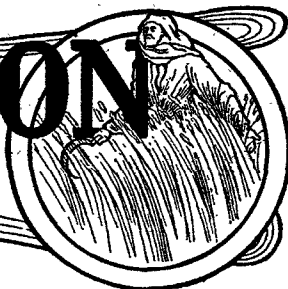


SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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Onward

Off in danger, off in woe,
Onward, Christians, onward go:
Fight the fight, maintain the strife,
Strengthen'd with the bread of life.

Onward, Christians, onward go,
Join the war, and face the foe:
Will ye flee in danger's hour?
Know ye not your Captain's power?

Onward then in battle move,
More than conquerors ye shall prove;
Though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go.

—Selected.

General

Union Conference Meeting

As has been announced, the first meeting of the union conference session will be held in the Fatherland Street church, Nashville, at 9 A. M., Friday morning, January 2. There will be a meeting at half past seven o'clock in the same place Thursday evening, January 1.

It is desired that all the delegates should be present at the first meeting. Those who come into the city during the day, January 1, up until 5 P. M., should go to the office at No. 511 Cole Building. After that hour, go direct to the Fatherland Street church.

On arriving at the depots in the city, take a car going to the central part of the city and get off the car in the street-car transfer station. In this building, transfer to the Fatherland car, and ask the conductor to put you off at the Seventh-day Adventist church, which is on the corner of Fifth and Fatherland Streets. To go to the Cole Building, instead of leaving your car in the transfer station, remain on the same car until you get to the second street after leaving the transfer station, and you will get off the car directly in front of the Cole Building.

The most of the time during the first five days of the conference will be devoted to ministerial work. Elders A. G. Daniells, I. H. Evans, and G. B. Thompson will occupy most of the time. It is their desire to see every minister in the Southern Union Conference at this meeting.

The meeting of the Atlantic Union that has just closed is said to be one of the best meetings that has ever been held among this people. I am informed that it has been more like the day of Pentecost than anything that our brethren have ever experienced. We should come praying that the meeting in Nashville will be of the same character. God is cer-

tainly blessing his people and this should mark a new era in our experience. It is expected that all through the world there will be a revival of the old-time spirit, and that God's message to the world will soon be delivered, and his people gathered home. We invite our people everywhere to remember this meeting in their prayers.

It would be well if every delegate in the conference would send a card to the union conference office, notifying us when he is going to arrive in the city, as it will help very much in arranging for their entertainment. Please do not forget this.
S. E. WIGHT.

A Symposium on Gospel Finance Giving

THE teaching of Christ is to the end of ministering and not receiving. His followers will manifest these characteristics, and of that which they have will they freely give. It may be talent, kindness, or money, or all these and many more. This thought is emphasized in the ninth verse of the eighth chapter of 2 Corinthians. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

We are stewards, either just or unjust; there is no middle ground. The Lord has placed in our hands his goods; of these we should make a sacrifice. When our sacrifice is love, and this covers all deeds of kindness, we do not lose; but immediately there is a reward, not necessarily by receiving, but by multiplication of that trait in the individual. When the steward turns over to God a part of the means entrusted to him, the returns are not always seen in this life. Money should not be given with the expectation of returns. Our gifts should be placed in the treasury of the Lord by the promptings of a liberal spirit, which only comes by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Some of God's trustees will be faithful and manage his affairs here on earth so the entrusted estate will yield a harvest.

There will be "many called, but few chosen." One hundred and forty-four thousand will be found faithful. This is a small number. The prophetic eye, looking down to this day, saw selfishness reigning almost supreme, and only a handful, as it were, of the millions of earth's inhabitants counted worthy.

We must take God into our plans of money-making. If we do not, as we get near the end there will be a diminishing of the entrusted goods. We are not to consider ourselves as owners of that which we have banked by shrewdness, application, economy and industry. It is not ours to do with as we will. The obligations of stewardship are in no sense to be lightly regarded. In the day of God's accounting there will be a settlement with all his agents. What a pleasure it

will be to have the ledger in heaven show the balance on the credit side.

A successful business man sits down and counts the cost before investing. The Christian should do likewise. Is the investment in souls of value? Man can only answer this question by looking into the future by the eye of faith and seeing what it will mean. When we have it settled that we are to have the earth in its restored condition, then our banking place is heaven, for there is the safety deposit vault. There are no stocks, bonds or lands of such value as souls.

The recompense is the new earth and the whole universe as a field to explore and study. If we give to the poor and to the cause, souls will be saved, and in the world to come these souls will cause us to rejoice. The Lord Jesus will have joy in souls. It was the joy set before him that led him to this earth to invest in us. He will say to those who are unselfish workers and givers, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Conclusion: "Give, and it shall be given unto you." Luke 6:38. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35. "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Cor. 9:6. S. E. WIGHT.

Home Field Offerings

IN his last instruction to his disciples, our Saviour said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The message that he gave was to go into "all the world," but it must begin at Jerusalem. It must first have a base from which the work could be widened. When that base was established, the work could be extended to Judea, and eventually the uttermost parts of the earth.

In our work as a denomination the same order has been observed. The work began in a small way. It was then extended to other States, and in course of time we were able to branch out into the regions beyond. But in order to be able to carry forward the work in other lands, it has been necessary to keep up a strong work at home.

Many people think they would be glad to go to some foreign field to labor for the advancement of the work of God, who have not as yet learned to be witnesses "in Jerusalem." So also is there danger of our overlooking the financial needs of the cause at home. The needs of the cause in the regions beyond must be looked after by all means; but one important factor in the support of the world-wide work is keeping up a strong work in the home field. Let the base of supplies be neglected, and we cripple the field at large.

CHURCH FINANCE

One of the great perplexities in our work is the unstable condition of our church organizations. Labor is bestowed, people accept the truth, and a flourishing church is organized. This church either rents a hall or meets in the home of one of the members. Very often it happens that a few years afterward a recommendation comes before the conference session that this church be disbanded, as the membership has been reduced to so few that meetings are discontinued.

As the burden of this article is to deal with the financial side of the question, we may ask what financial lack contributes to this condition? As a general rule, church organizations that have their own house of worship are much more stable. It is a rare thing for a Seventh-day Adventist church to die out entirely, where a building is provided for

it. Securing a permanent church home is a need of the church that should not be overlooked.

Then, of course, there come such expenses as are incident to the conduct of the affairs of the church. These expenses should be provided for by the collection taken on the first Sabbath of the month, as that Sabbath is not designated for any other collection. On the fourth Sabbath of each month, a collection should be taken to provide a working capital for the church missionary society. "A working church is a live church," has often been said, and I am sure that a church organization with a building, well kept up, and with a consecration that will lead to earnest home missionary endeavor, will not die, and will be loyal in all respects.

HOME CONFERENCE NEEDS

The funds necessary to keep the conference in a healthy condition are the tithe, the tent and emergency fund, and the colporteurs' fund. When Israel marched against Jericho, the Lord told them that all the silver and gold, brass and iron in the city should be brought into his treasury. Joshua 6:19. Achan appropriated to his own use some of that which should have been placed in the treasury. For this reason, when Israel attacked Ai, they were defeated. All Israel suffered in consequence of the sin of one man in withholding from the Lord's treasury that which should have been placed in it.

The Lord says in Mal. 3:8-10, that we have robbed him in tithes and offerings, and commands, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Will we be guiltless if we withhold any of it from his treasury? Certainly not, and could we expect anything but the defeat of the Israel with which we are connected? Read the following from the spirit of prophecy:—

"If the presence of one Achan was sufficient to weaken the whole camp of Israel, can we be surprised at the little success which attends our efforts when every church and almost every family has its Achan? . . . The work might have gone forward with far greater power had all done what they could to supply the treasury with means."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. V, p. 157.

In each of our churches a collection should be taken in the Sabbath meeting, in addition to the regular Sabbath-school offerings. By the use of the envelopes provided for the purpose, the tithe can be placed in the basket in connection with the offering for the day. The offering on the first Sabbath of the month can be used for church expenses; that taken on the second Sabbath is for missions, and should be taken after the reading of the missionary readings. The offering for the third Sabbath is for the home conference tent and emergency fund in Louisiana. The same may be true in other conferences. The offering of the fourth Sabbath is for the missionary work of the church; and the collection of the fifth Sabbath may be used as the church may vote, or for special calls made by the conference.

OUR UNION CONFERENCE OBLIGATIONS

The union conference receives from the local conferences a tithe of the tithe to assist in the support of its work, but there are other demands upon the union conference which should also be looked after. There is no other place to which the union conference can look for its support but to the local conferences. Calls coming for help for the union conference should receive the same consideration as the calls for help for the local conference. It requires all three of these,—the church, the local and the union conference,—to constitute the base from which our world-wide work is to be carried on; and in order to keep up a strong general

work, these more local organizations must be properly supported. In our zeal for the work at large we are in danger of overlooking the duty lying nearest. Brethren, let us make it our business to see that the cause of God in every branch is properly supported. Will not the elders of our churches consider it an important part of their work to see that the claims of the Lord in these matters are clearly set before each of their members? "God so loved . . . that he gave." Let us show our love by giving, too. R. W. PARMELE.

Foreign Mission Offerings

"AND this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:18-20.

These two scriptures spoken by the Saviour privately unto his disciples, are the basis of authority for all foreign mission work. The first was spoken toward the close of his gospel ministry; the second, just before leaving his disciples at the time of his ascension.

Since all his commands are enablings, everything needful for carrying out the gospel commission is contained in the commission. This was found to be true in the days of the apostles. Col. 1:23. Nothing was lacking. They had the men, the means, the power. And they faithfully did their work. The gospel is to go to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people" in this our day "for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." And the Lord will have the men, the means, and the power with which to do it; for the apostle John saw in vision the work being done under the three angels' messages of Rev. 14:6-12.

This great work commissioned by our Saviour is now being performed and his prophecy meeting its fulfilment by Seventh-day Adventists. What am I doing in this great work? And am I faithful in the Master's vineyard?

There seems to be plenty of men willing to go, but the means are hardly sufficient for the work in hand. But the commission contains everything necessary. However, the Lord will not bring the money and lay it at our feet, but he will provide it. He provides food for the beasts of the field, and for the fowls of the air; but "that thou givest them they gather." So while the Lord has an abundance of means, we are to gather it. The Lord says it should be gathered by "offerings." The tithe is a demonstration of our obedience to God, and our offerings show how much we love him. It has pleased the Lord that the offerings for the foreign work be gathered under the following heads: Sabbath-school (including thirteenth Sabbath), second Sabbath, Harvest Ingathering, and annual offerings. This seems to be a Biblical division. "Bring an offering, and come before him." 1 Chron. 16:29; Ps. 96:8. This would refer to the Sabbath-school offerings. The Sabbath-school is the richest field in which to gather offerings. Last year there was gathered from this field \$232,389.36. The recent General Conference approved the plan of devoting the thirteenth Sabbath offering to some definitely named mission enterprise. In the new earth we will come "from one new moon to another to worship" before the Lord. Isa. 66:23. Hence our second Sabbath (monthly) offerings. From this field was gathered last year about \$25,000. Then we have the "Feast of Harvest" and the "Feast of Ingathering." Ex. 23:16. This would correspond to our Harvest Ingathering and annual offerings. From

these two fields were gathered last year \$50,164.45, and \$71,676.46, respectively. We are still in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, but the annual offering is yet before us. May the message, the needs of the work, and above all, our love for the Master so appeal to us that these two fields will be much more fruitful than last year.

The work will soon be completed and we, if faithful, will be gathered home.

A. L. MILLER.

Tithing in the Old Testament

THE tithing system which recognizes God's ownership is as old as creation. Two things were required of man in the day that he was created.

First, one tree of all the trees good for food, God reserved unto himself. Second, one day of the seven, God reserved unto himself.

These two things God sanctified and made holy, blessing them for a holy purpose. To make this distinction in that from which we get our living, and in the time in which we make our living, it was necessary for God to be precise and definite. It was absolutely essential for him to declare how much of our earnings and what portion of our time he dedicated unto himself; for that which God had reserved unto himself could not be appropriated for any other purpose than that unto which it was ordained. Thus, early in the history of man we have circumstances revealing that one-tenth of our increase and the seventh-day of the week belong to the Lord.

This makes the paying of tithe as well as the keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath, a test of loyalty to God. Observing these two things, man will never become an apostate or an idolater. Every Sabbath-day man is reminded to worship him who made heaven and earth and all that in them is, and is admonished to rest with his Lord. So likewise when man honors God by paying tithe, he is reminded that the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, and that he is but steward over his Lord's goods. To appropriate the tithe to our own use or to any other purpose not divinely ordained will destroy the test of loyalty to him who reserved it unto his own use.

That the paying of tithe was always practised among God's people is evident. In the Old Testament there is brought to view two orders of priesthood. From creation to Sinai existed the priesthood of Melchisedec; and from Sinai to the advent of our Lord, the Levitical priesthood was in operation. That God's people paid tithe under the Levitical priesthood, is admitted by all. The instruction given by Moses and other prophets is plain and definite. But was it necessary to pay tithe under the priesthood of Melchisedec? If this can be shown, we are in duty bound to pay tithe to-day, because we are living under the same order, since Christ is our high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

We shall speak of two experiences by which we can well establish this question. In the fourteenth chapter of Genesis, we have recorded the deliverance of Lot and the king of Sodom from the kings of the nations by the hand of Abraham. On his return from this slaughter, Abraham honored God in that "he gave him tithes of all," thus showing that the tithing system was a question well understood by Abraham and a necessary act on his part to make the blessing of Melchisedec effective. That Abraham instructed his son Isaac to pay tithe, and Isaac his sons, is evident from the experience of Jacob. When he fled from his father's house and in vision saw the heavens opened and angels ascending and descending on a ladder, he pledged to God of "that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28:

22: It is therefore clear that those who lived from creation to Sinai believed it their duty to pay tithe in serving the Lord; as well as those who lived from Sinai to the first advent of Christ.

C. S. WIEST.

Tithing in the New Testament

THE gospel plan for the support of the ministry has ever been the same in all ages. We read from Heb. 7:2, 4-9, that Abraham gave a tenth part of all, which is the tithe. You will please notice that tithing originated with the Melchisedec priesthood, which is the priesthood of Christ (Heb. 6:20), and therefore does not expire with the Levitical priesthood. According to this, it still remains as a New Covenant obligation. Then, the words of Matt. 10:10, that the laborer is worthy of his hire, are applicable to our time.

Our attention is again called to the importance of tithing in Matt. 23:23: "For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law." It will be observed that Christ does not condemn the Pharisees for the payment of tithe; but on the contrary, he commends them by saying, "These ought ye to have done." Thus Christ recognized the importance of his people paying tithe to carry on his work in the earth; and his ministers should be supported by those who believe the truth of God, as we read from 1 Cor. 9:13, 14: "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? . . . Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Thus, we find that the tithe is holy to the Lord, and its payment is binding upon the people to-day as well as is the keeping of the Sabbath. In fact, the two seem to have been carried down through the ages, hand in hand.

As Israel departed from God's commands, they forsook the payment of tithe. Now we have reached the time when God is calling a people to himself that will believe him and obey him by keeping his law. The same message that calls us out from the world to keep the Sabbath teaches us to be loyal to God in the payment of the tithe which is holy to him. It is hoped and believed that we as a people will be loyal to God in all things; and as we obey him in giving him his own, this great message will soon be completed and we can go home to reign with Christ.

If we have failed along the line of tithe-paying because we did not see it as an obligation resting upon us under the New Covenant, a careful study of the Scripture should place us in line with all of God's truth which will lead us to take hold of tithe-paying at once. Thus the work in the Southern Union Conference will be hastened, and we will also be able to send more help to the foreign lands.

Dear brethren, let us all keep in mind the fact that God will bring us into judgment for all we do; and if we rob God, it will be charged against us at Christ's coming. If we all do our part along the line of paying tithe, more workers will be added; and the sooner we have done this great work of giving the message, the sooner we can see Jesus.

B. W. BROWN.

Relation of Conference and Church Officials to Gospel Finance

IN the days of Hezekiah, we find, according to 2 Chron. 31:4, that the king "commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the Lord."

About four months later, Hezekiah visited those in charge of this work to see what had been the results of the instruction given. The chief priest stated, "Since the people be-

gan to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the Lord hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store."

Hezekiah then had "storehouses" prepared, so all the tithe and offerings were properly cared for. His next step was to appoint godly men to see that these funds were rightly distributed, giving each "his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses." Verses 11-16.

Nehemiah had a similar experience. In Neh. 13:10-13, we read: "And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren."

From these verses it is clearly seen that Nehemiah educated and encouraged the people to pay tithe. He also saw that the proper officers were installed, which not only insured the care of the funds, but the proper distribution of the same.

The apostle Paul in 2 Cor. 11:8, states: "I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service." In the twelfth chapter, thirteenth verse, he says, "For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong."

In "Acts of the Apostles," page 344, we read the following: "When Paul sent Titus to Corinth to strengthen the believers there, he instructed him to build up that church in the grace of giving; and in a personal letter to the believers he also added his own appeal. 'As ye abound in everything,' he pleaded, 'in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.'"

From the experience of Paul, we see that when he failed to fully instruct the churches on gospel finance, he confessed his sin, and asked their forgiveness for the same, and also arranged for some other worker to go and more fully instruct them in the things in which they were "inferior."

The same instruction is given to the leaders of our work to follow in these latter days, as you will note by the following quotations: "Many presidents of state conferences do not attend to that which is their work,—to see that the elders and deacons of the churches do their work in the churches, by seeing that a faithful tithe is brought into the treasury." "Presidents of our conferences, do your duty; speak not your words, but a plain, 'Thus saith the Lord.' Elders of the churches, do your duty, labor from home to home, and the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter, which involves such a blessing or such a curse."—*"Special Testimonies to Ministers," No. 7, pp. 20, 21.*

One prominent writer on this subject has said: "The failure of most methods is due to the fact that they do not reach the masses." "The rapid growth and spread of Methodism is due to the skill manifested by John Wesley in marshaling every man, woman and child for individual work and personal endeavor. As an organizer and efficient systematizer, John Wesley is without a superior in civil, military or ecclesiastical life: and because of this organic skill, and methodical workings, his followers were called Methodists."

It is clearly seen from the foregoing that there must be

a close cooperation between the officers of the church and those who are associated with the conference work, that they may labor together in educating the people in regard to the principles laid down in God's Word relative to tithe and offerings. This united effort of conference and church leaders will enable us to marshal every man, woman, and child, and thus secure their cooperation in finishing this work.

J. W. NORWOOD.

the great promptness and care in sending the books. These are all very much appreciated by me, and the rest of the men in the field.

"I wish you God's richest blessings, health, and a fullness of his Holy Spirit, and also thank you for your prayers for us who are out in the field. Anton-C. Williman."

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,
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Our Publishing House

Home Office News

SALES report for week ending Dec. 13, 1913: Total number bound volumes, 7,788; *Watchman*, 2,676.

Elder Brown, of Kentucky, was with us Monday at 6:30 A. M., and gave a stirring chapel talk from Ps. 119: 33-40. Elder Brown especially emphasized two things: first, the importance of a deep, living Christian experience; and second, diligence in the Lord's work. The talk was much enjoyed by all.

Meeting is being held every night this week in our chapel. The Week of Prayer readings seem even more impressive than usual. Elder Hansen was with us Sunday night. His help was much appreciated.

These are busy times at the Home Office. Because of the early date at which our annual meeting will convene it has been necessary for us to close our books on the 20th of December, and so all hands are working to that end; and in addition to the extra work caused by sock taking, an unusually large number of rush orders have been coming in. One day last week one single order from Brother Randall, manager of our Atlanta branch, called for nine cases of books made up as follows: "Bible Footlights," 34; "Best Stories," 260; "New Testament Primer," 820; "Gospel Story," 500; "Gospel Primer," 833; "Steps to Christ," 100; "Christ Our Saviour," 50; "Family Bible Teacher," 10 sets; "Coming King," 50; "Great Controversy," 25.

The work is onward and we were never of better courage. The Lord is at work, and he is abundantly blessing the faithful colporteurs; but while the harvest is great, the laborers are few.

To-day's mail brings us a little leaflet gotten out by H. W. Johnson, field agent of the Wisconsin Conference. On one side it reads:—

"READ, MEDITATE, ACT"

"Brain Food. 'If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the Scriptures.' 'This is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time.'

"Notice! 'The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order,' and yet the world supports the worker.

"Living Guaranteed: 'Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.' Mat. 20:7. 'But my God shall supply all your need.' Phil. 4:19.

"Volunteers Wanted. 'Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'

"Send the answer (on other side) to your field agent." On the reverse side we find space for the address. The Lord is calling for volunteers. Who will answer, "Here am I; send me"?

A WORD OF APPRECIATION FROM A COLPORTEUR

"Please thank all the office force, who are co-workers with God, for the good work in printing and binding, and also for

Alabama Conference

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Alabama Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Am't for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Dec. 11	Amount paid to Dec. 11	Amount short
195	\$2028.00	\$1859.00	\$1509.19	\$ 349.81

Alabama Mission — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

200	\$2080.00	\$1906.66	\$ 593.17	\$1313.49
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Sabbath-School Report, Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1913

School	Mem.	Offerings	13th Sab. Off.
Birmingham	59	\$ 77 13	\$ 31 20
Home Schools	67	34 89	12 90
Mobile	25	33 97	10 02
Long Island No. 2	12	18 02	15 22
Citronelle	16	17 58	3 41
Carbon Hill	12	15 84	6 60
Silverhill	15	15 64	4 32
Marlow	10	13 97	1 61
Fairhope	11	13 84	5 87
Montgomery	8	9 71	2 20
Long Island No. 1	12	6 98	2 07
Borden Springs	41	6 23	99
Rockford	4	5 00	71
Ashford	16	4 97	97
Sheffield	31	4 26	15
Semmes	9	4 08	65
Elkwood	22	3 83	96
Santa Rosa	19	3 04	76
Stapleton	18	1 58	22
Totals	407	\$ 290 56	\$ 100 83

ALABAMA MISSION

Oakwood	59	\$ 51 99	\$ 16 81
Montgomery	40	17 00	2 20
Pensacola	45	15 78	4 65
Birmingham	38	12 43	1 96
Decatur	17	5 80	52
Huntsville	25	5 81	
Mobile	13	1 61	
Brewton	6	45	
Sylacauga	19		

Totals	262	\$ 110 87	\$ 26 14
Totals, Conf. and Mission	669	\$ 401 43	\$ 126 97

HELEN M. KEATE, Sabbath-school Secretary.

Kentucky Conference

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Kentucky Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Am't for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Dec. 11	Amount paid to Dec. 11	Amount short
183	\$1903.20	\$1744.60	\$1336.94	\$ 407.66

Kentucky Mission — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Am't for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Dec. 11	Amount paid to Dec. 11	Amount short
75	\$ 780.00	\$ 715.00	\$ 272.02	\$ 442.98

The Book Work in Kentucky

AFTER making out my report for November, 1913, and comparing it with November, 1912, I find we have made a gain of \$1,020.75. We also had a large gain in October. The Lord is surely doing great things for us. We praise his holy name for it.

The colporteurs are all of good courage, and write big, cheery letters each week, telling of the rich experiences they are having out on the firing line; and now as we near the end of the year, let us as we begin the work of the new year, pray that success and blessings will be given to the workers; let us also praise Him for what He has done during the year that is past.

I will mention some of the records made since camp-meeting closed, Aug. 24, 1913. Brother James Hickman set his mark for \$1,000 by the end of the year. He canvassed only thirteen weeks or three hundred and fifty-five hours, and on December 6, he had \$1,002.25 worth of orders. The Lord will surely bless us if we set our mark high and work to it. Brother Hickman is now making a delivery of \$855.50 to be finished by Christmas. Brother Jesse E. Miller has been working regularly, averaging from seventy-five to fifty dollars weekly. Also Brother Winkler has had good reports, his best one being \$108 in one week. Others have also made good records.

And now, brother, sister, what the Lord is doing for these dear workers he will do for you if you will only let him. The Lord's voice is calling to those who know his commandments to proclaim them to others. Now is the time to go. In just a little time from this, the work will be finished. There is a crown awaiting those who fight a good fight. Shall some one else have your crown? Awake and say, "Here am I; Lord send me."

Our institute will be held in a hall at Nicholasville, Ky., Feb. 10-19, 1914. Let me hear from all who are planning to attend; and let all others whom the Lord's pleading voice has been calling to service, write and say, "I am coming." Address me at Nicholasville, Ky., Box 314. Pray for more workers, that we may hasten the day of his coming.

H. E. BECK.

News Notes

BROTHER H. E. BECK spent Sabbath, December 6, with the church at Lockport. He reports an interest on the part of two or three to enter the colporteur work.

Sister M. A. Ewald, of Louisville, has just ordered a new supply of magazines. We are glad to see the interest taken by so many in the sale of our truth-filled magazines.

Louisiana Conference

Conference Directory

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OFFICE ADDRESS, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

Louisiana Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Am't for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Dec. 11	Amount paid to Dec. 11	Amount short
267	\$2776.80	\$2545.40	\$1864.93	\$ 680.47

Louisiana Mission — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Am't for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Dec. 11	Amount paid to Dec. 11	Amount short
76	\$ 790.40	\$ 724.53	\$ 81.10	\$ 643.43

News Items

ENCOURAGING words come from Brother James Turner, who has been canvassing around Norwood. He says the people are anxious for our good literature and that they recognize that their own churches do not supply them with the truth such as he is bringing them.

A sister who has a large family depending upon her labor for support writes, "I sometimes think that the Lord is using me for an example to those who say they can not make a living and keep the Sabbath." This sister is faithful in her church duties and has recently sent in a remittance for tithes and offerings. What she does others can do also.

Elder Parmele left New Orleans on the noon train December 10 for an extended trip over the State, and expects to go from the northern portion direct to the union meeting the first of the year.

Orders for holiday books are rolling into the office. We are doing our best to fill these orders promptly and hope that all will remember to use truth-filled books and magazines for gifts.

During the months of December and January we are able to give splendid clubbing rates on all our denominational papers. Each club must contain either the *Watchman*, the *Review* or the *Sigs* weekly. The prices have been greatly reduced for these two months, and it will pay all to avail themselves of the reduction. Write us for the complete list.

There has come to hand a sample copy of the new book "Gospel Story," just published by the Southern Publishing Association, and after a careful inspection we are glad to say that it is the best juvenile book we have yet seen. It contains a great deal of real present truth gotten up in attractive style. The Sabbath truth is plainly stated, and when a child read through the seven days of creation he will have implanted in his mind facts which in later years will not be disturbed by higher criticism. The price of this new book is only twenty-five cents and we guarantee that you will be pleased with it. Order one or more copies for your little friends.

Much to our disappointment, we received a very small supply of the week of Prayer number of the *Review* which forced us to send out a very limited number to our churches and isolated brethren. We tried to obtain an additional stock, but the General Conference reported that they were out of stock and could do nothing for us. We regret this, but will surely all as far as possible.

Mississippi Conference

Conference Directory

C. S. WIEST, President.
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 1530 W. Railroad St., Biloxi, Miss.
 OFFICE ADDRESS, 932 Union St., Jackson, Miss.

Mississippi Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership Am't for year, 20c per wk.	Amount due to Dec. 11	Amount paid to Dec. 11	Amount short
157	\$1632.80	\$1496.73	\$1543.83
			\$ 47.10

Mississippi Mission — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

130	\$1352.00	\$1239.33	\$ 121.12
			\$1118.21

Important Notice

A SHORT time ago a letter, written by Elder Wiest, was sent out to all our churches, companies, and isolated members, both white and colored, in our conference with reference to the special offer to those wishing to subscribe for the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER.

The time is rapidly approaching when this special offer will cease. We dislike very much to think that our people will be without this weekly visitor, but this will be the case with many, unless we take advantage of this offer at once. Every one in the conference should be able to pay twenty-five cents for a year's subscription to this most valuable little paper. None should be without it.

This special offer positively closes with this year. After that date, only those who have taken advantage of this offer will receive the paper, unless they wish to pay fifty cents, the regular subscription price, for it.

Let every one avail himself of the opportunity to get the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER at one-half the regular price. Only subscribers will receive the paper after the close of this year.

This is the last call. Send us twenty-five cents and your name and address at once if you wish to have the WORKER come to your home. Let all avail themselves of this most liberal offer.

MISSISSIPPI TRACT SOCIETY.

THE Morning Watch Calendars for 1914 are now on hand, so do not fail to send in your orders early for this valuable little calendar. Each home should have one. Price, five cents.

Churches and companies will please remember to send in for their supplies at once, thus avoiding delays and also accommodating us.

Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference

Week Ending Dec. 6, 1913

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
J H Reams	BF	32	48	\$55.50	\$ 50	\$56.00	\$ 6.50
S S Guilford	BF	20	14	21.00	1.00	22.00	3.00
R T Jacks	BF	18	12	14.00	50	14.50	
L Crabtree	BF	16			3.00	3.00	19.00
Perthia Hampton	BF	40			75	75	4.50
M L Ivory	BF	31					19.50
W C Hart	BF	17					16.00
Totals		174	74	\$90.50	\$ 5.75	\$96.25	\$68.50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

James Hickman	D&R	32	30	\$98.50	\$ 2.00	\$100.50	\$ 9.00
M Wheeler	D&R	28	19	62.00	5.75	67.75	
W H Shoemaker	BF	30	19	22.00	3.00	25.00	
W P Ethington	BF	8	2	2.50		2.50	
Jesse E Miller	D&R	40					100.00

Totals 138 70 \$185.00 \$10.75 \$195.75 \$109.00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

James Turner	PP&F	40	31	\$49.00	\$ 5.00	\$49.50	\$
C P Bodwell*	GC&PG	81	15	45.00	4.00	49.00	9.00
M B Wilson*	BR	58	3	9.00	17.90	26.90	35.00
J Harzman	PP&F	27	14	23.00	1.00	24.00	
Frank Peabody	PP&F	22	12	18.50	4.75	23.25	
W J Hirst**	PP&F	155			12.00	12.00	336.50
M S Hubbell	PP&F	26					96.50

Totals 409 75 \$144.50 \$40.15 \$184.65 \$477.00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

M A Murphy*	PP&F	37	42	\$78.50	\$	\$78.50	\$32.00
E P Campbell	PP&F	20	24	38.00	25	38.25	25
H C Balsbaugh	GC	40			31.05	31.05	70.05
C R Canada	BF	30	27	28.00	2.25	30.25	2.25
W H Haddon	MISC	27	11	17.00	3.75	20.75	4.75
Miss M P Sparks	BF	30	16	16.00	1.25	17.25	4.25
C H McColey	BR	29	3	9.00	2.00	11.00	20.00
J S Fry*	D&R	75			9.50	9.50	135.50
L B Jackson	CK	9			4.25	4.25	4.25
Elmer Chastain	CK	24			1.75	1.75	22.75

Totals 321 123 \$186.50 \$56.05 \$242.55 \$296.05

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

A C Williman	GC	33	16	\$54.00	\$ 4.75	\$58.75	\$
C F Dart	sofP	38	25	37.50	2.50	40.00	
Berdon Hampton	BF	43	22	33.00	2.00	35.00	
Mamie Moore	MISC	32			30.00	30.00	
J S Moore	BF	54	8	9.50	12.50	22.00	3.75
C G Bishop	BF	21	15	15.00	3.00	18.00	
R H Hazelton	GC	27			14.50	14.50	21.00
Sibyl Strawhun	BF	32	9	9.00	1.00	10.00	5.00
Mrs S Frisby	PP&F	5	1	1.50	2.75	4.25	

Totals 285 96 \$159.50 \$73.00 \$232.50 \$29.75

Grand Totals 1327 438 \$766.00 \$185.70 \$951.70 \$980.30

* Two Weeks. ** Five Weeks.

Magazine Agents' Report, Week Ending Dec. 6

Agent	No.	Value
Laura Young**	400	\$ 40.00

** Five Weeks.

Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the fifth annual meeting of the constituency of the Hillcrest School Farm, incorporated, will be held at the North Nashville church school building, 23rd Ave., North and Seifried St., Nashville, Tenn., at 5 P. M., Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1914.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of trustees and a board of counselors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

S. N. HASKELL, Chairman,
 A. J. HARRIS, Secretary.

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Net amount short for the Southern Union Conference on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund to Dec. 11, 1913, \$3,-830.47.

Net amount short for the Southern Union Mission on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund to Dec. 11, 1913, \$4,458.81.

Southern Union Conference, Jan. 1-11, 1914

First meeting of Bookmen's Convention, 7:30 p. m., January 1.

First meeting of Conference, 9. a. m., January 2.

Take Notice

As we print only fifty numbers for the year, this being "No. 50," completes "Vol. 7." It follows that the WORKER will not be issued next week, but "No. 1, Vol. 8," will bear date of Jan. 1, 1914.

Week of Prayer

THIS paper will reach its readers probably at the close of the Week of Prayer, and my remarks will be too late to be of great importance. Should I take a long space in this paper, it would not be profitable at this date; but it is hoped that the last day of this week will be important, if no other has been.

The meetings in Nashville started off well. A good interest is manifested by all the members and God is already blessing the efforts put forth.

Every conference is pressing on to the goal. The last we heard, Mississippi had made up its entire amount on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, and also the full quota on the Harvest Ingathering. When the year closes, what will the record be for all the churches and conferences in the Southern Union? This remains to be seen. Watch your reports closely and see that they are all that God asks of us. Do not give because some one presses you, but give because you want to, because your money comes from the fulness of your heart, and with the desire to see the work of God accomplished in the earth. Last Sabbath in the Nashville Church, a man who has been planning on a financial enterprise, told me he had decided to stop further investments, and from this time on give to the cause of God the money that he makes. This sounds like the moving of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

Time and space will not permit me to tell you of the good word that is coming from every quarter. The Lord is blessing us and will bless us according to our ability to appreciate his great gift,
S. E. WIGHT.

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Southern Missionary Society

THE fifth biennial meeting of the constituency of the Southern Missionary Society, a body incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church on Fatherland Street, Jan. 8, 1914, at 10 A. M., for the election of officers and for such other business as should legally come before this meeting.

The constituency, or members of this society, are the members of the board of the society and the members of the executive committee of the Southern Union Conference. Under the statutes of the State of Tennessee each member is entitled to one vote either in person or by proxy.

S. E. WIGHT, *President*,
E. H. REES, *Secretary*.

Southern Union Conference Association

NOTICE is hereby given that the fourth biennial session of the constituency of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Seventh-day Adventist church on Fatherland Street, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 8, 1914, at 9 A. M., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing biennial term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

S. E. WIGHT, *President*,
M. F. KNOX, *Secretary*.

Dated Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 18, 1913.

Annual Meeting Southern Publishing Association

NOTICE is hereby given that the sixth annual meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held January 3, at 7 P. M., at the Nashville Memorial Church, Fifth and Fatherland Streets, Nashville, Tenn., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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

Meeting of the Southern Union Conference

THE first meeting of the sixth biennial session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church on Fatherland Street, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 2, 1914, at 9 A. M.

Each conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each fifty of its organized church membership.

S. E. WIGHT, *President*,
E. H. REES, *Secretary*.