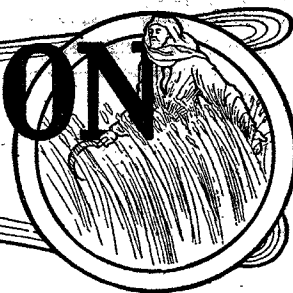




SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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The New Year

C. P. BOLLMAN

Before me lies a land all unexplored;
No foot of man has left its impress there.
My path across this plain God bids me choose,
And make it straight or crooked as I will.
But right must be the path of those who win
The approbation of their inmost hearts,
And smile of an approving, all-wise God.
A goal, then, I must have—a purpose firm;
A chart and compass, too, I'll surely need
To guide my steps across this trackless plain.
Oh, then I'll make a perfect life my goal!
My chart shall be God's Word; my star, his Son;
And if, perchance, I stumble here or there,
If sometimes darksome clouds obscure my view,
When clears my sky I'll press my journey on,
Nor willing turn aside from the bright Star
That points me ever toward my chosen goal—
A moral likeness to my God.

—*The Watchman for January.*

General

The Trial at Waverly

I AM sure the readers of this weekly visitor will be interested to learn the particulars regarding the trial of Brother J. S. Rooker, of Johnsonville, who was arraigned before the court, in Waverly, for breaking the Sunday law.

Monday night, December 15, Attorney Simmons, of Knoxville, and Elder C. S. Longacre of Washington, D. C., in company with Elders J. W. Norwood, B. W. Brown, and the writer, went to Waverly to study the case for presentation the following day. We waited patiently in the court room during the forenoon for the case to be called. At one o'clock the judge announced that it would be heard. The court room was well filled with an earnest class of eager listeners. During the forenoon the sheriff was several times called upon by the judge to keep order, but no such call was necessary during this trial. The attorneys who sat by listened with intense interest to the trial as it proceeded.

After a sharp contest between the contending attorneys, in which our attorney, who is a Seventh-day Adventist, showed remarkable skill and great courtesy, a plea was made by Attorney Simmons that was telling in its effect and helped to win the confidence of the listeners. While the attorney-general labored hard to convince the jury that Brother Rooker was a criminal in the sight of the law, yet he failed to convince all the jury or the judge on the bench, and we doubt very much if he convinced any one who listened. In the first count the jury stood eight to four in favor of ac-

quittal, or, in other words, of clearing Brother Rooker; but after some maneuvering on the part of the leader of the jury, they brought in a verdict of guilty, and the judge immediately fined him only \$1. This was considered by the court as a victory for Seventh-day Adventists.

After the trial was over we mingled with the people, the jury, and the attorneys, and found out the real feeling that existed. The attorneys themselves said they considered it a great victory for us, and some of them said they would now study the Sabbath question, that it had aroused their curiosity. Several of the jury expressed themselves as being sorry that they voted as they did. One attorney said the judge on the bench stated that it was his desire that the jury bring in a verdict of not guilty. While Brother Rooker was fined \$1, yet it is believed by all who mingled with the people and heard them talk that we gained the sympathy of the public.

Brother Simmons in making his plea did not plead for his client in the way of looking to his temporal welfare, nor did he say anything that would tend to antagonize his opponent, but he seemed to have his mind on the great truth that this people stand for, and he placed before the whole court in a very clear and concise manner the fact that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the creative God, and that the Sunday is a heathen holiday instituted by man and not by the apostles or by Jesus Christ. The readers can readily understand that a plea of this character is something unknown in ordinary courts of to-day, and it was a rare opportunity of presenting to men of their position the great truths that are comprehended in the third angel's message. This is one of the times spoken of by our Saviour when the truth is to be brought before judges and prominent men, that the name of Jesus might be glorified.

We should now study the principles of Religious Liberty and the fundamental principles of our truth, for it is more than likely we will soon be called to answer for our faith often in the courts.

S. E. WIGHT.

"La Verita"

THIS is the title of our Italian quarterly magazine published here in Chicago by the North American Foreign Department in the interest of the work among the Italians.

The work among the Italians has now taken permanent shape here in Chicago. A church of ten members has been organized and properly officered, and a good, growing Sabbath-school has been in operation for some time. This created a demand for Sabbath-school lessons in the Italian language. After careful consideration it was decided to print a quarterly magazine of sixteen pages. The first part of the paper would be filled with short articles presenting the truth in a manner adapted to the Italian people, and then there would be the Sabbath-school lessons for thirteen Sabbaths.

The first number was issued September, 1913, and has met with a very hearty reception from our Italian people, and they are endeavoring to circulate it as widely as possible.

But our Italian constituency is very small, hence the circulation is altogether too circumscribed. The second issue is just out, and both papers present a very neat appearance.

The subscription price is 25 cents a year, a club of 6 copies for \$1 and 10 copies for \$1.50.

Now here is an opportunity for our people to help us. We find Italians in every part of our country, and our English speaking people can very readily, at a small outlay and a little effort, circulate large numbers of our little sheet. Who will help us in this enterprise by subscribing for a club of these papers to circulate among the Italians in your neighborhood?

Address all communications and orders to "La Verità," 3645 Ogden Ave., Chicago, Ill.

NORTH AMERICAN FOREIGN DEPARTMENT,
O. A. OLSEN, *Secretary*.

Items from the Madison School

THE Madison School family was very much pleased to receive a visit on November 21 from Elder W. C. White, who had been delayed in coming South until his promised visit was almost despaired of. He addressed the family Friday evening and again Sabbath morning, giving most excellent counsel to the young people. He told the story of a California wine association whose sign is written on the mountainside in large letters that can be read clear across the valley. The initials of this association spelled its character. In the same way God wants us to write his character all through the highlands of the South.

Elder C. N. Martin, of Bon Aqua, spoke to the students in the afternoon, Sabbath, November 22. The meeting was a most earnest one and resulted in deep heart searching.

Sabbath, November 29, Professor Magan occupied the morning service hour. In the pulpit with him were Elder Bollman and Elder Rees. Professor Magan spoke on the position of the spirit of prophecy in the church in various ages, and called especial attention to the experience of Christ when Peter attempted to turn him aside from his life work. The story is recorded in Matt. 16: 21-23. This is the one and only time that Christ ever called one of his disciples Satan. But when Peter attempted to lay his hands on the Saviour and to turn him aside from the duties God had called him to perform, the Saviour said, "Get thee behind me, Satan."

Sabbath, December 6, Elder C. A. Hansen, pastor of the Nashville Church, occupied the hour. He was accompanied by Dr. A. J. Harris, also of Nashville. The school family feel that they have been especially blessed with valuable instruction during the past few weeks.

We are told that before the end of time much of the work in the spread of the gospel will be done by children. An interesting experience of this kind comes in a letter from Sister W. R. Tolman, who has a little daughter ten years old. She writes: "Dorothy earned sixty cents picking up chestnuts under our trees. She did not have the change to pay her tithe, so asked the mail-carrier to make change for her. As he handed it to her she said, half to herself, 'This is just enough to pay my tithe.' The mail-carrier said, 'What do you mean?' She told him that she owed the Lord a tenth of all her money. He said, 'I earn \$25 a week; do you mean that I owe the Lord \$10 a month.' She said, 'You certainly do.' He asked her where she could find that, and she referred him to the book of Genesis. She then came home to hunt up texts. That night we studied the subject

together, and the next day Dorothy met the mail-carrier with a list of Scripture references, which he said he would be very glad to read."

This same child visits an old couple to whom she reads the Bible. Evidently unconscious of what she was really doing, she has been reading them the story of the Sabbath and a chapter on the subject of meat eating. These people take the instruction from this child when in all probability it would be resisted if given by an older person. What must be the daily training of a child who is able to give such instruction?

In the last items mention was made of the fact that a Congregational young people's society in Ohio has offered to pay all the expenses of some mountain girl or boy in one of our highland schools. When this offer came the question arose, Where shall we find the child? A letter was written to a community where a nurse from the Madison School has been working quietly to break down prejudice for a good many months. She was told the story of the offer made by the young people. Almost immediately the answer came back: "When I read your letter it seemed like an answer to prayer. Yes, we have a girl here fifteen years old, who is taking third grade work, whom I would like very much to see given the advantages of an education which that young people's society offers. I have been interested in her for some time and have considered taking her into my own home. The question was still undecided when your letter came. Her parents are both willing that she should go. She has never been on a train, so we must provide a chaperon for her. She comes from a good country family in which there are twelve children, and they are very poor. My aim is to keep her in school until she is ready for a training at Madison. She is a big, jolly-hearted girl, and I want her to have an opportunity to make something of herself." God certainly brought these people together at just the right time. Preparations are rapidly going on to put this young girl in the school. Undoubtedly she will be blessed, and it ought to be a blessing to the young people's society in Ohio.

M. BESSIE DEGWAW.

Our Publishing House

Home Office News

SALES report for week ending Dec. 27, 1913: Total number bound volumes, 4,815; *Watchman*, 4,537.

The publishing work is prospering because of the faithful men and women who have gone out on the firing line and have taken God at his promise and are reaping the harvest. We are told that we are to endure hardness like good soldiers; and while some may be enjoying themselves where they are, and are very successful as far as this world goes, yet the Lord is calling for fighting men,—men who will leave home and friends and go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in.

We have just received "News Letter No. 53," which is gotten out by the Pacific Press. This number is full of good things but we shall only have space to quote from a very limited number.

"MEXICAN WORKERS STILL UNAFRAID"

"Surely the angels of the Lord are camping around our workers in Mexico these days, and in perfect confidence they labor on.

"Letter No. 52 came and, as ever, I enjoyed reading the news. The good reports always cheer one along. We need all the cheer that you can send us. You know that the mail

is a long time getting here. It comes by boat. It will be great when the road is open again and we will not have to wait so long for the incoming mail.

"However, with all this and the revolution that is going on, I am glad to tell you that the workers are still in the field and being wonderfully blessed. It surprises the people how that while others are leaving, and thousands without enough to get along, the colporteur keeps plodding on with great success. The reason for his doing so is not in himself, but in Him who laid all the plans. As I told you before, like Mad Anthony Wayne, who said to his general, George Washington, 'I will storm hell if you lay the plans,' the colporteur is willing to venture anywhere, for he has implicit confidence in Him who says, 'Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.' J. A. P. Green."

"BROTHER BROWN'S CUBAN EXPERIENCE NO. 2"

"Letter 52 told of a trying experience through which Brother Henry Brown passed in making his delivery in Santa Clara, Cuba. Brother Robinson writes of the results:—

"One of the promises of the good book has been forcefully brought to our minds lately. It is the one that says, 'For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.' Maybe Henry has written you that he went back to Santa Clara about two weeks after he had left it for Cienfuegos, and actually delivered some \$40 worth of 'Patriarchs and Prophets.' I tell you that is the kind of men we want to push the work. I wish I could have him to help me in Cuba now that I have so much to do. In all, he delivered some \$600 worth of books out of the \$1,000 and more orders he had.

"One of the Spanish brethren selling 'El Rey' sold a copy to a postmaster. When he went later to buy a money-order, the postmaster gave him a recommendation to his other telegraph friends all over the island, telling them that they also should recommend the book as it would show many the way of life. Two Catholic priests also bought copies of his book, knowing it was religious. He sold to one of them for cash as he did not have time to go and canvass him before. He paid him in five-cent pieces, which had probably been collected from the box containing offerings from the faithful few. The other priest had read some of the book and found that it was on Protestantism. He had a good talk with our worker, who testified to the veracity of the Scriptures, and left the priest thinking."

The following report from Brother J. W. Siler, field agent of North Carolina, is taken from *Field Tidings*.

"COLPORTEUR WORK"

"I will give a brief report of the book and magazine work in North Carolina.

"We have had some ups and downs, yet the work has steadily advanced. The draining of our conference of men is one of the things that has been against us; for instance, three of our best colporteurs were taken for state agents, and another is under appointment to the Philippines, leaving us practically but one old colporteur. Looking at it from a worldly standpoint, we were in a very bad condition, but we are glad to say that we do not have to depend on man for success.

"We did not let this discourage us. We, with our force, pressed forth with faith, believing that the Lord would give us success, and we find the Lord never leaves nor forsakes his people who will obey his command, 'Go work in my vineyard.'

"Our efforts have been blessed both in taking orders and

in delivering. We had an average of eleven colporteurs for the year beginning July 1, 1912, and ending June 30, 1913. These took 7,864 orders for the different books, the value of which is \$12,252.85. During the same period of time there were sold \$1,834.82 worth of helps, making a total of \$14,077.61. The deliveries for the same length of time amounted to \$11,671.02. This is an increase over 1912 delivery of \$635, and of \$3,137.26 over 1911. You can readily see that the blessing of the Lord has been with the colporteur work. It has steadily gone forward. Of course it has not advanced as much as we would like to have seen it, but under present conditions, I think it very evident that we have the special blessing of the Lord.

"The average per capita in delivering for the conference year was \$1,060 which is a splendid average, considering the conditions under which our colporteurs had to work. I can say that our colporteurs did not look at the financial side, but they felt the great need of carrying this truth to the many people who know it not. If you could have seen the good letters that came from them you would have had the greatest evidence that the Lord did wonderfully bless them.

"To show you how the sales of magazines have increased, I will give a few figures. For the twelve months beginning July 1, 1912, and ending June 30, 1913, we sold 17,857 copies, making \$1,785.70 for the year. The first six months of 1912, we sold 4,160 copies, and for the first six months of 1913, we sold 12,905, an increase over the first six months of 1912, of 8,735 copies which is more than twice as many for the same time.

"The total sales for 1912 were 8,319. For the first six months of 1913 they were 12,905. You see we sold 3,586 more magazines. If this can be accomplished with what little has been done, surely if our people everywhere will rally to this work, using all the energy God has given them, a great advancement in this part of the work will be seen. There will be a great many more books and magazines in the homes of the people, and that is not all, we will see many more people accepting this glorious truth. May some hearts be touched to the extent that they will give themselves to this great work." SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,

R. HOOK JR., Gen. Manager.

Mississippi Conference

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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 overpaid
157	\$1632.80	\$1496.73	\$1543.83	\$ 47.10

Mississippi Mission — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

				Amount short
130	\$1352.00	\$1239.33	\$ 121.12	\$1118.21

News Items

THE Week of Prayer meetings were attended quite well in the Jackson Church, considering the bad weather. Elder Wiest met with them part of the time.

A recent remittance from Sister B. W. Watson, Doloroso, Miss., brings a money-order for \$8.84 Ingathering, thus putting her in the lead of all who engaged in the work this year. She still has a few papers, and we yet expect more.

A letter received from Elder W. R. Burrow, Leflore, Miss., in which was found a check for \$5 Ingathering, gives the following item of interest: "This is for the few Harvest Ingathering *Reviews* sent me. I have only five neighbors." A dollar from each neighbor is a pretty good record.

Others are still at work in this enterprise and we look for yet more to be sent in. We are now more than \$35 above our required amount.

Elder Wiest met with the Natchez company last Sabbath, December the 20th, and also visited Doloroso during the first part of the week. He was to have visited McDonald during the latter part of this week.

Sister Ida Harrell, of Wesson, met with the Jackson Church last Sabbath, December the 20th. She has long been caring for her invalid mother, who has been dangerously ill for several weeks. She was able to be removed to Jackson last week, and Sister Harrell will now make this her home.

The union conference meeting will soon be on, beginning the second of January. During the first ten days of January, mail intended for this office should be addressed to 511 Cole Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.

Professor R. G. Ryan, of the Southern Union Conference, has recently made a tour of the State in the interests of the young people's and educational work. He spent Sabbath and Sunday, December 6 and 7, with the Jackson Church and returned in time Wednesday, the 10th, to meet with them in their prayer-meeting service.

Elder Wiest met with the Jackson churches on Sabbath and Sunday, December 13 and 14, conducting the readings prepared for the Week of Prayer. He visited Enid, Vicksburg, Natchez, and Brookhaven, meeting with these churches and companies during the Week of Prayer.

It was arranged that Elder J. A. Morrow should meet with Ellisville, Laurel, and Meridian churches, and the Quitman company for the Week of Prayer.

Elder N. B. King met with Natchez, Brookhaven, Vicksburg, Greenville, Greenwood, and Yazoo City, to assist the colored people during that week.

Elder A. C. Chatman visited Ellisville, Meridian, and Quitman to assist the colored people.

On the night of Monday, the 8th, Elder Gentry Lowry, of the North Carolina Conference, and his brother, Chas. F. Lowry, of the Tennessee River Conference, passed through Jackson, and between trains spent about an hour at the office. They were returning from visits in Texas and Louisiana, having visited their father, Elder W. S. Lowry, in Louisiana.

Brother J. S. Fry, one of our faithful colporteurs, called at the office Friday, December 12. He has completed his delivery, and has only a few books which he failed to deliver, which speaks well for his work. He wears the usual colporteur's smile, and is of good courage in the work.

It is indeed gratifying to us to hear of the good work that is being done and has been done by our colporteurs this year. Word comes from several of our workers, stating that when they visit people to whom they have sold books this fall, they find them carefully studying them and searching for light.

"EVERY means should be used to get the knowledge of the truth before the thousands who will discern the evidences, who will appreciate the likeness of Christ in his people, if they can have an opportunity to see it."

"It is no time now for the watchman to become sleepy, and cease to be a sentinel upon the walls of Zion."

THE new six months' series of the *Signs* to commence November 11 means over 3,000 ordinary book pages. These are contributions of our leading general and foreign mission men, just the ones who have brought us such cheering messages during the summer's meetings. Now, it is our privilege to have them with us each week all winter, and at an expense of only ninety cents. Five or more copies of the *Signs* for six months to yourself, only sixty cents each. Or five or more will be mailed to separate addresses, by the publishers, for sixty-five cents each. Send your order to your tract society.

Some Encouraging Features of the Colporteur Work

As we come up to the close of another year, it is with hearts of thankfulness and of gratitude that we survey the field and see the results accomplished.

Every week, and almost every day, letters have come to our office telling of the good work being done, and the victories gained. God has set his hand to finish his work, but Satan has set his hand to oppose. He has done much to try to hinder the sale of our truth-filled literature, thus getting the true light into the homes of the people. But it is encouraging to know that in the most difficult places, seemingly the greatest good has been accomplished. God has turned apparent defeat into a glorious victory, thus working in behalf of our faithful colporteurs who are devoting their time to the advancement of his great cause.

Some experiences have been related which are well worth mentioning, with the hope that these will be a strength to us all, and especially those who have been in the heat of the battle, and to those on the firing line. Truly the colporteur is a warrior for God, and he has battles to fight every day. Here is an experience which Brother Balsbaugh relates, which shows that God does hear and answer the prayers of his faithful servants. This experience was written some time ago, but will apply now:—

"The Lord signally blessed me in last week's delivery in answer to the fervent prayers of myself and wife. The largest part of my delivery was in a lumbering district, among the employees of a large lumber firm. Some time before the delivery was due, reports reached me that this whole industry was about to suspend work on account of lumber business depression. I had taken my orders for delivery right after pay-day, and had planned the whole work carefully. Upon arrival on the ground for delivery, I found the mill had been shut down for several weeks, and some of the wood crews laid off, and in one of the camps, pay-day delayed. In the latter instance, both for lack of money and thrift, none were ready for their books. I returned to another camp for the night, praying in faith that the Lord would work in behalf of his own. And he did. The manager returned that night with the money for his men, and I made almost a full delivery.

"A Roman Catholic transported me and my books, round trip, on a motor car, twelve miles between the mill and camps, free of charge. He was one of the managers. Before arriving at the mill I knew nothing of this facility of getting to the camps, and had planned to go by horse and buggy.

"So again, more soul-saving literature has gone out in this county (Lauderdale), and the experience is a fresh lesson of simple faith for both myself and wife."

While Brother Balsbaugh was at the second camp, a woman from the first camp which he had visited, came running over to where he was, with the news that the pay-master had come with their money, and they wanted their books. So he went and delivered them.

One of our colored colporteurs, Sister M. A. Murphy, had quite a striking experience. She was working in a settlement where at first there was prejudice. She explained her mission to a pastor of one of the colored churches, and gave him a good canvass on the book. He purchased one, and then invited our colporteur to meet with them in their services on Sunday, which she did. He announced at this meeting the work being done by our colporteur, and urged all his people to purchase the book, and to come prepared the next Sunday to pay for them. Thus she made her delivery in his church.

These two experiences are mentioned because of their striking nature. In the case of Brother Balsbaugh, it is purely a lesson of simple faith, as he says. It shows that God marvelously works in behalf of his work at times, when defeat to the worker is apparent. In the latter instance, it shows that God works through the pastors and churches of other denominations, to get before the people his truth-filled literature.

Numerous experiences similar to these which have been related by our other colporteurs might be mentioned, all of which are most interesting and encouraging, but these two serve the purpose, for it gives "a lesson in simple faith."

God has done, and is doing, a great work for our colporteurs. He is giving men and women a good schooling in the canvassing field, and using them to scatter the pages of truth "like the leaves of autumn." This should call forth more earnestness and faithfulness on the part of us all.

WM. A. WOODRUFF.

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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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News Notes

ELDER A. L. MILLER left the office on Sunday morning for Sheffield, where he expects to be with the church during the week. Reports from him are to the effect that good meetings are being held and the brethren are encouraged.

Elder Bellinger was detained at home most of the week on account of the sickness of his boy. Good meetings, however, were held in Montgomery, during the week.

The Birmingham Church have held daily meetings during the week, meeting in private houses as was convenient to the members, except on Sabbath and Tuesday, when the services were held at the church. All who attended these meetings report rich blessings.

The colored church in Birmingham have held meetings in their church each day during the Week of Prayer, and report much interest in the readings presented.

Brother Mark L. Wilson, our efficient field agent, is enjoying a brief vacation from his duties, and is visiting his mother in Oklahoma.

Good reports have been received from the new church (colored) at Huntsville, during the Week of Prayer services. The elder writes: "We are having a good Week of Prayer; the Lord is with us and all feel like drawing nearer the Master."

Word from Elkwood indicates that the work on the church building will soon begin. Brother Keate says: "We are hauling the lumber for the church to-day."

Tennessee River Conference

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Tennessee River 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
538	\$5595.00	\$5128.75	\$2689.12	\$2439.63

Tennessee River Mission — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

109	\$1133.60	\$1039.13	\$ 98.43	\$ 940.70
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Hazel Academy Items

THE continued nice weather has been a blessing to us at the school in getting our corn husked and housed. The corn is husked and hauled in and most of the fodder is under shelter.

A feed cutter has been secured which will make the fodder more easily fed and the stalks better to handle for fertilizer.

The wood supply for the winter is obtained from Brother Lowry's timber a few rods from the school farm. All it costs is the cutting and hauling. This saves our own timber.

The furnace in the boys' home is now in operation. It gives splendid service. It represents a great deal of planning and hard work on the part of Professor Halvorsen and the boys who have helped. The boiler is located in a nicely concreted basement under the building, and each room has a hot-water radiator, making all alike comfortable. It is very much appreciated. All the work has been done by the school, thus saving expense and giving the boys practical work in plumbing. The young men have had experience in doing many kinds of work this year, beside the plumbing, such as: corn cutting; potato harvesting; canning tomatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, and beans; papering; painting; wood-cutting; fence making; carpenter work; cement work and excavating. One of the students also does the shoe-repair work. These things not only furnish physical exercise, but a practical knowledge is gained that will be of use in later life.

The room just off the chapel is being painted and fitted up for the library. A moss-green wainscoting, with a straw-color for walls and ceiling, will make a pleasing combination. A friend of the school is kindly furnishing the paint.

The school needs our denominational and standard reference books. Donations of books (sent prepaid), or of funds for purchasing, will be greatly appreciated.

Last evening after Sabbath, under the direction of Pro-

fessor Halvorsen, the young men gave an informal reception to the rest of the school.

After the rendering of a brief but interesting and profitable program, in the chapel, and the serving of light refreshments, all were invited to visit the basement and see the boiler in operation, and also the boys' dormitory on second floor. The boys' home is surely much improved this year.

On Thursday a part of the students and teachers visited Murray in the interest of the Ingathering work. The amount received was not large, partly owing to the lateness of the season and the fact that a representative of foreign missions of another denomination had recently solicited funds, but every one enjoyed the work and all had good experiences. One or two who could hardly decide to undertake the work, enjoyed it most thoroughly and felt they would have lost much had they remained at home.

The Week of Prayer at the school promises to be a season of blessing. Prayer bands have been organized, and meet each evening. Leaders have been chosen from among the students, and each one plans to do definite personal work. *Hazel, Ky., Dec. 16, 1913.*

Beginning of Second Term at Hazel Academy

THE second term of school begins Jan. 7, 1914. There are in this field young people who know this truth who should be in our schools training for service, but who are, many of them, doing nothing to advance it. The calls for trained, consecrated workers were never so numerous nor so urgent as now. The Lord will do a quick work in the earth. We may have a part in carrying the truth to its early triumph, if we desire it.

Our schools are established for the sole purpose of fitting young people to intelligently carry this message to the world.

All who plan to come should first write for calendar and application blank. Address, Hazel Academy, Hazel, Kentucky.

Kentucky Conference

Conference Directory

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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

75	\$ 780.00	\$ 715.00	\$ 272.02	\$ 442.98
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Report of Field Work

SINCE my last report I have visited different places in the southern part of the State. I first went to Slick Rock, where Brother E. A. Williams lives. I found this family full of courage. They study the Sabbath-school lessons and are working hard to show the message to others by the use of the printed page, and by their every-day life. Brother Williams plans to take up the colporteur work in the near future. Sister Williams has not been able to raise as much money for missions as she desired, so has taken time to make a quilt which will be sold and the money given to mis-

sions. If others would like to do as Sister Williams has done to help forward the mission work, you may send your quilt to the conference office and we will sell it for you.

I next went to Sandhill where we held a profitable meeting with the church for two days. The Lord came very near and a spirit of consecration was manifest on the part of all present. Two persons were added to the church and others were deeply stirred, and we hope they will unite with us soon.

I then visited the Bowling Green Church and held one public service. We hope that the Week of Prayer will bring great blessings to this company of believers. From there I went to Louisville where I met in council with Elder Lawrence in regard to the church building being erected for the colored people. I also had the opportunity to visit in the homes of several families belonging to the white church. A yearly business meeting was also held, and we were glad to hear the good reports that were rendered by the treasurer and librarian. A live interest has been kept up all the year in the sale of our magazines. The treasurer's report shows a gain in tithes over the previous year. May God bless these places visited is my prayer. *B. W. BROWN.*

Logan County

I DID very well last week for the time put in—forty hours. You know this is a hard time of the year.

I started out last Sunday evening, and the very first place I stopped was the beginning of success—took another order for a Bible. I had sold two books there before.

I found it was very muddy to be traveling on foot after dark; so I stayed all night with some folks. I got an early start Monday morning and caught the train at Ferguson Station to go to Olmstead. On my way to catch the train, I sold two books for cash.

After getting off the train, the first man I canvassed gave me a small order. Then I started into the country, and found a silver dollar lying in the middle of the road. Of course, I picked it up. I went on and met a man and took his order. I then got over the fence, went across the field to a house, and took another; came back to the road and took another man's order as I met him. This is the way I have been succeeding. Some days I take more orders than on others.

As a rule, the people here in Kentucky are very kind and hospitable. Now and then we find them a little gruff; but as we walk circumspectly before them and trust God for results, I am sure we will reap a harvest for the kingdom.

Brethren, I want to do more in this most wonderful work of saving souls for Jesus. Let us try to do our part now. Everywhere I have been, I have found people interested in the truths of this last message that we are giving to the world. Let us work in this great harvest of souls and go home together to rejoice forevermore with those whom we bring to the fold.

As I am now in the western part of the State, I am staying at the home of Sister Gains for awhile.

My report of work done during the past week shows \$49 worth of orders, besides \$10.25 worth sold for cash. I did not get to reach as high a mark this week as I have before, but results will be better known in the kingdom of God when all is summed up.

I had some nice visits with my relatives and their neighbors. Sometimes where I stop we have lots of good music and singing. I ask an interest in your prayers.

Nov. 23, 1913.

JESSE E. MILLER.

News Notes

SISTER HAMMOND, of Salyersville, has sent in a remittance of tithe and offerings. We always appreciate hearing from our isolated members. The small amounts coming from the different persons throughout the conference make it possible for us to pay our workers who are devoting their lives to the giving of the message.

Sister Latitia Steele has ordered a supply of magazines and states that she is full of courage.

We have received word announcing the death of Sister S. D. Sutton, of Leitchfield. A full report is given elsewhere.

Brother M. Wheeler will make his delivery next week. The Lord has blessed him in taking orders for "Daniel and the Revelation" in Garrard County.

Since our last report was sent in, Elder Brown has visited the following places: Louisville, Slick Rock, and Bowling Green.

Brother Winkler has been successful in taking a good number of orders for "Bible Footlights" in Lee County. After he makes his delivery, he expects to take up the sale of "Daniel and the Revelation."

Brother Henry, of Waltersville, sent in a remittance the past week. He states that his health has improved.

Word has been received from two colporteurs in the North, asking for territory in our conference to canvass during the winter months. Of course, we will welcome them, as we have many counties that have never been canvassed.

Brother W. H. White reports that the new church building at Lockport is nearing completion. He will go to Covington for a few days to help with the work there.

Sister Ross, of Louisville, is quite sick at this writing. This sister is one of the oldest Adventists in our conference, having believed this message for forty-five years. She is still faithful and expects Christ to return in this generation.

Elder Lawrence reports that the work on the new church building is progressing nicely. The bricklayers are busy and have to get through before cold weather sets in.

Elder Lindsay reports the baptism of three persons in Louisville, Sunday, the 7th. All will be glad to know the work is progressing so nicely.

Sister Roach, of Hopkinsville, is visiting her mother, Sister Glenn, in Louisville.

If you desire supplies of any kind from the Kentucky Tract Society, please order at once so that all *Sabbath-School Quarterlies* and papers can be sent out this month. We plan to attend the union conference, which will be held from January 2-12, and there will be no one at the office to fill orders. Do not forget this announcement.

A letter just received from Brother Dow, at Davisville, brings us word that Sister Dow slipped and fell on the rocks and sustained a fractured bone in her wrist. We are sorry to learn this, but hope she will soon be able to continue her work.

Obituary

SUTTON.—Died at her home in Leitchfield, Ky. Sister D. S. Sutton was born Feb. 9, 1832, and fell asleep in the blessed hope Dec. 7, 1913. Sister Sutton accepted the present truth during a tent effort held in Leitchfield in 1886. Although isolated from those of like faith and having no church privileges, she continued faithful, and her godly life will ever preach the truth to her children and neighbors. Her aged husband and her children can look forward to the coming of Christ with the assurance that they weep not as others who have no hope.

B. W. BROWN.

Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference

Week Ending Dec. 13, 1913

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
J H Reams	....BF	32	43	\$46 50	\$	\$46 50	\$ 3 50
S S Guilford	....BF	20	17	24 50	13 25	37 75	1 50
R T Jacks	....BF	16	15	17 00	2 50	19 50	
Littleton Crabtree	BF	22	4	6 00		6 00	1 50
M. L. Ivory	....BF	34			4 00	4 00	13 00
W C Hart	....BF	18			2 00	2 00	10 50
Totals	.....	142	79	\$94 00	\$21 75	\$115 75	\$30 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

C P Bodwell	..GC&PG	45	9	\$27 00	\$27 50	\$54 50	\$45 00
Jas Turner	....PP&F	30	30	48 00		48 00	
F Peabody	....PP&F	28	15	23 00	1 75	24 75	3 00
J Harzman	....PP&F	31	9	14 50	25	14 75	
Totals	.....	134	63	\$112 50	\$29 50	\$142 05	\$48 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

C R Canada	....BF	21	23	\$23 50	\$ 4 75	\$28 25	\$ 4 75
H C Balsbaugh	..GC	18	4	12 00		12 00	6 00
Emily Billups*	..BF	70			2 75	2 75	88 75
Louise B Jackson	CK	10			1 00	1 00	5 00
Elmer Chastain	..CK	22			50	50	10 50
Totals	.....	141	27	\$35 50	\$ 9 00	\$44 50	\$115 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

J S Moore	....BF	45	14	\$18 00	\$ 7 50	\$25 50	\$
C G Bishop	....BF	43			23 25	23 25	153 50
C F Dart	....sofp	28	12	17 75	3 75	21 50	29 75
J C Atkinson	..BR	60	3	9 00	3 10	12 10	
B Hampton	....BF	20	7	9 00	50	9 50	
Totals	196	36	\$53 75	\$38 10	\$91 85	\$183 25

Grand Totals 613 205 \$295 75 \$98 35 \$394 15 \$376 25

* Two Weeks.

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THE Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses began October 1. It is late, but if you have not already enrolled, do so without further delay. Each year more children, more young people, more fathers, mothers, and grandparents press into the reading circle to read together the splendid, helpful books in the courses. In 1912 about ten times as many completed the work as in 1908. The record for 1913 was better still.

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Institute Dates for the Southern Union

Tennessee River Conference Dec. 23-31, 1913

Mississippi Conference Jan. 13-21, 1914

Louisiana Conference Jan. 22-30, 1914

Alabama Conference Jan. 30- Feb. 8, 1914

Kentucky Conference Feb. 10-19, 1914

A Correction

In our last issue, No. 50, Dec. 25, 1913, Mississippi was reported \$47.10 short on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund. It should have read "Overpaid \$47.10."

Important Notice

SOME misunderstand the notices in the *Review* and in our union paper regarding the time the union conference is to begin. The date of our meeting has been changed only once. On account of a lap of our meetings and the Central Union, the General Conference men requested the Southeastern and the Southern Unions to change their time; but do not confuse the association meetings set for the 8th of January with the conference meeting that is to begin at the first of the month.

Remember that on Thursday evening, January 1, at 7:30 the first public service of the union conference will be held. It is desired that every conference delegate attend that meeting. The first business meeting of the conference will be held January 2, at 9 A. M., in the Fatherland Church on the corner of Fifth and Fatherland Streets. S. E. WIGHT.

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.

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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*.