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

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## General

### Minutes of the Seventh Biennial Session of the Southern Union Conference Held Jan. 2-10, 1914, at the Nashville Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

THE first meeting of the seventh biennial session of the Southern Union Conference, held at Nashville, Tenn., convened in the Fatherland Street church at nine o'clock, Jan. 2, 1914, Elder S. E. Wight, president of the union, in the chair.

After the opening hymn, Elder I. H. Evans, president of the North American Division Conference, invoked the divine blessing and guidance upon the delegation.

Elder J. W. Norwood, president of the Tennessee River Conference, extended to the delegates the welcome of the Nashville churches.

Upon roll-call the following delegates were found to be present:—

S. E. Wight, J. W. Norwood, B. W. Brown, R. W. Parmele, C. S. Wiest, A. L. Miller, J. W. Davis, E. H. Rees, M. F. Knox, R. G. Ryan, James Bellinger, R. I. Keate, Helen M. Keate, S. D. Hartwell, R. S. Lindsay, S. F. Love, H. U. Jacobs, Anna Hornung, W. H. White, W. S. Lowry, W. P. McLennan, O. R. Godsmark, C. B. Caldwell, O. F. Frank, J. A. Morrow, Virgil Smith, W. R. Elliott, C. F. Lowry, C. P. Bollman, Mrs. A. M. Patton, F. C. Varney, C. F. Dart.

Colored:—

J. G. Dasent, S. D. Miller, C. A. Wilson, R. Roberts, J. H. Lawrence, Alex. Osterman, T. B. Buckner, A. C. Chatman, D. V. Barnes, S. A. Jordan, R. Johnson.

In addition to these the following general brethren were present:—

I. H. Evans, G. B. Thompson, W. L. Burgan, Professor C. L. Benson, C. B. Stephenson, W. W. Eastman.

From the Southwestern Union:—

G. F. Watson, C. E. Smith, J. I. Taylor.

From the Southeastern Union:—

O. Montgomery, W. H. Branson, W. H. Williams.

The Chair announced that following this meeting the general brethren would conduct a ministerial institute for several days. This meeting was simply for the purpose of organizing the conference and appointing the necessary committees.

It was moved by Elder Parmele that the president and executive committee of the union, with such Division Conference men as might be available, appoint the committees. The motion was carried and later the following committees were announced:—

Committee on Nominations:—

J. W. Norwood, W. S. Lowry, R. I. Keate, C. B. Stephenson, C. S. Wiest, B. W. Brown, W. W. Eastman.

Committee on Plans:—

R. W. Parmele, J. W. Davis, R. G. Ryan, S. D. Hartwell, C. L. Benson.

Committee on Distribution of Labor:—

S. E. Wight, J. W. Norwood, C. S. Wiest, A. L. Miller, B. W. Brown, R. W. Parmele.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses:—

S. E. Wight, J. W. Norwood, C. S. Wiest, A. L. Miller, B. W. Brown, R. W. Parmele.

The chairman addressed the delegation as follows:—

[The president's report was printed in full in these columns last week, and is therefore omitted from these printed minutes. EDITOR WORKER.]

During the president's address the following delegates came into the meeting: H. E. Beck, and Mrs. H. C. Balsbaugh.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

SECOND MEETING HELD JAN. 8, 1914, AT 9. A. M.

The president, S. E. Wight, in the chair. Prayer by Elder R. W. Parmele.

The Chair remarked: "Now begins our regular conference work and I hope that every delegate will be as much interested as they have been in the institute work which we have been attending to. There is a time to pray and a time to work; and to neglect either is bad. We must lay our plans for the next three work days."

After some further remarks, he said: "I have been wondering when it would best suit you to visit the Publishing House and the Food Factory, and as I have considered the matter I have wondered how it would suit the delegation to go out to these places Sunday morning." Upon calling for an expression of the delegates it was voted that Sunday morning be the time to visit the Publishing House and the Food Factory.

At this juncture the conference recessed in order to make way for the regular called meeting of the Southern Union Conference Association.

The Southern Union Conference came together at the call of the president at 10:30 A. M., with Elder Wight in the chair, and prayer by C. S. Wiest, of Mississippi.

The president called for the conference presidents' reports. The presidents came forward and reported as follows:—

Report of the Alabama Conference, given by the president, A. L. Miller:—

The Alabama Conference of Seventh-day Adventists comprises the State of Alabama and that part of Florida lying west of the Apalachicola River. The population of the conference, 1910 census, is 2,250,541, of which about forty per cent is colored. The central part of the State, about fifty miles on either side of Montgomery north and south and extending entirely across the state east and west, is known

as the Black Belt. The plantations in this belt are owned by the white who, almost exclusively, live in the cities, the land being cultivated by the negroes. This belt comprises the largest and richest farming area in the State.

The population is separated into three divisions: White in the north, colored in the center, and white in the south. This makes the white work in the conference a difficult one, as the State is about four hundred miles long. But the message is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; so we take hold of the work just as it is, looking unto the Master for wisdom and strength to labor in this part of the vineyard to the honor and glory of his name, ever keeping in mind the finishing of the work.

When we look at the field and the magnitude of the work, then look at the constituency, and the active laboring force, we may sometimes wonder, will the work be finished in our day, in this generation? But when we look to our God, who is all-wise and all-powerful, who sees the end from the beginning, and has told us he would never leave us nor forsake us, but would be with us even unto the end of the world, and who says, "This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled," our hopes are inspired and our courage strengthened, and with renewed energy and zeal we press on, hoping to soon see the work cut short in righteousness.

During the last two years progress has been made in every branch of the work.

#### EVANGELISTIC

During the last two years four churches were organized, making a present number of fourteen, to which have been added one hundred and fourteen converts, making a present membership of two hundred and twenty-five. Ninety-five of these additions have been since September of last year. Owing to a lack of funds the laboring force had to be materially reduced. Brother W. R. Elliott making Tennessee his field of labor, Brother and Sister A. F. Prieger taking charge of the work in Haiti, and Brother J. J. Bailes entering self-supporting work, we now have a conference laboring force of six. The Lord has greatly blessed in the efforts put forth and we are of good courage. We hope to secure another Bible worker soon and mean to hasten the work as speedily as possible.

#### COLORED WORK

The work among the colored people has made good progress. Three churches have been organized, making a present number of nine, to which seventy-five additions have been made, making a total membership of two hundred. The laboring force has undergone some changes, M. G. Nunes making Texas his field of labor, Elder G. E. Peters just recently making North Carolina his field of labor, and W. F. Gaskin entering self-supporting work. We hope to secure another laborer for the colored work as we now have no ordained colored minister.

#### SCHOOLS

The school work with us is in its infancy, but a beginning is being made. Last year there were four schools in the conference, two church schools and two independent schools. This year we have three schools, two church schools and one independent school. Had we had teachers we could have had one or two more church schools. We are in need of church school teachers.

#### COLORED SCHOOLS

The mission schools have ceased. Last year there were three schools, one church school and two mission schools. This year we have two church schools. There is also a scarcity of teachers among the colored.

#### SABBATH-SCHOOLS

The Lord has greatly blessed the Sabbath-school work during the past two years. The following will give the visible part of the growth:—

	Membership	Offerings
1910-1911 .....	275	\$ 885 09
1912-1913 .....	407	1716 53
Increase .....	132	\$ 831 44
Percentage of Increase .....	48	93

Offerings increase 45 per cent more than membership increase. Present number of schools 19.

#### COLORED

The mission report is only for the year 1913, as the present secretary had charge only during that time.

Membership	Offerings
262	\$420 67

Present number of schools 10.

The mission schools gave in offerings about half as much as the white. While they would hardly give as much as the white, yet with proper education of the needs of the work in general and of the needs of their own people, I think their offerings can be materially increased.

#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

The missionary volunteer work had its beginning with us in 1911. That year there was one society with eleven members. For the years of 1912-13 we have seven societies with a membership of one hundred eighty-eight. There are six members of attainment, twenty-two are taking the reading course, and there are eleven in the junior membership. We are glad for this beginning in this important branch of the work.

#### COLPORTEUR WORK

One of the greatest fields of operation is that of the colporteur work. It is the pioneer of the third angel's message. This branch has forged ahead under trying conditions and eternity alone will reveal the results.

Average number of agents for the years 1912 and 1913 was eighteen.

	Ords.	Val.	Del.	Val. Del.	Val. Mags.
1912 .....	6027	\$8641 05	4216	\$5520 30	
1913 .....	6410	11034 00	4882	6608 30	\$986 80
Gain ...	383	\$2392 95	666	\$1178 00	\$986 80
Books .....				\$6698 30	
Magazines .....				986 80	
Grand Total .....				\$7685 10	

The financial standing is usually taken as an index of the prosperity of the work. While this is true in the business world, it is not always a true indicator in religious matters.

	Tithe	Offerings	Total
1910-1911 .....	\$9229 75	\$1515 73	\$10745 48
1912-1913 .....	9230 00	1764 59	10994 59
Gain in Offerings .....		\$ 248 86	

There was nearly \$2,000 of a windfall in tithe during the years 1910-11. Last year, 1913, the tithe was about \$800 more than for the year 1912.

	Miss. Tithe	Miss. Off.
1912 .....	\$1332 00	\$
1913 .....	1733 82	533 59

The tract society in its first year's operation did about \$6000 worth of business and has bright prospects for the future.

As we look over the field and see the work to be done, we remember the Lord has said that his people would be willing in the day of his power. Willing hands take hold of the work cheerfully and confidently. Though the harvest is great and the laborers are few, yet we know in the strength and power of God we shall never fail. "A short work will the Lord make upon the earth" "and cut it short in righteousness." We look forward to the time when the work will be finished and the faithful gathered home.

(This report will be concluded next week.)

### Southern Publishing Association Meeting

THE sixth annual meeting of the Southern Publishing Association convened, according to appointment, in the Nashville Memorial church, Nashville, Tenn., January 3 at 7 P. M., Elder S. E. Wight in the chair.

The roll-call of the constituency showed twenty-seven members to be present.

On motion it was voted that the Chair appoint the necessary committees. The Chair requested Elders Watson and Montgomery to assist him in selecting the committees, and called the vice-president, Elder C. P. Bollman, to the chair.

R. Hook Jr. presented the report of the general manager, which on motion was adopted.

The Chair announced the following committees:—

On Nominations: O. Montgomery, B. W. Brown, H. E. Simkin, C. E. Smith, J. I. Taylor; on Plans: R. L. Pierce, W. H. Heckman, W. H. Branson, C. P. Bollman, R. W. Parmele.

The treasurer's report was presented and on motion was adopted.

The report of the Fort Worth Branch was presented by the manager, R. L. Pierce. On motion the report was adopted.

The report of the Atlanta Branch was presented by the manager, L. D. Randall. On motion the report was adopted. A recess was taken until 9 A. M. Sunday, January 4.

The Committee on Plans presented the following report:—

1. *Whereas*, The prospering hand of God has attended the work of the Southern Publishing Association during the past year, in both temporal and spiritual matters, therefore

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our thanks for these blessings, and pledge ourselves anew to faithfulness in the Lord's cause.

2. *Whereas*, By the blessing of God a good degree of prosperity has attended the labors of R. Hook Jr., as general manager of the Association, and

*Whereas*, Brother Hook is now about to sever his connection with this Association, therefore

*Resolved*, That we embrace this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of his services, and to assure him of our best wishes and prayers as he goes to another field.

3. *Whereas*, It is important that we maintain a periodical of general circulation, and

*Whereas*, Our people in the South do not seem to realize this as fully as we might wish, therefore

*Resolved*, That as members of the Publishing House constituency, we use our influence strongly in favor of the circulation of the *Watchman*, especially by subscriptions, and also by selling the magazine from month to month.

4. *Resolved*, That the regular term of this Association be made two years instead of one, as heretofore, and that we hold biennial sessions hereafter, beginning in 1916.

5. *Resolved*, That in order to carry out this resolution the Board of Directors be, and that they are hereby, authorized to make such changes in the by-laws as may be necessary to

carry out this resolution, and if necessary to secure such amendment to our charter as will make this provision operative.

The third resolution was discussed at some length by Elders Thompson, Wight, Montgomery, Bollman, Eastman, Watson and others, all that was said being heartily in accord with it.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following names of persons to fill existing vacancies on the Board of Directors caused by the expiration of terms of office: S. E. Wight, G. F. Watson, W. A. Harvey, J. W. Norwood, J. H. Wilcox, J. W. Davis.

On motion the report was adopted. The following resolution was presented, and on motion was adopted:—

*Whereas*, Certain of the members of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association desired to return early to their homes, and by common consent a meeting was held on Sunday in which was transacted certain business stated below, and

*Whereas*, The business thus done would not be legal, the time on which the meeting was held being a legal holiday, therefore

*Resolved*, That we do now ratify all the aforesaid transactions.

Adjourned, sine die.

S. E. WIGHT, *Chairman*,

L. A. SMITH, *Secretary*.

## Alabama Conference

### Conference Directory

A. L. MILLER, President.

S. D. HARTWELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

S. D. HARTWELL, Tract Society Secretary.

\*MARK WILSON, Field Missionary Secretary.

OFFICE ADDRESS, 1700 7th Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.

HELEN M. KEATE, Sabbath-School and Y. P. M. V. Secretary, Fort Payne, Ala.

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

### Alabama Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Amt. 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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### Alabama Institute

THE institute for the white colporteurs will be held with the Borden Springs Church, January 30 to February 8, inclusive. The church offers free entertainment to all the colporteurs who come to this meeting. The conference will pay the railroad fare of all regular canvassers. The conference has also agreed to refund the fare of all who attend this institute after they have sold and delivered \$260 worth of books. Certainly this shows a willingness on the part of the conference to help the colporteurs.

Now, dear colporteurs, let us show our appreciation of what the conference is doing by responding to this call and attending the institute. I feel sure there are some in the conference who have not been in the colporteur work, whom the

Lord is calling. Why not answer this call *now*, and come to the institute? The harvest is indeed great and the laborers are few, and the time is short in which to finish the work. Elder Miller, and Brother J. W. Davis, our union field agent, will be with us. May the Lord move upon the hearts of his people to take up this great work, freely giving themselves for service.

MARK L. WILSON, *Field Agent.*

## Kentucky Conference

### Conference Directory

B. W. BROWN, President.  
S. F. LOVE, Secretary and Treasurer.  
H. E. BECK, Field Agent.  
MRS. B. W. BROWN, Sabbath-School Secretary.  
W. H. WHITE, Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
OFFICE ADDRESS, Nicholasville, Ky.

#### Kentucky Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Amt. 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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### News Notes

THE following persons from the Kentucky Conference attended the union conference meeting held in Nashville: Elders B. W. Brown and R. S. Lindsay, Brethren H. E. Beck, Harry Jacobs, S. F. Love, W. H. White, James Hickman, Dr. Ford, E. A. Williams, and Sisters Beck, Anna Hornung, and Ford.

The union meeting was a real spiritual feast to all our workers who attended.

Brother Leet's family, of Buechel, write very encouragingly of the Lord's work in that place. Two new Sabbath-keepers have been added to their number.

Brother Cannon writes from Marion that he and his wife enjoy the study of the Sabbath-school lessons on the book of Romans.

Brother Sutton, of Leitchfield, sends us words of courage and states that he must help give this message. He is expecting to attend the institute in February.

Brother Howard, of Irvington, has been doing faithful work in telling his neighbors about the truth. Their home Sabbath-school has increased to nine members.

Sister Hammond, of Salyersville, sends the encouraging word from the Kentucky mountains that she has been teaching some outside children and God has blessed her in her efforts.

Remember the Colporteurs' Institute which will be held at Nicholasville, February 12-20. We are anxious to see a good number of new recruits enter this institute for training so as to go out with the printed page. There are many of our people who should be actively engaged in this work, who are at present spending their time in worldly pursuits. When you read this pray to God that you may decide just what he would have you do to advance the message.

Our conference treasurer, Brother Love, decided that he had been living in boarding-houses long enough, and on January 1, he and Miss Edna Shaver, of Nashville, were united in marriage. Elder Bollman officiated.

Sister H. U. Jacobs and children are visiting at her father's home in Henderson.

Mr. Hill, of Bowling Green, was a visitor at the Hazel Academy. Miss Mattie accompanied him home and remained a few days.

## Louisiana Conference

### Conference Directory

R. W. PARMELE, President.  
O. R. GODSMARK, Secretary and Treasurer.  
O. R. GODSMARK, Tract Society Secretary.  
H. D. LEAVELLE, Field Agent, Shreveport, La., R. F. D. 2, Box 122B.  
C. B. CALDWELL, Educational, Sabbath-School, and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
LYDIA E. PARMELE, M. D., Medical Secretary.  
OFFICE ADDRESS, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

#### Louisiana Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Amt. 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

76	\$ 790.40	\$ 724.53	\$ 81.10	\$ 643.43
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### Notice

THERE will be a colporteurs' institute held at Marthaville, January 22-30. In addition to the state agent and conference president, Brother J. W. Davis, our union conference field missionary agent, will be present to give instruction. The usual courtesies of board, room, and transportation will be given accredited colporteurs. It would be advisable where it is convenient for those attending to bring bedding to insure against shortage in this line.

We trust our church elders will take note of this institute, and encourage suitable persons to attend.

R. W. PARMELE.

### Shreveport and Arcadia

At my last report I was in Mansfield. The time from December 19-24 was spent in Shreveport. I had not been able to make this church an extended visit before since I came to the conference, and I very much enjoyed this opportunity. Meetings were held on Friday night and on the Sabbath, and the rest of the time was spent in visiting. The good Spirit of the Lord came very near on Sabbath, and hearts were made tender.

This church has never been able to do for the city of Shreveport the work that it should, as it is located four miles out in the country. The brethren felt that the time had come for an advance move, and so voted to suggest to the conference executive committee that the organization in the country be disbanded, and another be effected in the city. It had been previously voted by the committee that a meeting be held in Shreveport this spring, and this change will doubtless be effected during the effort thus planned.

At Terryville, a community six miles from Arcadia, Elder Lowry has been working for some time. A number of brethren have come together there, erected a church building, and started a church school. It was my privilege to be associated with Elder Lowry in labor there from December 25-30.

The report of our work there is noted in another column of this paper.

These visits were very encouraging to me. I feel that there are better days ahead of the Shreveport Church, and that the work near Arcadia has come to stay. I trust it may become a strong center, and a place where the young will receive such a training as will fit them for responsibility in this cause.

R. W. PARMELE.

### News Items

THE following persons attended the union conference session at Nashville: Elders R. W. Parmele, W. S. Lowry and O. F. Frank, and Brethren W. P. McLennan, H. D. Leavelle, O. R. Godsmark, C. B. Caldwell, and T. B. Buckner. They report a most excellent meeting, and have returned to their fields with renewed courage for the work.

A church of nineteen members was recently organized by Elders Parmele and Lowry at Terryville, a settlement six miles from Arcadia. They also dedicated the new church building at that place. Brother Sligh is teaching a church school there with an enrollment of twenty. We hope to see this company grow rapidly in the future.

A patient who has been under Dr. Parmele's care in the mission for a few weeks past, has been keeping the Sabbath. She has accepted all the truth so far as she has learned it, and we believe she will soon be identified with us.

## Mississippi Conference

### Conference Directory

C. S. WIEST, President.  
 WM. WOODRUFF, Secretary and Treasurer.  
 WM. WOODRUFF, Tract Society Secretary.  
 VIRGIL SMITH, Field Missionary Agent.  
 MRS. MOLLIE MILLER, Sabbath-School and Y. P. M. V. Secretary,  
 1530 W. Railroad St., Biloxi, Miss.  
 OFFICE ADDRESS, 932 Union St., Jackson, Miss.

#### Mississippi Conference — Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Amt. 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

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THE Southern Union Conference is now a thing of the past. The workers have all gone back to their respective fields of labor to take up the work anew.

This meeting, I believe, has been one of the most important meetings ever held in our territory. There has been a great desire on the part of all to get closer to the Lord, and the Lord heard. Many have left the meeting with a deeper consecration, a more earnest determination to win souls, and a broader vision for the finishing of the work in this generation.

Large plans have been laid for the year 1914. These will affect every Sabbath-keeper in Mississippi. Let us all arouse ourselves to greater activity in the service of the Lord so that we all will respond to the loud sounding of the trumpet which is a call to enter heavenly Canaan in this generation.

We as workers will enter the field with a determination to do our best for God and his cause.

C. S. WIEST.

## Our Publishing House

### Home Office News

SALES report for week ending Jan. 10, 1914: Total number bound volumes, 2,636; *Watchman*, 1,580.

The conference is now over and our publishing house force has again settled down to regular work, beginning as usual at 6:30 A. M. and closing at six in the evening.

The newly elected officers have entered upon their duties. Brother Pierce, the new manager, will spend a short time in the office and will then return to Fort Worth to close up his connection with the branch and to initiate his successor, Brother J. H. Wilcox, there and then return to the Nashville office and settle down to steady work.

Brother M. F. Knox, the treasurer and secretary, will be in charge during Brother Pierce's absence at Fort Worth.

Brother Hook will leave in a few days to enter upon the duties of his office in Washington.

The chapel talk at 6:30 Monday morning was by Elder W. W. Eastman, secretary of the Publishing Department of the North American Division Conference. His text was Prov. 14:34: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." He showed that sin is at the bottom of all our difficulties, of every trouble and sorrow, that it weakens our lives and if cherished destroys our Christian experience. The object of all our work is to overcome sin, and only as we have this experience in our own lives can we be the means of bringing others to this same blessed experience. Nothing that comes to us is hard except as we regard it as being hard. Every experience may be easy and our work light if we meet it in the spirit of Christ.

There was a note of courage in the annual meeting in regard to the circulation of the *Watchman*, and Brother Davis, the union missionary agent, has determined that there shall be a better record in the Southern Union during 1914 in the matter of subscriptions to the *Watchman* than any past year, and we believe he will have the loyal support of our people everywhere. The same we believe will be true in other parts of the field, especially in the Southeastern and Southwestern Unions. There is a feeling of courage everywhere and we are determined to work as never before for the success of this cause.

We were glad during the session of the union conference to become better acquainted with a number of the local field agents. Brother Leavelle, of Louisiana; Brother Wilson, of Alabama; Brother Smith, of Mississippi; Brother Beck, of Kentucky; and Brother I. C. Pound, of Tennessee, were all in attendance practically during the entire meeting. We would have been glad indeed if the other local missionary agents could have had the privilege of attending the meeting, but this was impossible on account of distance and the demands of the work in their fields.

Brother Harrison, the union missionary agent of the Southwest, was also with us during the latter part of the meeting. Brother Harrison would have been here at the beginning but was detained on account of the death of his mother. He is of good courage as of yore, and returns to his work in the Southwest with the determination by the help of God to make even a greater success than at any time in the past.

We have come to a time in our history when unusual difficulties are likely to be encountered, but God gives grace as our day is and our brethren in the Southwest have demonstrated their ability under the hand of God to succeed even in the face of very great difficulty. They have encountered drouth and flood and have been victorious, and we believe

that a good measure of success will attend their efforts in the future as it has in the past. In fact the entire outlook is promising, not because times are going to be extraordinarily good or crops more abundant than usual, but because our people everywhere are getting a firmer hold upon God and yielding themselves more fully to him. A deeper consecration must bring more of the blessing of God and a larger measure of success in every branch of our work.

With the office force and the field force both inspired by this thought and buoyed up by this enthusiasm, we have a right to expect great things for the year 1914. C. P. B.

## Miscellaneous

### An Individual Soul-winning Campaign for 1914

God has opened before us a new year. It ought to be to every Seventh-day Adventist the most important year of his life. We are one year nearer the finishing of the work, the close of probation, the judgment, and the coming of our Lord.

What can we do to make this the most blessed year of our experience and the most glorious year in the history of this message? We can set for ourselves the definite aim of winning at least one soul for Christ and his cause. We love this cause, we love the message committed to us, we love the souls for whom Christ died. And now to us who own him as our Saviour, he has committed the work of bearing his final witness to the last generation of men.

Can God expect less of us than that we win one soul for him during the year? If each Seventh-day Adventist will take that as his aim, laboring and praying earnestly to that end, we shall double our membership within the year. Such a consummation would bring joy to each individual in the denomination, and to heaven itself. And if we, by God's help, can do that during 1914, we can do it again in 1915, and so on till the work is finished.

To double our denominational membership within the year means only that each member shall win one soul to the truth in twelve months. Is that impossible with all heaven interested in our success and with the unlimited power of God behind us?—Surely not. It is possible, and if possible, should it be considered unreasonable for us to set it as our aim?

When Jesus commissioned his disciples to go "into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," he was not speaking to ministers only. He was speaking to every individual member of his church. It is true that each individual Christian can not go into all parts of the world to carry the gospel in person. But he can carry it there by his letters and by the printed page he sends. The great commission is therefore to every individual who has accepted Christ as his Saviour. When God looks upon the record of our lives, he will look for fruit—for souls saved through our instrumentality. If we have no such fruit to show in the record of our life work, it is certain that we shall be classed among the barren, unfruitful, and unprofitable.

We have been struggling with our institutional and denominational debts. We have found ourselves face to face with a perplexing situation; with a depleted treasury; with as many missionaries in the field as we can support; and have actually found it necessary to put a brake on the wheels of progress in all our mission fields lest we should incur debts that would swamp us. But if every member of the denomination would determine at once that he will be a part of the new program, the financial problem will solve itself automatically.

We have done much missionary work in the past, but a great deal of it has been done in a more or less haphazard manner. In this campaign we set before ourselves the definite aim of at least one soul for this message during the next twelve months. We will work for that, we will pray for that, and we will hold on for it until we get it. We will have to make more than one person the object of our endeavors, and we will have to follow up our work with earnestness and with much prayer. But if we do, God will give us the victory, and we shall have souls for our hire. Let no one fall back in the harness now. Whoever does so may know that to just that extent he is interfering with the success of the whole undertaking. But whoever, in this matter, comes up to the help of the Lord may have the satisfaction of knowing that the success of the undertaking is due to him.

One soul for this message during 1914! No one will say that is too many. May God depend on you to do your part? What do you say? C. M. SNOW.

### An Encouraging Experience

BROTHER S. O. DOANE, who has been engaged in the colporteur work in New Mexico until recently, came to Oklahoma several weeks ago because the altitude of New Mexico was too high for him. He sent in three good reports, and the fourth week was taken sick in the field and had to be taken to his son's home, where he passed away in a couple of days.

Brother Doane was seventy-two years old at the time of his death. His son, who is not a Seventh-day Adventist, said that his father was happy and ready to go, and that the only thing that bothered him was that his orders were not delivered. His son promised to see that this was done and wrote us about the matter soon after his father's death, which occurred on November 19.

Brother Doane was very methodical in his work. He had practised law for many years and knew the necessity of doing everything in a business-like manner. When we received the word from his son, we were able to go to Brother Doane's last report and tell just how many books to order and just what bindings, and also how many Bibles of each catalog number. We sent the notification letters to his son who was able to go to the separate list or route, that his father had made out at the end of each week, and notify the eighty-six subscribers for a definite date. Although the 3rd and 4th of December were very stormy days and the roads were in bad shape, still the Lord blessed so that we were able to deliver over \$160 worth of "Past, Present, and Future" in twenty-two hours. There were only two subscribers that we met to whom we were unable to deliver the books. One was a minister's son who was very much prejudiced, and the other a lady who had given the order in her husband's absence and he was very angry.

It was indeed a pleasure to deliver such orders and when I saw the good impression that he had left when he took the orders, I felt to say with the prophet, "Let my last end be like his." CHAS. L. COLLISON.

"It will be by doing with your might what your hands find to do that you will develop talents and aptitude for the work, and it is by neglecting your daily opportunities that you become fruitless and withered."

"WHEN men use their powers as God directs them to, their talents will increase, their ability will enlarge, and they will have heavenly wisdom in seeking to save those who are lost."

**My Director**

THE Lord is my director, his counsel is sufficient, his way leads me to plenteous supplies, and with his Spirit my soul is showered with freshness. With good experiences he keeps me restored. He directs me from home to home with my prospectus, which to me is the way of righteousness. Yea, though I go through the valley of few orders, I will not doubt his directions. It is his message, and his rod strengthens my steps. Homes are entered in spite of my adversary, and here my table of blessing is spread. My cup of joy bubbles over, and again I thank him who leads. Surely his goodness and mercy will continue with the faithful colporteur until the work is done, and we shall be safe in his guidance evermore.

J. W. RICH.

**"Our Unseen Helpers"**

"And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

"Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

"And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

"And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

"And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." 2 Kings 6: 13-17.

It surely pays to be enrolled as a member of the Lord's army. The army of the nations go out to fight armed solely with rifles and cannons, but the soldier of the Lord goes out armed with the sword of the Spirit and the power of his might. God is calling for workers. Let us not put off till to-morrow what we should do to-day but write your field agent at once. There is plenty of territory in your conference that has not yet been entered. Let us remember that this gospel of the kingdom is to go to the world in this generation and that every Seventh-day Adventist in the Southland is expected to do his part in warning the world of the soon coming of our Saviour.

How many persons know what happens when a pint of gasoline is left open in a room? If the temperature is normal, the liquid entirely evaporates in about twenty-four hours. The vapor is heavier than air, and therefore sinks to the floor. Unless disturbed it will remain there for hours, and by mixing with the air, form an explosive compound about seven times as powerful as gunpowder. One pint of gasoline will make two hundred cubic feet of this compound. It is not necessary for a lighted match to come in contact with it. A spark struck by a nail in a shoe will explode it. So will a gas-jet, or even the enclosed fire in the kitchen stove. If it is necessary to use gasoline for cleaning gloves or other articles, there is only one safe place to do the work—that is out of doors.—*Youth's Companion*.

"THIS home missionary work, this home field, has been shamefully neglected, and it is time that divine resources and remedies were presented that this state of evil may be healed."

**He Shares Our Labors, We His Joys**

"HOWEVER trying their labor, the true workers do not regard it as drudgery. They are ready to spend and to be spent; but it is a cheerful work, done with a glad heart. Joy in God is expressed through Jesus Christ. Their joy is the joy set before Christ,—'to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.' They are in cooperation with the Lord of glory. This thought sweetens all toil, it braces the will, it nerves the spirit for whatever may befall. Working with unselfish heart, ennobled by being partakers of Christ's sufferings, sharing his sympathies, and cooperating with him in his labor, they help to swell the tide of his joy, and bring honor and praise to his exalted name."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 402-3.

**A Good Testimony**

THE following paragraph is from a letter written by Mrs. Albert Brown, the mother of Elder Brown, of Kentucky:—

"I will just say a word about my work with the Harvest Ingathering Review. It is a good work and as I talked to the people about our work and the soon coming of Jesus, I left many in tears and asking me to come again. Nearly every one gave me a dollar. One lady gave \$10. Another said, 'Mrs. Brown, if I had any money I would give it to you for your work.' I gave out about sixteen papers and got \$18. I thank the Lord for his going before and touching the hearts of the people, and to him be all the praise."

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C R Canada	....BF	32			7 50	7 50	67 50
J A Morrow	..MISC			4 50		4 50	4 50
J P Campbell	...BF	30			4 00	4 00	52 50
L B Jackson	....CK	4	1	1 50	2 25	3 75	2 25
C S Wiest	....MISC		8	3 25		3 25	3 25
W M Watts	....BF	4	1	1 00		1 00	
Lamar Cooper	...BF	8					16 00

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Please take notice that the old clubbing arrangement entered into several years ago by the publishers of the WORKER with the five local conferences in this union, will be discontinued after next week. Under this arrangement the WORKER was sent to quite a number of persons who were not bona-fide subscribers in the sense of having themselves subscribed and paid for the paper. The papers were, however, paid for by the several local conferences. It has now been agreed by all the conferences to discontinue this practise and to send the WORKER, after next week, to those only who actually subscribe and pay for the paper. Until January 31 subscriptions will be received at the rate of twenty-five cents for the remainder of the year 1914. After that date subscriptions will be accepted only at the regular price, fifty cents for a year, fifty numbers.

Do not send subscriptions to the publishing house but to your local tract society. The list is kept at the office of the Southern Union Conference, 511 Cole Building, Nashville, three miles from the publishing house, and to send subscriptions to the printers is to occasion inconvenience and delay.

### The Southern Union Conference Session

THE session of the Southern Union Conference which closed in this city a few days ago was one of the most successful ever held since the organization of the work in this field.

The ministerial institute which occupied most of the time during the first week of the conference, was a season of great spiritual uplift. There was no effort to present something new, but all the instruction given was of a most practical nature and led to close heart-searching and deep repentance on the part of both ministers and people.

A spirit of unity prevailed throughout the meeting. The business was transacted speedily and harmoniously, and every one returned to his field of labor with the determination by divine help to give to the Master better service than ever before.

Elders Evans and Thompson, and Professor Benson were present from the North American Division Conference, and their labors were much appreciated by all. Elder Daniels was to have been at the meeting, but he was taken sick at Graysville and was compelled to return to his home in

Washington for much needed rest and treatment. He hopes to be able to attend the other union meetings and to be at the spring council at Loma Linda, Calif.

HAVE you seen the February number of the *Watchman*? It has one of the most striking cover designs ever put out by one of our magazines, and a table of contents unsurpassed by any ten-cent magazine published anywhere. From the opening words of the second-page poem, entitled, "Liberty," to the closing words of the magazine proper, on page 95, every article rings true to the third angel's message.

Brethren, let us one and all rally to the support of the *Watchman* and make it a mighty agency for the dissemination of the truth not only in the South but throughout the English speaking world.

ONE of the most enthusiastic meetings of the recent session of the union conference was one at which a resolution was discussed pledging support to the *Watchman*.

We have in the *Watchman* a magazine second to none in the denomination. Its success is vital to this field, but its circulation is by no means limited to the South. Its field is wherever readers can be found for it. Nevertheless, those of us who are in the South should feel a special burden to make this magazine the success it ought to be and must be.

BEGINNING with the October number, 1913, and ending with the February number, now just out, Elder R. W. Parmele has now completed in the *Watchman* a series of five articles on the service of the sanctuary in both type and antitype. It is proposed to issue these articles in tract form. Will our brethren who have been reading these articles please give either the Southern Publishing Association or the author, Elder Parmele, the benefit of any suggestions and criticisms that may have occurred to them while studying this subject. The question is, Should these articles be put into a tract or pamphlet? Is there a demand for a tract upon this important subject?

### Obituary

FREY.—Elizabeth English, little five year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Frey, passed away, Oct. 21, 1913, after an illness of nearly one year. Elizabeth was one of the little lambs of our Sabbath-school, and her death causes our hearts to be sad. We hope to see her again in the first resurrection.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Matt. 19: 14.  
R. S. LINDSAY.

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