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## Southern Union Conference

### Encouraging Progress All Along the Line—Election of Officers—Recommendations and Resolutions Adopted

FIFTH DAY'S MEETING, JANUARY 26, 1910

The delegates assembled at 9 o'clock in the Memorial church, with C. F. McVagh in the chair, and a quorum present. The Lord's blessing was invoked by T. D. Rowe.

Dr. Ruble of Washington, Secretary of the General Conference Medical Department, and Prof. T. D. Rowe of Hazel Academy, were present for the first time, and took their seats as delegates in the Conference.

By common consent, a short recess was agreed upon, in order to let the Southern Missionary Society of Tennessee hold its second annual meeting.

Upon resuming its session the Chair announced that reports were in order.

The Committee on Plans and Finances submitted a partial report. On motion the report was adopted by considering each item separately.

Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, were adopted, and pending adoption of numbers 9, 10, and 11, it was voted to defer further consideration of the report for the purpose of receiving a report from the Committee on Nominations.

#### NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Nominations reported recommendation of the following names for Conference offices for the ensuing term:—

President, C. F. McVagh; Secretary, S. B. Horton; Treasurer, W. A. Wilcox; Field Missionary Agent, A. F. Harrison; Religious Liberty Secretary, S. B. Horton; Secretary Medical Department, Dr. W. A. George; Educational Secretary, Principal Graysville School; Missionary Secretary, and Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society Secretary, Mrs. M. H. Crothers. Executive Committee: President Southern Union Conference, Presidents of the five local conferences, Field Secretary of Southern Union Mission, Southern Union Conference Mission-

ary Agent, Treasurer Southern Union Conference, R. Hook Jr., Dr. W. A. George, C. P. Bollman, M. F. Knox.

On motion, the report was adopted by considering each name separately. When the name of the Southern Union Conference Treasurer was reached, it was submitted that the Constitution did not provide for the placing of the Southern Union Conference Treasurer on the Executive Committee.

C. P. Bollman moved an amendment to Article 5, Section 1, of the Constitution so as to include the office of the Treasurer of this Conference on its Executive Committee. Seconded and carried.

*For Southern Union Conference Mission:* Superintendent, President of the Southern Union Conference; Field Secretary, F. R. Rogers; Secretary and Treasurer, P. E. Palmer; Educational Secretary, Principal Oakwood School; Y. P. M. V. Society and Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. Helen M. Keate. Executive Committee: C. F. McVagh, F. R. Rogers, P. E. Palmer, C. P. Bollman, J. E. White, Presidents of the five local conferences, Principal of the Oakwood School, D. E. Blake, Thos. Murphy, W. H. Sebastian, T. B. Buckner, S. A. Jordan, N. B. King, A. Barry.

On motion, action upon this section of the Committee's report was deferred.

*Oakwood School Board:* President, A. J. Haysmer; Vice-President, W. J. Blake; Secretary and Treasurer, W. H. Williams; President Southern Union Conference, Secretary Southern Union Mission, President Southeastern Union Conference, Secretary Southeastern Union Mission, C. P. Bollman, T. B. Buckner. The Committee recommended that five members constitute a quorum. All of which was adopted.

*Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory Board:* C. F. McVagh, M. F. Knox, C. P. Bollman, Dr. W. A. George, W. R. Burrow, W. A. Wilcox, B. W. Spire.

*Southern Missionary Society in Tennessee:* C. F. McVagh, C. P. Bollman, M. F. Knox, W. A. Wilcox, W. R. Burrow, P. E. Palmer. This recommendation was referred to the Southern Missionary Society in Tennessee as it is a legal corporation.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to

give opportunity to the Nashville Sanitarium constituency to hold its legal meeting.

C. F. McVagh, *Chairman*,  
S. B. Horton, *Secretary*.

#### NASHVILLE SANITARIUM ASSOCIATION

At the morning session, B. W. Spire, Manager and Treasurer of the Nashville Sanitarium Association submitted a report showing the financial condition, and its operating expenses during the last term. This report was adopted, after which the Association adjourned to 2 P. M.

At 2 P. M., January 26, meeting was called to consider the reports of the Sanitarium work.

After prayer by Dr. Ruble, the Secretaries report was read and approved. The Chairman made a few appropriate remarks, reminding us that the Lord has said that the medical missionary work is the right arm of the message.

Dr. George, Medical Superintendent of the Nashville Sanitarium was then called upon for his report. He said that during the past year, the Sanitarium has received as patients and guests approximately three hundred, representing seventeen different States, Tennessee, Missouri, Alabama, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania, California, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Arkansas, Ohio, Illinois, Texas, New Mexico, Maryland, and Massachusetts. Thus we see that the Sanitarium work is not a local affair. Among this number are many influential people, lawyers, physicians, ministers, college professors, business men and their families,—people who have influence in the world and whose influence, if on the side of the sanitarium work, will keep the work going. These patients stay at the Sanitarium from a few days to six months, sometimes longer. Almost without exception they go away benefited and pleased with the treatment they have received.

The Sanitarium has in all twenty-nine rooms besides parlors and other general rooms, twenty-six of these being for patients. The highest number of guests at any one time during the year was thirty-one, and the highest number in one week forty-two.

The doctor reports more and more patronage from Nashville, and that they have the good will of the physicians.

The total number of treatments given in

1908 was 2095, while 1909 shows the total number as 3073, or a gain of 978 over the previous year.

The Sanitarium is conducting a training-school, consisting of two classes, one numbering ten and the other fifteen.

The doctor spoke of the religious phase of their work, of the regular morning worship, weekly prayer-meetings, Sunday evening meetings, and of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society held on Friday evening. He said that they feel their need of a chaplain to devote his time to this work.

In speaking of the needs of the institution, the following were mentioned: A dormitory for the helpers, a chapel, a gymnasium, greenhouse, barn, a better water supply, more patients, bright young people for the next nurses' class, the prayers of God's people, and their moral and financial support.

Elder McVagh said, "I believe that this is a most encouraging report. It takes time to get started in anything, and the Sanitarium, as you will notice by remarks that Dr. George has made, was started before it was finished. That is, the Sanitarium was opened before it was finished, and they do not yet have the equipment that they should have had from the start. Many things have retarded the work, but it seems that through the blessing of the Lord a real good beginning has been made. I feel that this work is indeed of the planting of the Lord, and if we who are out in the field will remember the Sanitarium in our prayers, and put forth our efforts for it, it will be a help."

After encouraging remarks from Elder Lowry, Brother Harrison, Elder Burrill, and others, Elder Daniells said, "Don't forget your feelings just now. It is right to be jubilant when everything is going well, but we need courage more when things seem to be going dead wrong. We needed courage a year ago just as much as we do to-day, and more. We are thankful for this prosperity, but let us remember when the time comes that the Sanitarium is not full, to have courage then and look to the future when everything will be cheerful and encouraging."

Brother B. W. Spire then rendered the financial report, after which it was moved by Elder Maxwell, seconded by Elder Kilgore, that it be accepted subject to audit. This motion was carried.

The report of the Committee on Plans was then called for, and Resolution 21 was read.

The campaign with "Ministry of Healing" for the relief of our sanitariums was discussed at some length. The campaign is in the hands of the Medical Department and the General Conference has selected a man to give his entire time to the promotion of it. If every church-member in the Southern Union Conference will do his part and sell two "Ministry of Healing" and five copies of the magazine *Life and Health*, it will mean four thousand books and ten thousand magazines, the profits on which will be \$4,500. "It may be that the strength and courage we will get through this year's effort will enable us to do twice as much next year, and what a help and blessing that will be. It will increase the interest of our own people and many others in

our sanitariums. We should take hold of this campaign with the determination to carry it through."

Dr. Ruble said, "The way this proposition is being received by all our conferences and brethren is very gratifying. It is the Lord's plan. He has been telling us for years that this was the way to relieve our indebtedness. There is no kind of work that the Lord carries on in the earth that does not call for sacrifice and for the help of the people." He then spoke of the benefits that will be derived from this campaign,—first, to our sanitariums from what comes from the sale of the book, second, to the people that receive the book, third, the benefit to our people from getting out and selling the book, and fourth, as a means of advertising.

The resolution was adopted.

The report of the committee on nomination for members of the Board was given and accepted, as follows: C. F. McVagh, W. A. George, B. W. Spire, W. A. Wilcox, C. P. Bollman, M. F. Knox, W. R. Burrow.

Brother D. E. Blake then gave the report of the Rock City Sanitarium. He mentioned their work in the Walden Medical University and spoke of the amount of literature that has been placed in the hands of the teachers, and of the distribution of the temperance number of the *Instructor* and the good results. He also spoke of their need of better equipment that they may do more efficient work.

Adjourned *sine die*.

C. F. McVagh, *President*,  
S. B. Horton, *Secretary*.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED BY THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE AND ITS DEPARTMENTS DURING THE RECENT SESSION IN NASHVILLE

*Whereas*, The manifold blessings of God have been abundantly bestowed upon us both spiritually and in basket and store; and,—

*Whereas*, We recognize the need of these blessings the coming year; therefore,—

1. *Resolved*, That we express to Him our thankfulness for the progress of the work in our field (a) for the degree of success attending the operation of our institutions; (b) for the blessings bestowed upon our ministerial and field missionary efforts; (c) for the increase of tithe; (d) for the increase of our constituency throughout the entire field.

2. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves by the help of God to endeavor to double our constituency during the next two years, and to this end we solicit the co-operation of every church-member in the Southern Union Conference.

3. *Resolved*, That we urge our conference laborers to encourage the churches to take up the petition work, and secure at once protests against the passage by Congress, without a hearing, of the Sunday bills now before that body.

*Whereas*, There is urgent need of an extensive educational campaign along religious liberty lines among our churches; therefore,—

4. *We recommend*, That the Southern Union Conference religious liberty secretary spend as

much time as possible in conjunction with local conference religious liberty secretaries in active field-work among the churches in holding religious liberty institutes wherever practicable, and encouraging the wide circulation of our religious liberty literature throughout the union.

*Whereas*, There is special need of presenting to the public the great principles of religious liberty just at this time, owing to the constant agitation in behalf of religious legislation; therefore,—

*We recommend*, That we urge upon our conference officials and churches the importance of making liberal contributions to the religious liberty fund, as outlined in the General Conference plans.

*Whereas*, The most vital question before us in the canvassing work is how to select and train agents who will work year after year, and twelve months in the year; and,—

*Whereas*, Thorough training makes permanent agents; and,—

*Whereas*, Men and women of mature years and experience usually become the most permanent workers; therefore,—

5. *Resolved*, (a) That we select people who are well established in the truth, especially those who are successful in the world's business, and press upon them the demands of God's cause and their personal responsibility, rather than any financial advantage, as reasons why they should leave all, no matter how promising their work may be, and join in proclaiming the third angel's message; (b) That we encourage more and more the work of resident canvassers in permanent territory.

*Whereas*, Book selling can be successfully conducted at all seasons of the year; and—

*Whereas*, Rainy seasons and winter seasons are often the most profitable time for work; therefore,—

6. *Resolved*, That leaders should demonstrate these facts as a primary means of enlisting their agents in steady, permanent work.

*Whereas*, The institute method alone without house-to-house training, develops transient workers; therefore,—

7. *We recommend*, (a) That agents trained in institutes alone be considered as only partially trained; (b) That one general institute be held in each conference each year, and that old as well as new agents be urged to attend; (c) That well organized institutes be conducted profitably near the close of our large schools, immediately before or after our large camp-meetings, or in midwinter; (d) That small institutes with four to six canvassers be conducted wherever profitable in private houses and churches; (e) That house-to-house training should be conducted personally by the field agent with his canvassers in each house, except as the alternating method of work from house to house is resorted to as a test of the agent's ability; (f) That well matured arrangements be made to assist agents over crises in their experience in taking orders, in delivering books, and in financial matters; (g) That the general missionary agent spend three days or more, at least once a year, and oftener if possible, with each of his field missionary agents in house-to-house canvassing.

8. *Resolved*, That we favor the publication of cheap editions of "Great Controversy" and "Daniel and the Revelation" to sell at \$2.00, these books to contain the same matter and illustrations as the better bindings, but be smaller in size, and the binding to be similar to the cheap "Daniel and the Revelation."

9. *Resolved*, That we concur with the General Conference regarding the schedule of prices and discounts on our publications.

10. *We recommend*, That all canvassers who faithfully work forty hours per week for forty weeks each year, or who may deliver one thousand dollars worth of books per year, have their expenses paid to the next bookmen's convention, the conference to pay railroad fare, and the publishing house to pay the board.

11. *We recommend*, The salary basis as the means of support of field missionary agents.

*Whereas*, There is need among our canvassers of a systematic method of keeping accounts; therefore,—

12. *We recommend*, That all our canvassers be advised to procure and use the "Easy to Keep" account book for keeping their accounts.

*Whereas*, The Southern Union Conference Association and the different institutions in this conference are in great need of financial assistance; and,—

*Whereas*, It is desired that they be sustained by the people of this field as far as possible; therefore,—

13. *Resolved*, (a) That an earnest effort be made to secure gifts, bequests, donations, and long-time loans at a low rate of interest for this work; (b) That to this end we recommend the presidents of our local conferences heartily unite with the President of the Union Conference in an active effort among the churches to secure this means.

14. *Resolved*, That we concur in the plans of the General Conference to raise the \$300,000-fund, and that we begin this work at once.

*Whereas*, We recognize the immediate blessings which accompany liberal giving to missions; therefore,—

15. *Resolved*, (a) That we continue the plan of raising a sum equal to ten cents per week per member for missions; (b) That we endorse the plan of giving all Sabbath-school offerings to missions.

*Whereas*, It is desirable that our reports show our real standing both as to numbers and finance; therefore,—

17. *We recommend*, That a careful revision of the church-records be made in each conference in the union, and that where necessary, careful instruction be given church officers as to their duties in this matter.

18. *We recommend*, That the REPORT OF PROGRESS be the reporting medium for this conference, and that it be made up to date in every way.

*Whereas*, There has been a long-felt need of health foods of suitable grade and price to meet the situation in this field; and,—

*Whereas*, The Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory has been established to supply this need; and,—

*Whereas*, This is the only food factory

owned by our people in the South and East; therefore,—

19. *We recommend*, That hearty co-operation be given this institution by the workers in the field.

20. *Resolved*, That we encourage many more of our young people to secure the advantages offered by our training-schools, and as a means to this end, we recommend the scholarship plan.

*Whereas*, The General Conference council, held at College View last October, recommended that there be inaugurated a campaign of relief for our sanitariums by the sale of health publications; therefore,—

21. *Resolved*, That we concur in this recommendation, and adopt the plan: (a) That this campaign continue for a period of three years; (b) That at least two copies of "Ministry of Healing" and five copies of *Life and Health* per year be sold by each member; (c) That care be taken to incur as little expense as possible in handling the book so that the returns from its sale may be as large as possible; (d) That the union and local conference executive committees be directly responsible for advancing the campaign, and that all other workers assist as far as their work will enable them; (e) That it be understood that the proceeds of the campaign are to be used by our sanitariums to apply on their indebtedness, and not to meet current bills.

*Whereas*, At the last session of the General Conference a North American Negro Department was organized for the purpose of fostering and developing the work of the third angel's message among the colored people, and the following was suggested as a plan of organization: (a) That the work for the colored people in the Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Union Conferences be organized on a mission basis in each union; (b) That, as the work develops, local missions may be organized in these union missions; (c) That a strong effort be made to quickly place the truth of the message before the colored people of the South in the most effective ways, especially by the use of suitable literature, evangelistic work, and mission schools; therefore,—

22. *Resolved*, That we heartily concur in this action of the General Conference, and adopt the plans suggested as a working basis.

23. *Resolved*, That we approve of the action of the Southern Union Conference Executive Committee in organizing a mission in this union.

24. *Resolved*, That we approve of the plan adopted at a meeting of the North American Negro Department, held at Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 28, 29, 1909.

25. *Resolved*, That we approve the plans concerning this department, passed at the meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee, held at College View, Neb., October, 1909.

*Whereas*, The *Gospel Herald* is the organ of the department, and is to be enlarged and better adapted to our work; therefore,—

26. *Resolved*, That we plan to largely increase its circulation by encouraging all families of our colored people to subscribe for it.

27. *Resolved*, That we urge all our colored

people to be faithful in the payment of tithes and offerings, that they may share in the blessings promised to those who render to the Lord his own, and that much-needed funds may be received with which to advance the work of the Lord.

28. *Resolved*, That we invite all our colored people to participate in the raising of the \$300,000-fund, contributing as liberally as possible and thus have a part in assisting and building up the work in other lands.

29. *Resolved*, That all churches of our colored people be urged to engage actively in the sale of the book, "Ministry of Healing," being sold for the relief of our sanitariums, and that they endeavor to sell six books per member during the next three years, and five copies of *Life and Health* be sold each year for the same purpose, and that all funds thus obtained be used for our colored sanitariums.

*Whereas*, There is a dearth of laborers with which to carry forward our work among the colored people; therefore,—

30. *Resolved*, That we do our utmost in encouraging consecrated young people to attend the colored training-schools, that they may be trained for active missionary work.

31. *Resolved*, That we concur with the request of the Southeastern Union Mission in uniting with them in holding a colored teachers' institute this summer at the Oakwood School, and would advise that a committee be appointed to perfect plans for the same.

32. *Resolved*, That our ministers, Bible workers, mission-school teachers, and all other employees put forth an earnest effort to make the work self-supporting as far as possible.

33. *Resolved*, That we hold one or more worker's institutes in the Southern Union Mission territory this next fall at the close of the tent season.

*Whereas*, It was decided to transfer the department paper, *Gospel Herald*, from Nashville, Tenn., to the Oakwood School; and,—

*Whereas*, The General Conference Committee, at College View, Neb., sanctioned the said decision; therefore,—

34. *Resolved*, That we, the colored delegation to the Southern Union Conference now in session, request that this plan be carried into effect, and that as far as possible the work be done by colored helpers.

*Whereas*, There is need of more uniform methods in our church school work, a knowledge of which can best be obtained in frequent associations for mutual study and improvement; therefore,—

36. *Resolved*, (a) That the Union Conference accept the invitation of the Southeastern Union Conference to unite with them in holding a four-weeks summer-school for church-school teachers and educational superintendents at Graysville this coming summer; (b) That as far as consistent, arrangements be made for the attendance of the educational superintendents and prospective church-school teachers of the respective conferences of this union; (c) That a regular tuition be charged to meet the expense of the school, such as salaries for instructors, etc., and railroad fares for the persons attending, be paid by the conference from which they attend.

Whereas, We recognize the need of more effective organization; therefore,—

37. *We recommend*, That each conference of this union arrange for a suitable person to act as superintendent of the educational department, and that these superintendents be urged to give the educational interests careful attention.

38. *We recommend*, (1) That the following funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Southern Union Conference be passed to the treasurer of the Oakwood School: (a) Oakwood School Donation account; (b) Orphanages; (c) Huntsville Orphanages; (d) Oakwood \$11,250-fund.

(2) That all funds on hand for the C. P. Bollman-Appeal account be passed over to the treasurer of the Southern Missionary Society.

(3) That all funds now on hand labeled "Southern Work" and "Southern Field," be divided on the following basis: 25 per cent. to the Southern Union Conference Loss and Gain account; 37½ per cent. to the Southern Missionary Society; 37½ per cent. to the Oakwood School.

(4) That the sum of \$685.17 be paid the Oakwood School, and that the same be charged against the "Colored Work" fund.

(5) That all remaining funds now on hand on account of the "Colored Work" fund be divided as follows: 40 per cent. to the Oakwood School and 60 per cent. to the Southern Missionary Society.

In order that the Treasurer may be able to meet these payments,—

39. *We recommend*, That the General Conference be requested to make an appropriation to cover the loss to the Southern Union Conference on account of trust funds involved in the failure of the "City Savings Bank and Trust Co."

Whereas, At the time of the division of the Southern Union Conference it was agreed that the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences contribute equally to the support of the Oakwood School; therefore,—

40. *We request* the Southeastern Union Conference to pay over to the said school the amount now due under the said agreement.

41. *Resolved*, That we view with favor the proposition to incorporate the Oakwood School; and that we refer the details of this matter to the North American Negro Department.

42. *Resolved*, That the treasurer be instructed to charge to Loss and Gain account the item of \$1,013.17, now standing on the Southern Union Conference books against the Huntsville School.

43. *Resolved*, That we instruct the Secretary to furnish the Treasurer with a copy of all resolutions which in any way affect the duties of the Treasurer.

44. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our sincere thanks to the brethren and sisters of Nashville, for the many favors that we, as delegates, have received at their hands during this Union Conference session.

#### SIXTH DAY'S MEETING, JANUARY 27

This day was devoted to Southern Union Mission work, and the program was carried out in the Winter Street church. It com-

prised two sessions as follows: The morning session 9:30 o'clock, and the afternoon session at 2:30.

The following papers were read:—

Objects and Results of Our Mission Schools, Prof. F. R. Rogers. Discussion, five minute speeches led by N. B. King, P. E. Palmer, and C. P. Bollman.

Industrial School Work for the Colored People, Prof. O. R. Staines. Discussion, five minute speeches led by T. B. Buckner and E. A. Sutherland.

How to Reach the Colored People Most Successfully with the Message, Elder T. B. Buckner. Discussion, five minute speeches led by C. F. McVagh, J. A. Chiles, C. M. Kinney, A. Barry, Julia Lowe, and S. B. Horton.

Sanitariums and Trained Nurses as a Means of Helping the Colored People, Elder D. E. Blake. Discussion, five minute speeches led by Dr. George, W. H. Sebastian, and Dr. Isbell-Blake.

Efficient Training for Colored Workers, Prof. W. J. Blake. Discussion, five minute speeches led by Thos. Murphy, C. P. Bollman, and J. A. Chiles.

Literature as a Means of Reaching and Helping the Colored People, Eld. J. E. White. Discussion, five minute speeches led by S. A. Jordan, A. J. Haysmer, and A. F. Harrison.

(The papers will be referred to in all probability from time to time in the REPORT OF PROGRESS.)

Dr. Hubbard of Meharry College was present and gave some encouraging remarks commending the work we had in hand.

Adjourned to meet in the Memorial Church, 9 o'clock, January 28.

C. F. McVAGH, *Chairman*,  
S. B. HORTON, *Secretary*.

#### SEVENTH DAY'S MEETING, JANUARY 28, 9 A. M.

C. F. McVagh in the Chair and a quorum present. Prayer was offered by W. J. Blake.

Secretary of the Religious Liberty Department called attention to the recent action of the Senate in passing the Johnston Sunday Bill, and made some pertinent remarks concerning the attitude we should follow in regard to getting the truth before the people while there is still opportunity.

Minutes of the 26th were read and approved. Reading of the minutes of the 27th was waived.

#### REPORTS

The Committee on Plans reported further, submitting numbers 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 (withdrawn), 17, 18 (referred to Southern Publishing Association Board), 19, 20, 21 (referred to the Medical Department), 22, 23, 24 (this with 25 referred to North American Negro Department), 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 (referred to Oakwood School), 32, 33, 34, 35 (laid on the table).

Upon motion the regular order was suspended and the report of the Committee on Nominations was taken up.

Section 2 which had been referred to the committee for further consideration was reported back, and after due consideration, during which an amendment was proposed and

lost, the report of the committee was finally adopted.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

C. F. McVAGH, *Chairman*,  
S. B. HORTON, *Secretary*.

#### SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION, JANUARY 28

Pursuant to adjournment, the Southern Union Conference Association met at 11 o'clock this day, with C. F. McVagh, President, in the Chair, and a quorum of its constituency present.

The Treasurer, W. A. Wilcox, read his financial report together with the auditor's statement, and it was accepted on motion duly seconded.

The following Board of Trustees was elected by the Association: C. F. McVagh, C. P. Bollman, W. A. Wilcox, M. F. Knox, Pearl Palmer, R. Hook Jr., W. A. George.

#### SEVENTH DAY'S MEETING, JANUARY 28 1:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened in due form by C. F. McVagh, Chairman, and before prayer was offered, Elder Daniells requested the privilege of calling attention to an important matter. He spoke of the action of the Senate in passing the Johnston Sunday Bill, referring to it as a situation of ominous meaning. He felt that we should pray the Lord to stay the further progress of this legislation if it was not the time for our work to close.

The Chair then called upon Brother Walter Jones to lead in prayer. He was followed by Elders A. G. Daniells, J. S. Washburn, and S. B. Horton.

Resolution 14, relating to the \$300,000-fund was read by the Secretary, and Elder Daniells spoke to the resolution, giving some very pointed reasons why we should assist our brethren in foreign fields in maintaining healthful surroundings and wholesome conditions, the lack of which menace the health and lives of so many missionaries who labor in some of the foreign fields.

He was followed by Dr. Ruble, G. B. Thompson, A. O. Burrill, J. R. Bagby, Mrs. C. F. Parmele, W. S. Lowry, and others.

#### CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses submitted a partial report as follows:—

For Credentials: C. F. McVagh, S. B. Horton, C. P. Bollman, J. E. White, F. R. Rogers, W. J. Blake, P. T. Magan, E. A. Sutherland, F. W. Halladay.

For Ministerial License: A. F. Harrison.

For Missionary Credentials: W. A. Wilcox, R. Hook Jr., O. R. Staines, Floyd Bralliar, Miss M. Bessie DeGraw, Mrs. M. H. Crothers, Mrs. N. H. Druillard, C. L. Kilgore.

#### Southern Union Mission.

For Credentials: A. Barry, C. M. Kinney, W. H. Sebastian, Thos. Murphy, T. B. Buckner, S. A. Jordan, A. C. Chatman, N. B. King.

For Ordination and Credentials: Jos. H. Lawrence.

For Ministerial License: D. F. Blake, W. F. Gaskin, Geo. E. Peters, S. D. Miller.

For Missionary Credentials: J. F. Weathington, Julia Lowe, Mildred Anderson, Mrs. J. H. Lawrence, W. A. S. Henry, Mrs. G.

Hurley, Mrs. G. E. Peters, Delia Wilson, D. V. Barnes, Ethel Wilson, Mrs. Stella Glasco, Mrs. W. F. Gaskin, Lucile Carter, Johnnye Vaughan, Mrs. M. Conners, Mrs. S. D. Miller, Ada Allen, Mrs. E. Gammon, Josephine Montgomery, Nancy Everett, J. C. Miller, Gracie Knight, J. W. Allison, Mrs. J. W. Allison, Mrs. Katie Holston, C. A. Crichlow, Mrs. C. A. Crichlow, Mrs. W. A. S. Henry, Mrs. W. H. Sebastian, Mrs. S. A. Jordan.

On motion, the report was adopted by considering each name separately.

Adjourned to meet in the North Nashville church building, January 29, 7:45 P. M.

EIGHTH DAY'S MEETING, JANUARY 29,  
7:00 P. M.

The Conference was called to order by the Chairman, C. F. McVagh. In the necessary absence of the Secretary, E. H. Rees was elected Secretary *pro tem*.

After prayer, the Chair, in the absence of other business at this time, called for the paper written by Eld. C. P. Bollman on Ten-Cent Magazines, which was read by the author. (This paper was published in the REPORT OF PROGRESS of February 3.)

The subject of our periodical work and organizing for properly conducting the same, was discussed by Elders A. O. Burrill, W. R. Burrow, and I. T. Reynolds.

The last speaker suggested that the workers in smaller towns might use several different magazines, thus getting all sides of the message before the people.

TRANSPORTATION AGENT

Upon motion, duly seconded, it was voted that P. E. Palmer act as Transportation Agent.

Adjourned to 9 A. M., January 30.

NINTH DAY'S MEETING, JANUARY 30,  
9:00 A. M.

Meeting was opened in due form, C. F. McVagh in the Chair. Prayer was offered by Eld. W. R. Burrow. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. The Committee on Plans and Finance reported:

REPORTS

Resolutions 36 to 43, after due consideration and amendment, were all adopted.

The Committee on Distribution of Labor submitted their report recommending the following: That the request of Eld. F. R. Shaeffer be granted, namely, that, on account of his wife's health, he be transferred to the California Conference. That J. E. Hansen be transferred from Louisiana to Mississippi, the arrangements for said transfer to be made by the presidents of the two conferences. Carried.

This day's afternoon session was called to order by the Chairman at 1:30 P. M., and prayer was offered by O. R. Staines. The reading of the minutes was waived.

REPORTS

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses submitted their final report as follows: For Ordination and Credentials: W. A. George, W. M. Crothers. For Ministerial License:

B. W. Spire. For Missionary License: Dr. L. C. Blake. On motion, this report was adopted.

The Chair called for the report of the Southern Union Conference Educational Secretary. Professor M. B. VanKirk, Secretary, responded by submitting the following report:—

BIENNIAL REPORT OF EDUCATION

"Since the period which is covered by this report is the first biennial term following the division of the Union, there will of necessity be noticed a large falling off in the tabulated report of the elementary schools which is appended below.

"Recognizing the interest this Conference will have in the Training School as well as elementary schools I shall include in this report items regarding the Training School:—

Name	1908 Ch.S. rol.	En- rol.	1909 Ch.S. rol.	En- rol.	1909 Ind.S. rol.	En- rol.
Tenn. River Conf.	3	58	4	75	1	44
Mississippi	3	57	1	15	1	19
Louisiana	2	0	1	15	0	0
Kentucky	2	0	4	36	0	0
Totals	10	115	9	141	2	53

"The report of enrolment in the Southern Training School is as follows:—

	Pri.	Int.	Trng. S.
1908	51	39	83
1909	37	23	81
Total, 2 years	88	62	164
Grand total for 2 years			314

"It will be noticed by those who have listened to former reports that there are considerably fewer church schools in the States now composing this Union than have been in times past. The question might be asked, Why are there so few church schools in the Union aside from self-supporting schools? In many cases churches are weak, children few, and other cases the interest is not sufficient to warrant the attempt. The educational superintendents of the various conferences report the conditions of the schools which are in progress, as good.

"From Louisiana comes the report of earnest effort on the part of the new superintendent of church schools, and we may feel certain that such effort, continued, will bring about the desired result. It is to be hoped that another year will see a number of flourishing church schools in that State. There is at present but one church school in Mississippi besides the conference school at Amory. A letter from the teacher of this one church school states that the work is progressing nicely.

"The Tennessee River Conference has been conducting four church schools aside from the industrial academy at Hazel. The educational superintendent reports that these schools are doing very good work.

"Aside from the church schools there is the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, conducted by Professor Sutherland and his co-laborers, which has been doing excellent work the past year, with a total enrolment of over eighty students; also the Hillcrest School for training colored workers.

"The Hazel Academy has been well filled each year of the biennial period, and a good work is being carried on there.

"The youngest intermediate school in the conference is situated at Amory, Miss., which has been conducted during the past two years as a conference enterprise. The report shows that the brethren have been laboring and sacrificing to get the work well started, and the work has been acceptable.

"There are, in this Union, a large number of mission schools for colored people, conducted under the auspices of the Southern Missionary Society. The work done in these mission schools for the colored is encouraging, as well as the enrolment. I might say that the mission work for the colored in the Southeastern Union is also on encouraging basis.

"Most of you are more or less familiar with the Training School and its work, nevertheless, unless you have been following its history you may not have kept pace with its growth. During the past biennial period many advanced steps have been taken. We now give fourteen grades of work. Its laboratory facilities have been increased, but are a long way from what they ought to be for a school of its scope.

"A good stereopticon has been purchased for the scientific department. Our classrooms have been finished inside, and this year we have purchased and placed in the chapel 172 opera chairs, and for the help which has been given to the school from this Union Conference we wish to extend our thanks. Nearly one hundred dollars has been donated and pledged by the different conferences of this Union.

"Our enrolment, while not as large as we had hoped and still hope to attain is gratifying; and we believe that if the workers of both Unions will stand loyal to our Training School and will support it by encouraging young people to attend, that our enrolment will be materially increased the coming year. It is hoped that not many years shall elapse before a full college course can be given at Graysville.

"During the summer of 1908 a six-weeks summer school was held at Graysville, with an enrolment of about twenty-five. It was conducted on the regular school basis, having two recitations each day in a subject, and a person allowed to take only two major subjects.

"The Secretary would respectfully suggest that this Conference join with the Southeastern Union in holding a four-weeks summer school at Graysville this coming summer. The Southeastern Union has adopted the resolution to provide such a school, and asks that this Union join with it in meeting the expenses. It may not be out of place to state that the expense of the summer school of 1908 was but five dollars for each of the conferences in the Union, as the Training School furnished the appliances and schoolrooms gratis. That the plans for our educational work may be strengthened, it seems necessary that we hold a like meeting this summer, that the educational superintendent of each conference attend, and that the prospective teachers plan to be at this institute the entire time.

"Recognizing the need of plans for the advancement of the work, the Secretary would respectfully recommend that the conferences select some one of its members who can give attention to the educational work; that every worker in the Conference be asked to encourage all our people along educational lines.

"Attention might be called to the book 'Education,' which ought to be in every family, and to the journal *Christian Education*, which seems necessary to every home. It is not expensive, and its editors are doing everything possible to make it successful.

"Further, that the educational superintendents encourage the purchasing of globes, maps, dictionaries, and blackboards. Many church schools have few, if any of these simple appliances.

"Believing in the ultimate triumph of the message in all its lines, and recognizing the interest this body of delegates has in this line of work, we leave it in your hands to plan for, and implore God's guidance in the future work." (To be continued.)

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### TRACT SOCIETY FOR THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

BACK to the old paths, seems to be the motto of all our publishing houses now. The great principles of this truth as given to us at first by the spirit of prophecy and the Bible, will never be supplanted by another divine system; they are good for all time to come. The same is true of the great plans that came with them to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. Among them was the tract society. Some of our most successful book and paper work has been done through this method, and it is conceded by our best workers to be the most efficient plan of working to-day to reach all classes of people.

At our last union conference session it was thought best for us who are in the South to take up the tract society work again. In harmony with this advice the Tennessee River Conference, through its conference committee has advised the establishment of an office for the time being at Hazel, Ky. Brother T. E. Pavey has been chosen as secretary and treasurer.

We expect to be ready for business by the first of March. All orders for papers and other literature should be sent to Brother Pavey, and should be accompanied with the cash.

We wish to have the full name and address of every librarian in our conference, also that of every church elder and leader of a company. Let us hear from you at once. We have a great work before us, and we wish to plan with you as to what is the best means of doing it now. W. R. BURROW.

Pres. Tenn. River Conf.

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### MEMPHIS

TO THE readers of the REPORT OF PROGRESS: I feel I must tell a little of my experience. As I have not written anything for so long, some may wonder what has become of me.

For over two years now my work has been in Memphis, Tenn., I had no idea of staying there long when I went, but I found it a good field, and everything indicated the Lord wanted

me to continue there, so I did. I am sure the Lord directed in my going to Memphis when I went. There are several in the truth there now as a result of two books I sold. The work is very encouraging, and I have enjoyed it very much. Among the wealthiest people of the city I have sold so many books.

I have just had the privilege of attending the bookmen's convention and conference at Nashville, which was a great blessing to me, and I enjoyed it very much. From there I visited my home, as I was not very far away. This was indeed a pleasure to me.

I must tell you about our church school at home. As we could not go where there was a church school this year, I prayed that the Lord would open the way for us to have a school in our home, so he answered the prayer. Sister Rose Shasky from the Madison school came and taught for us. We have been very much pleased with our school. Sister Shasky has proved a great blessing to the children.

I spent about a week at home, and am on my way back to Memphis, where I take up my work again. I am so glad I shall soon be at work. It is a grand privilege to have a part in carrying the last warning message to the world. How can people sit still when precious souls are perishing all around us, and time so short? They are saying, My Lord delayeth his coming. I believe the end is much nearer than most of our people think, and we must help bear the cross if we wear the crown.

I am of good courage in the Lord. I desire the prayers of God's people in my work.

MAMIE MOORE.

187 Summit Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

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### OPPORTUNITIES OF THE CANVASSER

[Paper read at Mississippi Canvassers' Institute.]

"TO EVERYTHING there is a season, and a time for every purpose." Eccl. 3:1.

The canvassing work offers an opportunity for earnest work for the Master; for presenting the truth for this time to the world.

We, like Noah, have a message to a world that is perishing in sin. Also, like John the Baptist, we are heralding to the world that the kingdom of God is at hand.

Luther had a definite message, and the printed page played an important part in giving it.

To us opportunities are opening all around to place the truth before the people of every class.

The canvassing work affords an opportunity for development of Christian character when we put ourselves in right relation to His Word and work.

We are living in times when the sons of men are being tried, and the book work rightly engaged in will develop men and women of real stable characters.

Those who engage in this work have the blessed assurance that they are doing the will of God and are bringing joy and gladness to souls, and light and peace to themselves. We are workers together with Jesus.

A part in this work means that we must forget self and lay aside all selfishness.

The simple story of Jesus' love for men will open the doors and hearts of the people.

As the canvasser visits the people at their homes he will often have opportunity to read to them from the Bible or from books that teach the truth, and by the music of his voice and by the impressions of the Spirit of God the truth will stand out clearly. He can pray with and for them. By the firesides he brings the truth to families and imparts to them the way of life.

The canvasser is an educator; he molds public opinion, and makes men think of something besides this world.

It is our work to sow beside all waters, and God has promised to give the increase.

The opportunities of the canvasser are the opportunities of a true missionary.

J. S. FRY.

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### THE BEST IN KENTUCKY

WE expect the canvassers' convention and institute that is to be held at Moreland, Ky., February 21—March 2, 1910, to be the best ever held in the State.

#### EFFICIENT HELP

There will be present Eld. C. F. McVagh, president of the Southern Union Conference, A. F. Harrison, general missionary agent of the Southern Union Conference, R. Hook Jr., manager of the Southern Publishing Association, Eld. A. O. Burrill, president of the Kentucky Conference, and C. F. Dart, field agent of the Kentucky Conference.

#### THE FAITHFUL FOUR

There will also be present the four faithful canvassers that have stood by the work all the year. They will be stocked full of good rich experiences to tell, fresh from the field. This will be very interesting to hear.

#### SUBJECTS DISCUSSED

Papers will be read and discussed as follows: Value of the Canvasser in the Spread of the Message, H. C. Carmichael; Kentucky as a Canvassing Field, C. F. Dart; Debts, M. J. Weber; Winter Canvassing, M. Wheeler; Value of Time, H. E. Beck; and other topics of vital interest will be discussed.

#### THE PROGRAM

Each day will vary according to the demands. Beginning with devotional exercises at 9 A. M., the day will be interspersed with Bible study, general instruction, book drill, experience meetings, song service, discussion of topics, and preaching.

All expecting to attend, please write the undersigned at once.

C. F. DART, Field Agent.

R. F. D. 2, Moreland, Ky.

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### OUR COLORED TRAINING SCHOOL

WE are glad to report that the Oakwood Manual Training School is making advancement. A nice company of students of mature years is now in attendance, and the majority of these young people love the message, and are very anxious to complete their preparation, and be in the field.

The work of giving the message to the millions of negroes in the South is only begun; but the opportunities to favorably give the message are fast passing. In this field the work will first close. What we do must be done quickly, or we shall be compelled to labor under most adverse circumstances. Shall we

not then redeem the time by making a special effort just now to give the message to this people?

We feel confident that all will conclude that this is the only course to pursue; but such an advance move will require many more competent laborers than we now have. Experience teaches that the best way to secure well qualified workers is to prepare them in our training-school at Huntsville. In attempting to carry on this training work, various difficulties arise. Many of our students are poor, and are able to attend school only as they work to meet their current expenses. This method of securing an education requires much more time than would be necessary if the student were able to pay at least part of his expenses in cash.

To obviate this difficulty, and with a view of quickly preparing a few earnest workers for the Southern field, the management of our school has decided to solicit some financial help for a few promising young men and women who are anxious to finish their studies as soon as possible, and enter the field.

Eight dollars will pay the school expenses of the average student for one month; thus it is apparent that a few dollars investment will go a long ways in the education of our colored students. In some instances our young people are taking the matter up in the Volunteer Society work, and good results are following.

We believe there are many who will be glad to help in this important work of educating colored workers for the Southern field.

We have recently published a leaflet giving definite information, and fully outlining our plan, and we will gladly send them to all who make request for the same.

W. J. BLAKE, *Principal.*  
*Oakwood School, Huntsville, Ala.*



**PLEASANT AND PROFITABLE**

AN ordination service held at the Seventh-day Adventist church and school building in North Nashville, Sunday night, February 6, was both pleasant and profitable,—pleasant because of the oneness of feeling, and profitable because of the instruction given, which was, we believe, impressed upon all hearts by the Spirit of God.

This occasion was the setting apart of Dr. W. A. George and Brother W. M. Crothers to the gospel ministry, and the ordination of Brethren W. A. Wilcox and A. L. Nay as elders of the Nashville church.

A brief but very instructive discourse was given by Elder McVagh from Eph. 4:16. In the ordination service proper Elder W. S. Lowry led in prayer, followed by Elder McVagh, who, as hands were laid upon the candidates, earnestly besought God that they might be set apart not by men only but by the Spirit of God as able ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The charge which was given by Elder Bollman emphasized not only the responsibilities of the gospel ministry from the standpoint of Eze. 33:2-9, but also from the standpoint of Matt. 24:42-51; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 4:1-5; and 1 Peter 5:2-4.

In the ordination of the church elders Bro-

ther Bollman offered the ordination prayer, and Elder McVagh gave the charge.

After the singing of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Elder Crothers dismissed the congregation in a few well-chosen words of earnest prayer.



**"OUR SPRING OPENING"**

THE successful business man of to-day puts considerable stress upon his "spring opening." If he can have his before his competitors do, display the right kind of goods, catch the crowds, keep them coming, every one becoming an advertiser for him, he knows his store will be the popular one all the season through.

Can we learn a lesson?—Occupy our territory early, get the people talking about our good books, roll up a good list before the fellow with the cheap stuff gets on the ground, then discourage him out of the field because we have the trade.

Did you, Old Canvasser, ever get on the ground second? How did it work? Did you ever get there first? If you did you will do it again this year. Early spring is "sugar weather."

C. F. PARMELE.



**WORKERS IN THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE**

FOR several years in the past the Southern Publishing Association has had direct charge of all our book and paper work. In the plan for getting the truth to the people this was thought best, and God has added his blessing in a very marked degree, for which we feel most thankful. But in all this there has not been that close connection between our bookmen and our conference that we desired. We want that you shall be one of our workers in the fullest sense of the word. This will call for more writing of letters about the work between you and myself, and also between you and our secretary, Brother T. E. Pavey, and I trust that in all branches of the work it will draw us closer together, and make you feel more at home. I believe that you have felt thus in the past, and that our relations with the publishing house have been most agreeable.

I now call your attention to the last page of the REPORT OF PROGRESS of February 3, under the article, Bookmen Attention. Read this and you can see just what is required of us, and how closely we shall have to live up to this rule in dealing with all to comply with this request.

Some have thought that their orders would be delayed in having to go by the way of Hazel, Ky. It is true they will be delayed a little from some parts of the conference, but it need not be much. Send your orders in time to allow for the delay that you think might be caused, and Brother Pavey will attend to orders promptly, only allowing them to wait from one train to the next. Be assured that we shall advise that conference matters be handled at once, allowing no delay on our part. We have two mails each way every day from Hazel to Nashville.

Yours in the work, W. R. BURROW.  
*Pres. Tenn. River Conf.*

**CANVASSING REPORT**  
**Southern Union Conference**

**For Week Ending Jan. 22, 1910**

NAME	Book	Hours	Value	Deliv'd
ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
W G Ringgold.....	BFL	40	\$47 00	\$.
R T Jacks.....	BFL	29	36 00	
K Skidmore .....	BFL	43		38 25
R Roberts .....	BFL	33		32 50
Geo W Brown .....	BFL	33	17 75	2 50

**For Week Ending Jan. 29, 1910**

ALABAMA CONFERENCE				
R T Jacks.....	BFL	29	36 00	
W G Ringgold.....	BFL	32	34 50	
I W Peevy 2 wks....	BFL	65	48 00	1 50
K Skidmore .....	BFL	37	28 25	4 50
Geo W Brown.....	BFL	30	27 30	
R Roberts .....	BFL	38	2 50	18 10

**KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

M Wheeler .....	D&R	41	60 00	38 00
H C Carmichael....	dofa	50		27 00
M J Weber.....	BFL	46	46 40	

**MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**

Everett Marley .....	D&R	45	119 55	25
S A Oberg.....	GC	45	72 00	12 25
J S Fry.....	D&R	22	32 75	2 25
W H Daniels.....	D&R	31	24 25	
W H Haddon.....	MOFN	21	30 40	2 35

**For Week Ending Feb. 5, 1910**

**KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

H C Carmichael....	dofa	50		40 50
H E Beck.....	D&R	38	17 50	20 50
M Wheeler .....	D&R	34	44 75	14 75
M J Weber.....	BFL	48	56 80	

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

G Jorgenson .....	GC BFL	48	37 00	10 00
Wm Olmstead .....	MOFN	20	11 50	7 00
John Harzman .....	MOFN	20	11 50	6 50

**MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE**

W H Haddon.....	MOFN	31	56 55	2 35
J S Fry.....	D&R	36	50 75	1 50
Everett Marley .....	D&R	41	55 85	2 50
Virgil Smith .....	D&R	42	18 50	15 00
W H Daniels.....	D&R	25	16 25	31 00
S A Oberg.....	GC	44	57 75	9 00

**SUMMARY**

Alabama Conf 2 wks....	409	277 30	97 35
Kentucky Conf 2 wks....	307	255 45	140 75
Louisiana Conference ..	68	60 00	23 50
Mississippi Conf 2 wks..	383	255 65	61 35

Totals .....1167 \$848 40 \$322 95



**OBITUARY**

JAMES ERNEST LOWRY was born near Sugar Grove, Ark., March 16, 1887, and died Feb. 6, 1910. He was shot, without cause, by a negro from a car window of a passenger train.

The lower limbs were paralyzed, the bullet almost severing the spinal cord.

After suffering intensely for six weeks, he passed away at the home of his father, near Hazel, Ky. We believe Ernest renewed his covenant with God, and died in the hope of having an overcomer's reward.

He leaves a wife, two little girls, father, step-mother, and half-brother and sister to mourn their loss.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer. THOS. D. ROWE.

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## INTERESTING FOOD OFFER

We have a special offer on Malt Extract. We know this will interest all who want to improve their foods at home. To properly understand the value of this wonderful product of nature you should read, Starchy Food Indigestion in December *Life and Health*. We have printed this valuable article on our special Malt Extract circular, offering your first lot free, with a shipment of food, for a short time. Unless your name is on our mailing list you should write at once.

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## NOTICE

We are nicely located at Grenada, Miss. Let all our correspondents note the change of address from Jackson, Miss., to Grenada, Miss.

MR. AND MRS. H. G. MILLER.

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## KENTUCKY NOTICE

REMEMBER our canvassers' convention and institute. We expect it to be the best ever held in the State.

Do not forget the date, February 21—March 2, 1910,—a good time to attend.

Keep in mind the place—Moreland, Ky.—near the center of the conference territory.  
C. F. DART, Field Agent.

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## THE FEBRUARY NUMBER OF LIFE AND HEALTH

THE February number of *Life and Health* is unusually strong on many points associated with the general public needs, but in addition it could very reasonably be regarded as a special number upon such timely topics as, Lessening the Hazards of Infant Feeding; Tuberculosis and Infant Mortality; Suggestive Methods for Teaching and Training Boys, in keeping with their nature and needs; Personal Experiences with Girls; Practical Suggestions for Mothers, and an array of facts upon a number of vital issues of the day, especially for men.

This number can hardly fail to be acceptable and appreciated by some member of every family. It has many selling qualities, as well as decided and helpful features. Any one ought to be able to sell this number of *Life and Health*.

All tract societies have free suggestive canvasses for this issue. These canvasses, and the special attractive features of the February number render the present a splendid time for persons to make a beginning in the good work of soliciting for the "entering wedge" literature that never fails to open the way for the full message.

A worker just reports eighty copies of *Life and Health* sold in thirty-five minutes; three hundred copies in one day, and one thousand copies in four successive days. Any work yielding seventeen and eighteen dollars' profit per day, with no capital invested, is about as good a business as one can find anywhere; yet the money received in our literature work does not begin to represent the real value of the work done. This cannot be computed in dollars and cents. There are thousands of our church-members who ought to be ready to make a beginning with this exceptionally easy selling number of *Life and Health*. This health journal opens the way for future work as no other publication issued by our people. It first awakens in the people a cordial feeling toward our workers and their work, and through the teaching of the journal and the visits of the worker, they become interested in the special truths lived by the worker. Who will make a beginning with the February number? Let us hear from you.

D. W. REAVIS.

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## ATTENTION

I WOULD like to draw the attention of church elders, leaders, and those connected with the work of the young people to the article in last week's REPORT OF PROGRESS, entitled, "Notice." Let us do our utmost to make the day, February 26, one of the best in the annals of the young people's work. It can be done, and a great blessing will follow as the result of such an effort being made. When we study and think how much time and thought has been put forth by the leaders of the young people in making up the program whereby making a profitable day, I feel sure that one and all will try and make the day one of real spiritual blessing and education.

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## KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

### Tithe for January, 1910

Louisville No. 2.....	\$68.70
McKinney .....	44.00
Sand Hill .....	40.50
Henderson .....	16.03
Bowling Green .....	13.98
Grove .....	8.77
Individuals .....	2.57

Total .....

\$194.55

CLARA JACOBS-RUSSELL, Treas.

Graysville, Tenn.

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"THE best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a child, a good example; to a father, deference; to a mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."

## NEWS ITEMS

PROF. HERBERT OWEN, who has just returned from a successful trip West in the interests of the work in Honduras, gave us last Friday night at our young people's meeting, a most interesting account of some of his experiences.

From Nashville, he went to Chicago, took a trip through the Dakotas, and Minnesota, going later to California. He was met with welcome, received liberal donations, and several have volunteered to go with him back to the field. He is planning to return in a few weeks.

THE fourth number of the *Protestant Magazine* contains a tabulated report of the growth of the Catholic Church in the United States from the year 1776 up to 1909, revealing the phenomenal increase from 1 in 120 of the population in 1776, to 1 in 6 of the population of 1909, or a net increase of 15,575,000 communicants.

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WE hope our friends will remember that we take subscriptions for all our periodicals. The *Review and Herald*, *Watchman*, and REPORT OF PROGRESS. The *Review*, being our church paper, should be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist. Careful and prompt attention will be given to all orders sent to us.

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FROM the reports of the canvassing agents that were given during the Bookmen's Convention, we were glad to hear about the excellent work our canvassers have been doing for the year just closed; and while we are glad for their successes, we realize that their way is not always smooth. They meet with trial and temptations, and we would ask our brethren and sisters to bear these burden-bearers up before the throne of grace. They need our prayers daily. Can we do any less than this?

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NO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST can afford to miss the portrayal of the present ecclesiastical situation as set forth in the fourth issue of the *Protestant Magazine* just published.

It is a stirring revelation of the rapid development of the papacy, and the present "peace and safety" attitude of the Protestant churches,—a situation remarkably favorable for the full establishment of the image of the beast, and the fulfilment of all the prophecies pertaining to its work.

It gives full evidence of a thorough knowledge of the present situation, and of having been prepared under the direction of unerring counsel. All who read it will be profoundly impressed and convinced that the world is upon the threshold of a mighty religious upheaval.

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"POLITENESS is like an air-cushion; it contains simply nothing, but it eases one's jolts wonderfully."