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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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In this Generation!

In this generation! Oh, can it be
That I myself may live to see
The glory of my Saviour King,
When he salvation comes to bring
To all who rest upon his word,
Who love the coming of the Lord?
Yes, I this glorious sight may see,
If Jesus full abides in me.

C. P. B.



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.

(Continued.)

Biennial Report of the Kentucky Conference

THE Kentucky Conference was organized in 1908, and comprises the entire State, except the eight counties lying west of the Tennessee River. The population is 2,272,529, in which is included the very wealthy class located in the blue-grass section, and the very poor class scattered throughout the hill country, especially in the eastern half of the State. Here we have people living as their forefathers lived one hundred years ago. Many persons have never been out of the county in which they were born. One man, fifty-eight years of age, stated that Elliott County was the best place in the world. He said he was born in that canyon and had been out of the county but once; and then was just across the line into an adjoining county. He seemed to be content with his surroundings, living in a rude log cabin with a family of nine children, and they were barefoot in the month of December. The chinking between the logs was half out so that the wind whistled through. This only illustrates the condition prevalent in the Kentucky mountains. We as workers must travel from place to place on foot or on mule back. In visiting the people I have crossed five counties between railroads.

Our present force of workers consists of two ordained ministers, two licentiates, two Bible workers, the field agent, the departmental secretaries, and an average of nine colporteurs in the field. Some progress has been made during the biennial period. Our workers have gone out into new fields, facing obstacles with zeal for God. As the Word has been presented, the Holy Spirit has sent it home to the hearts of honest souls. We are thus able to report four new churches organized, with a total addition to the conference membership

of two hundred. We now have eleven organized churches, representing a membership of three hundred and twenty-six. We also have a company of believers in the mountains who are ready to be organized into a church. It was, however, thought best to wait until after this meeting to organize. Three new church buildings have been erected, and are free from debt. Another building has been purchased by the brethren in Louisville for \$6,000, making four new church buildings since the last union meeting; thus giving us a total of nine buildings in the conference.

The new church building purchased in Louisville has given stability to our work in that city, and our workers there have been successful in adding new members to the church nearly every week.

With all the burdens we have had to carry in building up a conference, our brethren have given liberally to missions: and while our offerings have not been as large as we had hoped, yet we have passed on to the General Conference \$3,250.31 on the Fifteen- and Twenty-cent-a-week Funds; \$371 as five per cent to missions, and \$371 sustentation; making a total of \$3,992.31 for the biennial period. These figures give us \$120.52 overpaid for missions.

Our tithe for the biennial period has amounted to \$7,420. The Sabbath-school offerings have steadily increased each quarter, and have been a great help in making up our quota for missions. The colporteur work has made progress in this field, and has been a strong factor in our work. A number of persons have been led to accept the truth by reading our books. We see bright prospects for this branch of the work in our conference.

THE KENTUCKY MISSION

The Kentucky Mission was organized in 1912. We have one ordained minister, two licentiates, and two Bible workers. The work in Louisville has made progress, and about fifty souls have been added to the church there. We have two church buildings in Louisville, both having been erected since the last union meeting. We have another church building in Lexington. The membership of the Kentucky Mission is one hundred; and a company of believers in Bowling Green will soon be ready for organization. The treasurer's books show that the tithe for the biennial period has amounted to \$2,304.08, while the offerings to missions have been \$401.98, \$352.53 of this amount having been given during the past year.

CONCLUSION

In looking over the field as a whole we see much to encourage us, and we are indeed thankful to our heavenly Father for what has been done. Our need at the present time is for more means in order that consecrated workers may be employed to fill the many calls that are coming to us from the white and the colored. The field is white to harvest, but our laborers are few. Our prayer is that God will send the Holy Spirit upon each believer in our field in order

that he may do his part in this closing message, so that the coming of our Lord will be hastened.

In closing, I wish to thank the General Conference for the liberal help given us in time of need from their funds.

B. W. Brown.

Louisiana Conference Report

My connection with the Louisiana Conference really extends only from the first of November, 1912, while nominally in charge of the work since the month of July before. Of the work done previously during the biennial term, I can not speak from personal knowledge.

At the time my connection with the conference began, there were in the employ of the conference one ordained minister, beside the president, three missionary licentiate, the state agent and the office help.

Shortly afterward Elder W. S. Lowry was transferred from the Mississippi Conference and took up work in the northern part of the State. Brother Auger, the French missionary in New Orleans, was later transferred to Massachusetts. Our state agent was obliged to retire on account of failing health, and Brother Leavelle, of Texas, was placed in his position. The conference treasurer also retired, and Brother O. R. Godmark was chosen to fill the vacancy. Necessarily changes of this character always somewhat interrupt the operations of the cause, but through the blessing of God, the work has given evidence of progress.

Upon my arrival in Louisiana I found that the church at New Orleans was purchasing a splendid church building, well located, for the sum of \$4,500. This purchase has now been completed and we expect the property will be dedicated in April.

Two new churches have been organized, and one new building completed and dedicated.

We now have in the field, beside the president, two ordained ministers, one licentiate, and one Bible worker. These are all reporting success in their labors. A meeting just closed has resulted in the organization of a company of ten.

As the result of our meeting preceding and succeeding our camp-meeting, a little company was organized which we hope will develop into a church in the course of time.

Our Bible worker is kept busy in that city, and a letter received from her since coming to Nashville announces three new Sabbath-keepers and a number who are interested as the result of her work since camp-meeting.

Our book sales for 1912 amounted in round numbers to about \$2,000; for 1913 they were approximately \$7,000, and we have our mark set for a still better showing for the year 1914.

We have secured the services of Brother C. B. Caldwell as educational, young people's, Sabbath-school, and conference secretary. He will be able to devote his entire time to these lines of work, and we hope to see them greatly built up. We are endeavoring at the present time to secure a complete list of all Sabbath-keepers in the State, and propose to keep in close touch with them by correspondence and more fully develop them in all points of the message.

Dr. Parmele took the State-board examination upon her arrival in Louisiana and has since been engaged in general and office practise in the city of New Orleans. Certain unused rooms in the mission building at 810 Jackson Avenue were fitted up for use as treatment rooms, and a well-equipped medical office was also provided. So far her practise has not been large, but we believe that genuine medical missionary work has been done. For some weeks past she has had two patients in the house who are not Adventists, and a letter just received from her states that one of these patients has

taken a decided stand for the truth. The husband of the other, who has remained at the bedside of his sick wife during her entire stay in the mission home, has, as a result, accepted the truth in theory, and we expect to see him obey.

COLORED WORK

The colored work of the Louisiana Conference has been practically confined to two places; namely, New Orleans and Newellton. At New Orleans we have an organized church of about seventy members, which is growing continually. This company has had no other place of meeting than a little room about 12x24 ft., with no ventilation on two sides. They are maintaining strict loyalty to the message, and this year they set out to raise \$100 in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. At the last report they had nearly reached their goal. They have in addition purchased and paid for a lot in the city of New Orleans for \$700, on which they hope within the next few months to be able to erect a creditable building. Some \$200 has already been raised for this purpose. We have but one ordained minister and two Bible workers engaged in the work for the colored race in the Louisiana Conference. These are all at the present time working in New Orleans. We hope soon to have another worker for this race.

R. W. Parmele.

Mississippi Conference Report

To the delegates assembled in the seventh biennial session of the Southern Union Conference, greeting.

Nov. 7, 1912, my family and I reached Jackson, Miss., in answer to a call made by the president of the General Conference for me to assume the responsibility as president of the Mississippi Conference. On account of my entering the union a little more than a year ago, my report will necessarily be incomplete. I will, however, endeavor to render a true report, as near as possible, of the last two years.

The Mississippi Conference was organized in 1901 with a membership of about thirty persons. The most of these were families moving from the North to do self-supporting missionary work. The believers were scattered more or less through the farming districts. Active laborers were but few. Elders Owen, Thurston, Shaffer, Pierce, Lowry, Rogers, Whitmarsh, and Morrow were the chief laborers from the day of its organization until the time of my coming into the conference. For ten years this conference has been struggling hard for life and more decided progress. Changes in laborers, reverses in finances, and lack of evangelists has kept this conference in a struggling condition for a number of years. The former administration was successful in establishing a few good centers, to which we have given strength, besides opening up work in other places. In some lines of the work we have made encouraging gain, and in all lines, some gain. The time has come when every possibility in our reach must be turned to the finishing of the gospel in this generation. To this end would we bend our energy and pray to know our duty, and knowing it, have grace to perform it.

Were it not for the boll weevil which destroyed the main crop of more than one-half of the State, the extremely dry weather in time when rain was most needful, and the severe floods late in the spring, I believe our tithe would show a more decided increase, and yet we are thankful for the slight gain. I do not believe in excuses; but perhaps to speak of these conditions is only just to the believers in Mississippi.

TITHE AND OFFERINGS

The tithe of the Mississippi Conference has been more or less fluctuating the last few years. One year there was paid by one person about four thousand dollars. The last two years, we have received no special amounts, but what we

may call a steady income. The title of 1910-11 amounted to \$9,172.43. Out of this amount, one sister paid the sum of \$5,703.16.

Tithe for 1912	\$ 2,394 27
Tithe for 1913	2,669 26
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Gain over 1912	\$ 274 99

Excluding the back tithe paid by this sister, there is a gain in this biennial period of \$1,591.67 over the previous biennial period. That a fairly honest tithe is being paid throughout the conference may be concluded by the faithful offering received the last two years.

Coming to the conference Nov. 7, 1912, we were \$175 behind on the Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund. However, by the liberality of our people in giving a most splendid annual offering, and on account of the successful results in the Ingathering Campaign, we raised sufficient funds to place us \$335.98 above the required amount on this fund. The enthusiasm in giving for missions was so marked in our conference, that I little fear but rather welcome the twenty cents a week per member.

HARVEST INGATHERING

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign has become a very interesting feature of duty to us in Mississippi. From the very first, when this work was started, Mississippi had an active part in gathering for missions from the Gentiles. This is shown by the steady increase year after year. During the year 1910, \$76.56 was gathered; during 1911, \$124.90; a total for that biennial period of \$201.56. During the year 1912, we received \$152.80; and 1913, \$322.83; a total of \$475.63. This is an increase over the previous biennial period of \$274.07.

When a definite amount for missions was placed before us by the General Conference this fall, immediately we set ourselves to reach the aim. On Dec. 2, 1913, we were happy to send a message of "Victory won" to Washington, D. C., which placed us third on the honor roll, and at the close of the year, we had raised \$64.32 above the required amount. This goal was reached, not because of a few doing it all, but by the united efforts of each member doing a little. It was the active interest of every Sabbath-keeper that enabled us to accomplish the task. This is one of the greatest blessings to raise our quota on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund for missions.

TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND

The full quota on this fund to be raised for the year 1913 is \$1,632.80. We have received on this fund, \$1,971.04, or a surplus of \$338.24. Since the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund was adopted to begin July 1, 1913, it leaves us a surplus for missions, above our quota, of \$542.34 for the year 1913. The comparisons for the two biennial periods are as follows:—

For years 1910-1911	\$ 1,101 41
For year 1912	1,225 13
For year 1913	1,971 04
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Total for 1912-1913	\$3,196 17

This shows a gain of \$2,094.76 over the previous biennial period. Other funds not included in the Twenty cent-a-week Fund are as follows:—

Religious Liberty 1912-1913	\$117 76
Religious Liberty 1910-1911	59 60
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Gain	\$ 58 16

Colored Offering 1912-1913	\$ 68 53
Colored Offering 1910-1911	39 81
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Gain	\$ 28 72
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Loma Linda 1912-1913	\$ 67 05
Loma Linda 1910-1911	10 00
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Gain	\$ 57 05

SABBATH-SCHOOL

The Sabbath-school work has had a very encouraging growth this biennial period when compared with 1910-11. Today there are twelve Sabbath-schools in the conference, and fourteen families in the home department. The present membership of the conference Sabbath-schools and home department is 267. Dec. 31, 1911, or at the time of the last union conference, our schools had a membership of 193, showing a gain of 33 members. The offerings as compared in the two biennial periods are as follows:—

1910.....	\$179 71	1912.....	\$652 60
1911.....	235 19	*1913.....	634 00
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Total....	\$414 90	Total....	\$1,286 60

* (Three quarters of 1913 only.)

Therefore, this biennial period, lacking last three months of 1913, shows a gain of \$871.70 over the previous biennial period, or a gain of more than twice the total offerings of 1910-11.

(Minutes of conference to be continued next week.)

Goal of Missionary Volunteers for 1914

THAT the young persons of our denomination are to have an important part in the closing work has long been an accepted truth.

Now the General Conference reiterates this, by asking the Missionary Volunteers to come to the front.

Below is the goal for the Southern Union Conference Volunteers:—

Forty-five young persons added to the church.

Thirty reading course certificates.

Fifteen new attainment members.

Raise \$800.

The following is copied from the goal card:—

"We can do it if we will."

THE 1914 GOAL OF NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

1. Fifteen hundred young people added to the church and to our Missionary Volunteer organization.
2. Five hundred new members of attainment.
3. One thousand reading course certificates.
4. Twenty-five thousand dollars for missions from our Missionary Volunteer Societies.

HOW TO REACH THE GOAL

1. Every Missionary Volunteer:—
 - a. An observer of the morning watch.
 - b. Determined to win at least one soul.
 - c. Studying for attainment membership.
 - d. A reading course member.
 - e. Give \$2.50 for foreign missions.
2. At it, all at it, and always at it.—*Wesley*.

3. Determine to reach the goal: "The best way to succeed is to determine not to fail."

4. Strive to pass the goal in every point possible.

"WE CAN DO IT AND WE WILL"

It is hoped that every one will begin at once to see that his or her part is fulfilled daily.

We desire to give a monthly report of progress toward the goal, and request promptness.

R. G. RYAN.

Statement of the Fifteen- and Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund for the Year 1913

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Mem.	Amt.	Pd.	Amt.	Sht.	Amt.	Ov.	Total
195	Amt due at 15c	\$ 760 50	\$347 71	\$412 79	\$	\$	
	Amt due at 20c	1014 00	1416 71		402 71		10 08
							Short

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

183	Amt due at 15c	713 70	313 77	399 93			32 32
	Amt due at 20c	951 60	1383 85		432 25		Over

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

267	Amt due at 15c	1051 30	959 22	92 08			
	Amt due at 20c	1388 40	1251 13	137 27		229 35	Short

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

157	Amt due at 15c	612 30	728 67		116 37	276 63	
	Amt due at 20c	816 40	976 66		160 26		Over

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

328	Amt due at 15c	2098 20	1149 42	848 78		942 20	
	Amt due at 20c	2797 60	2704 18	93 42			Short

Amount short for the Southern Union Conference \$872.68.

Southern Union Mission

ALABAMA MISSION

200	Amt due at 15c	780 00	228 17	551 83		1176 66	
	Amt due at 20c	1040 00	415 17	624 83			Short

KENTUCKY MISSION

75	Amt due at 15c	292 50	129 07	163 43		332 02	
	Amt due at 20c	390 00	221 41	168 59			Short

LOUISIANA MISSION

76	Amt due at 15c	296 40	51 27	245 13		449 41	
	Amt due at 20c	395 20	190 92	204 28			Short

MISSISSIPPI MISSION

130	Amt due at 15c	507 00	139 01	367 99		716 13	
	Amt due at 20c	676 00	327 86	348 14			Short

TENNESSEE RIVER MISSION

109	Amt due at 15c	425 10	38 81	386 29		631 17	
	Amt due at 20c	566 80	321 92	244 88			Short

Amount short for the Southern Union Mission \$3,305.39.

"An Anchor of the Soul"

(Heb. 6:19)

"THE Word of God is plain. It is a straight chain of truth, and will prove an anchor to those who are willing to receive it, even if they have to sacrifice their cherished fables. It will save them from the terrible delusions of these perilous times."—*Testimonies, Vol. I, pp. 344, 345.*

"These messages [Rev. 14:6-12] were represented to me as an anchor to the people of God. Those who understand and receive them will be kept from being swept away by the many delusions of Satan."—*Early Writings, p. 256, Eleventh Edition.*

"The only safety now is to search for the truth as revealed in the Word of God as for hid treasure. The subjects of the Sabbath, the nature of man, and the testimony of Jesus, are the great and important truths to be understood; these will prove as an anchor to hold God's people in these perilous times."—*Testimonies, Vol. I, p. 300.*

The Southern Training School

At the session of the recent conference held in Graysville, the Southern Training School came in for its share of consideration. It is believed that the plans laid and the broadened policies will make for the building up of the school.

One of the resolutions passed was to the effect that the whole field should be represented on the managing board. This includes representatives from both the Southern and Southeastern Unions. Although the present charter of the incorporation forbids so large a number, yet provision was made to reach the place where every conference president in the two unions, as well as the presidents and educational secretaries of the unions, might be on the board. It has seemed that the management should be representative of the entire field and the broadest possible counsel should be given for future plans.

No doubt the readers of the union paper have been made acquainted with the recommendation of the council recently held in Washington, to the effect that the Southern Training School should confine its work to twelve grades. This was passed after a careful survey of the entire field by representative men of the General and North American Division Conferences. As was anticipated, the brethren representing the entire Southeastern Union were glad to meet and discuss this with the brethren representing the general work and lay before the latter the reasons why they thought it best to continue the school as a fourteenth-grade institution. Throughout the discussion the most kindly spirit prevailed, and after all had expressed themselves it was advised that a memorial be passed by the conference in session and sent on to the North American Division to reconsider the recommendation. This was prepared with care and unanimously passed.

Educational standards are rapidly rising, and the system of Christian schools among us is becoming more and more workable. In other words, throughout the educational world there is a strong tendency to find out what each school offers and what effort it makes to live up to its offers.

Another element that enters into the recommendation of the Washington Council is the small number of students in our schools doing actual college work. It seems impossible to run these higher grades on eight or ten students. With the recommendations before us that our licensed ministers shall have a foundation of twelve grades, and that our ordained ministers shall approach the goal of a college course, ought there not to be a much larger per cent of our students in grades beyond the twelfth?

Another matter that is significant to us is the general trend in educational lines toward better equipment. Not only is the trend in that direction, but there is a positive demand that good facilities be provided. The question naturally arises, Who will provide the facilities for the Southern Training School? Will the brethren at Washington who have recommended that the expenses of operating be curtailed,

and the need of further equipment be reduced to a minimum, make an appropriation to provide it? Most likely not. This was the real basis for recommending a discontinuance of the two advanced grades. What then is the real problem we face?

First, our strong young men and young women must be encouraged to remain in school until they are prepared to go out and carry the responsibilities of our own field. Second, funds must be raised to equip our training school to the standard that its students may stand on an equal footing with the graduates from all our recognized schools. C. L. STONE.

Institute Dates for the Southern Union

Louisiana Conference Jan. 22-30, 1914
Alabama Conference Jan. 30- Feb. 8, 1914
Kentucky Conference Feb. 12-22, 1914

Our Publishing House

Home Office News

SALES report for week ending Jan. 17, 1914: Total number bound volumes, 2,759; *Watchman*, 3,123.

Thursday evening, January 15, was signalized at the publishing house by a reception given Brother Hook and family by the employees and a number of other friends.

After a hymn by the congregation, prayer was offered by Elder Wight, chairman of the board. This was followed by a violin solo by Brother L. A. Smith, with an organ accompaniment by Miss Adella King.

Mrs. W. A. Harvey then gave a very interesting recitation in two parts, after which Elder Bollman, in behalf of the assembled friends and a few others who were not present, presented Brother Hook with a large and substantial traveling-bag. Following a few appropriate remarks, the spokesman read in conclusion these verses written especially for the occasion:—

You'll be gone but not forgotten,
By the people at the "Pub";
For every one here loves you
Whether boss or only sub.

We have labored long together
And have learned each other's ways,
And our time though of full measure
Was made up of happy days.

And now our paths are parting;
You'll trek to Washington
While we remain in Nashville
To hold the ground here won.

With our earthly paths divergent,
Our goal's the same as yours,
And we'll move ever onward
Through our remaining years.

Our goal's a better country
Than yet our eyes have seen,
A land of milk and honey,
Where fields are ever green.

And in that land's a city
With tree and streets of gold,
But of its radiant glory
The half has not been told.

And all our paths of duty,
Diverge as here they may,
Lead straight on toward that city,
For Christ himself's the way.

And so while earthly ties are sundered,
Though partings here are sad,
We hope to meet up yonder
Where every heart is glad.

It really matters little
Just where our lots are cast,
If only in that city
We find a home at last.

After a feeling response by Brother Hook, the chairman, Brother M. F. Knox, announced that the reception would be concluded by general hand-shaking and good-byes. Farewells are never pleasant, but there was a general feeling that the occasion had been one of spiritual profit and therefore of genuine pleasure. Brother Hook leaves knowing that good wishes and prayers follow him, while those who remain in the South feel that Brother Hook's connection with the *Review* and *Herald* is simply another bond of union between our central publishing house and the Southern Publishing Association.

MONDAY MORNING CHAPEL TALK

The Monday morning chapel talk, January 19, was by Elder Norwood, president of the Tennessee River Conference and a member of the publishing house board. Elder Norwood spoke from the standpoint of 2 Cor. 8:12-14:—

"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality."

The speaker said that we should all stand together, supporting and encouraging one another. Every one must do his duty, both in his private Christian life and in his association with others of like precious faith.

The prayer-meeting, the Sabbath-school and the worship of God in our general Sabbath services must all be maintained. Every one should feel it both a duty and a privilege to be in his place at all these services. "No man liveth unto himself." We each have an influence and we are under the most solemn obligation to see to it that it is a gathering influence.

Then in the matter of finances, it is both a duty and a privilege to do our part toward sustaining the cause of God. He has made us his stewards and coworkers with him. If we are unfaithful in the matter of our tithe we not only rob God but we lay additional burdens upon our brethren and sisters. The same is true of offerings. It is our duty as a part of God's organized work in the earth to keep step with those with whom we have voluntarily yoked up. Any shirking on our part means additional burdens for our brethren.

When the colporteur goes out and sells books, one-half of all the money he receives belongs to the tract society. He has no right to use it for himself, but must at once turn it over to the tract society that the tract society may in turn be able to pay the publishing house, and the publishing house its several employees. A failure at any point means embarrassment and hardship to those who are working in the publishing house.

In like manner a tenth of the money we receive belongs to the Lord for the payment of his ministers. If we fail to make prompt payment of what we owe the Lord by turning our tithe into the church treasury, the church can not remit to the conference, and the conference is without means to pay the ministers and Bible workers. Thus we are under the most solemn obligations, first of all, to God to return to him his own. Secondly, we are under obligations to give proper support to the laborers that we, through our conference committees and other agencies, have employed. We can not escape these responsibilities without turning our backs upon the truth of God and upon our Saviour who has given us the commission to give his gospel to all the world in this generation. Brethren, let us be faithful to God, and true to one another.

A WORTHY MARK

Last year the colporteurs of the Arkansas Conference set as their mark \$10,000, while the records of the Fort Worth office show that \$11,405.70 worth of books were shipped into that conference, exclusive of their magazine sales. The report of the field agent shows that about \$8,500 worth of books were delivered by the colporteurs. The difference between this amount and the shipments made by the Fort Worth office are accounted for by the sales to churches and individual members.

In writing of this matter, Brother Jenks, the field agent, says that they propose to double their deliveries for 1914 and have accordingly set their mark for \$17,000. We surely trust that our faithful brethren in Arkansas will reach this amount the coming year.

WORDS OF GOOD CHEER FROM BROTHER COLLISON

"The Oklahoma colporteurs have been greatly blessed during the past year, and following are some of the totals as shown by our books: Eighty-four agents worked 25,940 hours, received \$32,700.74 worth of orders, and delivered \$25,613.07 worth of literature during 1913. This is a delivery of over seventy-eight per cent of all orders taken. The Lord enabled us to deliver eight per cent more of our orders this year than we did during the two previous years.

"Our colporteurs lack about \$175 of delivering \$75,000 during the last three years, and we expect to endeavor by the help of the Lord during the coming year to deliver at least enough to make the \$100,000 for the four years.

"Our colporteurs endeavored to take only positive orders, and every effort was made to make the deliveries thorough. There were about \$2,600 less orders reported for 1913 than for 1912, but there was a gain of over \$1,500 in actual deliveries. We had about the same number of colporteurs at work both years. There was only \$3 difference in the sale of helps.

"We had ten men who won out on the 1,600 hour or \$1,000 offer. They put in a total of 12,435 hours, received \$16,341.29 worth of orders, and delivered \$12,536.51 worth of books. They delivered about the same for the hours put in as the other seventy-four colporteurs, and delivered a very little more of their orders; but every colporteur in Oklahoma who put in twenty-five weeks, averaging forty hours each, or 1,000 hours during the year, are among those ten.

"*Question.*—Is there a living in the colporteur work?"

"*Answer.*—Yes, if you can spell success this way, W-O-R-K."

C. P. B.

"UNCEASING prayer is the unbroken union of the soul with God, so that life from God flows into our life; and from our life purity and holiness flow back to God."

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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Another Call to the Institute

No doubt many have been impressed in the past that they should enter the colporteur work, but because of home duties and business interests have not answered the call. At the good union conference meeting held in Nashville, this call came to us with renewed power from those having the burden of the work. It will be impossible for us to make all a personal visit and present this before you, but are there not some who on reading this will answer the call to join us in scattering the printed pages?

The time set for our institute is January 30 to February 8. The institute will be held with the Borden Springs Church, in Cleburne County. The church has agreed to furnish free entertainment for all who will attend the institute. The conference has agreed to pay the railroad fare of all regular colporteurs and to refund the railroad fare of all others who will come and take the institute work, on the condition that they canvass and sell as much as \$260 worth of books. Certainly this is a very liberal offer, both on the part of the church and also of the conference.

Borden Springs is on the Seaboard Air Line. Those coming from the southern part of the State would take the L. & N. at Montgomery, changing at Calera and Wellington, coming to Borden Springs on the Seaboard, and arriving there at nine o'clock in the morning. The church is about four miles from the station, but there will be some one to meet all day trains. Come Thursday or Friday morning, as the first meeting will be held at 9 A. M., Friday. Bring your prospectus and be prepared to enter the field at the close of the institute. I will be glad to correspond with any who are planning to take up this work. Indeed the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers and perhaps he will send you.

MARK L. WILSON, *Field Agent.*

News Items

THE Southern Union Conference was one of the best, if not the best, we were ever privileged to attend. Be sure and read the reports of the meetings in the WORKER.

A full and complete consecration of ourselves and our all to God, that he may mightily use us to quickly finish the work of the Lord in the earth, was the principal theme running through the meeting.

The importance of awakening the churches to their God-given work was deeply impressed upon us at the meeting. What is that work, and how important is it? "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Testimonies, Vol. IX, p. 117.*

If you (officers of the church, especially), want to know more about the work of the church, and how it is to be done, you will find it in the *Church Officers' Gazette*, a sixteen-

page monthly paper, designed largely for the detail duties of church officers. This will fully acquaint you with the work. Price, fifty cents per year. Send in your subscription to-day.

We have just received a good supply of tracts to help you in your work. That work is given in Elder Thompson's article, "Doubling Our Membership," in the January number of the *Church Officers' Gazette*. Do not fail to read it, then make out a list and send for the tracts needed.

A letter from Brother O. P. Ivie states that there is a new convert at Carbon Hill, ready for church-membership. This is good news. When all the churches are fully awakened there will be many such reports received.

The union conference meeting somewhat interfered with the routine work of the office, the secretary being in attendance during the entire time. Those who have written to the office and have not received a reply may understand the cause.

We are pleased to report the Alabama Conference met the expected quota on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund for 1913. Had all the officers been prompt in reporting, as requested, there would have been quite a surplus.

A number of churches have failed to send in their annual report. Has your church sent its report? A complete list of members should be sent as soon as possible, with such other statistical information as the report blank calls for. **DO IT NOW.**

Have you read that new book, "The Gospel Story"?

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News Notes

BROTHER SALMON, of Livia, writes of his experience with the Harvest Ingathering papers. He states that it gave him opportunity to visit and pray with his neighbors, and brought a great blessing to his heart, besides the dollars he received for missions.

Brother and Sister Dow are holding meetings at Carter. They report a few who are interested in the study of God's truth. Sister Foster, who lives there, has been a great help to get the people to attend the meetings.

Brother and Sister Beck are at Sand Hill for a few days. He hopes to secure one or two colporteurs while there.

Sister Hickman, who has been visiting her mother in Illinois, has returned home.

Brother W. H. White was in Nicholasville the past week. He shipped his household goods to Covington, where they will locate for the winter.

Elder Lindsay and Sister Hornung returned to Louisville after the union conference, and are busy in the work of giving the message from door to door. Elder Lindsay is speaking each Friday night at a Pentecostal mission building.

Elder Brown stopped at Bowling Green for a few days on his return from the conference. The conference committeemen also stopped one night.

Brother Hickman has taken up the colporteur work with new courage since attending the union conference and Bookmen's Convention.

Brother and Sister Love are now nicely located in their new home on Brown Street, Nicholasville.

Elder Lawrence has been quite sick since returning from the conference. We have just received word that he is now improving.

Brother Osterman writes of the colored work in Bowling Green, giving an encouraging report of the meetings held while he was absent at the conference.

Do not forget to pray for God to put the burden upon a good number of persons to attend the coming institute to be held in Nicholasville, February 12-22. If you know of any who should attend this important meeting, please send in their name to the office at once. Arrangements will be made to entertain all who attend, if we are previously notified.

After the Feast

AFTER the feast of good things at the meeting in Nashville, we have returned to the field with renewed courage and a deeper consecration, to finish the work and see the Lord come.

Last year we had one worker who took \$2,046 worth of orders. His slogan for 1914 is \$3,000. If he had put in 1,600 hours last year (1913), he would have had \$3,000 worth of orders.

What the Lord can do with one man he can do with you, my brother, my sister, and the Lord is now pleading with you to go into the vineyard and help finish the work. The harvest is ripe and the reapers are few.

We are now looking forward to our institute that will be held at Nicholasville, Ky., February 12-22. All who are expecting to attend this meeting, let me hear from you before coming so that we can make arrangements for you. We will also ask the workers to bring a quilt and blanket with them so as to have sufficient bedding. Others should give up their positions and join the Gideon's band. Let us go up and possess the land.
H. E. BECK.

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News Items

BROTHER M. D. BROUSSARD made the office a pleasant call last week.

Brother and Sister Carl Snow passed through New Orleans last week en route to their mission field in Honduras.

We have just received the sad news that Brother Ford, of Baton Rouge, was recently severely beaten and robbed. He has been taken to the home of his daughter, Sister Lantz, of Welsh, and word from Brother Lantz informs us that he is recovering.

Elder Parmele leaves this week for Marthaville to attend the colporteurs' institute, and Brother W. P. McLennan leaves for South Mansfield, where he will spend the next two months in evangelical effort.

(Louisiana Conference concluded on p. 32.)

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Have you read in the February WATCHMAN the article, "Liberty of Conscience in Tennessee?" It is an account of the trial of Brother Rooker at Waverly, Tenn.

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Special Notice

A LARGE part of the February *Watchman* is devoted to the subject of religious liberty. Beginning on page 59 you will find an account of the trial of Brother J. S. Rooker who was tried for Sunday labor at Waverly, Tenn., Dec. 16, 1913.

Since this *Watchman* deals with an event in Tennessee, it will be of unusual interest to many not only in this State, but also throughout the whole South.

The importance of our scattering this kind of literature is clearly set forth in the following quotations:—

"It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger. We should endeavor to disarm prejudice by placing ourselves in a proper light before the world."

"Unvarnished truth must be spoken, in leaflets, and these must be scattered as the leaves of autumn."

Surely every Seventh-day Adventist in our conference should take hold of this work now. This magazine abounds in selling points, and why not every church organize to work the towns and country near them. Not only should this magazine be sold, but we should see to it that it is placed in all libraries, reading-rooms, hotels, barber shops, and in any other public place where it will be read. Some will want to send copies to their friends.

In closing, I wish to say I trust that our people in this conference will not allow anything to prevent them from selling and scattering this issue in every way possible. When fifty or more are ordered at one time the price is four cents each; if less than fifty, five cents. All orders should be sent to the Tennessee River Tract Society, 511 Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn.
 J. W. NORWOOD.

Louisiana Conference

(Continued from p. 31.)

An Interesting Letter

THE following letter has just been received by Elder Parmele from a prominent oil operator, who recently attended a Bible study at the home of one of our sisters:—

"My brother in Christ: If not asking too much, I would like to have the Scripture lesson we had at Mrs. — residence last month. I thank you in advance, and ask that the Lord will bless you in your work this year as never before. Come and see us at your convenience."

This man had never heard the truth presented, and the interest awakened is very encouraging.

The WATCHMAN for February is a Religious Liberty number. It has an account of Brother Rooker's trial at Waverly. It will interest you.

Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference

Week Ending Jan. 10, 1914

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
J H Reams	BF	67	80	\$89 00	\$ 3 00	\$92 00	\$ 5 50
R T Jacks	BF	23	14	15 00	3 50	18 50	4 00
U Bracy	BF	32	10	15 00		15 00	
E W Jones	BF				4 50	4 50	7 50
S S Guilford*	BF	31					30 25

Totals 153 104 \$119 00 \$11 00 \$130 00 \$47 25

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

C P Bodwell*	GC&PG	96	28	\$113 00	\$	\$113 00	\$
John Harzman**	PP&F	110	55	85 00	3 75	88 75	36 00
C W R Brown*	BR	2		23 00		23 00	6 00
M B Wilson*	BR	44	2	6 00	8 50	14 50	43 00
J Ballard	CK	20			11 25	11 25	17 50
J W Pine*	PP&F	42	3	4 50	6 75	11 25	47 00
W J Hirst	PP&F	40		10 65		10 65	62 00
Mary Harzman	PP&F	19	5	8 00	2 50	10 50	
F Peabody*	PP&F				5 50	5 50	41 50
Edna StClair	PP&F	50			3 00	3 00	38 25
I J Reed	BF	20			3 00	3 00	11 00
James Turner	PP&F	60		50		50	146 00
M S Hubbell**	PP&F						189 00
A Pine	PP&F	6					7 50
J C Pine	PP&F	4					7 00

Totals 511 95 \$250 65 \$44 25 \$294 90 \$651 75

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

R H Hazelton	GC	30	14	\$29 00	\$ 2 25	\$31 25	\$
Chas E Schwerin	GC	26	6	17 00		17 00	
Rebecca Moore	BF	33	4	4 00	1 50	5 50	

Totals 89 24 \$50 00 \$ 3 75 \$53 75 \$

Grand Totals 753 223 \$419 65 \$59 00 \$478 65 \$699 00

** Four Weeks. * Two Weeks.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE—WEEK ENDING JAN. 3, 1914

Miss M P Sparks	BF	13	14	\$14 00	\$ 75	\$14 75	\$ 2 75
C R Canada	BF	27			9 25	9 25	44 75

Totals 40 14 \$14 00 \$10 00 \$24 00 \$47 50