

Mr. Edward Whittier, a former student of the Southern Training School, was a visitor at the College the past week.

Mr. Herbert Wheeler has returned to his home in Hickory, N. C.

Mr. Norman Waters is spending a few days visiting relatives in Alabama, as he expects to be called to the training camp soon.

Prof. L. H. Wood was a visitor at the College the latter part of the week. He was accompanied by Brethren Blue and Coleman, from Nebraska.

Elders W. H. Branson, S. E. Wight, J. L. Shuler, B. W. Brown and E. W. Wolfe were at Colledge-dale Friday on account of a meeting of the executive committee.

Prof. W. E. Howell, of Washington, D. C., was a visitor at the College Friday and Sabbath. He spoke to the church at the eleven o'clock hour, and at the young people's meeting in the afternoon.

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