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"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." *Joshua 1:9*

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MINUTES OF SIXTH BIENNIAL SESSION HELD AT NASHVILLE,
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The first meeting of the sixth biennial session of the Southern Union Conference opened Monday morning, Jan. 15, 1912, in the church school building at Nashville, Tenn., at 8:30 A. M., Eld. C. F. McVagh in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing No. 499 in Christ in Song "Not a Wasted Moment." Elder McVagh read from "Acts of the Apostles," and from volume 9 of the Testimonies, showing that the responsibility that rests upon us in giving the third angel's message to the world is great. After prayer by Eld. J. S. Washburn, R. S. Lindsay was chosen secretary pro tem., and the following delegates were seated:—

Alabama: Elds. E. G. Hayes, James Bellinger, W. S. Cruzan; R. I. Keate.

Kentucky: Eld. B. W. Brown, C. F. Dart, H. E. Beck, R. S. Lindsay.

Louisiana: Eld. E. L. Maxwell.

Mississippi: Elds. W. S. Lowry and J. A. Morrow; H. G. Miller, J. A. Eachern, S. A. Jordan.

Tennessee River Conference: Elds. C. P. Bollman, J. S. Washburn, W. M. Crothers; Dr. A. J. Harris, T. E. Pavey, H. E. Simkin, C. D. Wolff.

Voted that a committee of five be chosen from the floor to appoint all standing committees. After some discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

The following named persons were selected as such committee:—

Elds. E. L. Maxwell, J. S. Washburn, C. P. Bollman, W. S. Lowry, S. A. Jordan. Voted to add to said committee Elds. B. W. Brown and E. G. Hayes.

Voted that the Nominating Committee consist of five members, the Committee on Credentials of three members, the Committee on Plans of nine members, the Committee on Distribution of Labor of five members.

On motion the meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

C. F. McVAGH, *Chairman*,

R. S. LINDSAY, *Sec. pro tem.*

Later the committee on appointment submitted the following report:—

For Committee on Nominations:—

Elds. B. W. Brown, W. R. Burrow, and J. A. Morrow; S. F. Reeder, R. I. Keate. The names of R. Hook, Jr., and J. H. Lawrence were added to the committee from the floor.

For Committee on Plans and Finance:—

W. W. Eastman, E. G. Hayes, S. A. Jordan, J. S. Washburn, E. L. Maxwell, C. P. Bollman, A. F. Harrison, C. H. Moyers, C. N. Martin.

For Auxiliary Committee on Finance:—

M. F. Knox, W. A. Wilcox, C. H. Moyers, R. Hook, Jr., P. E. Palmer.

For Committee on Credentials and Licenses:—

C. F. McVagh, W. M. Crothers, Thomas Murphy.

For Committee on Distribution of Labor:—

Elds. B. W. Brown, E. L. Maxwell, W. S. Lowry, C. P. Bollman, and E. G. Hayes. E. L. MAXWELL, *Chairman*,
E. G. HAYES, *Secretary*.

SECOND MEETING, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 17, 1912

A devotional meeting led by Eld. W. T. Knox was held at 8 A. M., and about 8:30 A. M. was merged into the regular conference meeting. Eld. C. F. McVagh took the chair. The minutes of the first meeting were read by Brother Lindsay, the the secretary pro tem., and after a slight correction were approved. The following additional delegates having arrived, were seated:—

From Tennessee River Conference: Elds. C. N. Martin and W. R. Burrow, A. H. Jones, Dr. James Ford, C. H. Moyers, G. W. Powers.

From Alabama: Eld. W. S. Cruzan.

From Louisiana: Eld. E. H. Rees.

From Mississippi: F. R. Rogers.

From Southern Union Mission: Eld. S. A. Jordan, P. E. Palmer, Thomas Murphy, N. B. King, J. H. Lawrence, D. E. Blake, T. B. Buckner.

Delegates at large: Elds. W. T. Knox, G. F. Watson, Chas. Thompson, K. C. Russell, L. A. Hansen, M. F. Knox, R. Hook, Jr., P. E. Palmer, W. A. Wilcox.

On motion of C. P. Bollman, seconded by E. L. Maxwell, it was voted to approve the addition of two names to the Nominating Committee and Auxiliary Committee on Finance.

Moved and seconded that the members of the Southeastern and Southwestern Union Conference Committees and the visiting ministering brethren be invited to participate in the proceedings of the conference. Carried unanimously.

Elder Lowry asked if each conference is not entitled to an additional delegate on account of the president being a delegate at large. Answered in the affirmative by the Chair.

The Chairman stated that he did not intend to consume much time in making a formal report; that the blessing of the Lord had rested upon our work in its various lines. He mentioned the fact that the Publishing House had experienced the most prosperous year in its history; also that the Food Factory, which was started three or four years ago, is doing a good business, with bright prospects for the future. That while he could not speak as encouragingly of the Sanitarium, he did not consider it a hopeless case by any means. That what it needs is the hearty co-operation and loyal support of our people. He said that the Sanitarium interests should receive very careful attention at this meeting, and that he had information which he desired to submit for the benefit of the committees; that he had in his possession all that has ever been written concerning the institution, and that it contradicts the statements which have been going around to the effect that

the institution was located contrary to the mind of the Lord.

The blessing of the Lord has rested signally upon the work of the Negro Department during the biennial term. More people have been brought into the truth by the mission than by the white work. The Chair suggested that careful and prayerful consideration should be given to the matter of establishing local missions, and that if it were deemed advisable to establish local missions possibly the Southern Union office and the mission might be consolidated.

The treasurer's report was then called for and read. Elder Bollman made inquiry concerning an item of \$147.51 which appeared in the column of resources under the designation of "Tennessee River Conference Tent Meeting Expense." He moved, Elder Crothers seconded, that a committee of three consisting of Elder Burrow, Elder Maxwell, and P. E. Palmer, be appointed to adjust the matter. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted with the understanding that the receipts for the Harvest Ingathering fund, which appeared in the report under a different heading, should be made to appear under its proper heading, and that the report be submitted to the Committee on Plans. Carried.

Eld. A. F. Harrison then submitted his report of the book work in the Southern Union Conference during the biennial term. The report which is given in full hereafter, is replete with interesting and valuable statistics, and shows a phenomenal growth in the colporteur work during the period. Report marked (A).

Eld. E. G. Hayes, president of the Alabama Conference, presented a report of the work in his field from October 1910 to Jan. 1, 1912. The report is very encouraging, showing as it does a healthy growth numerically as well as financially. The report appears elsewhere in full and is marked (B).

Eld. W. S. Lowry, president of the Mississippi Conference, presented his report of the progress of the work in Mississippi during the biennial period ending Dec. 31, 1911. The report shows a substantial growth in membership, and that a sound financial policy has placed Mississippi in the column of self-sustaining conferences. Report marked (C).

Bro. H. G. Miller made a verbal report of the work of the Sabbath-school department in Mississippi, of which Mrs. Miller is the secretary. The department has made a substantial gain in the amount of donations for missions. The Chair referred to the faithfulness of Sister Miller, and the success which has crowned her efforts.

The Chair also referred to the untiring efforts of Sister Rees, in New Orleans, in the same line of work, and stated that the Sabbath-schools in that conference are being brought to a high state of efficiency as a result of her efforts. As the Sabbath-school collections constitute one of the most reliable sources of income to the mission board, the increasing interest manifested by our people in working up these funds is certainly a most encouraging omen.

Eld. F. R. Rogers, secretary of the Southern Union Mission, read a very interesting report concerning his line of work. The report follows, marked (D).

Eld. T. B. Buckner, of New Orleans, spoke concerning the work in that city. He mentioned some of the many disadvantages that must be encountered in that field, and also spoke of the needs of the work there. Laborers and means are needed. His courage is good. He believes that notwithstanding the fact that there is a large Catholic element there, a great work may be done if the proper conditions can be supplied.

Eld. S. A. Jordan, of Memphis, spoke briefly of the work in that city. They have purchased a good lot and are making an effort to erect a church edifice. Financial assistance is

needed. If some assistance could be rendered the people would take hold and work to complete the building and wipe out the indebtedness. The membership is now sufficient to warrant a church school being started.

The Chair called for further reports. Eld. E. L. Maxwell, of Louisiana, reported briefly for his conference, and gave facts and figures which showed the following conference receipts for the year ending Dec. 31, 1911.

Tithe, \$5,618.90; Missions, \$175.80; Sabbath-school Offering, \$682.67; Annual Offering, \$213.99; Mid-summer Offering, \$77.16; Religious Liberty, \$21.34; Aged and Orphans, \$5.91; October Collection, \$51.48; Tent Fund, \$132; \$300,000 Fund, \$407.22; Emergency Fund, \$32.73; Harvest Ingathering, \$127.90; For Loma Linda, \$13.40; Bills Payable, \$27.61; Schools, \$44; Children's Missionary Fund, \$25.14; Portland Church, \$5.15; *Christian Record*, \$5.70; Canvassers' Fund, \$7; Poor Fund, \$5; making a total of \$7,724.38, for a membership of 267.

He stated that much damage had accrued to the work of the Louisiana Conference by reason of the failure of the Southern Publishing Association and the Southern Union Conference to carry out their part of the contract concerning the New Orleans property. He believed that it would be a simple act of justice should the equity of the Southern Union Conference be relinquished to the Louisiana Conference.

On motion of C. P. Bollman, the matter was referred to the Committee on Plans.

Elder Rees thought a suitable church building should be provided for the city of New Orleans. The population is 309,000, of which the Catholics claim about 160,000. He believed that help should be given to provide such facilities for worship and work, and that if a lot were furnished, the membership would do the rest.

The Chair stated that what Elder Rees said was true. That the situation was paralleled in many other places; that he did not have a definite suggestion to make; that no money had been invested by the general organization for church buildings in New York City, and other large cities of the North, and that it was doubtful if the brethren in those parts of the field would be willing to donate toward supplying such facilities in the South while they were unable to obtain them for themselves.

Elder Burrow spoke of the experience of the Memphis church; how, by securing a lot and by careful management, they had gotten a good church, and that it is nearly or quite out of debt.

Thomas Murphy of Alabama spoke of the work in Mobile. It is one of the oldest places in the South. They have been trying to bring the work up. He is of good courage and is pressing on and hopes to triumph with the message.

Brother King stated that their work is increasing and is onward. He mentioned the fact that in the lumber district men received \$1.25 per day, which would seem to indicate that the people generally are poor. He is of good courage and hopes to do a good work there.

Bro. J. H. Lawrence of Louisville spoke enthusiastically of the work in that city. About sixteen have decided to obey the commandments. Some time ago they had no church building, but now have two. The people found it difficult to pay \$3 per month for the rent of a hall in which meetings have been held. The Lord helped them to a loan of \$250. The people had a mind to work, and as a result they now have a neat building located between Maple and Howard Streets.

Their collections have amounted to \$287.71. The Ladies Guild raised \$180. Tithe has amounted to \$627.43 and Sab-

bath-school donations to \$51.78 for the year, besides other offerings toward the ten cent a week fund.

At church No. 2, after eight weeks effort, more than forty signed the covenant and the hope is entertained that a church of forty members at least will be organized. "A loan of \$100 is urgently needed, and if the conference can help us to secure the money we shall greatly appreciate the favor."

At this point Bro. Chas. Thompson offered to be one of twenty to donate \$100 by giving \$5 each. Within a few minutes the entire amount was pledged and \$30 was paid in. The sympathy of the entire audience went out to the faithful workers in Louisville in their heroic efforts to build up the work there, and all were thankful to God who has so signally blessed their efforts. Brother Lawrence, in a few well chosen words, expressed his gratitude to those who had contributed to their needs.

On motion of Elder Lowry, the meeting adjourned until 3 P. M. at the Fatherland St. Church.

Pursuant to adjournment, the conference re-convened at the Fatherland St. Church. The meeting was opened by singing heartily: "We Shall Soon Be at Home Over There," after which Eld. Chas. Thompson invoked the blessing of our heavenly Parent on the further proceedings of the day.

Eld. B. W. Brown gave a very interesting report of the progress of the work in Kentucky. He gave figures and facts which will be recorded later if Brother Brown will kindly supply them.

Elder Maxwell moved that the future meetings of this session be held at the Fatherland Church. This elicited some discussion after which Brother Maxwell asked permission to amend his motion so that the forenoon meetings might be held at the school building. Brother Dart gave a short and interesting report of the magazine work in Kentucky.

Brother Bollman gave a brief report of the work in the Tennessee River Conference. There are fourteen churches, the two largest of which are Nashville and Memphis, with a good church at Hazel, Ky., and also a good one at Springville, Tenn. The membership of the conference is about 600, which includes several small companies. The tithe per capita amounted to \$15.37, and the donations to the general work something like \$4,348.

At this point, it being near five o'clock, the Chair suggested that it might be well to adjourn and give place to Brother Haynes' class study.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at the school building on the call of the Chair.

C. F. McVAGH, *Chairman*,
W. A. WILCOX, *Secretary*.

THIRD MEETING

Third meeting 9:40 A. M., January 18 was called to order by the Chairman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and after some slight corrections were approved. The meeting then adjourned to give place to the legal meeting of the Southern Publishing Association.

C. F. McVAGH, *Chairman*,
W. A. WILCOX, *Secretary*.

FOURTH MEETING, JAN. 18, 1912

The meeting was called to order after the adjournment of the Southern Publishing Association meeting, about 4 o'clock P. M., at the Fatherland church.

M. F. Knox, manager of the Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory, presented his report.

The report shows a gross business for the year of over \$28,000, with a net gain for the year of \$582.33, which reduces the gross loss on previous years from \$1,737.43 to a net loss of \$1,155.10 at present.

During the year important improvements have been made in the equipment and the facilities of the factory, among which are a new warehouse and a spur track, by which materials may be delivered to the door from the main line of the L. & N. R. R. in carload lots. During the year a net saving of over \$300 in fuel alone has been effected by the spur track.

Approximately 280,000 pounds of products have been shipped during the year, into many states and to many foreign countries.

The sales of the products of the factory during the year have been approximately as follows: Nutfoda, 50,000 lbs.; Nutcysa, 25,000 lbs.; Crackers, 60,000 lbs. (nearly one half of these were fruit crackers); Breakfast Foods, 45,000 lbs.; Cereal Coffee, 20,000 lbs.; Malted Nuts, 4,000 lbs.; Nut Butter, 25,000 lbs.

About 2,000 gallons of syrup "Malta" have been manufactured from starch waste which formerly was lost in the manufacture of Nutfoda.

The manager of the factory and his assistants were constantly studying to utilize the entire material from which these foods are produced, so that no loss should result from waste.

The management of the factory is thankful to God for the degree of success which has been attained thus far, and is hopeful that by a continuance of his blessing a still greater degree of success may mark its history in the future.

On motion it was voted that the morning session of the conference, Friday, January 19, be held at the school building in North Nashville, the afternoon and evening meetings to be held at the Fatherland Street Church.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

C. F. McVAGH, *Chairman*,
W. A. WILCOX, *Secretary*.

FIFTH MEETING, HELD AT FATHERLAND ST. CHURCH, 3 P. M., JAN. 19, 1912

Meeting was opened by prayer by Eld. C. P. Bollman, after which the Committee on Nominations presented a partial report as follows:—

For President, S. E. Wight; For Secretary-treasurer and Auditor, E. H. Rees; For General Field Agent, A. F. Harrison.

Question being called on the names, all were elected unanimously.

On motion of E. L. Maxwell, meeting adjourned.

C. F. McVAGH, *Chairman*,
W. A. WILCOX, *Secretary*.

SIXTH MEETING, 10 P. M., JAN. 20, 1912

Eld. C. F. McVagh presided, and a full delegation was present.

Eld. Chas. Thompson, president of the Southeastern Union Conference, being recognized, stated that at the time the Atlanta Sanitarium was incorporated, the territory of which the Southeastern Union Conference is now comprised was a part of the Southern Union Conference, and the charter of the said sanitarium provides that the board of managers be elected by the Southern Union Conference; and inasmuch as the Southern Union Conference has been divided, so that the Atlanta Sanitarium is now in the territory, and under the control, of the Southeastern Union Conference, requested that the Southern Union Conference pass such a resolution as would authorize the changes needed in the constitution to allow the Southeastern Union Conference to elect a board of managers.

The Committee on Plans presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, The charter of the Atlanta Sanitarium provides

that its board of managers shall be elected by the Southern Union Conference, and,

Whereas, The constituency of this institution has been transferred to the Southeastern Union Conference, therefore,—

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Southern Union Conference assembled in biennial session, recommend to the Superior Court of Fulton County, State of Georgia, that the charter of said Atlanta Sanitarium be so amended that the board of trustees shall be elected by the Southeastern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Meeting adjourned at call of Chair.

C. F. McVAGH, *Chairman*,
E. H. REES, *Secretary*.

SEVENTH MEETING, 9 A. M., JAN. 21, 1912

Eld. W. T. KNOX called the meeting to order. L. A. Hansen offered prayer, C. F. McVagh presided.

The Committee on Plans submitted the following partial report:—

1. Recognizing in the degree of prosperity that has attended our efforts in every department of the Union Conference, the "good hand of our God upon us," and accepting the experience of the past two years as a gracious promise of larger success in the future, therefore,—

1. Resolved, That we, the delegates assembled at this conference in regular session, do humbly offer our sincere gratitude to the great Lord of the harvest for the grace that cheers our hearts, the success that has attended our work, the harmony prevailing among the workers, and the promise of even greater things in the future;

And that we hereby pledge ourselves to greater faithfulness and more diligent application to the work of our respective departments during the coming term.

[At this point a series of nine recommendations pertaining to the canvasser (or colporteur, as he will in future be called) and his work were submitted and adopted. As these, with the exception of the eighth, were published in last week's WORKER as a part of the report of the Bookmen's Convention, they are not repeated here. The omitted one provided that each local conference furnish the *Review and Herald* and the WORKER to each of its colporteurs free of charge.—EDITOR.]

Whereas, There is a rapidly growing and wide-spread demand by large and influential religious organizations in this country upon the law-making bodies for religious legislation, especially Sunday legislation, and—

Whereas, This legislation is destined to result in the formation of the image to the beast, and the enforcement of his mark, be it therefore,—

9½. Resolved, That we organize at once a strong and vigorous campaign in all our local conferences for the circulation of our religious liberty literature.

(a) By placing complimentary copies of the new revised edition of "American State Papers" in the hands of our legislators and other State officials.

(b) By placing competent agents in the field to sell this book to attorneys and other prominent men.

(c) By the sale and free distribution of the magazines *Liberty* and *Protestant*, and further by general use of our religious liberty leaflets.

Whereas, The Hillcrest School is desirous of co-operating with the organized work in every way possible, therefore,—

10. We recommend, That we accept the Hillcrest church as one of the churches of the Southern Union Mission.

11. We also recommend, That in view of the work they are doing to uplift the colored people, we assist the school by contributing to the support of their Bible teacher an amount equal to their tithe up to one half of salary of said teacher.

12. We further recommend, That the funds raised in the past by the sale of "Ministry of Healing" by the Hillcrest church, be divided equally between the Rock City and the Oakwood Sanitariums.

Whereas, We now have two colored sanitariums in this Union Mission, therefore,—

13. We recommend, That the territory for working with "Ministry of Healing" for the benefit of these institutions be as follows:—

(a) For the Rock City Sanitarium, the States of Tennessee and Kentucky.

(b) For the Oakwood Sanitarium, the States of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Believing in the efficiency of thorough organization;

14. Resolved, That this Union Conference endorse the plans of the General Conference Educational Department, and that we urge the local conferences of this Union to faithfully carry out the same.

Recognizing the need of more efficient teachers in our church schools:—

15. Resolved, That this Union Conference unite with the Southeastern Union Conference in the holding of the summer school recently voted by them, and that the Union Conference and local conferences comprising this union arrange to pay the traveling expenses and board of such teachers as may be selected to take up church school work within this union the coming school year.

16. We recommend, That the working out of the details be left with the presidents of the union and the local conferences.

Whereas, There is now pending in the Senate of the United States a Sunday bill for the District of Columbia known as Senate bill 237, which, if enacted into law, would commit Congress to a policy of Sunday legislation, and,—

Whereas, Believing that this is a species of religious legislation, and therefore opposed to the first amendment of the Federal Constitution which says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," and,—

Whereas, In passing a Sunday law Congress will be attempting to settle a religious controversy between different sects of religion, for there are diverse views concerning the day of the Sabbath, therefore,—

17. Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, comprising the territory of the States of Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, in conference assembled in the city of Nashville, most earnestly but respectfully protest against the passage by the Senate of the United States, of S 237, and be it further

Resolved, That the representatives in the Senate of the United States, of the States of Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, which are the States represented in this conference, be requested to oppose this bill, S 237, and that the secretary of the conference be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to each of these senators.

Upon motion the first nine resolutions of the report were adopted without discussion. [These referred to the colporteur work. Ed.]

Chair called for report of the Madison School. Miss M. Bessie DeGraw responded by giving a very interesting verbal report of the standing and prosperity of the school. She also spoke somewhat at length concerning the work of the outlying self-supporting schools, showing that by this means many people are reached and opportunities afforded to present the truth; also that several churches were established as a result of the work done by this school. Several discussed the importance of this work and the need of encouraging it.

A motion then carried to consider resolution No. 9½ on religious liberty work.

Eld. K. C. Russell spoke of the necessity of pushing this line of work in the South because Catholicism is being brought to the front so rapidly, Protestantism is practically dead, and because Seventh-day Adventists are the only people in the world who stand in opposition to Catholicism, therefore we should arise and work while opportunity is afforded us.

Catholics are putting forth a great effort to prohibit all literature which attacks their belief from being handled in the United States mail.

There are also three religious bills now pending in Congress known as the Johnston Sunday Bill, the Mann Bill, and a bill to make the ten commandments the basis of civil government.

Religious legislation is permeating the air everywhere, and this concerns our liberty, therefore we should give much attention to this line of our work.

We should everywhere use our own magazines which teach the principles of liberty.

The revised edition of "American State Papers" is to be sold as a subscription book, and placed in the hands of our senators, representatives, and men in responsible positions.

These men will appreciate the book and it will teach them the principles of religious liberty, and be a great influence for good.

With reference to the plan of placing complimentary copies of this book in the hands of influential people, would say that February 24 there will be an offering for religious liberty work, which should be a very liberal one at this time, and as a portion of it is retained by the local conference the money raised in this way might be used for such a purpose.

With reference to the sale of the book, it would seem that some salaried person should be placed at the head of the work in this conference to visit different places in the interest of this work, turning into the conference all funds received from the sale of the book.

Time was then taken for a number of delegates to subscribe for the book and a number of subscriptions were taken.

Elder Haysmer and others spoke of the importance of placing our religious liberty literature in the hands of the public for the purpose of enlightening them in regard to this important principle. He thought we could have our magazines *Liberty* and *The Protestant* issued monthly, instead of quarterly, if we would push the work.

Elder Haysmer stated that ministers of other denominations had sent in more subscriptions for *The Protestant* than Seventh-day Adventist ministers. He said that we should revive this work.

Every Seventh-day Adventist family in the world should have this magazine in their home, as it gives to us new "facts for the times" in the place of the old book which contains many unauthenticated statements.

Question was called.

The Chair called for the reading of resolution No. 17. It was voted to defer the discussion of this resolution until Monday A. M., and the meeting adjourned.

C. F. McVAGH, *Chairman*,
E. H. REES, *Secretary*.

NEVER more than to-day were needed the men of calm and resolute faith. Brothers, to your knees and to your ranks! To your knees in humblest supplication; to your ranks in steadfast bravery which no foe can cause to quail. Stand forth in courage and gentleness for the truth which you believe to be allied to freedom and progress and God. Be so strong that you are not afraid to be just; take your stand, calm and moveless as the stars.—*Wm. M. Punshon*.

Our Publishing House

HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES reeport for two weeks, ending Feb. 2, 1912.

Total number of bound volumes, 2,392; *Watchman*, 16,776.

CANVASSERS' LETTERS — ALABAMA

THIS leaves me well and of good courage in the third angel's message: I went out this week, and the Lord blessed me with \$41 worth of orders. I know the Lord is with me. One gentleman said he could learn something by hearing me explain my book; so he ordered one from me. All speak well of my books. Let us make good use of the time before us. I am going to stay in the field until the Lord says, "Enough, come up higher." I. W. PEEVY.

I AM now sending you this week's report. I am glad that I am still in the work, and that the Lord has blessed me the past year. I am thankful to him for what he has done for me, and my courage is good. I am now in the race for the next twelve months, trusting in the Lord that I may be the cause of many souls turning to Christ through the printed word. The letter I received from you the other day has been a great strength to me. Pray for me that I may do more for the Lord in his vineyard than ever before. GEORGE W. BROWN.

THE work is onward here and in other places in the county where we have been with the books. At Dora some are keeping the Sabbath. And here there is one man keeping all the commandments. He is a well read man in the Scriptures and when the Sabbath question was brought to his attention he acknowledged that he could not find any change in the Bible. When asked why he kept the first day of the week instead of God's Sabbath he could give no good reason. Having some good tracts with me I gave him "The Seal of God," "Rome's Challenge," "Who Changed the Sabbath," and "Why Not Found Out Before." He read them, and is now keeping the seventh day instead of the first for which the Lord be praised. So you can see why we are not discouraged. In spite of every hindrance the good work goes on. My heart is full of good wishes for the work in Alabama.

Jasper, Ala.

W. F. NANCE.

ARIZONA

I LEFT that "earthly paradise," Loma Linda (Calif.), Sanitarium, November 27 for a long trip to place our books in Arizona. God blessed from the first day, yea, the first man I showed a book, ordered it. It was "Patriarchs and Prophets" in the Spanish language. In about six and a half weeks canvassing, the good Master gave me over \$1,225 worth of orders for this book, over \$100 worth for "Ministry of Healing," and more than \$50 worth of Spanish "New Testament Primer," "Steps to Christ," etc. I think a careful account will bring the total amount to \$1,450 or \$1,500, or more. Most of these books are Spanish, "Home and Health" and "Patriarchs and Prophets." I also sold some "Daniel and the Revelation" in English.

I seek God much in prayer. He does hear and answer. I could write pages upon pages of cheering experiences and wonderful answers to prayer, but time fails me. God's Spirit is now surely brooding over the Mexicans and other Spanish speaking people. He is calling to the people of this tongue the world over, and they respond, too, as do others. A recital of my late experiences among these would arouse you and at the same time cheer and encourage. God is now waiting to do marvelous things, and will bless all who will work earnestly.

WALTER HARPER.

KENTUCKY

THIS morning I have been canvassing in the big distillery of Wright and Taylor. I secured two orders from employees and also canvassed some government inspectors while there. One of them, who seemed very much interested in my work, remarked that the time will come when we will be called on to answer for our faith,—why we believe this thing and that.

C. R. MILLAR.

Louisiana Conference

NOTES

THIS report for the first month of the New Year finds all our workers in good health, and willing to do everything possible for the advancement of the work during the year. Let us all be faithful in tithes and offerings, and we will again "pass the mark," as we did last year.

Sister Goodwyn, who has been under the care of Dr. Heatherington for some time, has so far recovered that she sends a report of work done for January. Let us all pray that she may be able to continue in the work throughout the summer. She says, "God has been so merciful to me, that I deeply desire to consecrate myself to him now."

An encouraging item comes to us in a statement of the affairs of the Southern Publishing Association for the year just closed. The Lord is blessing the publishing work in this Union Conference, and we should all take hold of it, even though we may do but little, so that we may have some part in the blessing that service brings. Full details of how you may secure this blessing can be obtained by addressing the secretary of the tract society, L. B. Spear, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

Sister Saxby writes very encouragingly of the interest shown by the young people in the reading course. Five are now entitled to Reading Course Certificates, and several others are almost ready to receive this evidence of diligent study. The Standard of Attainment examinations this spring will also be taken by a number of persons.

A special call for contributions to the Religious Liberty Fund (which are to be made the last Sabbath of this month, February 24) has come from the General Conference Religious Liberty Department. Let us all do our best so that the men who have the making of our laws may be reached with the message as well as others.

An earnest call for some one to visit the few believers at Lena Station has just been received. We hope to respond soon, and to find there some one who will unite with us in the effort to place the message in the homes of the people of the State.

Brother Reeder, our genial field missionary, has at last moved his family to Louisiana, and has located at Alexandria, where he has purchased a home. The weather has been quite cold, and moving at such a time is somewhat difficult. But the same spirit which actuates the colporteur to go to the people with the message that is contained in our good books, whatever the difficulty, seems to have remained with Brother Reeder through all the years that he has been in the work.

The session of the Union Conference, recently held in Nashville, has made some changes in our work in Louisiana. Elder Rees goes to Nashville to assume the duties of secretary-treasurer and auditor for the Union. Eld. E. L. Neff, of Austin, Texas, has been asked to take charge of the work in New Orleans, in place of Elder Rees. At first it was planned that Eld. W. R. Burrow, of Memphis, Tenn., come to Louisiana and assume the duties of President, in

place of the writer; but on account of the condition of his health, his physician advised against the change.

Let us all pray for the outpouring of the Spirit that we may be able to witness better for the Master, and that our efforts may be directed along the most successful lines.

E. L. MAXWELL.

WELSH

I ENJOY reading the WORKER very much, but have never before sent in a report.

As I have been trying to do a little missionary work. I thought I would report for once. I ordered 100 Ingathering Signs for myself, and some for others. But for some reason the most of the papers did not reach us until near Christmas. Although it was the eleventh hour, the weather bad, and the people were beginning to feel discouraged, yet Sister Lantz and I determined to work our territory and do what we could. Sister Lantz has had good success where she has worked, but neither one of us are yet through. A Catholic doctor gave me a donation as he did last year, and many other Catholic friends did likewise. The Methodist minister bought the paper, knowing that I was a Seventh-day Adventist. Another physician gave me a nice donation, and most of the business men gave something. While some did not give as much this year as they did last, others gave more.

One poor woman who was in trouble opened up her heart to me, and I was glad to sympathize with her and tell her about the love of Jesus. I had many other good experiences also.

I enjoy meeting the people and talking with them about the truth. Last year I collected, with the Lord's help, \$28.15, and this year \$27.50 so far. Pray for me that I may never fear to own my Saviour's cause, nor "blush to speak his name."

MRS. MOLLIE LITCHFIELD.

AGAIN AT WORK

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

It has been many months since the readers of the WORKER have read a report from me. I have been practically out of the work since camp-meeting. A stubborn case of malaria, making repeated attacks upon an already lowered vitality, reached its culmination the middle of November, when nature, no longer able to resist, sank under the disease which for ten weeks confined me to my bed or room. God has been very merciful and tender in dealing with me, and to him be all the praise. "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Indeed my whole being is praising God, for I am unspeakably happy to be in the work.

Although the doctor counseled me not to return to my duties until the end of February, my zeal for the message has constrained me to enter the ranks again, and with the help and blessing of the Lord, I returned to my labors a month before the time; so the last week in January found me enjoying some excellent experiences while holding readings and visiting the people. Pray for me. Joyfully yours in the work,

New Orleans, Feb. 4, 1912.

FRANCES P. GOODWYN.

CANVASSERS, NOTICE

It would be a good plan for all who start from home to the institute at Shreveport, February 22, to take a roll of bedding along.

S. F. REEDER.

"TO HAVE what we want is riches, but to be able to do without is power."

Mississippi Conference

JACKSON

OUR hearts were cheered to see the faces of two new Sabbath-keepers in our meeting last Sabbath. The little company of commandment-keepers in Jackson is steadily growing. Wednesday evening a number of strangers were present at our prayer meeting, besides an excellent attendance of our own members. One lady arose for prayers. Pray for the work in Jackson, that others may see the message for this time and be established in the present truth.

JAMES A. MORROW.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

THE Canvassers' institute for white workers will begin March 5 instead of February 13, as previously announced. Let all take note of this change and plan your work so as to be at the first meeting which will be held at 9 A. M., March 5.

We have prospects for a class of about thirteen, and we wish to make it the best institute ever held in Mississippi.

Pray, plan, and work to attend, that you may be better prepared to work for God. The place will be announced next week.

H. G. MILLER, *Field Missionary Agent.*

Tennessee River Conference

WITH THE CHURCHES

SABBATH, February 3, was spent with the Fatherland Street church, Nashville. After speaking for about an hour from Rom. 6:1-4, it was the writer's privilege to bury five souls in baptism. Two of these united with the Cedar Grove church, and three with the Fatherland Street church. Two others were admitted to church membership upon profession of faith, they having been baptized at the camp-meeting.

Wednesday evening, February 7, I attended the prayer meeting in North Nashville. The testimonies borne indicate that some at least of the believers in Nashville are gaining ground spiritually. I am only sorry that all within easy reach of the meeting place do not esteem it a privilege to attend the prayer meeting. Our mid-week prayer meetings ought to be regarded by all as oases,—green places where we may pause for a little time in our journey, for a cooling drink, and for other needed refreshments.

Sabbath, February 10, was spent at Hillcrest. A good work is being done at this place, but I can not now speak of it particularly.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OFFERING

ATTENTION is hereby called to the fact that Sabbath, February 24, is the day set apart for the regular annual offering for Religious Liberty. We hope that this important matter will not be overlooked or otherwise neglected in any church or company in this conference. There is every reason why we should all take a deep interest in this important branch of the work. Let everything possible be done in every place to secure a liberal offering upon the last Sabbath in this month.

C. P. BOLLMAN.

OUR COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

WILL be held this year at Springville, Tenn., March 4-14. Efficient help will be present to give instruction, and we desire the presence of every canvasser now in the field, and every one who expects to take up this work this year.

Remember the place and date. Begin now to lay your plans

to attend. I want to know who will be present and the book you desire to handle; so please write me at 511 Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn., as soon as possible.

Let us all take hold and do our part to make this the best institute ever held in this conference. Pray for its success.

C. F. DART, *Field Missionary Agent.*

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Feb. 3, 1912

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
<i>For Week Ending Feb. 3, 1912</i>							
M L Ivory.....	BF	36	3	\$ 4 50	\$ 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 9 55
S S Guilford.....	BF	30	14	21 00	3 50	24 50	2 50
I W Peevy.....	BF	14	9	13 50	7 25	20 75	1 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

D C Ray.....	BF	41	11	12 00	50	12 50	50
C R Millar.....	BF	41	13	15 00	4 00	19 00	2 00
Curtis Pound....	BF	45	20	24 50	6 75	31 25	
J R Staton.....	BF	20					35 75

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

C W Brown.....	BF	34	9	10 00	4 25	14 25	2 50
T S Sligh.....	BF	35	15	29 00	7 50	36 50	35 00
G Jorgenson....	PPF	70	9	18 50	6 00	24 50	23 95
M B Wilson.....	BF	37	16	20 50	4 50	25 00	4 75

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

W H Haddon....	BF	34	22	25 50	3 60	28 50	2 00
H C Balsbaughcc	sc	31	25	30 65		30 65	5 20
J S Fry.....	BF	25	10	10 00	7 25	17 25	3 00
Mrs L A Fry....	CK	7	6	9 50	1 00	10 50	25
M A Murphy....	BF	9	8	9 50	3 00	12 50	2 50
John Hampton..	BF	32	24	25 00	3 50	28 50	3 50
Louise Jackson..	BF	8			75	75	1 50

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf....	80	26	39 00	11 25	50 25	13 55
Kentucky Conf....	147	44	51 50	11 25	62 75	38 25
Louisiana Conf....	176	49	78 00	22 25	100 25	66 20
Mississippi Conf..	146	95	110 15	18 50	128 65	17 95
Tenn River Conf	No report					

Totals 549 214 278 65 63 25 341 90 135 95

MAGAZINE AGENTS' REPORT

For Week Ending Feb. 2, 1912

Agent	Hrs.	No.	Value
Milton Jones, Louisville. L&H L/B SIGNS	W 15	52	\$5 20

THE first colporteurs' report of the Southern Union is not all we could wish it to be, but it is a respectable beginning and with the blessing of God we expect to see a gradual increase in the number of workers and the volume of business.

Courageous and consecrated generals are at the head of the work in the five conferences in our union, who are pledged to do their best, and with the promise of the Captain of the Lord's host, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," we look for glorious victory.

C. D. WOLFF, *Gen'l Agt.*

"CHARACTER is essentially the power of resisting temptation."

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THE WATCHMAN—THE PRESENT TRUTH EVANGELIZER

THE February *Watchman* certainly took well, for we had no difficulty in disposing of the entire edition, and the prospects are bright for the March issue. This is as it should be, as the highly artistic and significant picture on our cover page will indicate. We consider it the best we have yet had. Will you not bear the message of truth to your neighbors by ordering a supply of this number of the *Watchman* for distribution?

The following are some of the leading features:—

"The Church with a Definite Message." In this the editor will show how Seventh-day Adventists are sounding a true note in this world of discord.

"July, the Twenty-third, The Awakening of Turkey," is the latest contribution of our well-known writer, Prof. Percy T. Magan. Surely the events in the East warrant a close study of this interesting article.

BEGIN NOW

BEGIN now to make your offering in behalf of the religious liberty work, which is to be taken up Sabbath, Feb. 24, 1912, and make it the largest you have ever given:—

1. Because it is the only general offering that is to be given the department for its work during the year;
2. Because the forces which are arrayed against the cause of religious freedom are rapidly increasing;
3. Because ours is the only association that stands in defense of the true principles of religious freedom;
4. Because to us is committed the special message of warning against a union of church and state;
5. Because, by enlightening the people, their liberties may be the longer preserved and the hand of persecution stayed;
6. Because men of prominence and others may obtain a knowledge of the everlasting gospel, and through it be saved in Christ's everlasting kingdom;
7. Because funds are required to place the new, revised edition of "American State Papers" in the hands of State legislators and other public officials, and in the libraries of the country;
8. Because means are needed with which to distribute more widely the *Liberty* and *Protestant* magazines and other literature;
9. Because of the rapidly increasing number of special issues arising in different States throughout the country, which must be met by us by the distribution of specially prepared literature, lectures, mass meetings, etc.;
10. Because the annual offering is now divided equally among the general, the union, and the local conference re-

ligious liberty departments for the purpose of effectively carrying forward the work throughout the field.

K. C. RUSSELL.

Secretary Religious Liberty Association.

THE ARMY BOOK FUND

THE Lord is surely blessing the Army Book Fund. 3,000 copies are needed. Thus far 133 books have gone out to as many different companies of Infantry. Read the following letter, and then make up a liberal donation in stamps, money, or better still, let me send you labels to place on clean copies of "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Great Controversy" to send off to the Philippines.

"COMPANY 'H,' 5TH U. S. INFANTRY,
FEB. 8TH, 1912.

"DEAR FRIEND AND COMRADE:—

"I am in receipt of your kind letter and the book entitled "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," and must say in addition to my abundant thanks, that it is one of the most finished and interesting books on the interpretations of the Bible that has ever fallen into my hands. Words can not express the great pleasure and the many good thoughts its pages have imparted and revealed to me.

"My wife and family share equally in my enthusiasm; likewise all the individual members of the Company, and all have expressed the wish that they could thank you in person; especially as the gift was tendered by a comrade and ex-soldier. If other good books on religious subjects and Bible thoughts could find their way into the soldiers' libraries, I feel sure that it would tend to elevate the rank and file more than the books that usually fill the shelves of the company reading room. Your gift has made me do some *profound thinking*, and I intend to make a thorough study of it. Again we all wish to tender our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kind thoughts, desires, and motive you had in remembering your one-time comrades. Your gift will find a welcome and a conspicuous place in our library, and will always be prized as the Company's chief possession. I wish also to extend my personal thanks as a soldier of twenty-five years' service, and you can rest assured that your address will remain fresh in my memory and that, in all probability, I will write you again after I have made a more thorough study of this splendid book.

"Trusting that the work you are following will bring forth more good results in and out of the line of the army, I beg to remain,

"Your sincere friend and comrade,

"(Signed) HENRY T. HYDE.

"First Sergeant, Company 'H,' 5th U. S. Infantry."

Who will be the next to send a fifty-cent book of stamps to the Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., and make possible another letter like this?

The Lord is coming. Do you realize it? Help the good work forward by hastening his coming in this way. Remember this "foreign" field when making up your mission donations.

B. N. BROWN.

Other conference papers please copy.

UNION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

A SPECIAL meeting of the Southern Union Conference Committee was convened in Nashville last Monday morning, Eld. S. E. Wight, the newly elected president being present. The committee was called together for counsel concerning important conference matters, and to arrange plans for the conduct of the work in the immediate future. The results of its deliberations, so far as they concern our readers, will probably be given them in the near future.