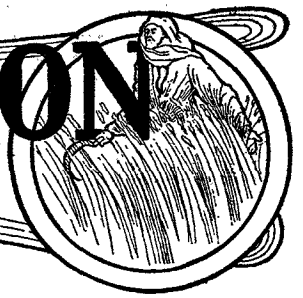


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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## 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.)

### Mississippi Conference Report—Concluded

#### COLPORTEUR WORK

PERHAPS the most interesting of all lines is the colporteur work. The book work is a live issue in our conference. We most sincerely believe that this branch of the work is a great asset to the finishing of the work of God in the earth, and is a very important forerunner to evangelistic effort. Excellent interests have been awakened by our colporteurs, on account of which urgent appeals have been made for a minister to lead the interested ones into further light. Some of these appeals we dare not ignore. Our colporteurs have done faithful work, and I am gratified to say that wherever our colporteurs have been working, they have left a splendid impression upon the minds of the people. One of our colporteurs made one delivery of one hundred per cent, and another made two deliveries of one hundred per cent each.

No. Colps.	Year	Val. Ord.	Del.	Per cent Del.
15	1910	\$13468 45	\$ 7733 97	
22	1911	20583 75	11101 97	
Totals		\$34052 20	\$18835 94	50.5
16	1912	\$14416 95	\$ 8475 05	
15	1913	14849 55	8865 25	
Totals		\$29266 50	\$17340 30	59.3

You will notice a slight decrease over the biennial period of 1910-11, and this is due to the many agents during the year 1911. However, the percentage of delivery is larger this last period. During the period of 1910-11 we delivered 50.5 per cent, and in 1912-13, 59.3 per cent, or an increase of 8.8 per cent. We have held the banner of the union for three years, and we purpose that the banner for 1914 will only be yielded to a sister conference by a hard struggle. We took the lead in this work in all America during the month of September, 1913. Perhaps few have noticed this, but it did make us feel good down in the weak, struggling conference of Mississippi. To God be all the praise for this evidence in leading with an outstretched arm.

#### EDUCATIONAL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Both these branches of the work are yet in their embryo in our conference. Our young people are very much scattered. Thus far, we have not been able to have a permanent young people's society. Temporary societies have been organized

where we have schools, but when these closed, the young people again scattered.

This is a branch of the work that needs a fostering care. We are doing what we can to encourage our young people of the conference, for we fully realize that upon them rests the finishing of the gospel in this generation.

There are at present three church schools in the conference, and two mission schools for the colored. There is an earnest appeal throughout the conference for an intermediate school to be conducted by the conference and located in the central part of the State. A small conference like Mississippi is too weak for such an undertaking, but it might be time well spent, and money well invested, for our sister conferences, Louisiana and Alabama, to join us in establishing such a school. I would suggest that the president of the union, and the two presidents of these conferences, give this proposition some thought and consideration.

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK

I can only speak of the evangelistic success during the year 1913. One series of meetings was held during the last ten days of January. A tent effort was conducted by Elder J. A. Morrow in the early spring, and another late in the fall. The camp-meeting was held where heretofore little had been done. This meeting was followed up by Elder Morrow and wife, assisted by Sister Balsbaugh as Bible worker. Through the earnest efforts put forth in this city, we have now a company of twenty-seven persons meeting there from Sabbath to Sabbath. While the second effort was conducted in Hattiesburg, I conducted a tent effort single-handed at Quitman. At the close of five weeks' effort, we had an enrolment of forty-two persons attending the Sabbath-school. This company became interested and enthusiastic for a church building. Therefore, before they were ever organized into a church, they set themselves to putting up a building. This building is now finished and the company is worshipping in it every Sabbath. We hope soon to organize the company into a church.

So far as I can ascertain, this conference made an increase of seventeen members during the last two years. Besides this, forty more have been brought to the decision of keeping the Sabbath, but are not yet baptized and united to a church. This is mostly the fruit of this summer's work.

For this coming year, we are laying larger plans in soul-saving than ever before. One leader of a company wrote to the office that each one has pledged himself to bring at least one soul to Christ during the year 1914. I feel that definite plans should be laid for a more active, earnest effort in gathering souls for the harvest. "But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

Too often excuses have been made and defeats acknowledged. I believe we should hold ourselves responsible when

our efforts have failed. Too often we have justified ourselves when the expected results from our efforts have not been seen. I believe the time has come for us to make circumstances, and compel the halt and the blind to come to the marriage supper of the Lamb. The art of winning souls must be more perfectly developed among us as laborers. May God give this most precious gift at this meeting.

THE NEEDS OF MISSISSIPPI

Ever since my arrival in this field, I felt the utmost need of more laborers. All the year we had only one Bible worker and one ordained minister, besides the president. This has been all the help Mississippi has had for the past two years. Our finances would not permit us to put any more workers on the pay-roll. We solicited from the General Conference an appropriation sufficiently large to increase our corps of ministers by at least one ordained minister. But the General Conference Council closed with this disappointment to us. However, the Lord, in whose hands is all wealth, has heard our prayer. One sister, a member of our conference, came up to the help of the Lord in giving us \$1,000 for another minister. So soon as the money was placed in the office, we negotiated for the release of Elder R. E. Burke from North Dakota. We are glad to say that he will soon be in the field.

We are in need of a Bible worker, which we hope this meeting will take under consideration and provide for us. Having this addition to our present corps of workers, we feel confident that the year 1914 will reveal substantial results in winning souls.

THE MISSISSIPPI MISSION

The colored work in Mississippi has only been placed under the fostering care of the conference since the last union conference session. I wish it were possible to give a correct comparison between this and the last biennial period. However, we can show a very substantial growth between the year 1912 and 1913. Poverty is no excuse for unfaithfulness in tithe and offerings. The colored brethren are beginning to see that their alms as well as their prayers must reach heaven in order to have a mansion prepared for them. A spirit of ambition for service in helping themselves, and becoming a living sacrifice in giving the message to their own people, has taken hold of the colored people of Mississippi. I bespeak greater things for the year 1914 in the Mississippi Mission.

Tithe .....	1912	\$ 906 10
Tithe .....	1913	1336 47
		\$ 430 37
Gain over the year 1912 .....		\$ 430 37
Sabbath-school Offering .....	1912	\$ 189 96
Sabbath-school Offering (3 quarters) ..	1913	182 71
Ingathering .....	1912	\$
Ingathering .....	1913	120 82
Missions .....	1912	\$ 229 54
Missions .....	1913	469 55
		\$ 240 01
Gain over the year 1912 .....		\$ 240 01

NEEDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MISSION

The Mississippi Mission is sadly in need of one minister, and at least one Bible worker. A minister is needed to take the place made vacant by Thomas Murphy, who separated himself from the ministry to establish a school under his own management near Vicksburg. We therefore solicit this con-

ference session to provide one minister and one Bible worker for the mission.

C. S. Wiest.

Tennessee River Conference Report

Since I have only been associated with the work in this conference for a short time, I will make my report short. The great aim of all conference work is to win souls. In looking over the reports in our office we find the Lord has blessed the efforts of our people in this conference by giving the laborers souls for their efforts, there being one hundred and eighteen who have been baptized.

There has been a healthy increase in the flow of tithe. In 1909 our average tithe per capita was \$11.22; 1910, \$14.83; 1911, \$15.21; 1912, \$17.95; and 1913, \$23.22. We are expecting an increase over these figures in 1914.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK

There has been a continual growth in our Sabbath-school work, the figures for membership in 1913 being nearly twice the number in 1909. This will be noticed by the following figures.

	Memb.	Offerings
1909 .....	439	\$ 391 87
1910 .....	618	558 17
1911 .....	557	662 37
1912 .....	773	1370 12
1913 (three quarters) .....	863	1387 13

MISSION FUNDS

Our offerings for missions in this conference have been on the increase.

In 1912 we raised \$200 in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and in 1913 we raised \$500.92. In 1912, we gave a little over eleven cents per capita; in 1913, about seventeen cents per capita. We are going to do everything we can in 1914 to raise the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund. Through the Sabbath-school we raised \$1,387.13 in offerings.

COLPORTEUR WORK

Our colporteur work is also progressing. We expect the year 1914 will be the best year in the history of this conference.

EDUCATIONAL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

It is the plan of the management of this conference to strengthen the educational and young people's work. While we have been having a few church schools, we see prospects of more.

Our intermediate school located at Hazel has been doing good work. In 1912 we had four graduates. Two of these are in the Graysville School, one has entered the Bible work, and one has taken dentistry. In 1913 there were nine graduates. Three are in our high schools, two are in the colporteur work, one is in institutional work, and one is teaching church school.

Those who have charge of this school are doing everything they can to make it a soul-winning institution, and to develop workers who will carry this spirit into the field as they leave the school. I would like to thank our people in other conferences for their cooperation in furnishing students and assistance in other ways.

TENNESSEE RIVER MISSION

Work in the Tennessee River Mission has been building up, and the people are greatly encouraged. At Nashville the work is being strengthened, and Memphis expects soon to begin a new church and school building.

I am sure that I am voicing the sentiments of the conference committee and the workers in our conference, when I say

that we are going to do everything we can in this territory to do more in soul winning and thus help in the finishing of this great work.

J. W. Norwood.

DELEGATES TO BE SEATED

The following delegates were seated:—

Mark Wilson, from Alabama; H. D. Leavelle, from Louisiana; Wm. A. Woodruff, from Mississippi.

Financial Statement of the Southern Union Conference

The president called for the financial statement of the Southern Union Conference and the treasurer submitted statement as follows:—

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1912 \$ 745 98

RECEIPTS

	1912	1913	
Tithe	\$3115 57	\$3088 00	\$ 6204 18
Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund			15148 95
Twenty-cent-a-week Fund			9198 04
Five per cent to Missions	2694 42	3974 97	6669 39
Miscellaneous Trust Funds	29 30	227 83	257 13
Local Trust Funds	792 29	59 00	851 29
Total Departmental Funds			326 34
City Savings Bank Dividend			94 98
On Account			1742 28
General Conference Appropriations			47523 18
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>\$86723 32</b>

DISBURSEMENTS

Remitted to General Conference		\$30594 07
Negro Department		24295 24
Salary and Expense		9071 25
Southeastern Union Conference		1162 70
Sundry Accounts		768 08
Appropriations		13572 01
Southern Publishing Association		1456 47
Local Trust Funds		897 45
Office Rent		183 00
Telephone		99 00
Ministers' Tent and Furnishings (Chattels)		112 75
Merchandise		67 07
Specified Interests		2984 12
Office Furniture and Fixtures		97 25
Notes Receivable		30 00
Insurance		17 50
Southern Union Conference Session Expense		106 76
		526 15
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1913		682 45
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>\$86723 32</b>

RESOURCES

Cash	\$ 682 45	\$ 682 45
Alabama Conference	13 52	
Louisiana Conference	31 21	
Mississippi Conference	6 48	
Tennessee River Conference	109 25	
Conference Accounts Receivable		160 46
J W Davis	46 65	
E H Rees	17 74	
R G Ryan	15 89	
Carl Snow	9 00	
Personal Accounts Receivable		89 28

Chattels	90 20
Church School Manual	82 35
Insurance	8 75
Merchandise	19 09
Bills Receivable	319 65
Office Furniture and Fixtures	379 50

Total Inventory Accounts		899 54
So Pub Association Laborers' Account	38 16	38 16
<b>Total Resources</b>		<b>\$1869 89</b>

LIABILITIES

Aged and Orphans' Fund	\$141 13
Religious Liberty	128 42
So Pub Association Merchandise Account	28 31
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>297 86</b>
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1913	\$ 1572 03

Loss and Gain Statement

LOSS	
Alabama	\$4199 96
Kentucky	3399 94
Louisiana	4000 00
Mississippi	1,640 04
Expense	526 15
Laborers' Expense	2084 19
Conference Session Expense	106 76
Insurance	17 50
Salary	6427 55
Office Rent	183 00
Southeastern Union Conference	974 70
Telephone	99 00
Chattels Depreciation	22 55
Personal Accounts	30 00
Tennessee River Tithe Refund	136 37
City Savings Bank	1614 98
Real Estate	500 00
Five per cent Tithe to Missions	53 14
Sustentation Fund	53 13
Tithe to General Conference	106 27
Southern Union Worker	710 29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26885 52</b>
GAIN	
Appropriations	\$19520 00
Tithe	4866 11
City Savings Bank (Dividend)	94 98
Discount S. P. A. Account	74 46
Special Watchman	15 19
Oakwood School (old account)	24 95
Interest	6 45
Merchandise	98
Poor Fund	05
<b>Total Gain</b>	<b>\$24603 17</b>
Net Loss	\$ 2282 35
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1912	\$3564 68
Less Net Loss	2282 35
Plus Donations	1282 33
<b>Net Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1913</b>	<b>\$1572 03</b>

The report was adopted subject to audit.

The president asked if there were any committees ready to report.

The Committee on Plans, through their secretary, submitted the following partial report, and moved its adoption.

*Whereas*, The blessing of the Lord has attended the work of the Southern Union Conference during the past biennial period, granting health to the laborers, and a degree of success in the work of soul winning, therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, That we do hereby express our heartfelt thanks to our divine Master, and pledge ourselves to greater faithfulness and consecration in the future.

*Whereas*, we recognize that there is a growing need of more efficient workers in the cause of truth, therefore,

2. *Resolved*, That in our churches and large public gatherings an effort be made to turn the hearts of the parents more fully to the importance of giving their children the education necessary to efficient missionary service.

3. *We recommend*, That the sacred calling of the gospel ministry be kept continually before our people, with the purpose of attracting many more bright, consecrated young men to this calling.

4. *We recommend*, That an organized effort be made to arouse our people generally to the value of advanced education in qualifying our young people to fill their place and part in the finishing of the work.

5. For the purpose of encouraging young men to study for the gospel ministry, and in order that our evangelical work may be strengthened, *we recommend*—

(a). That our conferences and schools urge young men who are looking toward the ministry to finish either a ministerial or literary course in one of our denominational schools.

(b). That conferences in licensing young men to the ministry require at least the completion of an academic course of twelve grades in one of our schools, or its equivalent.

(c). That young men who are now licensed ministers who have not completed the academic course, be urged to pursue studies in our training schools, or in the Fireside Correspondence School, with a view to reaching this educational standard before ordination.

6. *We recommend*, That all our conferences put forth special efforts to secure persons of high qualifications to act as missionary volunteer secretaries—persons who are strong spiritual leaders and who have a special adaptability for dealing with the youth—and that such secretaries who have reasonable success in their work be retained in office long enough to put the missionary work on a solid footing.

7. *We recommend*, The holding of Missionary Volunteer institutes at such times and places as can be suitably arranged, and that as far as possible, the conference presidents and local workers attend these meetings.

8. *We recommend*, That our conferences send their Missionary Volunteer secretaries to the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Convention to be held in the summer of 1914.

9. *Resolved*, That we approve of the 1914 goal for our Missionary Volunteers and urge all the conferences in this union to endeavor to reach their proportionate goal.

10. *We recommend*, That persistent efforts be made to organize every church for work, and to enlist every man, woman, and child in actual service in this cause.

11. *We recommend*, That sufficient help be given in the tract society offices to assist with the bookkeeping and other detail work that the secretary may be able to spend more of his time in developing aggressive missionary work in the churches.

12. *We recommend*, That the following courtesies be extended to all regularly accredited colporteurs by each of our conferences:—

(a). Railway fares to and from yearly colporteurs' institutes, with free entertainment.

(b). The *Review* and the union conference paper.

(c). Railway fare from territory to camp-meeting and return.

13. *We recommend*, That recommendation No. 11 of the last biennial session of this conference, be rescinded. It reads as follows:—

"We also recommend that in view of the work they (the Hillcrest School) are doing to uplift the colored people, we assist the school by contributing to the support of their Bible teacher, an amount equal to their tithe up to one-half of salary of said teacher."

Pending consideration of this report, meeting adjourned to 2:30 P. M.

S. E. WIGHT, *President*,

E. H. REES, *Secretary*.

(Minutes to be continued.)

## Our Publishing House

### Home Office News

SALES report for week ending Jan. 24, 1914: Total number bound volumes, 1,277; *Watchman*, 1,819.

Brother Hook and family left Nashville for Washington at 9:30 P. M., January 22, going over the Tennessee Central to Knoxville. Brother Pierce and several other friends were at the station to see them off. One of their neighbors, a practicing physician, and not an Adventist, took them to the station in his large automobile.

Brother Pierce left night after the Sabbath, January 24, for Fort Worth, where he will close up his connection with the Southwestern Branch, install the new manager, Brother Wilcox, and then return to Nashville to resume his work as general manager.

During the absence of Brother Pierce, Brother M. F. Knox, the treasurer of the association, is acting manager.

Last Thursday, January 22, the office and factory were closed from 1:50 P. M. to three o'clock on account of the funeral of Dr. A. L. Ritchey, husband of Sister Annie Ritchey and father-in-law of Brother Alfred Stagg, assistant foreman of our pressroom. The funeral, which was held from the Ritchey residence near the Publishing House, was largely attended.

The chapel talk Monday morning was by the writer, who spoke from the standpoint of Matt. 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The speaker emphasized the necessity of singleness of purpose. "A double-minded man," says the apostle James, "is unstable in all his ways." Our business and our chief concern ought to be the finishing of this work. Everything else ought to be subservient to this. We are God's witnesses and should see to it that our testimony is in our Lord's favor and not against him.

The Tennessee River Conference is waging an earnest campaign for the circulation of the February *Watchman* especially in and around Waverly. This is a great encouragement to the publishers. The *Watchman* for February is a good number, but not better than the editor purposes to make every number. Indeed the purpose of both editor and publishers is to make each number a little better than any of its predecessors.

C. P. B.

## Tennessee River Conference

### Conference Directory

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### Springville General Meeting

THERE will be a general meeting held at Springville, beginning the night of February 12, and continuing until February 15.

The Springville Church has extended an invitation to all her sister churches in that part of the conference. I hope that these churches will be well represented.

There will be good help there, both from the union and local conference.

Let us begin to plan now to attend this meeting.

J. W. NORWOOD.

### News Items

WE were pleased to receive a visit from Professor Atteberry and Brother Kennedy week before last. They came down to attend the Conference Committee meeting.

Brethren C. H. Chenault and John Krauss left Nashville Tuesday morning, January 13, for Giles County, where they will canvass. Brother Clarence Bishop is now working in Sumner County, and Brother Schwerin is working in Humphreys County. Brother A. C. Williman spent a few days in Nashville recently. He expects to spend a day or two in Clarksville, then join Brother Schwerin in Humphreys County, the scene of the recent Sunday law trial.

We trust that all will remember our faithful colporteurs in their prayers.

Brother John T. Jones, of the Cedar Grove Church, will enter the colporteur work in the next few days.

Brother I. C. Pound is planning to spend next week with the workers at Waverly.

Elder Norwood has been holding a series of meetings with the Cedar Grove Church at Amqui Station. These meetings began Wednesday evening, January 21, and continued every evening until after the Sabbath. Sabbath day there were two meetings, at 11 A. M., and again at 2:30 P. M. All these meetings were well attended by the members of the church, and the interest throughout was good. Sunday night, January 26, Professor Ryan spoke there to a good congregation.

The subject of Brother Ryan's talk was the true Christian life. We are called to be light bearers and our light must guide to solid ground, not into the quicksands. True Christianity is not a theory nor a cult, but a life—the life of Christ lived in the individual believer. The Christian life belongs not to the future but to the present. John says, "As he is, so are we in this world." The apostle Paul's testimony was: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Gal. 2:20.

"WHY do persons have to be urged to take up their work for the Master?"

## Mississippi Conference

### Conference Directory

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### News Notes

THE Mississippi Colporteurs' Institute closed last week, the regular institute work having closed on Friday, the 23rd. Most of our workers stayed over the Sabbath with the Jackson Church. The instruction given was invaluable. The night services conducted by Elders Wight, Wiest, and Morrow were also of great benefit to both the colporteurs and the Jackson Church.

After a most interesting and helpful week of instruction, our colporteurs have gone out to their respective fields of labor with a determination, a note of courage, and an expression of faith and hope such as has not yet characterized their efforts. It will be interesting for our people to watch the reports appearing in the WORKER from week to week.

On the 18th and 19th the Auditing Board and the Conference Committee were in session here at the office. Elder Wight and Brother Davis, of the Union Conference Committee, were present a portion of the time. Definite plans were laid for aggressive work in the field during the tent season, some of which are as follows:—

That Elders J. A. Morrow and R. E. Burke unite in a strong effort to be put forth in Hattiesburg before the camp-meeting.

That Elder C. S. Wiest pitch a tent in Jackson and begin a series of meetings with the opening of the tent season, and that Mrs. H. C. Balsbaugh, now laboring in Meridian, be asked to connect with this effort as Bible worker.

It was also decided that efforts be put forth to secure another Bible worker for our conference, and that she be here, if possible, by the opening of the tent season.

Consideration was given to the colored work and plans laid for the same. Elder N. B. King was asked to begin a series of meetings at Greenville with the opening of the season, and that Brother D. V. Barnes be asked to connect with Brother King in this effort.

In harmony with the action taken at the union conference in asking the Mississippi Mission to release Elder A. C. Chatman to connect with the work in Alabama, it was voted that he be released. It was also decided that an effort be put forth to secure another colored minister for our mission, and that Brother Roscoe Watkins, now in the manual training school at Huntsville, Ala., be asked to connect with the work among the colored during the coming vacation.

The question of camp-meetings was considered, and it was thought to be a good plan to have the two meetings, white and colored, at the same time and place. The place was considered quite carefully, and it was the unanimous opinion of the committee that Jackson would be the most convenient place for the two meetings. Elder Wiest will hold his effort just previous to the meetings, and it is likely that a colored effort will be held afterward.

The date as set for the camp-meeting for the white people is July 23 to August 2, so it can now be announced that both the white and colored meetings will be held at Jackson from July 23 to August 2.

After consideration of the Sabbath-school work, it was voted that we ask Sister Emma L. Morrow to fill the place of State Sabbath-school Secretary made vacant by the resignation of Sister Miller, who went with her husband to the Western Colorado Conference.

During the week, Elder Wiest has attended a board meeting of the Oakwood Manual Training School, and visited different places in the conference.

Take a glance at the February *Watchman* and be convinced of its merits. Every church should order a supply, also individuals.

On his return home from the union conference in Nashville, Brother Wiest stopped off at Enid on business.

It is expected that Elder R. E. Burke will reach Mississippi and be located for business about the first of February. We are sure it is a means of great encouragement to know that another worker has been added to our corps of laborers.

Brother H. Burkett, of New Orleans, stopped off in Jackson and met with the church in their service Sabbath, the 17th.

It is with regret that we announce the death of the mother of Sister Ida Harrall. She died some days since in Jackson.

## Louisiana Conference

### Conference Directory

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### News Items

AFTER the work of several of our colporteurs in one place we received the following letter showing that a deep interest had been awakened in the mind of one person: "Find enclosed one dollar for which please send me at once some of your most impressive tracts on the second coming of Christ, signs of Christ's coming, state of the dead, the first day of the week, and any other good tracts."

Brother Turner writes, "The Lord has wonderfully blessed me in my delivery and to him be all the praise."

Brother Reeder writes: "We have a church about one-fourth of a mile from our new location near Tioga which is only used once a month by the people who own it.

"The people seem very sociable and willing to study the Bible. We have succeeded in getting a Sunday-school started, of which I am the superintendent and Mrs. Reeder one of the teachers.

"We hope by God's help to be able to bring some one to see more in God's Word than they have ever seen before."

Brother D. D. Clark was deeply interested in the great need that existed in this conference for more tents and so he ordered and sold several of our books, turning the profit into the Tent and Emergency Fund. He writes that the Lord blessed him in this effort. Could not others follow this same plan?

The Morning Watch Calendars contain help for each one of us. Whose fault is it if we lose the blessing from a lack of observing the Morning Watch hour?

One Missionary Volunteer secretary writes, "We have very interesting meetings. Nearly every member takes part in some way." Right here is the key to a successful society.

"At it, all at it, and always at it" will insure progress in any line.

The reading course reviews have started coming in for the new year. Is yours ready?

"We have had a good year, but look for a still better one. Our little Sabbath-school is such a help to us. God has certainly blessed us in so many ways" is a report that comes from one of our smaller schools.

One young people's society is purchasing a complete set of the Testimonies for its library. We are sure they will find it very helpful in preparing the studies for their programs.

Remember "The 1914 Goal":—

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.

Are you doing your full share to reach this "Goal"?

Sister Florence P. Thompson, of Hammond, has been taking a club of weekly *Signs*, also one of *Little Friends*. Believing that all will be interested in the method of using these papers we quote from a recent letter: "The *Little Friends* are used among the colored people, and my son Ernest sells them for five cents a month, which is just what they cost. Sometimes a subscriber moves and then he loses a little. He delivers them on Sunday morning. Last Sunday another woman subscribed and one of the others wanted two copies instead of one."

At the time of this writing, January 22, the Colporteurs' Institute is beginning in Marthaville, and a full report will appear following the meeting. Besides the colporteurs present, we have Elder Parmele and Brother Leavelle, also Brother Davis.

At the recent business meeting of the New Orleans Church No. 1, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Elders, R. W. Parmele, W. P. McLennan; deacons, A. K. Brown, O. R. Godsmark; treasurer, Lydia E. Parmele, M. D.; clerk, Mrs. V. Ordieres.

The next issue of the *WORKER* will contain the report of tithes and offerings received by the treasurer for the year 1913, and we bespeak the careful attention of all to it.

It sometimes happens that a member of a local church is away from home and finds it impossible to place his tithe and offerings in the church treasurer's hands and so sends it direct to the conference treasurer. We do not recommend this being done, but whenever it is, the conference treasurer will receipt the local church treasurer, who will in turn receipt the individual.

Owing to some misunderstanding some have become confused regarding the making of remittances to the office. We therefore state that all cash for books, tracts, periodicals, etc., be sent to the "Louisiana Tract Society." All tithes and offerings should be sent to the "Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists." Make all money-orders and express drafts to these names and not to private individuals. As Brother O. R. Godsmark is treasurer of the tract society and the conference, letters containing business for these may be addressed to him, and business pertaining to the Sabbath-school, Educational, Young People's Missionary Volunteer, and Conference Church departments should be addressed to Brother C. B. Caldwell.

Have you seen the new book, "The Gospel Story"? It is the "best yet." Send for a copy now. That little "shaver" will enjoy it. Price, twenty-five cents.

## Miscellaneous

### Temperance "Instructor"

THE new 1914 Temperance *Instructor* is to bear date of February 3, but will be ready to mail January 30, so say the publishers.

Though these temperance issues have been excellent in the past, this new number will be superior, it is said, in contents and illustrations to all others. The cover illustrations have been designed, we are told, to impress the purity, sacredness, and happiness of a natural home contrasted with the same home, later on, wrecked and ruined by the father, through the use of liquor. Ninety-six illustrations, with an overwhelming array of facts and figures against the curse of liquor and tobacco, must render this issue of the *Instructor* one of the strongest appeals for county, State, and national prohibition ever published. Certainly it can not fail in saving some who are now slaves to liquor and tobacco, protecting those who are not yet captured from being ruined, and paving the way in many homes and communities for the entering of the full gospel message for this special time. Certainly we can all afford to do something toward giving this number of the *Instructor* the wide circulation it merits and the magnitude of the evil it combats demands.

### Scriptural Evidences

THIS booklet by Pastor W. M. Crothers, is a work which every believer should carry in his pocket, or keep always within his reach.

True to its title and exhaustive in its nature, it presents the Scriptural evidence in support of the principal doctrines as understood by Seventh-day Adventists, covering the ground of thirty or forty Bible readings or sermons as usually presented by our workers.

The plan of the work is unique. The proof texts from Genesis to Revelation are first given in consecutive order, to which are appended notes and comments designed to make easy a critical study of individual texts. The subject is then subdivided into all of its various phases and features by a series of numbered propositions as, for instance, "The Sabbath was instituted at creation," "It was made by Christ," "For what purpose," "It was known and observed before Sinai," etc., and following each proposition references are given to every text of Scripture which sustains it. On all controverted subjects, objections are answered. Striking testimony and admissions from the best scholars are given on various subjects.

A special feature of the book is its double index, by the use of which the user is able to locate instantly any phase of any subject and all the proof texts bearing upon it.

The work contains in all 210 pages, 19 general subjects, 364 subdivisions or propositions, and more than 2,000 references to about 1,500 individual texts.

A most valuable book for all Bible Students and workers. Highly recommended by prominent ministers and teachers. Pocket size. Bound in two styles. Cloth, thirty cents. Leather, sixty cents.

Order at once from your tract society or the Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

"IN whatever calling a Christian is found he has his work to do for the Lord in representing Christ to the world."

## Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference

Week Ending Jan. 17, 1914

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
I W Peevy*	D&R	99	24	\$73 00	\$ 3 75	\$76 75	\$
M L Ivory	BF	83	20	30 00	6 75	36 75	6 75
J H Reams	BF	33	34	38 00	75	33 75	
U Bracy	BF	42	24	35 50			1 00
R T Jacks	BF	17					47 50
Totals		274	102	\$176 50	\$11 25	\$147 25	\$55 25

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
M L Howard	MISC			\$25 00	\$	\$25 00	\$
P M Winkler	D&R	23	7	21 00		21 00	
Totals		23	7	\$46 00	\$	\$46 00	\$

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Frank Peabody	PP&F	19	5	\$ 7 50	\$ 1 00	\$ 8 50	\$ 7 50
M S Hubbell	PP&F						25 00
Totals		19	5	\$ 7 50	\$ 1 00	\$ 8 50	\$32 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
Miss M P Sparks	BF	15	10	\$10 00	\$ 1 75	\$11 75	\$ 5 75
H C Balsbaugh	GC	22	4	9 00	1 50	10 50	6 50
W M Watts	BF	6	1	1 50		1 50	
Totals		43	15	\$20 50	\$ 3 25	\$23 75	\$12 25

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
J B Krauss	GC	24	8	\$26 00	\$ 2 00	\$28 00	\$
R H Hazelton	GC	35	12	26 00	75	26 75	
C H Chenault	D&R	24	5	18 00		18 00	
C G Bishop	GC	15	3	11 00		11 00	
Totals		98	28	\$81 00	\$ 2 75	\$83 75	\$

Grand Totals	....	457	157	\$431 50	\$18 25	\$309 25	\$100 00
* Two Weeks.							

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE — WEEK ENDING DEC. 27, 1913							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
J C Atkinson	BR	24	3	\$ 9 00	\$ 4 30	\$13 30	\$ 6 00
Mamie Moore	D&R	35	8	12 00	50	12 50	81 00
A C Williman	GC	90					250 00
Mrs S Frisby	PP&F	5					5 00
Totals		154	11	\$21 00	\$ 4 80	\$25 80	\$342 00

## Magazine Agents' Report

For Three Weeks, Ending Jan. 17

Agent	No.	Value
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE		
Louisville Church	500	\$ 50 00
Milton Jones	225	22 50
Mrs M A Ewald	150	15 00
Mrs R M Ross	100	10 00
Alex Osterman	50	5 00
Latitia Steele	50	5 00
Lulu E Schafer	50	5 00
Mrs H E Beck	50	5 00
Totals	1175	\$ 117 50

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Have you read the account of the Rooker trial in the February WATCHMAN?

### Too Late for Publication

CONSIDERABLE matter was received last week too late for publication. Some of it did not reach us until Tuesday afternoon, after the dummy was pasted up and the paper partly made up. Matter to be printed the week it is received must be in before noon Monday, which means that it must reach the Nashville post-office early Monday morning.

One of the communications received Tuesday afternoon was postmarked at Jackson, Miss., "10:30 P. M., Jan. 17." This must have been delayed somewhere, but where we can not say.

### Publications Wanted

BROTHER W. H. WAITE, Chicora, Miss., desires nice, clean copies of our denominational publications for missionary work. He can use old papers if they are whole and clean. If you have papers you are not going to use yourselves, send them to this brother. He can use a large number. Of course all such matter must be fully prepaid. Periodical literature can be mailed at the rate of one cent for four ounces, or fraction thereof. Books and tracts cost eight cents a pound, or one cent for two ounces.

### A General Advance

THE religious liberty work of the denomination is feeling the effects of the spiritual uplift that has come to us as a people, and a general advance has been ordered in this as well as in other lines of work.

With three Sunday bills before Congress and with intolerance and religious persecution again lifting its head in our own great Southland, our duty is clear. We have been too long "at ease in Zion," and the Lord is beginning to stir our nest.

Sabbath, February 28, is the day set apart for a special offering for religious liberty work. Elder Longacre, our religious liberty secretary for North America, has expressed the hope that the offering will be a large one. There is so much to be done that a special effort must be put forth at this time to provide the necessary means for doing this work.

Let our offering on the 28th of February be not one of nickels or of dimes, but as far as possible of dollars. Here in the South especially we ought to be up and doing to educate as many as possible in the true principles of religious liberty.

Nowhere can there be found more generous natures nor

a deeper love of liberty than in the South, but we find here a degree of conservatism not met with in the North and West that makes the work a little difficult. This can, however, be overcome and when once the judgment is convinced, warm hearts are ready to respond to true principles. The South while a difficult field is also a fruitful one.

Every conference ought to have a religious liberty fund, and this the offering on February 28 will provide. Let us make the offering a generous one and our local funds as large as possible, besides giving a lift to this important line of work in both the union and the North American Division conferences.

C. P. BOLLMAN,  
*Religious Liberty Secretary Southern Union Conference.*

What are you doing to give the WATCHMAN the circulation to which its merits entitle it?

### Institute Dates

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

### Jackson, Yazoo City, and Ridgeland, Miss.

THURSDAY evening, January 15, Brother J. W. Davis and the writer left Nashville via Memphis for Jackson, Miss., where we arrived the following afternoon. We found a class of eleven who have enlisted in the colporteur work. The interest in this department increased during the institute and all left for their field of labor with courage. The class was conducted by Brethren J. W. Davis and Virgil Smith. Public services were conducted each evening by the ministers present, and Elder Wiest, the conference president. It was my privilege to meet with the Conference and Auditing Committees while attending this meeting. Harmony prevailed and plans were entered into heartily which will surely bring good results if carried out. The same note of "Finishing the Work" which was sounded at the union conference meeting recently held in Nashville, was the central theme in the studies conducted.

Elder C. S. Wiest and myself met with the Ridgeland School Board to study plans for the conducting of that school during the year to come as Brother F. R. Rogers, who has been connected with the school for a long time, is now leaving and Brother F. S. Hallock, of the State of Washington, has taken the work that he lays down. Plans are being developed to strengthen the teaching force, make the school building more comfortable, and beautify the grounds. It is a beautiful location, one block from the Ridgeland depot, a station on the main line of the Illinois Central railroad, twelve miles from the city of Jackson. A wagon road is being graveled between Jackson and Ridgeland, and is fast nearing completion.

It was my privilege to visit Yazoo City, Ridgeland, and the second Jackson Church while there, leaving Sunday morning, January 25, in company with Elder Wiest to attend the school board meeting of the Oakwood Manual Training School near Huntsville.

S. E. WIGHT.

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