

# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER

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

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## GOLD-TINGED LEAF

GOLD-tinged leaf, with spots of brown,  
Thy race is nearly run;  
And thou art now with beauty crowned  
For the good that thou hast done.

Thy life has not been very long;  
Thy sphere's been narrow, too;  
But thou hast served thy purpose well,  
There's little more to do.

Return, return to Mother Earth;  
Close nestle to her side;  
Yield up thy beauty, turn to dust,  
Thy virtue there to hide.

But nothing, nothing ceases all;  
Thy potency still lives:  
Some other leaf will richer be  
For what thy dying gives.

C. P. B.

## Southern Union Conference

### CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

S. E. WIGHT, President.  
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### COLPORTEUR WORK IN THE SOUTHERN UNION

THE accompanying report shows the actual work done by the colporteurs in the Union for the months of October and November. We are glad to see the good hand of God in the work and his signal blessing with the faithful colporteurs as they go from home to home offering the bread of life. It will be said of the faithful God-fearing worker in that great day of reckoning, "Come, ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat." Many who are now trudging the dusty roads, climbing the hills and wading through mud are almost forgetting themselves and their own comforts in dispensing bread to hungry souls. All such who continue faithful will surely be among the number to whom the King will say, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

What a joy will fill the hearts of those to whom these gracious words shall be addressed. This summary appears very small and we wish it were many times larger, but I am sure we are all glad to have even a small part in the great work God has committed to us to finish in this generation.

I would suggest that the workers in the conferences consider carefully the following averages and every one make an effort to swell the number of hours and so increase the value of sales.

Conf.	Av.Hrs.	Av.Orc's.	Av.Val.Ords.	Av.Val.Del.	Av. Pr. Hr.
Louisiana .....	65	38	\$ 45 51	\$ 84 51	\$ 1 30
Mississippi .....	226	70	119 24	204 50	91
Alabama .....	196	61	78 55	110 57	56
Tennessee River ..	177	44	63 50	111 25	62
Kentucky .....	111	38	45 40	53 67	49
For the Union ..	168	52	\$ 78 55	\$ 126 44	\$ 75

We hope to announce the time of the institute for the Union in the next WORKER.

C. D. WOLFF.

### NASHVILLE SANITARIUM

THE Nashville Sanitarium management was very much pleased to get the advice of two members of the General Conference Finance Committee, Eld. W. T. Knox and Bro. R. Hook Jr. December 1st, these brethren visited the Sanitarium at the earnest request of the Sanitarium Board, and after careful consideration of the situation, gave some advice which was very much appreciated by all carrying the responsibility.

Some changes were made, which it is hoped will reduce the expense of operation several hundred dollars during the year. The Union Conference Committee laid some plans which will be submitted to the parties concerned, and, if agreed to, will bring immediate relief to the institution. I can not give the complete plan just at this period with regard to all our hopes, but one matter we might mention, and that is that it is expected that the General Conference will give to the institution \$1 for every \$4 raised by the constituency during the year 1913.

At the close of the council held here in Nashville December 2, the brethren left for their several fields very much encouraged over the prospect of the liquidation of the Sanitarium debts in the very near future. The institution has certainly been prospered during the last six months. At the present time it has a most excellent patronage for this time of the year. The average attendance is about eighteen. It is expected that after a steady effort is made that the patronage will become more permanent, and very much increased. We have the promise of the Lord that if we will do our part, he will do his, and that the institution will prosper.

If those who have pledged to this enterprise will now send in their offerings, and those who have not will make a contribution, we will have this contribution added to by the help of the General Conference which will reduce our interest, and save money for the cause of God. The writer can not help but feel that God has set his hand to give us victory, and

the Sanitarium management earnestly solicits the prayers of God's people throughout this territory for the success of the institution. We are sure that if we do our part God will do his.

S. E. WIGHT.

## Our Publishing House

### HOME OFFICE NEWS

SALES report for week ending December 14, 1912: Total number of bound volumes, 405: *Watchman*, 2,314.

Last week we gave a bird's eye view of our plant and this week we will take you through the new office building, the cut below giving a very good view of the Counting-room.

This department is much better located than in the old building, having much more room and better light. In addition, a commodious fire-proof vault is located in the base-



SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION COUNTING-ROOM

ment which gives us ample space for storage of all valuable records.

Seated at the roll top desk is the cashier, Mr. G. H. Curtis. In the foreground at the standing desk is Bro. Mark Stivers, bookkeeper. When this picture was taken the Southern Union Conference auditor, Eld. E. H. Rees and his assistant, Miss Lenna Simkin were checking up our books. They were a little too modest to face the camera so our friends who are not personally acquainted with them will have to imagine how they look. The young man across the table from the auditors is Harry Simshauser, a rising young bookkeeper.

To this department all letters containing money are sent, and an accurate record spread upon the books, an account being kept of all money received and disbursed, no matter how small or large the item may be. As the money is received the letter is given a remittance number, the letter itself being entered alphabetically in a remittance register in the name of the remitter, so that any time a customer should make a complaint or say that certain moneys had been sent in for which no returns had been made, we can refer to the item immediately. All outgoing cash is handled by the voucher system and vouchers are filed numerically, thus facilitating the work of the auditor. All of the entries affecting cash are carefully checked by the auditor each year. In addition to checking the cash items the inventories are also carefully gone over.

A Burrough's adding machine is part of the equipment of the business office and is a great help in facilitating the work

of handling the large number of figures that necessarily must be compiled during the year. The adding machine is also used for making monthly statements and taking off trial balances.

Next week we shall continue the trip through the office building and allow you to visit the Book and Periodical Departments.

In a recent letter received from Brother Harrison, he says: "I delivered \$75 worth of orders last week in Cleburne. A week from to-morrow I have my second delivery to make. This one will be in the country. The dear Lord is blessing in the Southwestern Union in a special manner and we hope to have a good December delivery.

BRO. VIRGIL SMITH of Enid, Miss., writes: "A good week's work in the mud and rain. I have passed the \$1,109 mark. Thanks to you for the promptness in which I have been served which has helped to make it possible. It has meant close work with little time with my family, or to write to my friends. Am having good experiences all the time."

THE bindery foreman reports that during the week ending December 13, there were 38,939 books being bound in that department.

THE annual meeting of the Publishing House constituency is to be held in Keene, Texas, this year beginning January 21.

MISS BESSIE SWARTZBAUGH, one of our magazine workers, of Houston, Texas, arrived in Nashville this week. She is planning to stay with Mrs. J. W. Winn and take private school work, also engaging in the work of selling the *Watchman* in this city.

MISS NEVA REEDER was an office visitor Thursday. She left Friday to visit friends in Graysville, Tenn., en route to Washington, D. C., where she expects to continue the nurses' training course.

Our general manager is again at his desk after being confined to the house for a full week with a severe attack of la grippe.

The editor of the *WORKER* has also been off duty several days suffering with a bad cold. He is again at his desk.

## Our Sanitarium

### ENCOURAGING ITEMS

At last report to the *WORKER* there were fifteen patients at the Sanitarium. This number was augmented during the week ending December 14 until we numbered eighteen guests. Some of these have gone home—all of them fast friends because of help received. The Lord is blessing the combined efforts of the workers, and this is seen in some remarkable improvements in health.

It fills us with greater determination and courage to see that our own people are again extending their sympathy, and lending active support to the work of the Nashville Sanitarium. The spirit of prophecy declared that the institution was needed in this field, and that if careful planning and earnest consecrated work were brought to bear on the situation, apparent defeat would be turned into glorious success. We all at the Sanitarium believe this, and are praying for strength to understand fully what we ought to do, and how best to do it.

Dr. McCrary and wife were patients during the last two weeks. Dr. McCrary has a large practise in Tennessee, and promised all possible help in sending us those patients needing institutional care.

Sister Leitzmann of Alabama was at the sanitarium during the week.

Sister Baxter, a Bible worker of the Tennessee River Con-

ference has been with us for two or three weeks, and expects to resume her work at once.

The week of prayer services were conducted each evening. Elder Crothers, Brother Knox, and the writer led in the exercises. A helpful season to all was spent.

The manager or the writer would be very pleased to hear from any reader of patients with whom we could correspond.

DR. H. J. HOARE.

### WANTED

We want at once a consecrated young or middle aged woman to do kitchen and dining-room work, wait on patients' tables, etc. This is a good steady place at five dollars a week.

Write, giving age, weight, personal appearance, and Christian experience together with the name of one or two of our ministers who know you.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM.

Sta. 5, Nashville, Tenn.

## Alabama Conference

### CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

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Helen M. Keate, Sabbath-School and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Fort Payne, Ala.

C. R. Waldron, Educational Secretary, Rockford, Ala.

**Membership of Alabama Conference, 195; proportion of fifteen-cents-a-week fund, \$1,521. Amount paid, \$1,097.64. Still to be raised, \$423.36.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT, MONTH ENDING NOV. 30, 1912

#### TITHE

Mobile .....	\$ 138 56
Birmingham .....	133 94
Oak Level .....	25 00
Individual .....	23 72
Marlow .....	21 37
Sheffield .....	17 46
Montgomery .....	11 20
Cool Springs .....	5 82
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 377 07</b>

#### OFFERINGS

Sabbath-School Donations .....	\$ 28 77
Harvest Ingathering .....	25 15
Weekly .....	10 25
Negro Department .....	1 40
Thirteenth Sabbath (S. S.) .....	1 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 66 57</b>

#### Missions

#### TITHE

Pensacola .....	\$ 79 82
Montgomery .....	28 53
Mobile .....	22 84
Sylacauga .....	11 96
Birmingham .....	7 15
Gadsden .....	1 70
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 167 75</b>

#### OFFERINGS

Sabbath School Donations .....	\$ 4 91
Weekly .....	3 06
Harvest Ingathering .....	2 00
Negro Department .....	50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 10 47</b>

THOS. E. PAVEY, *Treas.*

### NOTES

ELD. A. L. Miller spent two days of the week of prayer with the Attalla church. He also visited some of the interested ones at Gadsden.

The Auditing Committee will meet Thursday, December 26.

The Dothan church and others are endeavoring to sell a "Ministry of Healing" for every member of the church between now and the first of the year. Can not all sell one book before the first of the year?

Bro. Mark Wilson, our State missionary agent, has just returned to the office after six weeks in the field. Brother Wilson has been doing some faithful work and we are glad to see the work gaining ground in this conference.

We now have a supply of the Morning Watch Calendar for 1913. All should have this beautiful little calendar and join the Morning Watch Band for 1913. Send in your orders to the tract society.

A Christmas suggestion: Why not give your friend a good book? "The Great Controversy," "Christ's Object Lessons," or "Daniel and the Revelation," would make a nice present. We also have some good books for children: "The Man that Rum Made," "The King's Daughter," "Tiger and Tom," and many others. Send to the tract society and Brother Pavey will give your orders his prompt attention.

### COLPORTEUR NOTES

The canvassing work is onward in this field and the colporteurs are rolling up a big order for a Christmas delivery. Now is the opportune time for the canvasser, while the people have a little spending money—sell them a book.

Smile and hustle is our pass word—have you got it?

Brother Ivory writes that times are hard but he can't give up the fight—remember the pass word.

Good news comes from Brother Guilford in Coffee County. I know he is on the scout for I tried two days last week to find him but failed to catch him. I have no complaint, he brought back some grapes.

Brother and Sister Smith, our new canvassers have taken the first degree—a troublesome night, and corn bread and molasses for breakfast—and have been duly initiated into the canvassing work.

Brother Rice will move from Seale to Lafayette, Ala., about the first of the year, where he will continue the work of spreading the message in the printed page.

It was my privilege to spend one day during the week of prayer with the colored church at Montgomery. The church there agreed to send the *Watchman* to the Carnegie Library at the Tuskegee Institute. This is a good example and worthy of imitation.

Brother Jacks will move to Troy the first of the year and take up work in that field.

Bro. Ernest Waters took a few days off last week but we are glad to see him back on the firing line again.

MARK WILSON, *Field Agent.*

"SILENCE is golden chiefly because it is so rare."

## Kentucky Conference

### CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

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F. C. Bruce, Secretary and Treasurer.  
H. E. Beck, Field Agent.  
Mrs. B. W. Brown, Sabbath-School Secretary.  
W. H. White, Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
Office address, 1410 Beech St., Louisville, Ky.

**Membership of the Kentucky Conference, 183; quota of fifteen-cents-a-week fund, \$1,427.40. Amount paid, \$1,153.20. Still to be raised, \$274.20.**

### NEWS NOTES

Bro. and Sister Chas. Jones, of Lexington, report having done the following missionary work for last month:—

Tracts loaned or given away, 190; Bible readings given, 6; papers given away, 30; articles of clothing given away, 36; and five persons interested in the truth. Let others send in their reports.

Bro. Curtis Pound has been spending a few days at home visiting his parents. At present he is at the office on his way to Lexington.

Bro. James Hickman, of Yamacraw, has been doing missionary work between his working hours, and God has blessed him and enabled him to dispose of \$100 worth of our good books in the past three months. Reader, why not try Brother Hickman's plan and thus help warn the people of Christ's coming?

Bro. W. H. White is spending the first half of the week of prayer with the church at Hartford.

Bro. Henry Jones, the elder of the Ford church reports the work onward there. They are now building a new church. We are pleased to hear of this, for it is a step in the right direction.

Sister Mollie Crockett reports an interest to hear the truth at Patsey, Estill County and she is planning to move there soon to do missionary work.

Bro. W. H. Clark, of Auxier, reports that the boss at the Mary Luck mines has declared his intention to keep the Sabbath. His wife having already begun to obey the truth.

Brother and Sister Dow are now located at Salyersville, Magoffin County. They will follow up the interest created by the sale of our books in this County also in Johnson. They report a trying time reaching their destination, as the trip had to be made through the hills by stage in the midst of a rain storm. Pray for these workers as they begin meetings, that God will give souls for their labor.

Only a few days of this year remain. Is there anything special that we should do before the new year is ushered in? How about that pledge for missions that we promised to pay before January, 1913? Oh yes, you will attend to that quickly when you read this, for we all want to see our fifteen-cents-a-week fund raised. It will be if all will pay their pledges, and our missionaries will be happy.

Bro. Geo. Graves reports some interest to hear the truth at Stearns. He has been holding some cottage meetings.

Elder Lindsay reports the church work onward in Louisville. They expect to change church buildings soon.

Bro. F. Jacobs has recently located at Hartford having moved there from Minnesota. He plans to do missionary work in his neighborhood.

Reports of two new Adventists have come to us the past week.

These persons accepted the truth by reading our good books. Does not that make you want to be a canvasser?

### REPORTS WANTED

ON account of home cares, at present several of the colporteurs have retired from the field, but many of these report by letter each week, and say they are of good courage in the Lord and will make canvassing their business soon. A number are selling out their business to go into the work to help herald the message to those dying in sin.

We are now looking forward to the institute to be held in March. In connection with this institute will be held a series of meetings. We would be glad to hear from some of the churches that would like to have the colporteurs visit them.

Canvassers don't forget to send in your reports each week. My address is 1410 Beech St., Louisville, Ky.

Let us pray for more laborers in the field. H. E. BECK.

## Louisiana Conference

**Membership of the Louisiana Conference, 267; quota of the fifteen cents a-week fund, \$2,082.60. Amount paid, \$1,209.65. Still to be raised, \$872.95.**

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER NEWS LETTER—DECEMBER

MRS. C. A. SAXBY.

ACTING upon the suggestion of our conference president, our letter this month and all succeeding ones will appear in the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER. We hardly considered that our efforts would be worthy of a place in the WORKER, but since we have had this invitation, shall we not put forth even greater effort to make our letter a blessing to every reader? From every society and from isolated members come words of appreciation for our letter. Let us not slacken our efforts in the least. Will those who have been appointed as educational secretaries see that your society has something for the next letter? We have an enlarged field now, and we must occupy.

#### THE MORNING WATCH CALENDAR

THE Morning Watch Calendar this year is made up of precious Bible promises. Would you not like to be able to repeat 365 precious promises? The task is easy. Why not go at it next year? Did you ever stop to think, dear young people, that some day we may not have our Bibles and don't you think we will wish we knew some of God's precious promises? That time is not far distant, so let us not delay making that preparation. The Calendar also contains the Sunset Table, a valuable little aid, so that we do not need to wonder when the Sabbath begins and ends. For some it seems a hard task to keep a record of missionary work. Our General Conference Young People's Department has even recognized this, and on the opposite page from the promises for each month is a daily record, with the motto below, "Help Somebody To-day." It seems that all has been done that could be done to make this little booklet helpful to us, but all this will avail nothing unless we do our part. Shall we do it? What do you say? Price five cents. Order of the tract society.

#### GROWTH IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

THE command of the Lord through the apostle Peter is, "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." But in order to grow spiritually there are certain things that must be done.

To grow physically, a person must breathe, drink, eat, and

exercise. Just so, to increase spiritually, he must, from day to day, do those things that in religion correspond to the requisites for physical growth.

As a person breathes out the impure gas, carbon dioxide, from his lungs and takes in its place energy producing oxygen to give him material life; he must breathe out his soul's needs in prayer to God, and receive into his life the strength giving oxygen of heaven.

He must also have drink and food for the soul. These are found in Christ. Let us study the Word of God as found in John 6:35 and Matt. 4:4. Furthermore, if he would gain strength of character, he must exercise the faith he receives from studying the Scriptures (Rom. 10:17), by giving the truth, that he has gotten from the Word, to others. Eph. 4:15.

If any one neglects doing any of these things, daily, that are required to give him moral and spiritual growth, his character will become dwarfed or will die just as his physical body would become weak or die if he neglected any of their physical counterparts. Then shall we not by all means attend daily to these things?

RAY E. HENDRICKS.

Hammond, La.

#### MY SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK

THE burden for Sabbath-school work has lain heavily upon my heart since the first time that Brother Auger brought it before our society, and when he made the call for definite steps to be taken in this direction, I was one among the four who volunteered to take this work up.

Some time ago there were four places open for schools, but as we continued to disregard the pleading of the Holy Spirit, two of these closed, teaching us a bitter lesson of what it means to let opportunities slip.

Sabbath, September 21, was the day selected to begin the work. Two of us were to take charge of each school. Sister Dittmer and I started out at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with Brother Auger as our guide. We crossed the river on the ferry and then walked the rest of the way, taking the railroad track just back of the river banks.

When we arrived at our destination the mother and five children greeted us warmly and we began to sing hymns. We had sung only two when the father, Mr. Blystadt, came in and expressed his delight with the music. Brother Auger and Mr. Blystadt immediately became very much interested in conversation together, thus giving Miss Dittmer and me a chance to present our plans to the mother. At first she could not understand us, but when we explained that we would come every Sabbath and teach the children free of charge, she thought a while and said, "There are no other children whom you might teach; for they are all Catholics, so I could send mine over to your Sabbath-school if some one would be waiting at the ferry landing for them and see them from there to church." This we promised to do and we saw how light the work really is if we are only willing.

On our preparing to leave, Mrs. Blystadt handed Brother Auger 25c to pay for a copy of the special *Watchman*, the profits of which we are using to apply on our church purchase fund. As Brother Auger thanked her for it, Mr. Blystadt said, "Mama, what made you give so little? These folks can't go home with that." So we explained why we were selling the paper and he gave us a dollar, telling us to use it as we pleased so his name is on our list of donors to our church fund.

We closed the Sabbath with our friends; and as we walked slowly back along that mighty Mississippi, the banks of which were twenty feet higher than the surrounding country, we watched the sun sink slowly out of sight, the last ray

disappearing just as we reached the boat landing, leaving a beautifully tinted sky reflected on the surface of our glorious river. My mind rested upon the Shepherd Psalm and I asked our guide if he did not think our work of the day exemplified that beautiful Psalm and he said it did in principle at least; for we were shepherds for the Master.

We have begun this work and I shall not give it up, but will press it on with God's help.

There are some little folk who are constantly in and out of my own yard and it may be that my duty lies right here at home. If so, I shall take my place and fill it to the glorification of my dear Heavenly Father.

New Orleans, La.

MAGGIE H. GASTAUER.

#### READING COURSE ROLL FOR 1912-1913.

Edward M. Gifford, Shreveport.  
Mrs. Annie L. Gifford, Shreveport.  
Miss Johnnie Gifford, Ringgold.  
Mabel Wood, Natalbany.  
Frances Dittmer, New Orleans.  
Mamie Jenevein, New Orleans.  
Maggie H. Gastauer, New Orleans.  
Irma Gastauer, New Orleans.  
Marguerite A. Gastauer, New Orleans.  
Dora M. Borges, New Orleans.  
Mrs. C. A. Saxby, Lake Charles.  
Nora Brackney, Lake Charles.  
M. B. Wilson, Ringgold.  
Myrtle Smith, Ringgold.  
Fannie Lou Sibley, Ringgold.  
Sidney Wilson, Ringgold.  
T. W. Tingle, Ringgold.  
Ada E. Brackney, Ringgold.  
Frank Baker, Ringgold.  
Cramer Smith, Ringgold.  
Ruth Eaton, Welsh.  
Mrs. M. E. Lantz, Welsh.  
Susie Auger, New Orleans.  
Frank Dittmer, New Orleans.  
Josephine Jenevein, New Orleans.

Several have received certificates for Course No. 5 since our last letter. Who will be first to have his name on our list for reviews passed in on "Uplift of China"?

LET us remember our camp-meeting motto as we begin the new year, "One soul for Christ before another camp-meeting."

SOMETIMES we feel like saying, "O, if I only lived in a great city, I too would find places to work for the Master." We would never be found saying this if we could understand how few our workers can really interest where everything is all astir and nearly every one living for himself, often not knowing his next door neighbor. May the Lord help us to take up our duty right where we are and when we do, the doors of opportunity will open faster than we can respond.

THE "Bee Hive" would like to know what has become of her friends and neighbors from Shreveport. Will the *News Letter* let us know or shall our Conference Secretary have this to do?

SEND all contributions to your conference secretary, as formerly, for the *News Letter*. Some have wished it might be weekly. It rests with you what it shall be.

"THE hands are for the hardness of toil; the heart is for tenderness."

## Mississippi Conference

**Membership of the Mississippi Conference, 157; quota of the fifteen-cents-a-week fund, \$1,224.60. Amount paid, \$838.33. Still to be raised, \$386.27.**

### SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1912

Names	Membership	Av. Att.	Exp.	13th Sab.	Missions
Camp-Meeting ...			\$	\$	\$37 74
Meridian .....	17	15	34 00	7 24	34 00
Jackson .....	30	21	28 13	5 02	28 13
Home Department	39	38	21 76	6 18	21 76
Hatley .....	24	22	12 63	2 63	12 63
Enid .....	4	4	12 09	10 20	12 09
Natchez .....	17	12	10 83	1 25	10 83
Ellisville .....	10	8	5 61	65	5 61
Ridgeland .....	23	21	3 70	30	3 70
Pine Grove .....	22	14	3 30	27	3 30
Vicksburg .....	7	6	2 86	1 00	2 86
Dixie .....	6	4	2 55	21	2 55
Laurel .....	9	6	2 40	20	2 40

Totals ..... 208 171 \$177 60 \$35 15 \$177 60

Mrs. E. L. MORROW, Sabbath-School Secy.

## Tennessee River Conference

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**Membership of the Tennessee River Conference, 538; quota of the fifteen-cents-a-week fund, \$4,196.40. Amount paid, \$1,965.70. Still to be raised, \$2,230.70.**

### NEWS ITEMS

"THEN the Morning Watch—God bless it—  
Helps me through the trying day;  
And I know my Bible better;  
Brighter shines the narrow way."

We are glad to say that we have our stock of Morning Watch Calendars on hand. We are going to try to place five hundred copies in the Tennessee River Conference this year. With your help this is possible. You could not find anything more appropriate for a New Year's gift. Send one to your friends. Read what it has done for others:—

"The Morning Watch has helped me to form the habit of reading my Bible every day, and I do not know how I could get along without it."

"The Morning Watch texts have increased my store of Bible knowledge and I have learned many texts that are not only helpful to me now, but will be a source of strength and comfort in the time of trouble when our Bibles are taken from us."

"The Morning Watch has helped to unlock the Scriptures to me. In the blissful moments of its observance, I am

brought into a sacred nearness and true communion with God. Here I can lay before God my individual needs and soul struggles and receive his perfect peace instead; here I am brought to sense my absolute dependence upon God and change mere self-energy for his power; here is unfolded clearly the true idea of God, moving me to obey and adore him and to aspire after his likeness."

We could tell you many more experiences like these. It will do for you what it has done for others if you will only study it. Send in your order at once. The price is only five cents.

Eld. S. E. Wight, the president of the Southern Union Conference, expects to visit the Hazel Industrial Academy next Thursday, and remain over Sabbath.

Elder Maxwell is in West Tennessee, visiting the churches in that part of the State.

The Nashville Memorial Church reports that over \$110 has been received on the Harvest Ingathering Fund.

Do not fail to send in your subscription for the WORKER before the end of the year.

Elder Maxwell visited with the Leach and Trezevant churches during the week of prayer.

The Conference Committee will meet some time about the last of the month. Considerable business has accumulated.

*Liberty* will be sent to all the members of the legislature during the session that will be held here this winter. Let us pray that the great Ruler of the universe may guide them in making righteous laws that the message may not be hindered.

The new Church Treasurer's Record and Report Book is being sent to all the treasurers for use in recording and remitting funds from and after January 1. We would suggest that you study the book carefully and then make exclusive use of it in your recording and remitting to the conference.

As the present year closes let us determine that those features of our experiences that are not like the pattern set for us by our Saviour shall be discarded and cast behind us forever. As the new year comes shall we not make it a year of new victories and experiences in drawing nearer to God?

### SUGGESTIONS FOR 1913

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF THE TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE: We have received many blessings during the past week of prayer which has just past, and have consecrated ourselves anew to God and his service. What are we going to do with our blessings? How are we going to show our consecration?

I can do no better than to quote from a stirring testimony given us ten years ago the 6th of this month.

"The new year is just before us, and plans should be laid for earnest, persevering effort in the Master's service. There is much to be done to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who will engage in it with earnestness and diligence."

"Take the books to business men, to teachers of the gospel, whose minds have not been called to the special truths for this time. The message is to be given 'in the highways,'—to men who take an active part in the world's work, to the teachers and leaders of the people. Thousands can be reached in the most simple, humble way. The most intellectual, those who are looked upon as the world's most gifted men and women, are often refreshed by the simple words of one who loves God, and who can speak of that love as

naturally as the worldling speaks of the things that interest him most deeply."

"What are you going to do during the year that is just opening? . . . I ask you, dear Christian workers, to do what you can to circulate the books that the Lord has said should be sown broadcast throughout the world. . . . You can not afford to lose one day. Take up your neglected work."

"Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in God's strength. Let them engage in the good work of selling our books."

"The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work in the year 1903 [1913]. For Christ's sake, my brethren and sisters, make the most of the hours of the new year to place the precious light of present truth before the people. The angel of the covenant is empowering his servants to carry the truth to all parts of the world. He has sent forth his angels with the message of mercy; but, as if they did not speed on their way fast enough to satisfy his heart of yearning love, he lays on every member of his church the responsibility of proclaiming this message. 'Let him that heareth say, come.' Every member of the church is to show his loyalty by inviting the thirsty to drink of the water of life. A chain of living witnesses is to carry the invitation to the world. Will you act your part in this great work?"

We are planning to hold our annual colporteurs' institute about the first of March. We want to make this the best one ever held in this conference. Begin now and lay your plans to attend. Do not let anything hinder you as this is an important meeting. Write me about it. My address is 2309 Lacy St., Nashville, Tenn. C. F. DART.

I HAVE not written for some time, but am of good courage in the Lord. I have had many rich experiences in the work. Many precious souls are seeking for the light. Pray for me that I may ever be faithful in the work the Lord has given me to do, that when Christ shall come in the near future I may have a home in his blessed kingdom.

REBECCA MOORE.

I HAVE been having good success. The people are glad to see me, and are anxious to get their books. Some of the expressions I hear are as follows:—

"I have been looking for you about two weeks to come and bring my book." "I was afraid you would never come back over here with my book." "I am ready for you."

One man likes his book so well that he gives me and my horse a place over night. The Lord surely is opening the hearts of the people for the truth. W. L. CUTCHVILLE.

THE title of a thirty-two page tract, B. S. L. No. 207, is *Turkey and His End*, by Eld. E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference. This tract is just off the press, and contains a two-page map showing Turkey 100 years ago as compared with its dwindled possessions of to-day; also a map showing the original territories occupied by the kings of the North and of the South. Price \$2 a hundred. Order of your tract society.

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## THE BIBLE

WHAT is the world?—A wildering maze,  
Where sin hath tacked ten thousand ways  
Her victims to ensnare;  
All broad, and winding, and aslope,  
All tempting with perfidious hope,  
All ending in despair.

Millions of pilgrims throng those roads,  
Bearing their baubles, or their loads,  
Down to eternal night;  
One humble path that never bends,  
Narrow, and rough, and steep, ascends  
From darkness into light.

Is there a guide to show that path?  
The Bible: he alone who hath  
The Bible need not stray;  
Yet he who hath, and will not give  
That heavenly guide to all who live,  
Himself shall lose the way.

—James Montgomery.

## COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Week Ending Dec. 7, 1912

### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
H G Smith	.....CK	24	17	\$34 00	\$ 50	\$34 50	\$
I W Peevy	.....BF	29	7	10 50	2 25	12 75	1 00
Geo W Brown	...BF	20	5	6 00	2 50	8 50	
M L Ivory	.....BF	48	3	4 50	7 25	11 75	15 00
Mrs H G Smith	.GC	5	1	3 00		3 00	
S S Guilford	...BF	40			1 50	1 50	34 00

### MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

H C Balsbaugh	...GC	37	16	45 00		45 00	33 25
M T McMullen	...BF	26	21	21 00	60	21 60	60
*J S Fry	.....D&R	58	3	7 00	7 00	14 00	47 00
M A Murphy	...BF	1	1	1 00		1 00	1 00
Virgil Smith	...BR	30			1 50	1 50	101 50
C H McColley	...BR	33			1 75	1 75	61 35
E P Campbell	...PC	40					32 00
Emily Billups	...BF	35					7 56
Annie Watts	...BF	35					7 50
A L Saxon	.....BR	13			1 25	1 25	7 25

### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mamie Moore	DR&BF	36	25	40 00		40 00	
R H Hazelton	...GC	35	12	27 00		27 00	12 27
Rebecca Moore	...BF	24	1	1 00		1 00	
*W L Cutchville	BF	71			3 25	3 25	36 50
U Bracy	.....BF	34			25	25	33 50
Thomas Goodman	BF	27					15 00

### SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	.....	166	33	58 00	14 00	72 00	50 00
Kentucky Conf	....	No Report.					
Louisiana Conf	...	No Report.					
Mississippi Conf	..	308	41	74 50	12 10	86 60	208 95
Tenn River Conf	..	227	38	68 00	3 50	71 50	97 27

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ALWAYS give the right the benefit of the doubt. In other words, in deciding between two courses of action always choose the one about which there is no question.

THE February number of the *Watchman* will contain a very valuable paper by Thomas R. Marshall, Vice-President elect. No Seventh-day Adventist could state the principles involved in the subject under discussion any more clearly than Governor Marshall has done, and he was speaking before a body of men who were met for the very purpose of opposing these principles.

THE real purpose of prayer is evidently not to persuade the Lord to give us the things for which we ask, but to prepare us to receive that which he would give. The Lord knows our need before we ask, just as well as he knows it after we ask; but we do not ourselves sense that need as fully as we ought until we pray, nor do we realize our dependence upon God as we ought until we come before him in the attitude and spirit of prayer. To neglect to come to God with thanksgiving and supplication is to become separated from him in heart, and backslidden in life.

Do not be deceived by the fact that there seems to be a lull in the war in the Balkans. Even though a treaty of peace may be made and all appearances indicate the final settlement of the Eastern Question; be not deceived. That question will not be settled until the Turk leaves Europe, nor even then; for "he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." The present respite is only like that given the believers in Jerusalem when the Roman armies suddenly raised the siege and withdrew from the city. Now is the time for believers in the third angel's message to bestir themselves.

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S. E. WIGHT, *President*.  
L. A. SMITH, *Secretary*.