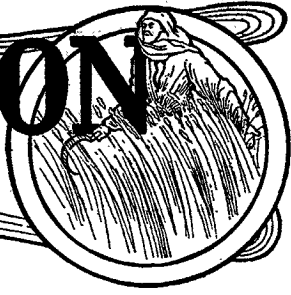


# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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## How to Study the Bible

READ thou, but first thyself prepare  
To read with zeal and mark with care;  
And when thou read'st what here is writ,  
Let thy best practise second it;  
So twice each precept writ shall be,  
First in the Book and next in thee.

— Peter Heylyn.



## General



### Young Persons at the Camp-Meeting of 1914

It is a fact that many persons really lose the blessings of the first part of camp-meeting. To give the cause of this would be difficult; but the fact remains, that at many camp-meetings, after the first few days, persons seem to arouse and really *find* themselves.

Young persons during the past camp-meeting season expressed themselves as being disappointed with the beginning of the meeting. One might point out conditions which would shed light on this; but the past is *gone*, it can not be recalled. The question to be settled is, What about the coming camp-meeting season? True, the season is still months in the future, but was not that true one year ago?

It would be well for each to remember that regrets are but results of something gone before. A regret never existed without a forerunner. Are we going on, harboring these forerunners up to the time of camp-meeting, only to reap "a harvest of barren regrets?"

Are we, as young persons, going to let our lives run out in comparative uselessness, when we might become a mighty factor for good in finishing the work?

This warning gives us nearly six months in which to prepare for a grand soul feast of good things at the coming camp-meeting.

There will be matters of business, committees, and special meetings, so the older workers will have sufficient to keep them so employed as to allow us very little of their time.

This means that what the young persons get out of the camp-meeting will be in exact proportion to what they put into the same.

Let us suppose that our two daily meetings average forty-five minutes each, thus giving us one and one-half hours a day. At a ten-day camp-meeting this means fifteen hours of meeting in addition to the excellent instruction of the general meetings; these are ours and will be what we make them.

To receive all that is possible from these meetings, means thorough planning, and it will be found that six months is none too long for this preparation.

To come to the camp-meeting with a soul divested of all

save a realization of our own great need and the sufficiency of Christ will mean a mighty revival among the youth of the Southern Union Conference.

Young persons, let us enter into this eternal business with the assurance that the eternal God is with us to work out his "eternal purpose."

Let each determine that there will be no regrets following any of the coming camp-meetings.

### A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Every confessed and forsaken sin is forgiven. This excludes brooding, or worrying over the past, and permits no uncertainties. 1 John 1:9.
2. Our present need is so great that only Christ can supply it. But he can. Phil. 4:19.
3. There will be some young persons at camp-meeting making no profession of Christ, or who are discouraged. Decide upon your obligation to them, and then meet it.
4. The days go so quickly that camp-meeting will be upon us before we realize it. In view of these facts let each day be counted a step toward a spirit-filled camp-meeting.
5. Each young person should feel it his or her duty to be present at all open meetings held during the camp-meeting.
6. Let the customary visiting be done *now* by correspondence and let even this bear upon the coming camp-meeting.
7. Begin now and continue to make a list of matters you want light on, persons you want to see converted, plans for the Missionary Volunteer work; and let your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary have the list at least two weeks before camp-meeting that he may be intelligent on all matters.
8. Make the camp-meeting yours. Be sure to be at camp-meeting when it opens, and *remember*.

R. G. RYAN.

### Not "She" but "He"

"She shall crush thy head." Gen. 3:15. *Douay (Catholic) Version.*

"He shall bruise thy head."—*Leeser's Trans.*

"He shall bruise thee on the head."—*Boothroyd's Trans.*

"He shall crush thy head."—*Rotherham's Trans.*

"He will wound thy head."—*Thomson's Trans.*

"He doth bruise thee—the head."—*Young's Trans.*

"He shall watch against thy head."—*The Septuagint English Trans.*

"He shall wound your head."—*Fenton's Trans.*

"He shall crush thy head."—*Darby's Trans.*

NOTE.—"The corruption of this in the Vulgate into 'she' lies at the root of Mariolatry: the verb in singular masculine shows that *ser'a* (seed) is here to be taken in singular with Septuagint, *i. e.* Christ."—*Note on Gen. 3:15 in the Companion Bible.*

**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.**

(Third Meeting.)

MEETING was called to order promptly at 2:30 P. M., Jan. 8, 1914, Elder S. E. Wight presiding.

The Chair called for the report of the Southern Union Mission and the treasurer reported as follows:—

**Receipts and Disbursements of the Southern Union Mission for Two Years Ending Dec. 31, 1913**

	RECEIPTS		
	1912	1913	Total
Tithe	\$ 1681 42	\$ 1076 58	\$ 2758 00
Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1912	545 98	871 28	545 98
Sabbath-school Offerings	929 78	1072 87	2002 65
Weekly Offerings	67 90	105 52	173 42
Annual Offering	113 90	242 30	356 20
Missions	52 83	199 37	252 20
Midsummer Offering	84 93	82 84	167 77
Harvest Ingathering	47 57	464 31	511 88
Self-denial	4 91	2 00	6 91
Colored Work	26 98	43 01	69 99
Huntsville Orphanage	1 25		1 25
Sustentation	158 02	377 04	535 06
Five per cent to Missions	158 06	377 07	535 13
Suffering People of China	1 00		1 00
Religious Liberty	7 54	18 20	25 74
Loma Linda		31 47	31 47
Aged and Orphans	4 85		4 85
Huntsville Orphanage	1 50		1 50
Home Missions	75		75
Donations	62 55		62 55
Colored Church Building		37 00	37 00
Tent Fund	50 00	121 67	171 67
Rock City Sanitarium	252 97	35 34	288 31
Huntsville Sanitarium	7 50	57 50	65 00
J H Lawrence on account		80 00	80 00
N B King		29 00	29 00
Victor Walterding		14 00	14 00
D E Blake		85 90	85 90
Laborers' Account	226 52	33 64	260 16
Rock City Sanitarium Operating Account	11 90	59 00	70 90
Gas		2 89	2 89
Bills Receivable		300 00	300 00
Southern Union Conference		1000 00	1000 00
Southern Publishing Asso.		1177 94	1177 94
Appropriations	12998 00	11162 46	24160 46
Bills Payable	1700 00		1700 00
Southern Miss. Society Inc.	300 00		300 00
A J Haysmer, Secretary	221 47		221 47
Merchandise	2 58		2 58
Louisville Church	86 50		86 50
Memphis Church	39 75		39 75
Dothan Church	21 50		21 50
New Orleans Church	3 65		3 65

Five per cent to Missions	425 82	425 82
Sabbath-school	1072 87	1072 87
Annual Offering	242 30	242 30
Harvest Ingathering	464 31	464 31
Weekly Offerings	105 52	105 52
Self-denial	2 00	2 00
Missions	199 37	199 37
Religious Liberty	18 20	18 20
Loma Linda	31 47	31 47
Midsummer Offerings	82 84	82 84
Colored Work	43 01	43 01
Tithe, Sustentation Fund, Five per cent to Missions, and Trust Funds	2135 96	2135 96
Appropriations to		
Alabama Mission	1657 07	2225 00
Kentucky Mission	787 53	2005 50
Louisiana Mission	825 59	1575 00
Mississippi Mission	2509 93	2625 00
Tennessee River Mission	332 67	1603 45
Paid on Sundry Accounts	432 94	432 94
Tent Fund		1135 00
Alabama Conference Asso.	42 50	42 50
Bills Payable	1700 00	1700 00
Bills Receivable		300 00
Southern Union Conf. Asso.	250 00	250 00
Interest	38 42	38 42
Southern Miss. Society Inc.	2200 97	724 45
Taxes	3 00	3 00
Ministry of Healing	1 35	1 35
Bible Training School	22 50	22 50
Gas	5 27	1 35
Expense	59 87	11 53
Laborers' Expense	51 00	51 00
School Expense	50 50	50 50
Merchandise	40 40	40 40
Oakwood Sanitarium	7 50	7 50
Donation (Flood Sufferers)	5 00	5 00
Rock City Sanitarium		
Donation Account	337 89	12 64
Operating Account	9 19	10 86
Equipment Account	3 30	3 30
Oakwood School		187 46
Huntsville Sanitarium		59 00
Southern Publishing Asso.		1177 94
Southern Union Conf. Loan		1000 00
D E Blake		25 00
J H Lawrence		80 00
Memphis Church	25 00	200 00
Louisville Church	21 50	21 50
Pensacola Church	10 00	10 00
New Orleans Church	3 35	3 35
Dothan Church	12 00	12 00
Cash on Hand	871 28	708 45
Totals	\$19926 14	\$19160 20

**Financial Statement of the Southern Union Mission for Biennial Term Ending Dec. 31, 1913**

	DISBURSEMENTS		
Total Receipts	\$19926 14	\$19160 20	\$38189 02
Paid Laborers	\$ 5472 66	\$ 271 65	\$ 5744 31
Tithe		97 46	97 46
Sustentation		425 75	425 75

	RESOURCES		
J W Allison	\$ 9 90		
D E Blake	3 69		
C A Crichlow	5 04		
J G Dasent	20 00		
N B King	15 00		
J H Lawrence	64 00		

Maitland Nunes	3 95	
G E Peters	10 00	
Accounts Receivable		\$ 131 58
Alabama Conference Asso.		52 50
Bills Receivable		1601 68
Southern Miss. Society Inc.		737 85
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		\$ 2523 61
Cash		708 45
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Total Resources		\$ 3232 06

## LIABILITIES

Aged and Orphans	\$ 4 85	
Huntsville Orphanage	1 50	
Home Missions	75	
Religious Liberty	7 54	
Miscellaneous Funds		\$ 13 14
		13 14
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		\$ 3218 92

## GAIN

Tithe	\$ 881 66	
Gen. Conf. Appropriation	11162 46	
Merchandise	04	
Rock City San. Operating	48 14	
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		\$12092 30

## LOSS

Appropriations to		
Alabama	\$ 2225 00	
Kentucky	2005 50	
Louisiana	1575 00	
Mississippi	1625 00	
Tennessee River	1603 45	
Total Appropriations		\$10033 95
Laborers' Salary and Expense		238 01
Memphis Church		225 00
Meridian Church "S. of J."		9 50
Montgomery Church "S. of P."		19 00
Tent Account		1135 00
Rock City Sanitarium Repairs		18 84
Oakwood Students		187 46
Expense		10 42
Gas		2 30
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Total Losses		11879 48

Gain		\$ 212 82
Donations to		
Tent Fund	\$ 121 67	
Rock City Sanitarium	35 34	
Colored Churches	37 00	
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Total Donations		194 01
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Net Gain		\$ 406 83
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1911		2812 09
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Net Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1913		\$ 3218 92

The report was adopted subject to audit.

(Minutes of conference to be continued next week.)

## Our Publishing House

### Home Office News

SALES report for week ending Jan. 31, 1914: Total number bound volumes, 3,010; *Watchman*, 8,140. Over sixty per cent of the *Watchman* sales for the week were in the Southeastern, Southern and Southwestern Unions. This is encouraging, as it shows an increased appreciation of the magazine in our own territory. It will be noted that the book sales were also good for this season of the year.

Another item of news not quite so encouraging is that two cases of books shipped by us to the Review and Herald, January 23rd, were lost in the sinking of the steamer "Monroe," early on the morning of the 30th of January. But the loss of four hundred pounds even of truth-filled books seems trifling when we remember that about fifty lives were lost in the same disaster. This seems terrible, and yet did we but realize it, many, very many more than this number are daily going down to Christless graves who might be reached and saved by the truth were we only where God could use us as he would if we were humbly submissive in his hands.

FROM BROTHER PIERCE

From a single paragraph in a letter from our general manager, Brother Pierce, written to our treasurer and acting manager, Brother Knox, we learn that on the night of January 27, the Fort Worth Church gave Brother and Sister Pierce a farewell reception, the closing act of which was the presentation of "a large, beautiful oak rocker." Brother Pierce says: "The brethren and sisters here have certainly been very kind, and we shall prize very highly this substantial token of their friendship and love."

In another letter Brother Pierce says: "I have received a number of very interesting replies to our circular letter in regard to a uniform system of bookkeeping. Without exception these replies are decidedly in favor of the idea, and it now seems more evident than ever that a system of this kind will fill a long-felt want."

A WORD FROM BROTHER WOODRUFF

A letter from Brother Woodruff, of Mississippi, says: "Our institute is now over and practically all our colporteurs have gone to their respective fields of labor. A spirit of courage and confidence prevails on the part of all, and I believe that our work will have a substantial growth this year."

THE CHAPEL TALK

Brother Knox occupied the time Monday morning, February 2, usually devoted to the chapel talk. His theme was the question in Ps. 8:4: "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" The same question is asked in similar language in Job 7:17 and Ps. 144:3.

One who studies men—even the best of men—who notes the imperfections, the shortcomings, the sins of the race; who looks into his own heart and sees how much of evil there is there, must be filled with wonder at the love of God for fallen humanity.

As the speaker sketched the lives of leading Bible characters it was clearly seen that the answer to the question, "What is man?" is found in God's plan for man. Allied with the Creator, transformed by his grace, clothed with eternal life in his kingdom, man is of inestimable value. But living for this world and the things of this world, enjoying only that which is transient and passing, destined to perish with the things of this world, even the nations are only as the small dust of the balance in God's sight.

C. P. B.

"WHATEVER may be our occupations, we are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ."

## 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.

### Nicholasville Colporteurs' Institute

WE have indeed reached the time when every believer in God's message should be doing something to advance the last message of mercy. God has been calling for men and women to go out with the printed page so that the truth might fall like the leaves of autumn. Now, dear reader, in order to finish this work some one must go out in the field and heed the call of God. If you have been putting off what you know to be your duty, why not consecrate your all to God at this time and ask him to help you lay plans to attend the coming institute? We do not know how many more years we will have to attend these feasts where we can get the fitting which is needful for us to have so that we may be successful workers in this message.

I trust that the coming institute will be a large one, for this year brings greater responsibilities to us all. Will you not decide to make the Nicholasville institute the largest and best by your presence and prayers? Write us what day you will arrive. We will have good help as Elder Wight and Brother J. W. Davis, of the union conference, will be with us. So come and enjoy God's blessings. B. W. BROWN.

### Isa. 6:8. A Call to Service

LISTEN! "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

The voice of the Lord is speaking to you to-day; open the heart's door.

There is a great work to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The world must hear the warning, and when the call comes, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" send back the answer, clear and distinct, "Here am I; send me." The eleventh verse tells how long we are to enlist, and there is employment for all in the colporteur field.

Our institute will be held at Nicholasville, Ky., February 12-22. Write us that you are coming, so we can make preparations for you. Get ready and help us finish the work so long started. Are you not homesick for the haven of rest?

H. E. BECK.

### News Notes

BROTHER W. H. WHITE has begun a series of meetings at Badger, Larue County.

Brother Amos Allman, of Burnside, writes of his experience in selling our magazines. He is of good courage.

Brother J. W. Ratliff writes us a letter full of courage, and sends in the Sabbath-school offering from the Halcom Church.

Brother and Sister Dow write from Carter, where they are holding meetings, that three persons have decided to obey the truth.

Brother Earl A. Williams, of Slick Rock, sends us words of cheer, and tells of his plans to attend the institute. He also sends in his tithe and orders a club of papers.

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## Mississippi Conference

### Conference Directory

C. S. WIEST, President.  
W. M. WOODRUFF, Secretary and Treasurer.  
W. M. WOODRUFF, Tract Society Secretary.  
VIRGIL SMITH, Field Missionary Agent.  
JAMES A. MORROW, Religious Liberty Secretary.  
Mrs. E. L. MORROW, Sabbath-School Secretary, 116 Short Bay St., Hattiesburg, Miss.  
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### News Notes

ELDER WIEST returned Thursday, January 29, from Huntsville, Ala., where he attended a board meeting of the Oakwood Manual Training School, and spent the following Sabbath with the Jackson Church.

Brother Virgil Smith spent the fore part of last week, after the institute, in Jackson, and has recently visited Mount Olive, Hattiesburg, Quitman, and other places in the interest of the colporteur work.

During the recent past, efforts have been made to get our churches and isolated people to take hold of the tract and magazine work, and we are glad to see the hearty response. A recent letter from the leader of one of our companies brings an order for one hundred and fifty February *Watchman*. It is a pleasure to see our people taking hold of this work and distributing a large number of this most excellent issue.

On the afternoon of February 1, Elder R. E. Burke, our new laborer, arrived from North Dakota. He spent the fore part of the week in Jackson at the office and in counsel with Elder Wiest. During the latter part of the week, in company with Elder Wiest, he visited Hattiesburg, Ellisville, and Quitman, being with the company at Quitman over Sabbath. We are glad to welcome this addition to our corps of workers.

Last Sabbath, the 31st, was an interesting time to the Jackson Church. Elder Wiest met with us, and the meeting assumed the nature of a missionary service. He gave an interesting study on missionary work of the church and how to systematically conduct the same. It is his hope that an active and aggressive work shall be done in Jackson in this line, so that a good interest will have been worked up when he begins the effort at the opening of the tent season. Plans are now being perfected for regular missionary work to be carried forward by the Jackson Church, and that this city shall be thoroughly warned and the honest in heart won for the truth.

Word has come to this office of the death on the 24th of last month of Sister Louise B. Jackson, one of our most faithful and energetic members of the Vicksburg Colored Church. It is understood that her death was caused from typhoid fever.

Have you seen a copy of the February issue of the *Watchman* and the *Protestant Magazine*? They both contain articles which every Seventh-day Adventist in our conference should read, and they should have a wide circulation among our friends and neighbors. Send us your order.

The article, "Liberty of Conscience," appearing in the *Watchman*, and the one, "Why We are Protestants," appearing in the *Protestant Magazine*, should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home, and also should be placed in large quantities before the reading public.

"Nor one hundredth part has been done or is being done by the members of the church, that God requires of them."

## Alabama Conference

### Conference Directory

A. L. MILLER, President.  
 S. D. HARTWELL, Secretary and Treasurer.  
 S. D. HARTWELL, Tract Society Secretary.  
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 HELEN M. KEATE, Sabbath-School and Y. P. M. V. Secretary, Fort Payne, Ala.  
 C. R. WALDRON, Educational Secretary, Rockford, Ala.

### Change of Address

I ARRIVED here January 21, have just secured a house and have moved in, and will be ready for work on the 28th.

I enjoyed the Negro Farmers' Conference at this place from January 21-23, and received much inspiration from it.

My mail should be addressed to Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.  
 S. S. GUILFORD.

### News Items

ELDERS S. E. Wight and C. S. Wiest passed through Birmingham on the 25th and stopped overnight at the conference headquarters. They were on their way from Jackson, Miss., to a meeting of the Oakwood Manual Training School board at Huntsville. We are always glad to have our brethren visit us as they pass through.

After the meeting of the Oakwood Manual Training School board at Huntsville, Elder Miller spent a few days with the church at Attalla, from which place a few orders were received for the WORKER and several of our publications.

On Sabbath, January 24, Elder A. L. Miller met with the colored church in Birmingham, and conducted the regular Sabbath service.

The church at Montgomery has organized the tract distributing work and is going to supply tracts on the doctrinal subjects of our faith to those who desire to read.

The General Conference Home Missionary Department has recommended the tract envelope for distribution of tracts. We have a supply of these and will be pleased to receive orders for the same. This will assure a systematic distribution of literature, if carried out according to the recommendations.

Have you read the February number of the *Protestant*? This is a number that should be used by the hundreds in all our churches. Send for a few copies. We can supply you from the office.

The temperance annual of the *Instructor* is now ready for shipping. Every church should have a good supply of this number, as it is the best one published, and has a vast field of usefulness. Circulate it by the hundreds and let people know where we stand on the temperance question.

Elder Miller and Brother Wilson are holding an institute for the white colporteurs at Borden Springs, beginning January 30th, and continuing for ten days.

Brother J. H. Reams, of Jasper, passed through Birmingham on January 29 on his way to Borden Springs to attend the institute.

### A Good Testimony

DURING the Week of Prayer, in December, I attended services every night, and enjoyed the meetings very much. I feel the need of the blessings of the Holy Spirit, for I want to do my duty in the closing work of the message.

In the future I am determined to do my best to carry the

third angel's message. We are looking for Christ to come, and his coming is hastened by each one doing his part in the finishing of the work.

I am of good courage in the work in spite of disappointments. I desire the prayers of God's people.

In my work as a colporteur I am getting the signatures of my subscribers in my guarantee book. I. W. PEEVY.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 26, 1914.

## Louisiana Conference

### Conference Directory

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 LYDIA E. PARMELE, M. D., Medical Secretary.  
 OFFICE ADDRESS, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

### News Notes

BROTHER J. W. DAVIS, the union conference field missionary agent, made our office a pleasant call as he passed through from the Marthaville institute to attend another in Alabama.

Brother W. P. McLennan and family have gone to Shreveport, where Brother McLennan will begin house to house work preparatory to the series of meetings to be held there as soon as Elder Parmele is able to join him in the work.

Elder Parmele has returned to New Orleans from the institute at Marthaville, and will spend some time there helping the colored brethren get the erection of their new church building under way.

A very interesting and profitable colporteurs' institute in Marthaville has just closed. The conference president and conference field missionary agent united with the union conference field missionary agent in giving the instruction. The following persons were in attendance: Brethren Turner, Hubbell, Bodwell, Harzman, Berry, Hirst, Emmitt and J. J. Ballard, and Sisters Emmitt, Ballard, Susie Boden, and Lura and Pearl Reed. These workers have gone to their fields, determined to do their share to reach the \$10,000 mark during 1914. The brethren and sisters in Marthaville did well in providing accommodations for those attending the institute, and Sister Ballard kept the table bountifully spread. The workers all felt deeply grateful to these brethren and sisters.

Do not forget that Sabbath, February 28, is the day set for taking a collection for the religious liberty work. One-third of this collection will be retained for this line of work in the home conference, one-third in the union conference, and one-third will be sent for use in the General Conference Religious Liberty Department. The increasing efforts to secure the passage and enforcement of Sunday laws, both national and State, demand vigorous efforts on our part to warn the people of their baneful results, and a liberal offering should be our response to this call.

Postage stamps are acceptable in payment for small orders to the tract society, but we request our patrons not to send them in the form of twenty-five cent books, unless they wish credit for only twenty-four cents. They will carry just as well wrapped in tissue paper, and thus the one cent paid for the book in which to carry them will be saved.

Several weeks ago it was announced in the WORKER that Brother Godsmark had resigned as secretary of the conference and that Brother Caldwell had been elected to fill the place.

Though it was clearly stated in the notice that owing to his duties as treasurer of the conference and tract society, Brother Godsmark had not been able to attend to the duties of his office as secretary of the conference, some got the impression that Brother Godsmark had disconnected with the office. The duties that Brother Godsmark formerly did, he will continue to do, and the duties that Brother Caldwell has assumed as secretary of the conference, are those that have been heretofore largely neglected because of lack of time.

The junior division of the New Orleans Young People's Society No. 1, which was recently organized, is increasing its membership, and while still in its infancy, all seem "Ready to go, ready to stay," ready their place to fill, and are laying plans for active service.

If any of our isolated members fail to receive the monthly missionary readings, it is doubtless because we do not have your correct address at the office. We would appreciate hearing from all such as we are anxious that each Sabbath-keeper keep in touch with the work being done in foreign lands.

The second book of the reading course, "From Judaism to Christianity," is proving even more interesting, if possible, than the first. It is a description of a Jew's home surroundings and influences in childhood, his conversion and life in later years, and should be read by every young person in the denomination.

The state secretary visited the New Orleans Y. P. M. V. Society No. 2 last Sunday evening, and found a room full of enthusiastic members. The close attention given to the program rendered evidenced their interest in the work. Having no junior division of the society, the younger members nobly performed the parts assigned to them, readings and recitations, which were both interesting and instructive. A part of each week's work is a study from the Testimonies, which abound in helpful suggestions for our youth. They had been taking up the weekly reviews on the reading course in their regular gatherings, but found the time so limited that they now devote a short period before prayer-meeting each week to the reading course.

## Tennessee River Conference

### Conference Directory

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 PROF. R. G. RYAN, Educational and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
 PROF. A. N. ATTEBERRY, Principal, Hazel Academy, Hazel Ky.

### From Our Home Schools

ENCOURAGING reports come from the schools and isolated members throughout the conference.

Sister Philpott writes: "We enjoyed the Week of Prayer and the readings. It does us good to know how rapidly the truth is advancing."

Brother and Sister Woodson write: "We praise God that he has prospered us so we may have a little to send in, that we may have some part in the spread of the message."

Another sister writes: "I am deeply interested in 'Desire of Ages.' I am thinking about baptism."

Another says: "I am sending my offerings. Although not as much as I wish they might be, yet this is all I have to send. May each one live nearer the Lord the coming year."

Sister Smith writes: "I was all alone during the Week of Prayer, but I certainly enjoyed the readings, and was greatly blessed by reading them."

Sister Payne says: "We have had our Sabbath-school every Sabbath this quarter and enjoy the study of the lessons. We also enjoy the reports you send us. We are sending our donations."

Another sister writes: "I am striving to keep our school going. We frequently have visitors come in, although I have opposition to meet in the home."

These isolated brethren and sisters need our prayers that they may be strengthened and enabled to live and teach the third angel's message in their communities.

In considering the finishing of the work in this generation, it has become evident to the leaders of the work that it can not be accomplished by the foreign workers in the vast field of China, and in view of this fact the next thirteenth-Sabbath offering will be used for the starting of a training school for native workers in Shanghai.

This call is for \$15,000. This seems like a large sum for one day, but the offering on the thirteenth Sabbath of September amounted to \$17,500. So you see it is not impossible.

Are we going to do our part in this conference? I think when we consider the finishing of the work, and the glories awaiting the faithful, we will not fall short of the required amount.

Special thirteenth-Sabbath envelopes will soon be in the hands of each member of our schools and home department. I trust each one will cooperate for the advancement of this work.

MRS. E. H. REES,  
*Sabbath-School Secretary.*

ELDER NORWOOD closed a very helpful series of meetings with the Cedar Grove Church about an hour after the close of the Sabbath, January 31. The church was revived and an interest was created among the people of the neighborhood that can not fail to afford openings for effective missionary work.

### Nashville Memorial Church

At a recent meeting of the Nashville Memorial Church the report of the treasurer for 1913 was called to be read. By vote of the church, the same was ordered published in the WORKER.

The report is indeed one of interest, showing a marked increase in every branch, and indicating that the work in Nashville has been making steady advancement.

The following is a brief summary of our receipts for the past year:—

Mission Offerings .....	\$1233 83
Local Church Funds .....	696 69
Work in Local Conference (less tithe) .....	540 08
Tithe .....	4818 59
Total .....	\$7289 19

The total per capita on cash receipts for the year amounts to \$48.59. This is a gain over 1912 of \$8.61.

We have contributed to foreign missions sixteen cents per capita each week for the past year, as against a per capita per week of eleven cents for 1912. We are striving to raise our quota in full for the present year on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund.

The tithe has also shown a steady gain. Our per capita on tithe has amounted to \$32.12. The tithe for the last four years is \$17,683.09.

Through the energetic efforts of our Sabbath-school officers the offerings to foreign missions from this branch of the work reached \$435, an increase over 1912 of \$154. We have set our aim to raise \$500 for missions from the Sabbath-school department during the year 1914.

It is our prayer that even a more liberal spirit of giving than that manifested during the past year may be seen during the coming year.

F. C. BRUCE, *Treas.*

### Sabbath-School Report, Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1913

School	Mem.	Av.Att.	Expense	13th Sab.	Miss.
Nashville	143	104	\$ 11 32	\$ 48 51	\$ 138 70
Memphis	121	98	26 48	19 85	106 61
Hazel	48	44	42	10 03	31 66
Hillcrest (Col.)	21	18		5 00	31 24
North Nashville	51	39	5 78	7 72	26 73
Fountain Head.	39	31	6 12	9 60	20 99
Home Dept. ...	60	60		3 00	19 20
Memphis (Col.)	26	20		2 75	17 65
Madison	72	65		1 50	15 68
Cedar Grove ..	30	23		1 16	15 08
Lane	19	14	44	1 22	10 65
Jackson	20	16		66	9 01
Hustburg	18	16		1 00	8 93
Paducah	15	15		5 00	8 40
Springville	32	23		50	6 56
Camden	9	6		50	6 35
Bon Aqua	18	17		1 31	6 19
Nashville (Col.)	35	25		1 50	5 75
Lawrenceburg .	14	14	20	1 01	5 59
Leach	45	35	87	55	4 36
Trezevant	33	18		27	4 24
Haran	20	11	25	96	4 40
Clarksville	6	4		1 00	3 00
Portland	10	7	25	24	2 85
Nails Creek ...	8	6		50	1 97
<b>Totals</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>\$ 52 13</b>	<b>\$ 125 34</b>	<b>\$ 511 79</b>

MRS. E. H. REES,  
*Sabbath-School Secretary.*

### Kentucky—News Notes

(Continued from p. 44.)

BROTHER HOWARD, of Irvington, sends in a very cheering report of the progress of the message in that city.

Sister Steele, our faithful colored colporteur, of Louisville, has been confined to her home for some time with rheumatism.

Brother C. W. Vermillion, of Ford, writes of his confidence in the message and says he fully expects Christ to return very soon.

Brother M. Wheeler has been suffering with a severe cold for the past week, and has been kept from his colporteur work.

Brother Jessie Miller has been having the grip the past week, but is better at this writing.

Brother Bowels, of Nicholasville, met with a severe accident as he was driving a loaded wagon. His arm was caught between the wheel and wagon bed, and the muscles were torn loose from the bone.

Sister Bivin, of Lexington, writes that she hopes soon to be out in the field again selling the printed page.

Sister Martin, of Grove, has ordered some Sabbath-school supplies.

### Colporteurs' Report for the Southern Union Conference

Week Ending Jan. 24, 1914

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
U Bracy	33	20		\$30 00	\$	\$30 00	\$
M L Ivory	44	12		18 00		18 00	
J H Reams	13				75		26 50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>32</b>		<b>\$48 00</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>	<b>\$48 00</b>	<b>\$26 50</b>

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
James Hickman	D&R	42	19	\$67 50	\$ 2 75	\$70 25	\$ 7 50
M Wheeler	D&R	2					26 00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$67 50</b>	<b>\$ 2 75</b>	<b>\$70 25</b>	<b>\$33 50</b>

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
John Harzman	PP&F	79	31	\$40 50	\$ 7 50	\$47 50	\$34 00
C P Bodwell	GC&PG	20	8	26 00		26 00	
Frank Peabody	PP&F	17	1	1 50	1 50	3 00	31 00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>116</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>\$68 00</b>	<b>\$ 9 00</b>	<b>\$76 50</b>	<b>\$65 00</b>

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
C F Dart	sofp	36	23	\$34 25	\$ 2 00	\$36 25	\$ 1 25
J S Moore	BF	36	22	28 00	2 75	30 75	
J B Krauss	GC	35	7	20 00	3 00	23 00	
C H Chenault	D&R&GC	46	8	18 00		18 00	21 00
R H Hazelton	GC	26	6	14 00		14 00	13 00
Rebecca Moore	BF	31	7	8 00		8 00	
Mamie Moore	D&R	9					11 50
<b>Totals</b>		<b>219</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>\$122 25</b>	<b>\$ 7 75</b>	<b>\$130 00</b>	<b>\$46 75</b>

Grand Totals .... 469 164 \$305 75 \$20 30 \$324 75 \$171 70

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE—WEEK ENDING JAN. 10, 1914							
C H McColrey	BR	41	14	\$24 00	\$ 5 25	\$29 25	\$24 25
C R Canada*	BF	7	5	5 50	1 00	6 50	1 00
E Campbell	PP&F&PG	60			6 00	6 00	72 00
J S Fry	D&R	37			4 75	4 75	6 75
H C Balsbaugh	GC	3			2 25	2 25	6 25
Miss M P Sparks	BF	7	1	1 00	50	1 50	1 50
<b>Totals</b>		<b>155</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$30 50</b>	<b>\$19 75</b>	<b>\$50 25</b>	<b>\$111 75</b>

### Magazine Agents' Report

For Week Ending Jan. 24, 1914

Agent	No.	Value
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE		
Louisville Church	650	\$ 65 00
Mrs R M Ross	200	20 00
Mrs M A Ewald	200	20 00
Milton Jones	160	16 00
Lula E Schafer	75	7 50
Alex Osterman	50	5 00
Latitia Steele	50	5 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1385</b>	<b>\$ 138 50</b>

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### Our Tract Societies

It is always a cause of rejoicing to see our tract societies grow and become stronger. Last year one of the societies in the territory of the Southern Publishing Association contributed \$2,300 to the conference and foreign mission work, while another gave \$1,000. This is certainly a great help, and we shall be glad when the time comes that more of our tract societies will be able to assist their respective conferences in this way.

It, of course, takes time to build up the work and the societies need considerable assistance during the first few years of their existence; but if they are properly cared for and provided with proper help, they will yield ample financial returns in the end as well as accomplish a great deal of good through the circulation of our literature.

The society referred to above, that gave \$2,300 last year, was something over \$3,000 in debt a few years ago. Last year, however, it was able to make this handsome gift and at the same time had a \$3,000 stock on hand paid for and \$2,000 in cash as a working capital. The Lord has surely set his hand to the work and it is indeed a wonderful privilege to be connected with such an organization.

What these societies have done, others can do. We therefore hope this brief report will be an encouragement to our conference and tract society officials to put forth special efforts to build up and strengthen this feature of their work. If this is done, the results will be greater than many now realize, both in dollars and cents and in winning souls.

R. L. PIERCE.

**Remember the Religious Liberty offering for the last Sabbath in February.**

### Is It a Question?

THE question is so often asked, "Is it right for Seventh-day Adventists to raise hogs for the market?"

There should be no question regarding the eating of swine's flesh. The Bible is very explicit on this matter, and there can be no doubt as to the desire of God; but when we come to the question of raising swine, there does come into the minds of many good people the query above referred to. It has come so often that it seems to the writer well to give an answer which comes from the spirit of prophecy, which it seems should settle the question for all time with those who have faith that God speaks to his people to-day through his prophet.

On page 515 of "Great Controversy" in chapter 31, entitled, "Agency of Evil Spirits," we find these words:—

"He allowed the evil spirits to destroy the herd of swine as a rebuke to those Jews who were raising these unclean beasts for the sake of gain."

From this sentence we conclude that the rebuke to the Jews was because of their getting gain by raising hogs.

The book, "Great Controversy," is written for the express purpose of clearly defining the controversy that is to take place between Christ and Satan, also Satan and this people, on this earth in the closing days of this world's history. Then it is as much as saying that those who live to-day should not raise swine (unclean beasts) for the sake of gain. We know of people of the world who, seeing this people refraining from the use of swine's flesh, and yet raising swine to sell to their neighbors, say we are not consistent.

As a people preparing for translation and having a definite message to give to the world, we should live without reproach as far as possible.

If we refrain from the raising of tobacco, the keeping of swine, and all other questionable business, we will surely be on vantage ground with the people who are not of our faith.

S. E. WIGHT.

**If you want to see the February number of the WATCHMAN you will have to order at once, as the edition will soon be exhausted.**

### The March "Watchman"

IN view of the fact that the spirit of prophecy has indicated that we should cooperate with commendable movements, as far as possible, especially along the lines of temperance, we believe that the March *Watchman* with its article on "Nation-wide Prohibition" should be particularly timely. This movement is assuming vast import in this country and is destined to wield a mighty influence in molding our American manhood, which is adversely influenced by present-day dissipations. This issue contains a striking article on "Cigarette Smoking Among Women." This evil, which has undermined the East and is invading American life, will have a serious effect upon the younger generation.

The following additional titles of articles will give some idea of the splendid make-up of the March *Watchman*:—

Is the World Growing Better?

Some Signs of the Times.

The Other Side of Death.

Religious Liberty Outlook for 1914.

The Change of the Sabbath.

As orders are coming in rapidly, we suggest that you let us have yours promptly through the local tract society. Rates in quantities, five to forty copies, five cents each; fifty or more, four cents each. To Canada, five cents each. Single copies, ten cents. Subscription price, \$1.00 per year.

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### Obituary

TYNS.—Died, Monday morning, Jan. 26, 1914, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Anna E. Tyns. Sister Tyns accepted the truth about two years ago, and was a faithful member of the Memphis Church till her death. She was more than eighty years old, and had grown quite feeble, so that to her, death brings rest. We confidently expect to meet her in the first resurrection.

The remains were shipped to Mexia, Texas, for interment.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

**Are you reading "Liberty" and the "Protestant"? If not, you are missing much. The current numbers are especially good.**