



"MY MEAT IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK."

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THE GREATEST SIN

G. W. WELLS

What is it? Can you imagine? If you were asked to name it, what would you suggest? There is one thing certain, any individual who is not genuinely converted and has no clear vision of the self-sacrificing love of the blessed Christ and a true view of his own selfish heart, would never be able to discern the real root of the evil thing.

Only He who knows the human heart is capable of defining the greatest sin of the church today. The following statements given us in Volume I, page 194, are to the point and answer the question. "The greatest sin which now exists in the church is covetousness." True it is that this was written long ago, but pray tell me, what evidence do we have that the situation has grown better? Again we read, "If all would bear in mind and could in a small degree appreciate the immense sacrifice made by Christ, they would feel rebuked for their fearfulness and their supreme selfishness."

Because of selfishness and love of the world, God is forgotten and many are spiritually dead, their soul is barren, their experience is formal, they dare not trust the Lord, they fall under temptation and yield to sin, and walk in darkness.

The Lord has lent His means to His church to prove them, to test the loyalty and depth of their professed love. He says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," but the poisonous weed, covetousness, is so deeply rooted that the members of the church, some of them, even dare to "rob God" "in tithes and offerings."

The Lord has said, "Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." This gathering day is near, but is it not sad, but true that many, who profess to be looking for that great event are increasing their worldly possessions in place of sacrificing them? And more, they are withholding from God His own in tithes and offerings, showing themselves to be unfaithful stewards, bringing upon themselves and the church the curse of heaven. Can we, with assurance and confidence, look for the windows of heaven to be opened and a spiritual revival to come upon us, where there are those in the church guilty of the greatest sin?

We read in Volume III, page 269, that "many who profess to be keeping the commandments of God are appropriating to their own use the means which the Lord has intrusted to them, and which should come into His treasury." "They dissemble, and withhold from Him to their own hurt. They bring leanness and poverty upon themselves and darkness upon the church."

God is no respecter of persons. His plan is always equal and best. It works no injustice to any. "As to the amount required, God has specified one-tenth of the increase.... This He claims as the very least that man should return to Him.... When men withhold the one-tenth, they rob God." Each individual should not only place in the treasury one-tenth of his increase regularly, but to be in full harmony with Heaven's requirement, should likewise make his offerings as God has prospered him.

Giving starves covetousness to death. "Constant, self-denying benevolence is God's remedy for the cankered sins of selfishness and covetousness." This terrible sin in the church needs to be starved out. Never were there greater needs for money. The work of God is progressing and closing. Many are the channels through which our intrusted funds may flow heavenward, if we cheerfully and faithfully answer God's call. Be obedient. The windows of heaven will open upon us, from which will come the bountiful overflowing blessing. O, we so greatly need it. The church of the living God needs it. The times in which we live demand it. Shall we not all properly relate ourselves to God and His cause?

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SPECIAL NOTICE

All conference laborers, pastors, elders and leaders of every church in our union should give careful attention to the special instruction now being sent out regarding the Missions Publishing Fund.

Concert of action on the part of all in this important matter assures success. If every officer and leader will stand at his post and faithfully carry out the instruction, being a true leader himself, the people will surely follow, and a quick and successful attack will be made.

Keep close at hand, for ready reference, the letters and information sent you; become thoroughly informed and enthusiastic; earnestly endeavor to carry out faithfully the carefully prepared program. Encourage every member to have a part, setting them a worthy example.

The needs are so great, the demands upon each individual so small, and the plan so simple and workable, that the task of raising our union goal should be an easy and pleasurable one.

G. W. WELLS.

NOTICE

The following books are missing from the Southern Union Library:

- "A Retrospect."
- "Child Life in Mission Lands."
- "Comrades from Other Lands."
- "Elo the Eagle."
- "First Book of Birds."
- "Getting Acquainted with the Trees."
- "Life Sketches of Ellen G. White."
- "Makers of South America."
- "Martin of Mansfield."
- "Winning the Oregon Country."

If you have any of these books, will you kindly mail them to the Union office at once, or write us regarding them.

M. V. DEPARTMENT.

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE.

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BRIEF REPORT OF UNION CONFERENCE SESSION

I think every one who attended the Union Conference session held in Nashville recognized the value of such a meeting as a means of deepening the spiritual life. The committee in planning for this gathering expressed their desire to make it a strong, spiritual conference, and to this end the program was arranged.

We did not follow altogether the path of former days, but after the conference was organized, the first few days were devoted almost entirely to a study of the Scriptures and "Testimonies," and much time was given for prayer, heart-searching, and putting away of sin. During these first days we were drawn nearer the blessed Lord and to each other; the spirit of true devotion seemed to characterize the meetings.

Every day was filled with living interest. The studies given by Elders J. L. Shaw, G. B. Thompson, and B. E. Beddoe were practical and helpful. Shepherding the Flock, The High Calling of the Ministry, Faithful Stewardship, Personal Responsibility, Soul-winning, Saving the Youth, Saving Men and Women from the Power of Sin, Gospel Finance, Our Mission Fund, Economy in All Our Work, are a few of the many topics studied.

Sabbath, February 16, was a day of special blessing and solemnity. Elder Shaw gave us a very helpful talk on missions and the needs of the work in Europe, not overlooking the Mission Rally Day needs. At the close of his sermon, Prof. J. C. Thompson was ordained to the gospel ministry.

The last three days of the session were devoted more particularly to conducting the business. The standing committees brought in their reports, resolutions of vital importance were discussed and all the business of the conference was conducted pleasantly and with dispatch.

There were no changes made in the election of officers. The Home Missionary Department, however, was left vacant, not to be filled unless, after counsel with the General Conference Committee, it be thought best to do so. It was felt by many that this important line of work could be fostered especially in this small Union Conference directly from Washington the same as the Sabbath school work, and that with this help, each local conference could carry forward the work in a strong way without the Union Conference's incurring this extra expense.

The matter of choosing a Religious Liberty secretary, also Medical secretary, was left for the Union Conference Committee to consider. Some thought has been given to securing, if possible, a qualified person who might devote his entire time to the medical work, giving health lectures, special instruction to our own people, and care for the child inspection necessary in our schools. This matter, however, should receive careful study and the committee must be governed somewhat by available funds.

The Conference work was completed a day earlier than first planned. It surely was a spiritual session from first to last, the laborers going to their homes with new courage and hope. The universal testimony was, "This is the best meeting I ever attended." But, brethren, why should not the gatherings of God's people grow better and more spiritual as we approach the end?

The conference laborers are united in their expression of thanks for the faithful service rendered by the laity in all the campaigns and missionary activities of the past, and they solicit the same sympathetic co-operation for the present year. Let us all unite our efforts earnestly and faithfully in doing the work the Master has assigned to us.

G. W. WELLS.

THE SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITY

S. J. C.

COLLEGE NEWS

We enjoy very much our Friday morning chapel talks. The last one was given by Professor Bradley on the prophecy of Daniel 8.

Miss Shull arrived last Sunday from Nashville, where she visited Mrs. J. C. Thompson.

We certainly were pleased to have so many friends visit us during the past week. Mrs. B. A. Allen came to bring her two boys; Miss Atwell, Sabbath school and educational secretary of the Cumberland Conference, stopped over, and so did Professor Isaac, our union educational and Y. P. M. V. secretary; Brother Ralph Smith and wife and mother visited relatives over Sabbath; T. Julian Collins, who was a former student, felt it his duty while up in this section of the country to drop in before returning to Gainesville, Fla.; and the brother and sister of B. J. Jameson spent a few hours looking at the College farm.

The statement that music is uplifting was indeed proved to be true when some of our local music talent was displayed in the orchestra recital which took place in the ladies' parlor Saturday evening. We were glad that a number of our friends from Apison, Ooltewah, and Chattanooga could enjoy this with us.

Two of our former students have returned to resume their work,—Mr. B. J. Jameson, who has been at his home in Cleveland, Tenn. and Mr. Leonard Stover, from his home in Reeves, Georgia.

New students to arrive during the past week are Glenn and Harrold Allen from Memphis, Tennessee, and Mr. Millard from Athens, Tennessee. We welcome these additions to our student body.

Have you received a letter from a Sojuconian, asking for money, to be used on our new heating plant? Have you neglected to do your part? Why? The Campaign is almost over and your help will be appreciated by every student at S. J. C.

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OUR COLLEGE, ONE OF OPPORTUNITY

The Southern Junior College has been rightfully called the School of Opportunity. Such an institution it is deemed by the students who came down the broad highways, and up the narrow bypaths of the great Southland,

finally to meet at Collegedale. From the crowded cities they come to breathe the sweet air of God's free country and to learn of His handiwork from Nature herself. From the rural districts they come to shape those thoughts which they have already learned from the books of the great outdoors, into something that will be a definite benefit to them and to all mankind. From the throbbing millions these few come to enjoy for a space the peace and quiet of a well ordered life, while they harmoniously develop the spiritual, physical, and mental powers. They come, come, come.

Each year brings new faces. They go, go, go, out into the world to bear the messages that they have learned at Collegedale. Everyone surely is enriched in thought because he has been drinking at the Well of Opportunity. These ideals are not only found in the minds of the faculty members, but these ideals are also made living experiences in the everyday lives of the students. It is altogether fitting that the measure of success be according to the amount of zeal manifested. When every one else puts his whole might into the work that is before him, you too feel that your best is none too good for Collegedale. Surely this is a good place in which to develop.

RUTH MILLER.

ALABAMA

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ALABAMA NEWS NOTES

Mrs. E. M. Bennett, of Mobile, writes: "Enclosed find money for the renewal of my *Review and Herald*. I don't want to miss one copy. I have taken it for the past thirty-five years and I am lost without it. I don't see how I could keep up with the message without it."

We fear there are a number in our conference who are not keeping up with the message, for they do not have the *Review*.

Miss Ruby Worley, of Montgomery, has been visiting her brother in Atlanta.

Saturday evening Professor and Mrs. Haughey invited the young people to bring their parents to their home for some contests and games. They came, and a very pleasant evening was spent in mental and physical games.

Elder Frank reports that in spite of rival meetings, he is having a good attendance and there seems to be an interest in Southport.

Brethren Schmehl and Haughey left the office Tuesday morning for Birmingham. Brother Schmehl goes in the interest of the colporteur work, and Brother Haughey to consult with the pastors of the two Birmingham churches with reference to Big Week.

Brother Waters spent Monday and Tuesday delivering. He says it is the best delivery he has ever had, and that he never worked harder. "There is a reason."

Another of our colporteurs visited the office last week—Brother Hilderbrandt. He is of good courage.

The Mobile No. 2 Sabbath school averaged 69 cents per church member during the month of February. Clanton comes next with a record of 41 cents per member, Montgomery No. 2 has 31 cents. We are sorry there are not more churches on the Honor Roll for February.

There are many who feel they cannot go out and sell

books, but Sister Stephenson demonstrated the possibility of placing books in the homes when we go calling. Sister Stephenson has not been out very much as her health will not permit, but Tuesday she felt she must go out and call on a friend, so she started and took her "Bible Readings" prospectus with her, after a friendly visit she spoke of the wonderful work prepared on Bible studies, and took two orders for "Bible Readings," and also sold one Bible for \$3.50. It happened there was another neighbor present, she delivered the one "Bible Readings" and Bible the same afternoon, all this was done by making a friendly visit with a neighbor. Sisters, do you have neighbors? Call on them in this way and you will have sheaves to bring with you when the Master gathers the harvest. Sister Stephenson placed over \$60 worth of books in the homes of the people last year, visiting them in this way.

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WORK IN ALABAMA

Our conference committee held its regular spring council during the Union Session at Nashville. It was voted that the camp-meeting be held at Clanton, August 7-17, and that the mission camp-meeting be held in Montgomery, September 4-14. We are glad to make this announcement early, so that our people may have this information and plan to attend these important and helpful meetings.

Elder Frank was invited to spend March at Southport, Florida, following an interest created by Elder Stephenson's meetings there a year ago. Elder Frank is now there at work.

Elder McLennan will conduct a tent meeting in the vicinity of Birmingham during the summer. Elder Allison will conduct a tent effort in Opelika. Brother Wilson will remain at Dothan, where he and his wife have awakened a great interest. Elder Allison will assist him in a short course of lectures before his tent effort.

Elder Tate will divide his time between Birmingham, Anniston, Sylacauga, and Tuscaloosa during the year.

Brother Mitchell will conduct a tent effort in one of the suburbs of Mobile as soon as the season opens. Let us remember these various undertakings in our prayers.

Consideration was given to the Big Week program, and workers have been assigned to different places to encourage this effort. We hope every one of the workers and lay members will realize the importance of this literature campaign and will take hold heartily and make it a success.

It was voted also that our campaign for the completion of the Ooltewah Administration Building begin March 1. The Alabama quota is \$1,300, which is approximately \$3 per member. It is not necessary for us to dwell upon the importance of this undertaking. We have long waited for this building and now we must "arise and build." This matter will be taken up with the churches soon and every one will be given an opportunity to contribute his part. We hope our isolated members will send their remittance to the conference as soon as possible.

The committee voted that the name of the Alabama Tract Society be changed to Alabama Book and Bible House.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

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MINUTES OF Y. P. M. V. MEETING BIRMINGHAM, FEBRUARY 24

An unusually large crowd of visitors besides many of our members, was present at the Young Peoples' Society last Sunday night. A very interesting program was given on the Psalms.

Brother Buckles led in prayer after we had sung the hymn, "Moment by Moment."

Mrs. Buckles recited a verse of welcome and then our leader gave an interesting talk on the Psalms, telling us that they contained many prophecies of Jesus. The first and twenty-third Psalms are the most extensively quoted and are beautiful examples of poetry.

After another talk on the Psalms, Miss Sara Hoskins rendered a solo.

Two of our Juniors, Ethel Hoskins and Margaret Cason, recited the 100th and 117th Psalms.

After a quartette had sung, "Saviour Lead Me," Mr. Shotwell read the 104th Psalm.

The Juniors sang the song, "Beautiful Flowers," which is based on the third verse of the 128th Psalm. The children sang, "Little Feet be Careful."

Horton McLennan recited the 23rd Psalm, and then Misses Sara Hoskins and Sudie May Ward sang this Psalm.

Miss Kalar recited that beautiful poem, "The Glory of God," based on Psalm 19.

Messrs. Shotwell, Easley, and Wales sang a trio.

After taking up the collection and missionary reports we were dismissed.

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ALABAMA COLORED INSTITUTE

The colored institute closed Sabbath, March 1; there were thirteen in attendance from the first. Truly this was the best institute I have ever helped to conduct, and I am sure these meetings will grow better and better from time to time as the end draws near. The Spirit of God was present from the very beginning, and there was such solemnity as was never witnessed before, every one in attendance seeking that power that will fit him for the work the Lord has for him to do at this time. Every one was in his seat before the time of the meetings, and always waiting for more instruction to fit him for service. This was the most quiet, earnest, waiting class I have ever helped to instruct. At different times some would testify of their surrender before they came to the meeting and their coming was for the one purpose to give themselves to the service of God. There were no sleepy eyes, but all were anxiously waiting for more of the spiritual help. May the dear Lord bless these earnest workers as they go from home to home each day, and may they not forget the secret chamber in the morning, and there prepare themselves before starting at their daily duties.

And dear reader, if you cannot go out from house to house to carry the printed page, will you not pray for those who are out on the firing line; also pray for more workers, and the Lord will bless. Many are standing idle in the market places.

In your plans remember Big Week, April 19-26. "Let us arise and build."

F. W. SCHMEHL.

KENTUCKY

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KENTUCKY NEWS NOTES

Brother and Sister Ira O. Wallace passed through Louisville last week en route to Lockport, Kentucky, and Marion, Indiana, to visit their parents before leaving for their new field in Central China.

Brother Dillie Chen Welling Sun, our only Chinese worker in America, located at San Francisco, called at our office last week. Brother Sun is working entirely in the interests of the Chinese, selling them our message-filled books in their native tongue. He reported selling \$15 worth of books to one family here in Louisville.

Brother H. R. Stearns left the office Tuesday night of last week to visit Brethren Brown and Traylor, who are canvassing in Perry County. These brethren are doing a splendid work among the mining camps.

Brother and Sister Franklin have located at Belcher, Pike County, where they will engage in selling our good books. We wish there were many other young people who would get a burden for perishing humanity and engage in the colporteur work. When the Lord calls saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" who will answer, "Here am I; send me?"

The first number of the new Bible Stories Series reached the office last week. This first number is entitled "The Story of Jesus." This series is being published especially for those who do not read as readily as the better educated, and for children and foreigners who are just learning to read the English. It is written in simplicity, using one and two syllable words. These books should be used extensively by our lay members throughout the field. Send in your order at once and get the message in the hands of the people. The price is 25 cents, with a 50 per cent discount on quantities of ten or more.

We were made sad by the death of Sister Elizabeth Burkhart at Indianapolis early Sabbath morning, March 1. The funeral was held at the home of her son at 320 Winkler Avenue, in Louisville, Monday afternoon, March 3. Interment was made at La Grange, where her husband was laid to rest eighteen years ago. We extend our sincere sympathy to those who mourn the loss of this beloved Christian character.

The members of the Fourth Avenue church and their friends were given a treat Sunday night of last week at the church, in the way of a musical program rendered by the Oakwood Junior College male quartette. The following night they gave a program at the colored branch of the Y. M. C. A. for the Chestnut Street church. About 300 people were present each evening.

LOUISIANA - MISSISSIPPI

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GOD CALLS THE CANVASSERS BACK TO THEIR WORK

"The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers. The world is asleep, and as watchmen they are to ring the warning bell to awake the sleepers to their danger." — "Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 315.

"The importance of the canvassing work is kept ever before me. This work has not, of late, had the life infused into it which was once given by the agents who made it their specialty. Canvassers have been called from their evangelistic work to engage in other labor. This is not as it should be. Many of our canvassers, if truly converted and consecrated, can accomplish more in this line than in any other in bringing the truth for this time before the people.

"We have the word of God to show that the end is near. The world is to be warned, and as never before we are to be laborers with Christ. The work of warning has been entrusted to us. We are to be channels of light to the world, imparting to others the light we receive from the great Light-bearer. The words and works of all men are to be tried. Let us not be backward now. That which is to be done in warning the world must be done without delay. Let not the canvassing work be left to

languish. Let the books containing the light on present truth be placed before as many as possible."—Vol. VI, p. 329.

"The publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God. Throughout the world they are to do the same work that was done by John the Baptist for the Jewish nation. By startling messages of warning, God's prophet awakened men from worldly dreaming. Through him God called backsliding Israel to repentance. By his presentation of truth he exposed popular delusions. In contrast with the false theories of his time, truth in his teaching stood forth as an eternal certainty. 'Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,' was John's message. This same message, through the publications from our printing houses, is to be given to the world today." Vol. VII, p. 139.

"The Lord designs that the light which He has given on the Scriptures shall shine forth in clear, bright rays; and it is the duty of our canvassers to put forth a strong, united effort that God's design may be accomplished. A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping wherever there is opportunity. The Master calls for every one to do the part given him according to his ability. Who will respond to the call?"—Vol. VI, p. 332.

"As long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work."—Vol. VI, p. 478.

"Let all who labor effectually in the canvassing field feel in their hearts that they are doing the work of the Lord in ministering to souls who know not the truth for this time. They are sounding the note of warning in the highways and byways to prepare a people for the great day of the Lord, which is so soon to break upon the world. We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on. A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send me.'"—Vol. VI, p. 333.

Brethren and sisters, God is calling for workers. The harvest is great; the laborers are few. Will you not say, 'Here am I; send me'?" W. R. ELLIOTT.

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WHERE ARE THE MISSING

Where are the 478 Seventh-day Adventists who should be members of the Louisiana-Mississippi Sabbath schools and are not? The church membership is 1010. The Sabbath school membership is 920. So we have 90 Sabbath school members less than we have church members. The Sabbath school reports show there are 98 kindergarten, 185 primary, 114 junior, and 90 youth members of the Sabbath schools in this conference. One-half of the youth probably are not church members, so taking one-half of the number of the youth, and adding the number of the other divisions to the church membership, we should have a Sabbath school membership of 1497, instead of 920. I believe the missing will really be found among the isolated Sabbath-keepers who live too far away to attend a Sabbath school each Sabbath. But it is the privilege of each isolated Sabbath-keeper to share in the blessings of the Sabbath school by becoming a Conference Home Department member.

Every person needs, and will always need the help and blessings to be obtained by the study of the Sabbath school lessons. No other plan affords to parents and children so excellent an opportunity for a thorough, systematic study of the Bible. We need a revival of the old time spirit of Bible study; and the study of the Word will surely "be the power of God unto salvation to to every one that believeth." If you who read this are living in a community where you cannot attend the weekly sessions of the Sabbath school, will you not communicate with the writer, at once, so that you may be supplied with Home Department envelopes and other things in which you will be interested, which will bring the blessings of the Sabbath school to your home?

MRS. E. A. TAYLOR.

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READ THE WORKER

The Louisiana-Mississippi Conference is endeavoring to see that every believer in the conference is receiving the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER regularly. If you are not getting it, give Brother Sheroader your address, and he will list your name so it will be sent to you.

We are endeavoring to make this little paper more interesting to you by supplying such items of news and information which we think will be encouraging and helpful, and we are anxious to have your co-operation. You can help us out in this by supplying us with items of interest which we can have printed in the paper, week by week, for the encouragement of others.

Yesterday, in thumbing through the "Testimonies," I ran across two statements which I shall quote here: "Let the canvasser tell of the joy and blessing he has received in his ministry as an evangelist. These reports should find a place in our papers; for they are far-reaching in their influence. They will be as sweet fragrance in the church, a savor of life unto life. Thus it is seen that God works with those who co-operate with Him."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 336.

"The editors of our papers need the co-operation of our laborers in the field and of our people far and near. In our papers should be found communications from the workers in all parts of the world,—articles giving living experiences. We do not need romance; but in the daily life there are real experiences that, if told in short articles, and in simple words, would be more fascinating than romance, while at the same time they would be an invaluable aid to Christian experience and to practical missionary work. We want truth, solid truth, from consecrated men, women, and youth."—Vol. VII, p. 157.

This paper costs us considerable to publish, and we ought to make it worth while, and with your co-operation we hope to do this. Then we are anxious that you read it. We plan to keep you informed through its columns as to the progress of the work in this conference, and we plan to carry some of our campaigns through it, at least in part. So, in order for you to keep abreast with the work at home, it will be necessary for you to read the paper.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

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COLORED INSTITUTE CLOSED

Friday evening, February 29, the colored colporteurs' institute opened in Jackson, Mississippi, with fourteen colporteurs present. Ten of these were old colporteurs, and four were new ones. Sister Ella Johnson, who has been doing Bible work the past year, has taken up the colporteur work again. The other three new colporteurs are Sisters Fannie West of Greenwood, Jessie Prowell of Columbus, and Bertha P. Walker of Yazoo City.

All the meetings were very spiritual and those present

received a great blessing. Each colporteur has returned to the field determined to accomplish the work that the Lord has called him to do. A deep spirit of consecration seemed to take possession of all who were present. And each one realized that the greatest need is more of God's spirit and power.

Each morning at nine o'clock a strong Bible study was conducted, most of which were given by Elder W. R. Elliott. Elder F. S. Keitts gave one and Elder G. W. Wells from Nashville, gave another. Every night at 7:30 there was a preaching service, Elder Keitts being the speaker.

Elder V. O. Cole, the union field missionary secretary, and the writer, gave the institute instruction. This instruction was on Christian salesmanship, and other subjects which are vital to the colporteur's success. Brother A. B. Schroeder also gave a talk assuring the colporteurs that they would receive hearty co-operation from the office, and that everything possible would be done to help them succeed.

The institute closed Sabbath afternoon, March 8, with a live experience meeting, at which time each colporteur told of the blessings received in the blessed colporteur work during the past year. The whole church was present at this time and the meeting was an inspiration to all.

C. RAY KINNEY.

TENNESSEE RIVER

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TENNESSEE RIVER NEWS

Brother H. B. Thomas and wife left Nashville, Monday (March 10) for their new home in Chico, California. The workers in the office, as well as our people in the Tennessee River Conference, will greatly miss these workers, as they find it necessary on account of Brother Thomas' health to give up active conference work for a time.

The Nashville church enjoyed the hospitality of the Publishing House at its chapel on Tuesday evening (Mar. 11) at which time the first of a series of lectures was given, this number being given by Professor Frederick Griggs, president of Emmanuel Missionary College. The subject of Professor Griggs' lecture was "Leaners and Lifters," and all who were able to be present greatly enjoyed the evening.

During the latter part of 1923, the tract society made a special offer, sending postpaid an excellent assortment of tracts and pamphlets, containing nearly 300 copies, and valued at more than \$2.75, for only 98 cents per package. Many of our people took advantage of this special offer, some individuals ordering as many as ten packages. There are only a few of these packages left, but we will fill your orders as long as the supply lasts. Order early, as the supply is limited. Address *Tennessee River Tract Society, 1715 Cass St., Nashville, Tennessee.*

We are glad to report hearing from Elder A. N. Allen, whom most of our people will remember as having served as home missionary secretary in the Tennessee River Conference for several years prior to 1921.

Before taking up work in this conference, Elder Allen devoted some fifteen years to pioneer work in South and Central America, especially among the Spanish speaking people.

Elder Allen is now in charge of the Spanish-American Training School at Phoenix, Arizona. He writes as follows:

"So far this has been the best year in the experience of this school. Up to date we have enrolled forty-five students, who have come to us from various states of the Southwest. However, for lack of means, some have had to drop out, with the determination to return next year. We have a very earnest class of students this year, who are here with the definite purpose of preparing for a part in the closing work."

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SPARKS FROM THE COLPORTEURS' ANVIL

That the Combination Plan is advancing with increasing success is very evident by the enthusiastic manner in which our colporteurs are writing in concerning it. Brother Beck became so enthusiastic that he wrote a card on Thursday morning: "I wrote \$31.80 Tuesday, and \$17.50 yesterday. Have nine subscriptions to the *Watchman Magazine* so far this week. The Combination Plan works fine and I will not work any other way from now on. I hope I can take nine more this week. I have \$70 worth of orders in all for the past three days."

"We all started off last Monday full of courage and with greater determination to press the battle to the gates. My courage is good and my determination is greater than before. I plan to do my best. May the Lord bless His work and His workers is my prayer."—*T. W. Metcalfe.*

"I shall do all I can here in Memphis. I send my best wishes and prayers for the success of all the workers in the scattering of the printed page."—*D. W. Flemming.*

"It looks as if the new plan, as to hours, will automatically raise my goal from thirty-five to forty hours, or leave me in disgrace. Since coming to Maury County I have used the introduction suggested by Brother Cole that 'I am engaged in gospel work and I love the Lord.' It is not easy for me to do this; in fact, I feel as though the people think I am crazy, or at least presumptuous. However, I seem to get through, and I think I have seen some hard faces soften and a mist in some eyes. I feel very weak and inefficient but the good help of Brother Metcalfe and Edward is a great encouragement to me."—*F. L. Cushing.*

"Glad to hear that you will soon have another colporteur here with us. This past week brought its share of trials and blessings. Trials because the people kept pretty close lookout for that 'S. D. A. little boy' and blessings because a few people here and there were interested. I am learning to be less and less affected when the people become prejudiced; yet, feel that I have much to learn in order to claim the promises found on page 58 of the 'Colporteur Evangelist.'—*Edward Lugenbeal.*

"We are glad to report at this writing that Brother Hoover is making a speedy recovery and hope the day shall soon come when he can win many more precious souls to this truth. This week I will be working the resident section and hope to do better. We are well and of good courage in the Lord and His work."—*H. G. Miller.*

Richard Wilson, who is working here in Nashville, is meeting with excellent success. In fact, his record shows that his sales are a little better than \$2 per hour.

Sister Getter sent in a good order for Crisis Books, and is doing faithful work in Memphis.

Elder Bland's church in Paducah are using one hundred Crisis Books to help raise their church funds. This is doing double work.

It came to pass that a certain colporteur called at a

home where they had the book he was selling and while he was visiting with the people they expressed themselves as being very much interested in the message taught in the book. This colporteur reported the same to a church member who is anxious to do some personal work and is following up the interest with Bible studies. We are not able to complete the story at present, but let us pray for more such team work and its success.

R. R. BROOKS.

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TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE REPORT OF FUNDS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1924

Church	Member-ship	Tithe	Total to Mis-sions Goal	Over	Short	Weekly Average
Ashland City	8			38.40	38.40	
Bon Aqua	33	27.65	5.25	158.40	153.15	.02
Bordeaux	30	151.20	85.08	144.00	58.92	.35
Conference	96	187.52	33.53	460.80	427.27	.04
Fountain Head	33	211.91	77.81	158.40	80.59	.29
Hazel	35	173.77	17.14	168.00	150.86	.06
Hustburg	10			48.00	48.00	
Jackson	12	19.07	10.33	57.60	47.27	.11
Lane	10	148.73	20.50	48.00	27.50	.26
Lawrenceburg	15	95.64	12.72	72.00	59.28	.11
Leach	44	16.99	6.37	211.20	204.83	.02
Madison	156		20.00	748.80	728.80	.02
Memphis	175	1277.66	461.88	840.00	378.12	.33
Murfreesboro	30		12.40	144.00	131.60	.05
Nashville	333	1920.54	698.24	1598.40	900.16	.26
Paducah	41	134.12	88.25	196.80	108.55	.27
Springville	24	54.50	3.07	115.20	112.13	.02
Trezevant	12	4.31	5.83	57.60	51.77	.06
Total	1097	4423.61	1558.40	5265.60	3707.20	.18

Mission

Jackson	17		2.60	68.00	65.40	.02
Memphis	95	283.35	48.24	380.00	331.76	.06
Mission	5	2.28	2.20	20.00	17.80	.06
Nashville	76	220.68	81.33	304.00	222.67	.13
Paducah	43	162.70	45.78	172.00	126.22	.13
Total	236	669.01	180.15	944.00	763.85	.10

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OXFORD FACSIMILE BIBLES—1000 PAGES

There have been many calls during recent years for the Oxford Facsimile Bibles, practically all sizes of which have been allowed to go out of print. These Bibles have the marginal dates, and those who have had one of this series in the past will greatly appreciate the present opportunity to secure another.

The Oxford Press recently discovered a few facsimile signatures, and knowing the demand for them with certain classes in this country, advised their American Branch. Their salesman gave the Atlanta Branch of the Southern Publishing Association opportunity to purchase one-fourth of the entire number.

These Bibles are now being bound, and stock is expected in Atlanta by the end of this month. Those who wish one should place the order at once through their tract society secretary, asking for No. 03565-X. The binding is lambskin, divinity circuit (overlapping edges), the covers are leather lined, and the corners of the pages are rounded, with red under gold edges.

The type is Bourgeois, which is fairly large and makes a very readable page. The Bible will be about six and one-quarter inches wide by nine inches long, and the list price, postpaid, \$10.

L. D. RANDALL.

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OBITUARY

Stearns.—Bernita, daughter of Brother and Sister H. R. Stearns, was born at Louisville, Kentucky, on October 31, 1922 and died February 8, 1924. She was loved by all those who knew her, and is not only missed by the immediate family but by the entire church and community where they lived. Funeral services were conducted at the Louisville church by the writer, assisted by Elder R. J. Bryant.

C. W. CURTIS.

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SUMMARY OF THE BOOK WORK

IN THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

For Week Ending March 8

Name	Bk.	Hr.	Ord.	Total Val.	Del.
R. W. Fry	OD	52	17	79.00	6.00
Edw. Lugenbeal	DR	49	10	104.75	2.75
F. L. Cushing	BR	35		19.10	6.00
H. G. Miller	BR	34	3	8.75	10.25
H. E. Beck	BR	15	5	34.75	
Jesse E. Miller	BR	10	3	31.25	1.00
Colored					
Richard Wilson	BF	36		29.50	1.00
Total		231	38	307.10	27.00

Honor Roll

Edward Lugenbeal R. W. Fry

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

For Week Ending March 8

G. T. Ashlock	OD	42	18	116.25	3.00
Z. N. Traylor	GC	73	19	126.50	70.50
F. E. Brown	CR	81	22	232.75	106.25
K. G. Risetters	BR	63	22	160.50	3.25
L. B. Silveria	BR	31	4	33.00	109.75
J. W. Walker	BR	47	23	250.60	75.25
N. A. Reiber (2)	OD	67	22	90.25	124.75
C. C. Hughes (2)	PP	51	14	140.25	129.85
James Hickman	PP	14	6	30.75	5.25
E. B. Whittier	GC	16	11	77.50	
Alma Smith	OD	4	2	10.00	
Mrs. E. Luttrell (2)	OD	31	14	55.50	
Mrs. K. G. Risetters	BR	28	7	54.75	3.50
Willie C. W. Sun	LDA	5	10	30.00	30.00
Colored					
Wm. Martin	OD	83	16	63.00	11.50
Wm. Fort (3)	DR, BR	110	35	191.50	.50
Total		746	245	1663.10	673.35

Honor Roll

G. T. Ashlock Z. N. Traylor

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

For Week Ending March 8

H. T. Barnhart	DR	41	15	111.00	
T. A. Brown	GC, BML	42	22	110.50	8.25
M. R. Garratt	DR, BML	20	17	68.00	3.50
B. F. Harmon	BML	7	9	24.00	
T. Hilderbrandt	DR	18			60.00

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J. S. Randolph	PP	38	8	67.00	79.60
Mrs. O. Williams	BML	8		26.00	13.75
W. S. Mooney	BR	33	8	60.50	34.50
Colored					
W. E. Autrey	GC	33	11	35.75	
W. H. Baker	DR, CR	37	1	72.25	57.60
Sr. Baker	OD, CR	27	19	104.00	26.00
R. J. Cook	GC, BML	40	16	115.55	2.00
T. G. Culpepper	BR	45	28	121.50	4.50
M. Jones	DR, BS	46	13	16.00	1.75
Sr. Miller	JD, BMP	14	27	8.75	
S. D. Miller	JD, BMP	7	11	2.75	
G. L. Thomas	CR	18	8	13.75	.60
Total		497	213	994.30	292.05

LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

For Week Ending March 8

C. L. Ryals	GC	34	14	86.50	1.75
John Harzman	GC	42	12	86.00	4.75
George McGee	BF	30	18	52.00	16.50
C. A. Abbey	BR	12	7	44.00	18.25
Mrs. Ida Harrell	Misc	5	2	11.00	5.50
Mrs. S. K. Guss	Misc	17		21.25	.25
Luke Galjour	BR	36	2	34.50	47.00
Colored					
Susie Kelly	GC	30	3	34.25	61.25
W. H. Barker	OD	45			85.50
Total		50	58	369.50	240.75

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UNION NEWS NOTES

Professor Thompson is in the Louisiana-Mississippi Conference assisting in the young people's work of that field as these items go to press.

Elder Cole, our ardent field missionary secretary, has been kept very busy during the past two months assisting in the colporteurs' institutes. He returned from Jackson, Miss., and spent Sabbath and Sunday at Memphis, in the interest of the colporteur work. He left the office Wednesday noon for Louisville to hold the colored colporteurs' institute there.

Brother Harrison left Nashville Sunday for Clanton, Ala., to make the annual audit of the conference.

Miss Smith, our devoted assistant educational and young people's secretary, is in Alabama in the interest of the educational and young people's work.

Miss Nelson, of the union office, is at the present time confined to her home trying to separate from the mumps.

Elder Wells was in Chicago the 11th to counsel with the General Conference brethren regarding important matters pertaining to the union work.

We wish to call your attention to the report of the Sixty-cent-a-week Funds in this issue of the WORKER. Some churches have fallen behind just a little over the first two months of last year. Can not we bring a change in this during March?

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