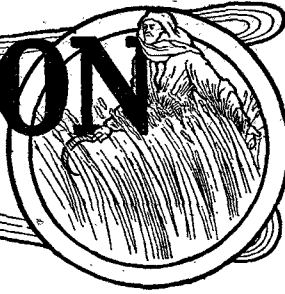


SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



“My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work.”

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Strength for the Day

Not for some future years
Within whose misty length
May lie a shadow of great woe and tears
A burden sore of carking care and fears,
He stores his promised strength;

But as the manna fell
Each day from heaven,
For all the host of waiting Israel,
So too, is freely given,
Strength for the daily life,
A blessed store,
For the small worries and the paltry strife,
As need is, less or more.

He hath his great supplies
For all our ways,
For tempests drear, or for the sunny skies,
Whether we weep, or songs of joy arise,
Strength for our days.

—Lucy Randolph Fleming.

Our Publishing House

Home Office News

SALES report for week ending February 15, 1913: Total number bound volumes, 740; *Watchman* 3,310.

It was the writer's privilege to visit recently the home of Sister White at St. Helena, and this visit was greatly enjoyed. As the servant of the Lord stood between the dining and sitting rooms talking to a party of bookmen, about seventy-two strong, there was an air of solemnity about the gathering that I shall never forget. I believe that the Spirit of the Lord was there, and that the talk given will redound to his glory.

For your benefit I will quote some of the leading thoughts presented in her talk.

“To our canvassers I would say, pray, pray, pray for a deeper experience. God will work with great power if you will walk in all humility of mind before him. It is not faith to talk of impossibilities. Nothing is impossible with God. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. They are God's messengers, giving to multitudes in darkness and error the glad tidings of salvation.

“I pray to God continually for the work of the canvassers. I have been shown, night after night, that the Lord has wonderful things in store for us.

“We all want all the help we can get. God has given for

our salvation his only begotten Son. In the Scriptures we have a record of his sacrifice in our behalf. In view of all he has done for us, let us not shrink from trials; let us not draw back when the field seems hard. God has commissioned his holy angels to minister to us and he will not send us out destitute of help and strength and courage. He will give you help, my brethren, he will give you joy and peace and will preserve you in difficult places. Let us take hold together. Let us not give up to discouragement but let us rather talk faith, hope, courage, pressing our way through the darkness, and as we come into the place where God can impress our minds, we shall have increasing light, increasing strength, increasing hope, increasing courage.”

As I listened to these statements I felt an earnest desire to come into the place where God can impress my mind, and I believe this is the desire of all God's people, and when we do this we can confidently look for a great work to be accomplished, and the coming of the Lord hastened.

Returning from California, I stopped at Keene and attended the annual meeting of the Association. At this place the Spirit of the Lord was manifestly present, and as we separated to return to our different fields, it was with a desire for earnest co-operation and for making even greater headway in the circulation of our literature during 1913 than has ever been accomplished in the past.

The last year has been a good one with us. Our sales have greatly increased over the previous year, and our brethren everywhere seem to be preparing to do their very best to make this year the banner one in our history. This spirit is indicated by the correspondence which is received from the men in the field, and this week we will publish one of these letters and later hope to print the balance which will show our brethren that the Lord is at work, and if this spirit gets hold of us as a people great things will be accomplished for the Master. The Lord has great blessings in store for us, and Sister White in the close of her remarks to the visiting brethren made this statement:—

“I have been awakened night after night, and scenes have been presented before me of what may be, of what God would be pleased to do for us. He has all power. As we go forward in faith following his leadings, we shall be greatly blessed and strengthened. Let us take courage and press forward in faith, believing.”

One good brother writes:—

“Fayetteville, Ark., Jan. 15, 1913.

“Dear Brother Hook: I have before me your good letter of the 1st inst. which I have just reread with a great amount of interest. It is indeed wonderful to think of the success that has attended the work of the Association during the past year, and I can truly rejoice with you as one who can see in this only another evidence of the guiding hand of

God leading on his faithful ones to the final victory that shall usher in the consummation of the ages.

"Personally, I am very glad that I have been able to help just a little in making the report what it is. I have not done much, but I have enjoyed the little, and I praise God at this time, that he has given me just a humble part in his great work. We are planning on big things here in Arkansas the coming year, and are hoping to build up the work on a more permanent basis than it has been in the past, so you can count on us doing all in our power to help you make 1913 the best year you have ever had.

"Wishing you the blessings of Heaven in your work, and hoping to hear from you at your convenience, I remain as ever,

Truly your brother,
G. C. JENKS, *Field Missionary Agent.*

After the adjournment of the constituency meeting at Keene, the new board met and organized as follows:—

S. E. Wight, President; C. P. Bollman, Vice-President; R. Hook Jr., General Manager and Treasurer; L. A. Smith, Secretary; W. W. Eastman, Manager of the Book and Periodical Departments, W. A. Harvey, Superintendent. Bro. R. L. Pierce was chosen manager of the Fort Worth Branch and L. D. Randall to fill the like office in Atlanta. There was only one change made in the board members. This was in the selection of Bro. M. F. Knox as a member of the board to take the place formerly held by Prof. P. T. Magan.

Since returning to Nashville several meetings have been held with the workers and the Spirit of the Lord is manifestly present. We are of good courage and all signs point to a good year. There is a spirit of harmony and co-operation manifest that speaks volumes for the success of the work in the Home Office. We desire an interest in your prayers for we realize that Satan is abroad in the land and would, if possible, upset the work of the Lord. But our God is the Lord, and with him all things are possible.

We have just received a letter from Eld. W. W. Eastman, manager of our Book Department, which we think will be of interest to the WORKER readers and so we are going to print it in full.

"Jackson, Miss., Feb. 13, 1913.

"Dear Brother Hook: I came here at midnight last night from Shreveport, on account of the brethren writing me at Shreveport from Ringgold advising me not to come down there, as there were only three in attendance at the Institute, and recommending that I come to Jackson. I did not go to Ringgold, which I very much regret.

"I seem to have gotten out of touch with my mail, as I have not received anything since leaving the office but once, and that was when I first arrived at Keene nearly two weeks ago.

"I am to-day having a good visit with the Mississippi Tract Society. I am pleased to learn that their present worth has a little more than doubled in somewhat more than a year. At that time it was \$800 and now it is \$1,800, and I understand they are square with the Publishing House, with their stock on hand paid for. While they have lost some accounts they are improving along that line, and hope to eliminate entirely the loss on individual canvassers.

"Here is a bit of information you will please pass on to Brother Brown. The Mississippi Tract Society secretary while filling that position, is not only secretary and treasurer of the Tract Society, but also secretary and treasurer of the Conference, also treasurer of the Mission, also treasurer of the conference church, filling all these positions without an as-

sistant. And though but a frail little girl, she finds time to sell fifty magazines per month. This is done in the residence portion by going over the same territory in the residence section on Monday forenoons. She finds that these Monday experiences give to her a new spiritual life in her office work.

"She says the people are very friendly, glad to see her, and purchase more readily each time she goes over the territory. To me this is a fine point, for it certainly demonstrates the truthfulness of the theory that our magazines can be sold more readily by going over the same territory each month.

"I wish it were possible for us to manage our work at the office so as to spend a few hours each week in an allotted territory this way. It might pay to give some study to the matter.

"To-night I go on to Amory where the Institute is to be held, or rather within four miles of that place. It seems that Louisiana and Mississippi decided this year to hold their Institutes as far out of the way as possible. To get to the Louisiana Institute, one had to change cars twice and then end the journey on a stage coach or log train. To get to the Mississippi Institute, I must leave here to-night at 10:40, and change cars twice getting to Amory at three to-morrow afternoon. So you can see it is not at all surprising that you find me hard to reach. I hoped to get mail when I reached Jackson, but nothing has come so far. I hope to receive something at Amory, at least before I have to leave. I would not have you to think for a moment that we are discouraged. I feel first-rate; am having a good time every day, and do not have the least disposition to murmur or complain at the difficulties in the way, for difficulties when overcome only make us stronger.

"I am watching the present developments in Old Mexico. We are in the perils of the last days. Truly the end is near. Let us be faithful and of good courage. May God bless you with all in the office and factory.

"W. W. EASTMAN."

We feel to say amen to what Brother Eastman says regarding present conditions in the world, and surely we are living near the time of the end, but if we stay close to the Lord and remain of good courage, we shall be safe. Satan will attempt to upset the work of the Lord but we know that he is doomed to destruction and that we, if faithful, shall eventually have a home in the kingdom. We desire the prayers of the brethren for the work in the Publishing House. We are praying earnestly for the field.

We have just received a good cherry letter from Bro. A. F. Harrison written in his characteristic style, and believe it will be of interest to his old friends in the Southern Union. This shows that the work in the Southwest is onward as in every other place. He writes:—

"Inclosed you will find our January report. We have doubled our number of colporteurs, orders taken, and books delivered, over January of last year. I feel of good courage and shall do my best to push the battle to the front. Pray for us over here. I leave Wednesday morning for Oklahoma City to hold an institute in that place."

Bro. Henry Frase who is canvassing in the vicinity of Nashville called on me last night and gave an interesting account of a visit with an old Confederate soldier by the name of J. W. Woodruff. This gentleman has become quite interested in our literature and has purchased a number of books from Brother Frase. On the last visit he felt so kindly toward the publishers of the books that he had purchased that he sent us as a gift a chain carved out of wood and it

is surely an artistic piece of work and we hope to give it a prominent place in the office.

Eld. J. E. White of Marshall, Mich., is in Nashville on business connected with the publication of his books and will spend several days in consultation.

Seed thoughts gathered in the Bookmen's Convention held at Mountain View, Calif.—

"Eight canvassers averaged \$1,675 each during the year. One of them was a seventeen-year-old boy."

"At the German Seminary there are as many in the canvassers' band as there are in the school."

R. Hook, Jr., *Gen'l Mgr.*

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The Tally

It isn't the job we intended to do,
Or the labor we've just begun,
That puts us right on the ledger sheet;
It's the work we have really done.

Our credit is built upon things we do,
Our debt on things we shirk;
The man who totals the biggest plus
Is the man who completes his work.

Good intentions do not pay bills;
It is easy enough to plan;
To wish is the play of an office boy;
To do is the job of a man.

—Richard Lord.

Twenty-cents-a-week Fund

Read these recommendations by the General Conference Committee to the General Conference in session, and you will get a full explanation of the twenty-cents-a-week fund.

This plan has been approved by this people in every place where it has been explained, and the writer feels sure that the Southern Union will be no exception. In just a little from this we will, if faithful, sing the song of jubilee, and it is hoped when we do that it will not be many days until we sing the final song, the song of triumph over this world and the enemy who is besetting our path.

Every person entering into this plan will be a helper in defeating the great arch enemy, who has it in mind to discourage us with our great debts.

S. E. WIGHT.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN SESSION

Whereas, It is more clearly revealed, with each passing year, that schools, sanitariums and publishing houses are most helpful and necessary facilities for the rapid and efficient carrying forward of the work of God throughout the world; and—

Whereas, These institutions can accomplish their purpose

only to the extent that they are understood, appreciated, and supported, by our people; and—

Realizing, That in the establishment and maintenance of the institutions we now have, there has not been given the careful study, the efficient management, and the proper financial support, they should have had; therefore, be it—

Resolved, That we take these institutions, with their workers and their great interests and needs, more fully upon our hearts and into our plans and fostering care than heretofore; and, further,—

That we commend to the study, the interest, and the support, of our people everywhere, the schools, sanitariums, and publishing houses among us.

Resolved, That we adopt the following arrangement for removing the present liabilities of these institutions, and for maintaining them without creating further indebtedness:—

The standard of offerings to missions to be raised from fifteen to twenty cents a week per member in the United States and Canada, and that twenty-five per cent of the total amount thus raised be devoted to the liquidation of the liabilities of all training schools, and those academies, intermediate schools, and sanitariums whose liabilities equal or exceed twenty-five per cent of their assets.

We further—

Recommend, That the carrying out of this plan be governed by the following provisions:—

1. That the entire amount received on the twenty-cents-per-week fund be kept intact, and remitted to the General Conference Treasury.

2. That the twenty-five per cent be devoted to the liquidation of the liabilities of the schools and sanitariums shall be divided annually, by the General Conference Committee, among the institutions, on the pro rata basis of their indebtedness.

3. That in the apportionment, due consideration be given to the conditions prevailing in each institution as to their financial situation, earnings, available assets that can be realized upon without detriment to the work, annuity contracts, etc., a complete report and financial statement being rendered each year to the General Conference by the institutions.

4. In case the total amount raised falls short of the twenty cents per member, so as to interfere with the operations of our foreign mission enterprises, the shortage shall be deducted from the relief fund rather than the foreign funds.

5. That each institution receiving appropriations from this fund shall apply the full amount it shall receive to the liquidation of its liabilities.

6. That an institution sharing the benefits of this fund shall not by any means add to its present indebtedness either by buildings, equipment, or in its operations.

7. That for the enlargement, repairs, equipment, or loss in operating, the needed funds shall be raised by direct gifts from the people.

8. Where it is demonstrated that an institution can not maintain itself without increasing its liabilities or encroaching upon the proposed relief fund, such institution shall, upon the advice of the General Conference Committee and the union conference in which it is located, be closed, and its assets be disposed of to the best advantage, or diverted to other denominational use.

9. That failure on the part of any institution to comply with these provisions shall debar it from receiving the benefits of this plan.

10. That there be appointed a finance commission of three members, men having experience that will enable them to give council regarding training schools, sanitariums; and pub-

lishing house enterprises, to counsel with the management of each institution regarding its affairs, and to make recommendations as to plans of operation, this commission to report to the General Conference Committee, this commission to take the place of the recently appointed committee on institutional finance, its members to devote their whole time to the work, the salary and expense of the members to be met with the twenty-five per cent institutional fund before its distribution.

II. That this plan go into effect July 1, 1913.

Alabama Conference

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Out of Debt

"METHODS must be devised to prevent the accumulation of debt upon our institutions. Let all who have acted a part in allowing this cloud of debt to cover them now feel it their duty to do what they can to remove it."—*Vol. 6, p. 213.*

Who will not welcome the day when all our schools, and sanitariums, will be out of debt? I hear you say, "Hail the day! But it can never be." At first thought, it would seem as though that is true, that the day of freedom from debt can never come. But the clouds are lifting; light is coming in.

At the recent session of the General Conference Committee in California a plan was devised, which if carried out, will free all of our schools and sanitariums from debt. Briefly told it is simply that all our people in the United States and Canada raise their weekly donation from fifteen cents to twenty cents. The added five cents to be used only in liquidating these institutional debts.

This plan is certainly Heaven-born, and all will surely receive it with joy, and be faithful in carrying it out.

A. L. MILLER.

News Notes

WE were glad to receive a visit at the office, February 11, from Elder Bellinger. He has been conducting some meetings at Long Island, and reports that the church there is much encouraged.

Miss Rainwater has been called home for a time on account of sickness of her mother. We are all very sorry to have Miss Rainwater go away, and we sincerely hope that her mother will improve rapidly and soon be strong again. During Miss Rainwater's absence, Sister Spencer is conducting the school and the work is moving along smoothly.

Elder Miller left Birmingham early Monday morning February 10, for Huntsville. After spending a few days at the Oakwood School he went to Elkwood and spent a day, then returned home Friday afternoon.

Brother Wilson spent most of last week with Brother Smith at Troy. Brother Smith and his wife are doing faithful work there in Troy, and we should all remember them in our prayers that they may be able to do a great work for the

Master. Brother Wilson also visited some new Sabbath-keepers at Linwood.

The colporteurs' report for this week is very encouraging. Brother Guilford heads the list and Brother Jacks comes next. Last week was a bad week, but the colporteurs worked just the same. The Institute begins February 23, and we are praying that the Lord will make this a profitable meeting for all who attend. We hope there will be several new workers go out into the field after the Institute.

Are you observing the "morning watch"? The texts for last week seemed especially good, and all should learn them. If we will learn the text each day, at the end of the year we will have quite a store that will be very helpful. We still have a few of the Calendars and will be glad to furnish them to you at five cents each.

From the Field

It has been some time since I have reported through the columns of the WORKER, but I have not been idle by any means. I have many things to be thankful for and I am of good courage in the work.

I am now at Abbeville, Ala., doing what I can to bring the light of "present truth" to the people of this place. I came here January 16th, and I was three days finding me a home. I began work a few days ago and have worked seventy-five hours. During that time I have taken sixty-two orders for "Bible Footlights," seven or eight orders for Bibles and other helps, in all amounting to \$108. I am having some great experiences in my native county and a good many express their appreciation of the work I am doing. I am indeed glad to be able to give the message to home folks.

I have changed my mail from Ozark, R 5, Box 73, to Abbeville, Ala. Pray for me that I may be healed of my infirmities.

S. S. GUILFORD.

Treasurer's Report Month Ending Jan. 31, 1913

TITHE	
Mobile	\$ 86 95
Birmingham	85 71
Long Island	85 64
Conference Church	46 14
Montgomery	12 30
Cool Springs	11 02
Attalla	10 75
Sheffield	6 03
Marlow	5 00
Total	\$ 349 54

OFFERINGS	
Sabbath-School Donations	\$ 59 10
Ingathering	27 60
Missions	19 22
Annual Offering	14 51
Thirteenth Sabbath	14 42
Nyassaland	3 25
Nashville Sanitarium	2 80
Colored Work	1 81
Total	\$ 142 71

THOS. E. PAVEY, Treas.

LEARN to say "No." It will be of more use to you than to learn to read Latin.—*Spurgeon.*

Delivering at Bridgeport

As the date of my first delivery at this place has just passed, I feel very much encouraged, for I found nearly all ready and anxious for their books. It rained almost the entire time I was delivering.

On the day that I had promised, regardless of the rain, I made my deliveries, and because of this they felt sure that the book contained a special message for them, just as I had represented. At one place after I had delivered the book, the woman said: "Now I have a question that I have been studying over which I want you to answer. Which day is the Sabbath?" I replied, "The seventh of course." I took her calendar and showed her that Sunday could not be the seventh and the first day also, then turning to the Sabbath subject in "Bible Footlights" that she had just bought, I showed her that it made it plain from the Bible that the seventh day, or Saturday, is the Sabbath. I found that her Bible was almost worn out so I succeeded in taking her order for a nice Family Bible.

My prayer is that the precious truths that I have scattered among the people the past week may be as seed sown in good ground, and that it may bring forth fruit even an hundredfold.

R. T. JACKS.

A Plea for the South

[This letter from the *Worker's Bulletin* (Iowa), of February 11, will be of more than ordinary interest to the readers of this paper. Editor.]

Dear Iowa Friends:—

After five years in the South, three and a half of which were spent in school work, I have been obliged to come North on account of failing health.

My husband and I were located in Southern Alabama, a most neglected part of the "most needy field." We were the only representatives of the truth within a radius of sixty miles.

We started a school in the front room of our house, where we had a few students of the best class deeply interested in Bible study when I was obliged to close. One man with six children located on the farm adjoining ours for the purpose of sending his children to a Bible school. He has begun the observance of the Sabbath and is anxious to have school open again.

I have received letters from several of my pupils who are now out of school, pleading for me to return, and asking my advice as to where they should attend school.

Another sister who has just begun the observance of the Sabbath urges me to come and help in their little Sabbath-school composed of these two new families and my husband, who is still there trying to get a Seventh-day Adventist on the place to live out the truth and carry on the work we began. But there are so few laborers in the South, and he has not yet been successful.

Now the doctors have said I should stay North, and I write this little sketch of the work hoping and praying that some family and a first-class teacher will be impressed to take up the work I was obliged to leave.

Any one taking up school work there will have the co-operation of the conference.

For particulars address, **MRS. PEARL LEITZMANN,**
Guthrie Center, Iowa.

"A CLOUDY day often keeps some folks from seeing an opportunity."

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Report of Sabbath-School Work for 1912 by Quarters

	KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
	Mem.	Av. Att.	Don.	13th Sab.	Total Off.
1st Quarter	225	190	\$ 99 83	\$ 17 74	\$ 117 57
2nd Quarter	252	204	133 70	31 67	165 37
3rd Quarter	279	236	137 99	54 89	192 88
4th Quarter	272	218	129 10	40 18	169 28
Totals 1912	1028	848	\$ 500 62	\$ 144 48	\$ 645 10

The amount for the third quarter includes camp-meeting donations.

"Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore."

MRS ANNA D. BROWN,
State Sec. Sabbath-school work.

Nicholasville, Ky.,
Feb. 9, 1913.

Treasurer's Report Month Ending Jan. 31, 1913

TITHES	
Bowling Green	\$ 133 68
Louisville	104 74
Isolated Members	47 15
Conference Church	21 46
Lexington	8 81
Grove	7 15
Sand Hill	6 81
Hartford	4 00
Locust Branch	3 00
Total	\$ 336 80

OFFERINGS	
Sabbath-School	\$ 27 91
Foreign Missions	22 90
Harvest Ingathering	9 32
Annual	6 25
Craysville School	5 00
Total	\$ 71 36

F. C. BRUCE, Treas.

In the Field

I AM out in the field again with that grand book "Daniel and the Revelation." I came to Mt. Sterling February 9, and found Bro. Curtis Pound of good courage and making ready to start into the field the next morning. In the few hours spent in the field during the past week, I had many interesting talks and experiences with the people. Some would say, "You ought to be preaching." I would tell them,

"I am, all the day long, and why don't you accept the message I am trying to give to you?"

I spent about one and one-half hours with a Methodist, using many doctrinal points to try to convince her of the need of the book in her home. I kept before her the question, "What is the mark of the beast?" She asked many questions in regard to the investigative judgment, punishment of the wicked, etc. With the explanations given from the book itself I was able at last to secure her order. She was persuaded, but hesitated because it was Seventh-day Adventist literature. I went on my way rejoicing, and felt that the time had been well spent.

We know that there are souls in every place for whom the Lord has need, and let us, dear brethren, go out and help find them.

Let our prayers ascend to God daily for the coming institute March 7-16, at Grove, Ky. Pray for more workers; come yourselves and take the instructions, then go into the field and help in the last hours of the day, for the night will soon be here when no man can work. Remember to come to King's Mountain on the noon train. The baggage will be taken over in a wagon with the girls, and the rest will walk out to the church. Write me that you are coming. Address, Nicholasville, Ky.

H. E. BECK.

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LYDIA E. PARMELE, Medical.

Free From Debt

How nice that expression sounds! Who of us would not like to have it true of this denomination? It surely will be true before the Lord comes. It has been a much-talked-of subject among us, and we have been advised to "shun debt as we would the leprosy." Various campaigns have been organized for the "relief of our schools" and other institutions. Many special calls have been made, and many funds have been created. Instead of these efforts freeing us from debt, our debts have seemed to increase, and the calls for relief to multiply. This is not presented in any sense in the spirit of criticism, but simply as a plain truth, plainly stated.

Now, however, a movement has been set on foot that to my mind gives the best promise of any plan that we have ever devised. There is no doubt in my mind that in a few years this whole denomination can sing the jubilee song. The clearing of our debts will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord, and that glad day is so near at hand, surely all our people will take hold of the new plan vigorously, for it hardly seems possible for any to fail to appreciate its value.

The plan will be fully stated by another, but briefly stated it comprehends the following:—

1. No increasing of our denominational obligations. Thus it will be seen that whatever is paid upon our debts will decrease our liabilities just that much.

2. Instead of making so many calls, and having so many

funds, for the purpose of meeting the debts on our institutions, there will be but one fund, and those institutions that comply with the reasonable conditions, will receive from this fund according to their needs. So in territories where there are few if any institutional obligations, funds will be gathered to help our burdened territories.

3. Such institutions as can not run without increasing their obligations will be closed, and thus there will be no sink holes to swallow up money thus raised. The plan is to raise twenty cents a member per week instead of fifteen cents, and all over the fifteen cents will be applied on our indebtedness. It is figured that by this plan seven years—the length of time between Israel's jubilees—will suffice to free us from all debts. Let us set our hands to it in real earnest, and bring about this blessed result.

This, of course, will not apply to our publishing houses but only to our sanitariums and schools.

R. W. PARMELE.

News Items

Bro. R. Hook Jr., the manager of the Southern Publishing Association, made us a very pleasant call Friday morning, February 7. He seemed pleased with the appearance of our tract society office, and assured us of his hearty co-operation in the serving of this field.

Sabbath, February 8, Eld. S. E. Wight and Bro. B. N. Brown met with the New Orleans church. Brother Brown spoke of the great advancement which our denomination has made in the last half century. "From the time when Eld. James White carried the entire edition of our first paper to the post-office in a carpet bag, we have grown until we now have thirty-seven large printing houses employing 645 hands printing 125 periodicals in seventy-one languages, with a total output of \$1,627,657.83 worth of books, tracts, and periodicals in the one year of 1911.

Surely the Lord has blessed our work, and Brother Brown especially emphasized the fact that we are not to do a superficial work, but must move carefully and prayerfully. He strongly recommended that no old magazines be sold for full price. If old magazines must be sold then let the agent be honest and sell them at half price.

Have you seen the new Year Book for 1913? We have one for you. The price is fifty cents post-paid. It contains a complete directory of the General Conference, Union and Local Conferences, and Mission Fields, Educational Institutions, Publishing Houses, Periodicals, Sanitariums, together with a statement of Fundamental Principles, and the Constitution of the General Conference. Also a Historical Summary giving a brief account of the rise and progress of the denomination, with many interesting statistical tables.

The Protestant Magazine for March is of especial interest to the State of Louisiana, where Catholicism is so strong. With this number the publishers begin printing a copy of the official transcript of a large portion of the court record in a case tried in the state of Washington, in which a Catholic mother brought suit against a Catholic bishop, a Catholic priest, two Catholic sisters, and a Catholic attorney, seeking damages for the kidnapping of her child. The argument and the testimony in this case are most interesting. As the jury awarded damages to the amount of \$23,000 it is evident that they believe that the charges were proven. Other interesting articles will appear including several dealing with some special phase of our message.

Thousands of the *Protestant* magazine should be sold in Louisiana every month. Now is the time to order your club.

Bro. M. S. Hubbell has sold 350 of the *Protestant* and *Liberty* magazines in three weeks besides attending to his regular work. You can do as well if you try.

O. R. GODSMARK.

Mississippi Conference

Conference Directory

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Notes

We were much pleased to have with us February 13, Eld. W. W. Eastman, of Nashville, en route to Amory, Mississippi where the Colporteurs' Institute is to be held.

Eld. C. S. Wiest left for Huntsville, Alabama, Monday, February 10, to be present at a meeting held at that place. He expects to return via Amory, to attend the Institute.

We are looking forward to one of the best Institutes ever held in Mississippi. Let those who do not attend pray for the success of this meeting. We feel sure that those who are in attendance will not only pray, but work for the success of it.

Elder Wiest delivered a very interesting sermon to the Jackson church Sabbath, February 8. Quite a number were out to the meeting.

Bro. H. G. Miller, who has been suffering with his throat is much better now. We hope that he will so improve that he will be able to number one in the rank and file of colporteurs soon.

The local Jackson Tract and Missionary Society is certainly doing good work now. Eld. J. A. Morrow makes a splendid leader. Almost every member of the church spends at least a few hours each week in distributing our literature in this city.

Sister M. C. Kenyon is still working up interest in the periodical work in Meridian.

Missionary Volunteer Movement

We are glad to report that a very ready response to the call for workers is being manifested by a united effort to place our good literature, containing the message of truth for this time, in the homes of the people of this city.

Sunday morning, the 9th, several of the members of this church provided themselves with back numbers of our papers and magazines and went forth to sow the seed. More than two hundred periodicals were distributed; some sold, and others gave away the literature, and solicited a donation for gospel work. Both plans worked well. More than \$2.50 cash was brought in to forward the gospel work. The workers donated all the profit for missionary work.

We have now organized the church here into four companies, and divided the city into four sections in order to do

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Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference

Week Ending Feb. 8, 1913

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

NAME	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
S S Guilford	BF	31	25	\$33 50	\$ 75	\$34 25	\$

R T Jacks	BF	36	25	29 50	4 50	34 00	1 00
Geo W Brown	BF	40	17	17 00	4 50	21 50	75
H G Smith	CK	13	11	16 50	2 50	19 00	5 00
C D Sloane	PP&F	22	8	13 50	75	14 25	
I W Peevy	BF	30	5	7 50	1 50	9 00	9 00
A J Rice	BF	41	8	8 00		8 00	12 50
Mrs H G Smith	CK	18	1	1 50		1 50	

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

M B Wilson	BF	32	35	35 00	9 00	44 00	
Curtis Pound	D&R	35	10	25 00	1 00	26 00	
H E Beck	D&R	20	9	18 00	2 00	20 00	
W P Ethington	BF	17	10	12 50	1 75	14 25	
Edna Scott	BF	6	4	4 00		4 00	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE — WEEK ENDING FEB. 1

I J Reed	BF	20	24	35 50	6 50	42 00	
John Harzman	PP&F	31	11	16 50		16 50	7 00
Florence Gratham	NTP				1 50	1 50	1 25
C P Bodwell	GC&PG	40					57 50
Josie Jenevein	NTP				3 25		12 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

*C R Canada	BF	78	77	82 50	20 00	102 50	20 00
J S Fry	D&R	31	15	38 00	2 25	40 25	33 25
H C Balsbaugh	GC	36	9	26 00	2 80	28 80	18 80
C H McColrey	BR	41	11	19 00	3 00	22 00	6 00
Elmer Chastain	CK	24	19	19 00	2 75	21 75	2 75
W H Haddon	MISC	16	6	6 25		6 25	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Mamie Moore	D&R&BF	28	19	38 00	75	38 75	50
L F Littell	MTRM	25	42	31 50		31 50	
U Bracy	BF	29	14	18 50		18 50	

SUMMARY

Alabama Conf	231	100	127 00	14 50	141 50	28 25
Kentucky Conf	110	68	94 50	13 75	108 25	
Louisiana Conf	91	35	52 00	11 25	60 00	77 75
Mississippi Conf	226	137	220 75	30 80	221 55	98 00
Tenn River Conf	82	75	88 00	75	88 75	50

Totals 740 415 \$582 25 \$71 05 \$620 05 \$204 50

Magazine Agents' Report

Week Ending Feb. 8, 1913

Agent	No.	Value
ALABAMA CONFERENCE		
Ruth Greentree	75	\$ 7 50
Miss Lynne Rainwater	72	7 20
Mrs W F Harris	25	2 50
Mrs H G Smith	24	2 40
A J Rice	11	1 10
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE		
*M S Hubbell	350	35 00
**B Johnstone	249	24 90
Florence Grantham	52	4 35
Josie Jenevein	70	7 00
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE		
Mrs H C Balsbaugh	47	4 70
Elmer Chastain	3	30
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE		
***Miss Bessie Swartzbaugh	141	14 10
Mrs E L Maxwell	97	9 70

Totals 1198 \$ 118 95

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Missionary Volunteer Movement

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systematic work. That we may do this acceptably unto the Lord we are admonished to put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to resist the fiery darts of the enemy. This is the only way to get the victory. Truly success will crown our efforts if we follow the instruction given us, make Jesus our pattern and follow in his steps. The *Watchman*, *Life and Health*, *Signs of the Times*, and the *Temperance Instructor*, and a supply of tracts on Bible study will be used in the effort. Courage, faith and perseverance will succeed.

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A Forward Movement

THE time seems to have come for a forward movement among the people of this denomination in regard to our missions and the burden of debt that is resting on our schools and sanitariums. If we are to give this message to the world in this generation, and if we are to "owe no man anything" before the coming of the Lord, then we must bestir ourselves at once. In line with this thought the General Conference Committee has asked our people to raise an amount equal to twenty cents per week per member, three-fourths of which is to be for missions, and the remainder for the liquidation of the heavy burden of indebtedness that has settled like a pall over our institutions. This will clear off these debts in seven years, if time shall last so long; and if not doubtless the Lord will provide some other way of

doing this more rapidly. But we can depend upon it that whenever and however it is done it will require effort and sacrifice upon our part.

This plan is being enthusiastically received by our people everywhere. It will doubtlessly be endorsed by the coming session of the General Conference. Indeed the people have, we might say already adopted it and many conferences are already acting upon it. It was presented to the Nashville churches last Sabbath afternoon by Elder Wight, and elicited the same enthusiasm with which it has been received elsewhere. The plan is not to go into regular operation until the first of July, but those who adopt it now and work to that end will find it much easier during the latter half of the year than will those who defer action until the year is half gone.

The Nashville Effort

As we journey on from month to month, changes are bound to come, and some are unpleasant ones—just now we are facing a critical situation; one Bible worker slowly convalescing, another, Sister Roberson at the point of death with typhoid fever, and we have had three rainy Sunday nights, but the Bible says that if we faint in the day of adversity our strength is small, and we thank God that our courage is good. Every day we have reason to believe that God is working with us. Last Sabbath a young Catholic lady who has had a training in a Catholic school came with us keeping her first Sabbath. This gave us all great joy. A brother who was employed in the Y. M. C. A. has been restored to his position from which he had been released when he began keeping the Sabbath. Another lady asked me this week if she might join our church. Others are in great straits for a place where they can keep the Sabbath. If brethren know of places anywhere we would be glad to hear from them.

Surely Satan is angry with the good work the Lord has begun in Nashville, and it seems sometimes that he will stop us, but we are holding on to the promise of our great Master when he said that "the gates of hell" should not prevail against us. Remember us at the throne of grace.

C. A. HANSEN.

A Good Advertisement

THE best advertisement for our books is our books.

Sister Hart, one of our colporteurs, went into a house one day where there were five women, and began to exhibit her book, when one of the women asked if that was not "Bible Footlights." When told that it was, she said, "I have read that book, and like it better than any book I ever saw. A young man in the same house where I am living bought one of Mrs. Hyde, and I like it so well, I made up my mind I would get one the first chance I had." She ordered a copy and recommended it to the others, who after looking through the book each ordered a copy—making five orders at one time.

The woman who had seen the book, comes in contact with a great many people by her occupation, and she recommends "Bible Footlights" wherever she goes.

Can not we who know this truth, be as faithful in advertising our books as this woman who knows not the truth? Come to our Institute in Nashville and learn how to do colporteur work. Remember the date has been changed, so it will now be held February 28 to March 9.

C. F. DART.