

The Annual Offering

Jay J. Nethery.

As we close the Week of Prayer, we naturally think of our responsibility to a world in sin, and wonder what we can do to be a greater blessing to those who are not so fortunately situated as ourselves. The opportunity is now before us to show our appreciation by giving on the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, an annual offering to help swell the mission funds. For better than a quarter of a century we have had occasion to give at the close of the Week of Prayer. As we review the year's work, which is soon to close, and think of the won-

derful blessings which have attended our way, and particularly given to us during this Week of Prayer, let us come up to the Sabbath service, December 18, prepared to give one of the largest annual offerings in the history of the Southern Union. How good it would be if we could give on an average of \$2 per member. This would mean nearly \$10,000 in this union. As we near the end we shall all esteem it a privilege to give more liberally. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." "Give of your best to the Master."

"PAID IN FULL"

How satisfying it is to see the words, "Paid in full." At this time of the year there are many pledges coming due, and all of these should receive attention. It is highly important that they be met promptly in order that the work for which they were made may be carried forward. It is an honorable thing to make pledges to the Lord's work. In the Bible these are usually spoken of as vows.

It is always understood that the tithe is the first expenditure to be made from our income. Then there are other obligations to be met in connection with the work of the Lord. "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst forth with new wine." Prov. 3: 9, 10.

There is always a responsibility which accompanies the possession of money and property. Someone has said about riches, "There is too often a burden of care in getting them, a burden of anxiety in keeping them, a burden of temptation in using them, a burden of guilt in abusing them, a burden of sorrow in losing them, a burden of account at last to be given for possessing them, and either improving or misimproving them."

We shall not individually be held responsible for the money that has passed through the hands of another, but we shall have to give a strict account of all that we have had, or even might have gained, by honest, careful efforts.

As we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest, we shall find within us a growing desire to pay up all of our vows. Such a desire being right, we may expect to realize definite assistance from the Lord in accomplishing the desired results. Burton Castle.

Sunday Issue Revived

C. S. Longacre

The Sunday law issue before Congress has again become a very live question. The Sunday law advocates are doing everything in their power to force the committee members to report the bill favorably for action. We will have to meet the issue undoubtedly on the floor of the House before Congress adjourns next March. Now is the time for our people to do all they can in scattering religious liberty literature.

The *Liberty* extra, which gives a complete analysis of the four Sunday bills pending, contains a petition also on the last page, which ought to

be used to obtain signatures; and then the petition should be sent in to the Congressman from the district where the signatures have been obtained. The *Liberty* extras can be obtained for \$2 per hundred, or fifty copies for \$1.

One of the old-time religious liberty men wrote us the other day and said that the *Liberty* extra was the finest treatise on the Sunday law issue that he had read at any time. Now is the time to work. We are counting on you to help us in this campaign to educate the public mind as well as to defeat the Sunday bills.

"Get into the habit of looking for the silver lining of the cloud, and, when you have found it, continue to look at it, rather than at the leaden gray in the middle. It will help you over many hard places."

"We say an unkind thing, and another is hindered in learning the holy lesson of charity that thinketh no evil. We say a provoking thing, and our sister or brother is hindered in that day's effort to be meek."

SURELY

There are some things of which we cannot be sure. On the other hand there are some things of which we can most certainly be very sure, and this is one of them, that "each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."—*"Christ's Object Lessons," pp. 326, 327.*

Ambition is a good thing if it is exercised in the right direction. If our ambition is to save souls by the methods of the Saviour, then it is holy, and God grant that it may be increased.

It is probably true that every Christian longs to be a success in some line of Christian help work. But success is not so much a matter of inspiration as perspiration. To succeed, one must discipline himself, train himself, work hard and long, and be loyal to every principle of truth and to the working out of every plan that God has given His people for the furtherance of His cause. Loyalty is a great thing. "The Lord abhors indifference and disloyalty in a time of crisis in His work."—*"Prophets and Kings," p. 148.* We are in a crisis now. Now in a superlative sense we are to be loyal.

One of the agencies that the Lord has established for the finishing of His work is the Fireside Correspondence School. It is "the college that comes to you." Just now a campaign is in progress to enlist 500 new students to take work in this school to train themselves for more efficient work for the Master. At this time there are three main lines of work that are being urged upon the consideration of our people. They are, first (not professing to name them in the order of their importance) that of "getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." Second, is that of "doing house to house work, and giving Bible readings in families." Third, that of the medical missionary work.

Concerning the first, we read in the spirit of prophecy, "Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people."—*"Testimonies,"*

Vol. 6, p. 315. "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word through our books and periodicals."—*"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 100.* "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and lightens the earth with his glory."

The Fireside Correspondence School's course in Christian Salesmanship is offering a line of simple, practical instruction that will train our people to sell our literature with pleasure and profit. "It teaches how to meet the people, how to make a good impression at the start, and then how to go on and complete the sale."

Concerning the Bible work, the spirit of prophecy has said, "Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God's helping hands in saving souls,—channels through which His love is day by day to flow to the perishing."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 150.* "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest."—*Id., Vol. 9, p. 126.* "Open the Scriptures to someone who is in darkness and you will not complain of weariness and lack of interest in the cause of truth. Your heart will be awakened to an anxiety for souls, and joy in the evidences of the faith will fill your heart, and you will know that 'he that watereth shall be watered also himself.'"—*Review and Herald, March 13, 1888.*

The Fireside Correspondence School has a short course to offer that will prepare our brethren and sisters to give Bible readings with skill and success.

In regard to the third line of work, the medical missionary work, we read in the spirit of prophecy that "during His ministry, Jesus devoted more time to healing the sick than to preaching."—*"Ministry of Healing," p. 19.* "First meet the temporal necessities of the needy, and relieve their physical wants and sufferings, and you will then find an open avenue to the heart, where you may plant the good seeds

of virtue and religion."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 4, 227.*

The Fireside Correspondence School is offering a specially prepared "course in practical nursing, which includes instruction in the care of the sick and in the giving of various lines of hydropathic treatment."

In one of these three lines of work, the ministry of literature, the Bible work, and the medical missionary work, nearly all if not all of our people can engage.

The tuition for the Bible course is \$5; for the Salesmanship course to prepare our people to sell our literature successfully, \$7; for the Practical Nursing course, \$9. If these three courses are taken together, the tuition will only be \$17.50. If, however, one should desire to take just one of these courses, he may receive a ten per cent cash discount or may pay in installments of \$2 a month.

It seems to me that now is an excellent time for our people, while the long winter evenings are before us, to enroll in one or more of these courses and use our time to the very best account. If you desire further information on this subject, write the Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. Tell them what you want and ask for free literature to give you further information.

Remember that "whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well." Is it not true that men of the world spend long periods of time in trying to learn to do their work with efficiency? And is not the work of winning souls for the kingdom of Christ of greater importance, than any other work in the world? Why then should we not give careful study to the work? Why should we not subject ourselves to thorough training that we may do it with the very highest degree of efficiency? My dear brethren and sisters, give this matter your most careful consideration.

O. F. Frank.

FINISHED

A conference Sabbath school secretary writes us about the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course, "They do the reading of the two splendid books, but it is another thing to get the prospective and active

teachers to write out the answers to the review questions." Why should this be so? Why not *finish* the Training Course? The questions are simple, this being however a poor argument for properly completing the year's study for self- and school-improvement. The satisfaction of a worthwhile task finished is a liberal reward in itself, not to mention more lasting benefits. The additional joy of possessing one of our new, beautifully lithographed certificates, furnished by the General Department, will be great. You will be satisfied for the effort of answering the review questions in writing, when you see this material recognition of commendable and necessary self-improvement.

J. C. Thompson,
Asso. Secy. Gen. Conf. S. S. Dept.

THE MORNING WATCH

"It revolutionized our home." The antecedent of "it" was the visit of a young student, an earnest Christian who made it his business to keep the Morning Watch. "No matter whether we were planning an outing or the regular routine of the day, Howard always had a verse from the Word of God that he had memorized. We all began to keep the Morning Watch too, and our home is a different place." Such was the testimony borne by a member of the family to the influence of one who made it his unflinching practice to keep the Morning Watch.

Many who have known the blessing of the little Calendar will be glad that the 1927 Morning Watch has already made its appearance. The verses have been chosen this year not only with the thought of giving a message to the heart, but also of storing in the mind those verses which will enable us to give "an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope" that is in us. For instance, during January we shall not only store our minds with what the Word of God means to us who need its power, but we shall know the verses which tell of its inspiration. Later on in the year we shall see Jesus as our Creator, Redeemer and Friend, and we shall also learn the verses which promise His soon return.

For this reason the 1927 Morning Watch is a particularly appropriate gift for friends who do not know the

blessed message as we do. It will carry cheer, comfort, and courage, and also the seeds of truth for this time.

Order now through your own Bible House so as to have one for yourself and for each of your friends. The plain Calendar is 5 cents, and the gift edition 15 cents, which is but the price of a card of greeting and yet far more valuable and appropriate for a New Year message from a Christian. You will notice that the price marked in the calendar is 10 cents. It has been thought that our young people and Juniors may wish to place the Calendar in stores or sell them to neighbors. The cost of handling in this way is worth the added 5 cents, and such a plan will also give those who wish to take advantage of it, an opportunity to earn mission funds. The price of 10 cents for such a booklet when compared with similar publications is ridiculously small. But to those ordering directly from the Bible House the original price of 5 cents for the plain and 15 cents for the de luxe holds notwithstanding the price in the Calendar itself.

Harriet M. Hoyt.

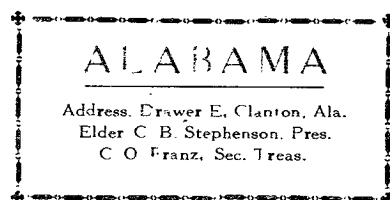
A HOLIDAY SUGGESTION

The holiday season is here. Perhaps you are wondering what gifts you should buy. Would it not be excellent if you could make your gift to a friend or relative not in the truth do a double work,—not only serve as a token of your regard but also as messenger of truth? Such a combination is possible when you send the *Signs of the Times* as a present. It is quite a common custom these days to make a subscription to a magazine serve as a holiday gift. Then why not use the Pioneer Missionary Journal of the denomination in this way? Its attractive, well illustrated, current articles each week, including the color number each month, make it a fitting gift to the most discriminating friend. You can send the *Signs* to five or more of your friends for the year for only \$1.50 each.

Then we have another suggestion: There is the attractive combination of the *Signs* and "Creation—Not Evolution" for only \$2.50. You could send the book to one friend and

the *Signs* to another if you desired. Or there is the combination of the *Signs* and "Without Excuse" for \$2.50.

Let's capitalize for the truth this holiday season by making our gifts preach this message.



ALABAMAGRAMS

During the past two weeks Elder Stephenson and Brother Ashlock have been visiting the churches and isolated members in the northern part of the State, spending a day or more each at Florence, Huntsville, Long Island, Borden Springs, and Birmingham. Brother Ashlock went on to Ooltewah, while Elder Stephenson stopped off at Huntsville for attendance at a board meeting.

We were glad to have Brother Schmehl in the conference for a few days last week, at which time he and Brother Byers visited a number of our workers in and around Birmingham. A number of recruits for the colporteur work have been secured, and we are looking forward to being able to publish reports for these new workers within a short time. Brother Schmehl spoke at the First Birmingham church Sabbath, December 4, and to the young people Sunday night.

Evening after the Sabbath a company of 14 young people from the First Birmingham church visited homes in the residential section of the city, in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Four members of the band preceded the company, calling at the homes, while the remaining ten marched slowly down the street singing gospel songs. The four who visited the homes explained the object of the Harvest Ingathering work, and accepted donations. As a result of a little over one hour's work, a total of \$32.40 was raised, putting the young people's society over its Harvest Ingathering goal. During the same week the Birmingham church as a whole also reached its Harvest Ingathering goal of \$1670,

being the fifth church in the conference to reach the standard of \$10 per member.

The office has mailed out to all isolated members a copy of the *Week of Prayer Review*, which we trust is being read daily during this season especially set aside to the seeking of the Lord. As our isolated members do not have the opportunity of contributing at regular church services, we invite each one to make use of the tithe envelope which was enclosed with the paper, by sending in a liberal offering according as the Lord has blessed. This offering should be mailed direct to the office at Clanton.

There is yet time for our people to take advantage of the special book offers listed in the little holiday circular recently mailed to all our people in the conference. No gift is more acceptable than a good book. The office is prepared to handle your orders promptly, mailing either direct to the ones ordering or to addresses furnished.

Attention, Sabbath school secretaries, and isolated members! We have our stock of Sabbath school quarterlies for the next quarter and if you have not already done so, order your supply at once, so as to start the New Year out right with daily lesson study.

While you are making plans for the giving of holiday gifts, do not forget China's pleading millions. Thirteenth Sabbath comes on December 25, and "dollars now will mean more than tens of dollars later on."

THE RETURN OF CHRIST TO EARTH. Millions are confidently expecting this supreme event in the near future; and yet multitudes of them will be surprised and unready when He comes. Why? Milton C. Wilcox answers this question in his article in the January *Watchman*. Your friends and neighbors are also interested in this subject. Give them a copy of the January number. In lots of ten or more from your Book and Bible House, ten cents each. Yearly subscription price, only \$1.75.

KENTUCKY

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NOTES FROM KENTUCKY

We are continuing the Harvest Ingathering effort until the end of the year. Last Sabbath when the plan was presented to the Louisville church, it met with hearty approval, and hands went up all over the church for more papers. Pastor White reports encouraging success from those who have been soliciting thus far this week. Letters have been received at the office from others, indicating they are continuing the campaign.

Our colporteur report for this last week is one of the best of the year. We almost reached \$900 in sales. The prospects are bright for the book work in Kentucky. Applications are being made to enter the work almost faster than our good field missionary secretary can take care of them.

Two new colporteurs began work in Louisville this week. They are Brethren Floyd and Kenneth Shuck. They received their instruction in the basement, as all the other rooms were occupied. This does not seem to have hindered them, however. They are selling "Home Workers" books.

We are fortunate to have with us Brother J. W. Wilhelm, formerly field missionary secretary of the East Brazil Union, South America. He was compelled to return about a year ago because of ill health. He has regained his health, and has chosen Kentucky in which to enter the ranks again and gain a new experience. He has gone to eastern Kentucky and will sell "Bible Footlights." We welcome him.

Brother Garrett, our field missionary secretary, leaves Dec. 8 for eastern Kentucky to assist some of the colporteurs in that section. He will also meet with some of the churches during the Week of Prayer.

Our Chestnut Street Junior Missionary Volunteers gave a splendid program Thanksgiving night at eight o'clock. The spirit of thankfulness

for the gospel, and a looking forward to the second coming of Christ, was the theme which interested those who attended.

At the close of the program a thank offering was taken amounting to \$35.50. This is to be used toward church and school improvement.

L.A.-MISS.

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CLOSING THE YEAR

It is nearly time for another Week of Prayer. The question that should come to every mind is, "How shall I relate myself to this season of communion with God?" For many years we have been having this time of special consecration, and with many, I fear, it has become a mere form; however, with some it is a time of drawing near to God.

In the Louisiana-Mississippi Conference we are planning to have a conference worker visit every church as far as possible. We feel that we owe it to our people to give them special help during this time. The conference has been districted among the workers, and each one will go to two or more churches.

We will be favored with help from the union for the Week of Prayer. Elder Nethery plans on spending some time with the New Orleans church, and Professor Bradley will also be with us during the entire week. We are all looking forward to receiving many blessings from the Lord. God has promised if we will draw nigh to Him, He will draw nigh to us. He is waiting with outstretched hands to give us a blessing if we will only let Him do it.

It would be a fine thing if we could come up to the Week of Prayer with the feeling that we have done our best in the Lord's work. How nice it would be for every one to know that he had done his part in the Harvest Ingathering work, and had reached the allotted goal. This conference, according to actual cash turned in, has approximately four hundred dollars more than it had last year at this time in the Harvest Ingathering, and there is a good opportunity to make it a

thousand before the Week of Prayer begins. May the Lord help us to work and pray for the soon finishing of the work in the earth.

Jere D. Smith.

COLPORTEUR NOTES

Leaving the office November 18, I went to Seminary, where I spent the night with Brother Luke Galjour, who is one of our regular colporteurs. He is of good courage and will soon be with us in the field again.

Leaving Seminary, I next visited the Hattiesburg church over Sabbath, in the interest of the "Home Workers Prospectus," getting two recruits.

Talawah was the next place visited, where Brethren Butler and Neff Chastain were preparing to enter the colporteur field. We left bright and early Monday, November 22, for Laurel. It was some time after noon before we started canvassing, but in a few hours' time the Lord blessed us with several orders for "Our Day," besides some helps sold for cash. Leaving Brother Butler, I went over to where Brother Chastain was, and in a day's time we secured eight orders for "Heralds of the Morning." Our books can be sold, don't forget it. In Laurel another recruit was gained for the work with the "Home Worker's Prospectus."

Meridian was the next place to visit, where I spent the week end. Brother Norrell lives here. He, too, will be in the harness in a few days.

Since I returned to the office, a letter informs us that Brother and Sister Galjour are the proud parents of a fine baby boy. Congratulations; another colporteur!

Louisiana-Mississippi colporteur institute begins December 27, at 9:00 a. m. sharp.

C. E. Botimer.

O-HULDA OF KOREA

is a gripping story of the accomplishments of modern missions. When you've read it you will say the sacrifice of a missionary's life to bring this splendid character out of the darkness and gloom of heathenism, was well worth while. In the December color *Signs*. Ten or more to one address, only four cents each. Your Book and Bible House will gladly supply you.

TENN. RIVER

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HARVEST INGATHERING

The reports now show that over seven thousand dollars have been raised to date in Tennessee River, which is more than we raised last year. However, we have not yet raised as much as was raised during 1924.

We urge once more that every loyal Seventh-day Adventist go on record this year as doing his or her share by turning in at least the individual goal of \$10 for Harvest Ingathering. The secret of our success is *unity*.

May the month of December show the names of many more who can join the Honor Roll.

H. E. Lysinger.

TENNESSEE RIVER NOTES

The young people of the Tennessee River Conference will be glad to know that the Reading Course books for 1927 are in stock. The books for the Senior Course are: "Cannibals of the South Seas," by C. H. Watson; "The Lighted Way," by M. E. Kern; "Glimpses of Indian America," by W. F. Jordan; "From Beacon Light to Radio," by Walter Kellogg Towers.

Junior Course: "Joseph Bates' Autobiography;" "Jungle Stories," by Eric B. Hare; "Crossing the Plains," by Edith Starbuck.

Primary Course: "Uncle Jim's Visitors," by Arthur S. Maxwell; "Friends of Fur and Feather," by Mrs. Myrtle Aliey-Rice.

These should be ordered from the Book and Bible House. It would be well to place your order early in order that we can supply you with these sets. Surely every young people's society in our conference ought to have the three sets for their library. During the last year more reading course certificates were issued in the Tennessee River Conference than any preceding year. We trust that by making early preparation the young people will want to do more during 1927 than was accomplished during 1926.

The young people of the Tennessee River Conference will be glad to know that the Morning Watch Calendars for 1927 are here. These can be obtained at the same price, 5 cents each, or 15 cents for the deluxe. Inasmuch as this is the time of the year to give presents, why not order Morning Watch Calendars and give them to your friends? The price is much less than the season's greeting card would be. The result is more effective.

In a recent letter from Elder M. E. Kern of the General Conference, he speaks of the new young people's missionary volunteer plan for 1917. It is the plan to have the missionary volunteer program held as usual, but only give half time to the regular program. The other time is to be spent in band work. It is suggested that two bands be held during the coming year, the Standard of Attainment and a correspondence and literature band. These band meetings are to alternate during the year. The first and third meetings of the month can be given to the Standard of Attainment class. The second and fourth can be given to literature work. We trust that our young people's societies will begin to definitely plan for careful work during the coming year.

To those in our field who would like to keep up with the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses, we will more than appreciate it if you will send us your choice of the books you care to read. These are loaned out for only two weeks, after which time they will be sent back or else renewed for another two weeks. We believe that many of our young people will take this opportunity to secure these books and read the back courses.

There is still opportunity for our people in this conference to send in their *Signs* subscription for \$1.50 each per year. This will be open until Jan. 1, 1927. We hope that many of our people will take advantage of this opportunity and send this weekly visitor to those who are interested in the truth. Why not make up clubs of five or more a year in your missionary work for the coming year?

Brother M. M. Young has accepted a call to the Southwestern Union. He is going to take the pastorate of

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR SOUTHERN UNION

COLPORTEUR	Book	Mag.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Mag.	Helps	Total	Del.
ALABAMA, WEEK ENDING DEC. 4. L. H. Byers, Field Secretary									
W. H. McDaniel	BFL		40	24	81.00		25.00	106.00	
G. S. Holland	BR		40	12	66.00		11.75	77.75	22.00
R. D. Capps	OD		37	4	14.00		12.00	26.00	3.75
H. T. Barnhart	BR	W	35	9	155.50	1.75		157.25	90.00
T. Hilderbrandt	PP		34	9	51.50		17.25	68.75	.25
Mrs. Perkins (2)	BR		45	10	63.00		1.50	64.50	11.25
Mrs. Hilderbrandt	HW		7				5.00	5.00	
Alva Coleman	HW	W	3			7.50	2.75	10.25	7.50
<i>Colored</i>									
C. A. Wilson (2)	BFL		51	1	3.00		9.00	12.00	21.25
R. J. Cook	BFL		28	4	12.00		7.50	19.50	5.50
T. G. Culpepper	BR		6		37.00		3.75	40.75	20.00
TOTALS			320	77	483.00	9.25	95.50	587.75	181.50
KENTUCKY, WEEK ENDING DEC. 4. M. R. Garrett, Field Secretary									
G. T. Ashlock	OD		36	36	137.75		75.25	213.00	18.50
Mrs. A. Bowman	BR		5	3	16.50		8.25	24.75	
C. C. Hughes	BF		38	38	127.50		42.75	170.25	8.50
Mrs. H. Hack	BML		30				25.00	25.00	25.00
J. H. Jackson	BF		30						119.50
A. W. Lester (2)	PG		58	15	62.50		10.00	72.50	164.00
K. G. Risetter	BR		42	9	53.50		27.50	81.00	
E. B. Whittier	BF		41	39	126.00		74.75	275.00	55.25
<i>Colored</i>									
C. D. Minnis (4)	BR		105	12	94.50			94.50	76.75
TOTALS			385	152	618.25		263.50	881.75	467.50
LA.-MISS., WEEK ENDING DEC. 4. C. Botimer, Field Secretary									
I. L. Butler	OD		38	10	36.50		16.50	53.00	5.00
Neff Chastain	HM		45	22	55.00		17.25	72.25	8.25
E. R. Cox	BR		40	8	48.00		42.50	90.50	25.50
Ed. Guss	MH		39	3	10.50		9.75	20.25	3.50
Mrs. S. K. Guss	MH		18	4	14.00		6.75	20.75	34.50
F. E. Lamb	BR		3						21.25
Mrs. Sammons	Misc.		7	18	19.25				
F. W. Schmehl					76.50		6.25	82.75	82.75
Clarence Stewart	GC		38		41.50		31.75	73.25	6.25
Mrs. E. Warren	Misc.		5	11	13.25		1.75	15.00	5.00
<i>Colored</i>									
Birdie Hamblet	OD		50						19.25
Israel Landry	BR		10	1	5.50			5.50	11.50
L. J. McElroy	BFL		91						59.50
TOTALS			384	77	320.00		132.50	433.25	282.25
TENN. RIVER, WEEK ENDING DEC. 4. R. O. Hoover, Field Secretary									
J. E. Miller	OD		35	15	52.50		14.50	67.00	11.25
A. Cummings			14				10.25	10.25	
Mrs. J. Nethery	HW		4	8	9.00			9.00	75.00
C. R. Cannada	PPF		2	2	5.00			5.00	8.50
A. L. Ham	DR		10						116.25
Richard Wilson	BF		29				3.00	3.00	18.00
J. A. Livingston	OD		4						18.00
TOTALS			98	25	66.50		27.75	94.25	247.00
UNION GRAND TOTALS			1187	331	1487.75	9.25	519.25	1997.00	1178.25

the Houston, Texas, church. We are sorry to lose Brother Young, but wish him God's blessing as he goes on to his new field of labor.

In a letter received this morning from Richard Wilson of the Second Memphis young people's society, he mentions the fact that the young people there have finished their Standard of Attainment class, and are desirous of taking the examination.

If there are any young people in the Tennessee River Conference who would like to take this examination, send in your name.

To those who are reading their Bible through we urge you to not slacken your interest in this task; and when it is completed, send in your name to the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, Brother H. K. Halladay.

The Morning Watch Catendars have been received at the office, and surely many of our young people want at least one copy for themselves and perhaps would like to give these as Christmas gifts. Let us have your order early. Send early and avoid the rush.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Tennessee River Harvest Ingathering report for the end of Dec. 3, is \$7416.74. This is \$696.24 better than what was received during the entire year 1925. Surely we have something to be very thankful for. If the 1342 members in this conference could send in \$2 per member between now and the close of the year, the Harvest Ingathering this year would be more than \$10,000. Let's do it.

All our people should take special pains in seeing that any Harvest Ingathering money which they have received should be turned in before the 31st of this month. To the isolated members we urge that you send your remittance to our office before the first of January.

"There are high and holy objects that require means, and money thus invested, will yield to the giver more elevated and permanent enjoyment than if it were expended in personal gratification, or selfishly hoarded for greed of gain."

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SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN

The second semester of Southern Junior College, session of 1926-27, begins January 12. At that time the following subjects will be offered: Physiology, Spirit of Prophecy, American Government, Revelation, Accounting, Typewriting, Showcard Writing, Child Psychology, Botany, School Administration, General Psychology, Pedagogy, Methods—Intermediate and Primary, Methods in Cooking and Sewing, Normal Art continued, Blackboard Sketching, Methods in School Gardening; and other new courses as are demanded by incoming students.

The Student Association of the College is starting a great campaign to increase the enrollment of the College by fifty students for the second semester; and if the young people of the South will write to the College, their names will be placed on the mailing lists and they will receive abundant literature describing college life at Southern Junior College.

Address the President,

H. H. Hamilton,
Ooltewah, Tenn.

COLLEGEDALE NOTES

Recently the school enjoyed a visit from Dr. Bennis, county physician for Hamilton County. Dr. Bennis was present at the morning chapel hour, and gave an interesting and instructive talk on public hygiene and preventive medicine. We hope he may visit us again some time soon.

At Sabbath school on Sabbath, Dec. 4, Mrs. Ethel Dart gave a report of the Spanish Division of the school. The members of the division, twenty in number, occupied front seats during the opening exercises, and sang a gospel song in Spanish. Mrs. Dart in her report, outlined the work of the division, and explained that the purpose is to train workers for the Spanish speaking fields of the world.

Evening after Sabbath, Dec. 4,

another Harvest Ingathering trip was made by workers from the school. Five companies were organized, four with singers, and one to solicit on the street near the railway station. We rejoice to report that the results of this effort were even greater than of the previous week, a total of \$122 being gathered in. And the end is not yet.

On Tuesday evening of last week we were favored with a visit by Brethren A. L. Baker and Ernest Lloyd, of California. These brethren are touring the country in the interest of *The Signs of the Times*, of which Brother Baker is an associate editor. Brother Lloyd sang for us, also spoke of the work being accomplished by the *Signs*, and of plans to extend its circulation. Brother Baker delivered his lecture on Roman Catholicism as it exists. This lecture is an account of what he saw and heard during a recent extended visit to Rome. Many stereopticon slides were exhibited, giving views of the Vatican and various churches of Rome, with many objects of interest which they contain, all of which were presented in proof of the claim that "Rome never changes."

Last Wednesday morning we were happily surprised by a visit from Prof. C. W. Irwin, of Washington, D. C., as he was passing this way. He gave a very interesting talk at the chapel hour, dwelling upon the practical education given in our schools, and showing how the ideals of young people change as they continue their education. From his experience as a teacher he illustrated his remarks in a very interesting way. We hope he may come again soon.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

Sabbath, Dec. 4, the colporteurs at Southern Junior College gave an excellent program for the Missionary Volunteers.

When the meeting began about thirty-three were seated on the platform. The speakers on the program were Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Bee, Miss Newton, Miss Williamson and Mr. McClure. Miss Murrell told us what the colporteur's creed is:

"I will blot out of my life the failure that comes from wasted hours,

and write into it the successes that come from time well spent.

I will keep life's page clean and fill the record of knowledge gained.

I will fix my eye on the goal of my ambition and hold my hand to its task.

I will work hard, hope high, and live up to the best that is within me; then He can say at the end, 'Well done'."

Don't you think this is an excellent creed for us all to adopt?

When these colporteurs sing they certainly do it with a good spirit. Wish you might have heard their duet and chorus, "Be a colporteur where you are". The boys sang a quartet too, "Linger Longer."

The closing number was a song they all sang together to the tune of "The Old Rugged Cross". Some day the colporteurs will exchange their work for a crown.

R. Hollar, *Ass't Leader*,

V. Leach, *Secretary*.

SUCCESS

If you want a thing bad enough
To go out and fight for it,
Work day and night for it,
Give up your time and your peace and
your sleep for it,
If only desire of it
Makes you quite mad enough
Never to tire of it,
Makes you hold all other things tawdry
and cheap for it;
If life seems all empty and useless
without it
And all you scheme and you dream
is about it,
If gladly you'll sweat for it,
Plan for it, fret for it,
If you'll simply go after that thing
that you want,
With all your capacity,
Strength and sagacity,
Faith, hope and confidence, stern
persistence,
If neither cold poverty, famished and
gaunt,
Nor sickness nor pain
Of body or brain
Can turn you away from the thing
that you want,
If dogged and grim you besiege and
beset it,
You'll get it!

—Berton Bradley.

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UNION NOTES

As this paper reaches the field, it finds the union workers in various conferences of the union assisting in the Week of Prayer in the various churches. Elder Nethery is visiting some of the larger churches in the conference. Elder Frank is in the Kentucky Conference. Brother Schmehl is visiting various churches of the Tennessee River Conference. Prof. Bradley is in the Louisiana-Mississippi Conference, and Brother Castle in Alabama.

Elder Nethery, Prof. Bradley and Brother Castle attended a meeting of the Oakwood Board down at the Oakwood School last week. They report favorably concerning the work of the school, the progress of the work on the new dormitory, and the good spirit which prevails there. An especially appreciated the presence of Prof. Irwin at the board meeting, and the privilege of hearing the inspiring message which he gave in the chapel one evening.

Elder Nethery and Brother Castle attended a meeting of the Louisiana-Mississippi Conference committee last week, which was held in Jackson, Miss.

AN INSPIRING STORY

"Whar you started with that thar thing?"

"I'm goin' to schooa."

"You air what? Haint I tried to make somethin' out o' you and git you to be somethin' thought of? An' now you go foolin' it an' away fer that fool stuff called larnin'. You'll git the big head and go to the penitentiary and I'll never give a cent to git you out. If you want to beat the world out o' a livin', go on and git educated and larn how to do it; but if you want to be a honest man and make somethin' out o' yerself, settle down like yer fater has done. I haint got no larnin' and I haint starved, nuther."

This is the parting word that C. McCoy Franklin got from his fater when he started away to school at twenty-one years of age. Read the entire story in the December *Life Boat*. Send a dollar, special holiday price, for *The Life Boat* for one year and you will get Mr. Franklin's wonderful story and also his article in the January *Life Boat* entitled, "Jennie Lee's Tears." All true experiences of mountaineer life. Address *The Life Boat*, Hinsdale, Illinois, or your Tract Society.

SOUTHERN UNION COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE DATES

La.-Miss.,	Dec. 27-Jan. 5.
Tenn. River,	Jan. 6-Jan. 15.
Kentucky,	Jan. 31-Feb. 9.
Alabama,	Feb. 10-Feb. 19.

F. W. Schmehl.

HARVEST INGATHERING FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 4.

Union receipts, \$23,340.29, a gain as against last year of \$2603.98. Alabama is leading with a per capita of \$6.59; Kentucky, \$5.74; Tennessee River, \$5.55; Louisiana-Mississippi, \$4.26.

Prospects are good to make a \$4,000 gain over last year.

O. F. Frank.

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?

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