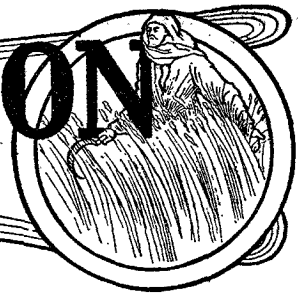


SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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Union Conference Directory

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Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Quota for 1914	Amount Paid	Amount Due
2066	\$21486.40	\$12405.39	\$9081.01

A Thorn

WINTER, and then the spring;
Summer and harvesting;
Then north wind, cold, and sleet,
With no hint of a summer sweet;
And out of the winter's chill some morn,
With a thorn-set stem, a rose is born —
I am only the thorn.

I am only the thorn that grows
On the stem of a rose;
Not a petal to make me fair,
No beauty that means despair
To plainer flowers, and yet
On the rose stem I was set:
Some purpose there must be,
Some plan fulfilled in me;
I know some good was meant,
And so I am content.

— Helen Hart Woodworth.

The Bookmen's Convention

AT FOUR P. M. on the 24th of December, a dark rainy day, the Bookmen's Convention was opened in the Southern Publishing Association chapel by singing No. 336 in "Christ in Song," with Elder Wight in the chair.

Elder Watson led in prayer, thanking God for the work given us to do and for guidance in the past, and asking his special blessing on the colporteurs.

After singing "My Jesus, I love Thee," Elder Wight stated that it is the usual custom for some one to formally welcome the visitors, but he thought we ought to lay aside formalities. Continuing, he said:

"We have been looking forward to the time when trouble and distress of various kinds would come on the earth. And I firmly believe that we are today facing that to which we have looked forward. We must be real, genuine Christians.

"Somewhere, somehow, at some time, a people will move forward with this work and march through the pearly gates

into the city of God. We who are here in this room can be workers in this cause and be in that class.

"Every individual here should be a leader, and as we go from this meeting, and connect with those who have not had this privilege, we should inspire them with zeal for service.

"We have before us darkness and some real difficulties to meet. I believe that today we ought to have faith in this great message, and the same God that led Israel of old through the Red Sea will lead us through the difficulties confronting us. Our conversation should be uplifting, and we should lay aside all lightness and frivolity, and study with sincerity what our instructors have to present.

"To say you are welcome is a mere saying, but surely you are, for we have been looking forward with great interest to this meeting for weeks. We more than welcome every one of you, and anything we can do will be more than willingly done for your comfort while you are here."

Elder Montgomery was here asked to speak. He said:

"We have come to the time and reached the hour when our heavenly Father is about to answer the many, many prayers that have been going up in behalf of this people. I believe God is here, and that his Spirit is here and that his tender care has been over all of us on our journey. We have been kept through dangers seen and unseen."

He then spoke of the accident that occurred to the train that he had missed a few days ago. He said he had learned that five of its coaches were ditched and some persons killed. He further said:

"This is a most important occasion. I presume it is the most important occasion that has come to the Southern field in months. I might be safe in saying it is the most important occasion we have ever seen as yet. I look upon it as being even more important than a union conference meeting. We are not only to consider the book work, which cannot be esteemed too highly, but we are also to consider the home missionary work, and in this campaign every one ought to have a part.

"I am not at all discouraged with the outlook, nor the prospect of hard times. We have been told for many years that these times were coming. Are you surprised that they are here? Will it mean defeat to our work? No, it will not. I think this work will go with leaps and bounds until it swells into the loud cry, even under the pressure of hard times.

"I hope this convention will mean a new impetus to the work in the field of the Southern Publishing Association."

In response to Elder Wight's request Elder Watson said in part:

"I am glad to look into the faces of this company of people. I realize to some extent the solemnity of the times in which we are living. The hour is going to strike some day when the last book will be sold, when the last sermon will be preached, and the last class taught; and I believe that the hours allotted to us now should be hours of consecration, of heart searching, of faith in this great message that must soon close this world's history.

"I have been very anxious about our colporteur work, and I believe it is time for us to get down by the side of the boys in the field as we never have before. I suppose this convention will be given up wholly to the study of methods of the best and quickest way to place pamphlets and books in the hands of the people. If there ever was a time when we should come up on higher ground it is now. We must follow on to know the Lord, whom to know aright is life eternal."

Elder Wight then gave opportunity for any to speak who wished. Elder W. W. Eastman made a few remarks on the times in which we live. He said he fully believed we had come to the time when we would see God work in a special manner. He advised all to take their eyes off the difficulties and place them on the living God who controls every circumstance of our lives.

Elder F. W. Paap expressed himself as being very much in sympathy with what the brethren had said. Our faith must have a resurrection. We must not talk of what we cannot do, we are to talk faith and put on the armor and go forth willing to do and bear. He said: "I am here myself to join in seeking the Lord most earnestly that we may come into the rich current of his love, and be filled with his Spirit, and be able to lead our people everywhere into greater activity."

Elder N. Z. Town said he considered it a great privilege to be connected with the work of God at this time. He said he did not in any way wish to belittle the difficulties we have had in this field, but showed how much better off we were than some of our people in other places. He had just received word that one of their best German colporteurs had been killed in battle, and that four other workers had fallen. This certainly brings the matter home to our brethren in Germany. But they are still selling books in that country. There is nothing that can stop this message. We should take hold of this word, "Go forward." People are turning to God as never before.

Elder Wight then announced that a permanent chairman should be elected. Elder Town moved that Elder W. W. Eastman be chosen. After receiving a second this was voted unanimously. Brother L. D. Randall was elected secretary of the convention, and R. W. Parmele, assistant. After the announcements Elder Wight gave opportunity for the chairman of the Locating Committee to call the roll and see that all were provided for.

Elder Eastman then took the chair, and it was unanimously voted that the time of the evening meeting be 7:15 instead of 7:30.

There were present seven presidents, fourteen tract society secretaries, and fourteen field secretaries.

The doxology was sung to close.

General Field Report

DURING the past two weeks a committee appointed by the North American Division Conference has visited some of the rural schools in the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences with a hope of assisting in the furtherance of building up the work in the Southern field. This committee is composed of Professor Griggs, Chairman; Elders I. H. Evans, W. T. Knox, C. W. Flaiz, O. Montgomery, Chas. Thompson, and W. C. White; J. J. Ireland, and the writer. Individual members of this committee expressed themselves as being very much pleased with the results of their investigations.

Wednesday, December 23, a general meeting of representatives from a few of these schools and the North American Division subcommittee was held in the Publishing House chapel for the purpose of discussing questions which would throw light on the situation in this field and aid the committee in making its report to the North American Division. There was given to this committee by all these schools a most cor-

dial welcome, and it is believed that the work has been strengthened as a result of the visit of these leading men.

Members of this committee, with the exception of Elder Montgomery and the writer, left Nashville Thursday morning to visit the Oakwood Industrial School.

S. E. WIGHT.

Report of Union Mission

THE colored work in the Kentucky Mission is on the upward march. Nearly seventy-five believers were added to the church, of which sixty-two were added to the Louisville Church since the beginning of the year. The laborers in this mission have worked untiringly for souls. November twelfth was a day long to be remembered. A beautiful brick structure situated on a car line in an enterprising colored district was dedicated. Elder Brown, the president of the Kentucky Conference, delivered the dedicatory sermon. Elder Wight was in attendance one day, rendering valuable assistance throughout the Sabbath services. The unfavorableness of the weather hindered the attendance at the night services which were conducted a few nights following the dedication. We are pleased to see how the work is developing in the Southern Union Mission. Since January first over \$10,000 has been negotiated in church property in the Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky missions. The three colored church buildings in Nashville, Louisville, and New Orleans are a credit to our work in the Southland.

SIDNEY SCOTT.

Union News Items

A MEETING of general workers has been in progress for several days in the interests of rural school work in the South. The final meeting was held Wednesday, December 23, at the chapel of the Southern Publishing Association.

General Conference workers and others representing this line of work were present as follows:

Elder I. H. Evans	Elder W. T. Knox
Professor Frederick Griggs	Elder S. N. Haskell
Elder W. C. White	Mrs. S. N. Haskell
Elder C. W. Flaiz	Elder Charles Thompson
J. J. Ireland	Elder O. Montgomery
Professor Clifford Howell	Professor E. C. Waller
Professor W. S. Boynton	Professor B. N. Mulford
Professor L. H. Wood	Professor A. W. Spaulding
Professor O. R. Staines	Professor C. F. Alden
Mrs. N. H. Druillard	Professor Floyd Bralliar
Dr. E. A. Sutherland	Miss M. Bessie DeGraw
Mrs. Josephine Gotzian	Dr. P. T. Magan

A number of the local workers were also present. A more complete report will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Elder W. T. Knox, treasurer of the North American Division Conference, spoke at the Memorial Church of Nashville Sabbath, December 19.

A meeting of the Southern Training School Board will be held in Nashville January 5 and 6.

We believe all will read with interest the news items from the Graysville School appearing this week. We hope to have something each week hereafter.

GOOD habits are not made on birthdays, nor Christian character at the New Year. The workshop of character is everyday life. The uneventful and commonplace hour is where the battle is lost or won.—*Matthie D. Babcock.*

Publishing and Colporteur Work

With the Men Behind the Books

THOSE of our "men behind the books" who like a cheap help will be glad to learn that the Southern Publishing Association has ordered plates for the new book entitled "The World's Crisis in the Light of Prophecy." This book has been prepared to meet the present situation brought on by the European war. This book will contain 128 pages, about 50 illustrations, and will have paper covers printed in two colors. The retail price of the book is only twenty-five cents, less the regular subscription book discount to colporteurs. The following is a list of contents:

The Portents of the Times.
 The Eastern Question in Prophecy.
 Approaching Armageddon.
 Waymarks to the Kingdom.
 The Primitive Faith the Standard for This Generation.
 Christ's Second Coming.
 Signs of the Approaching End.
 The Gospel Message for This Generation.
 The Home of the Redeemed.

It is expected that this book will be ready early in January. It is hoped that not only our colporteurs will use this book as a "help," but that our people generally will be glad to dispose of a large number of copies. It is a book that will sell almost at sight, and therefore many who have not been accustomed to selling our literature will no doubt be glad to avail themselves of such a favorable opportunity to gain an experience in this line of work.

THE BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION

The Publishing and Home Missionary Convention is now in progress at the Home Office of the Southern Publishing Association. This convention is held for the entire territory of the Association, and there are present the following delegates:

SOUTHWESTERN UNION

G. F. Watson	A. F. Harrison
C. E. Smith	C. J. Dart
E. H. Wilcox	W. L. Adams
C. L. Collison	W. F. Field
N. H. Conway	W. R. Goss
R. B. Coberly	C. C. Mattison
E. M. Davis	J. S. McMullen
T. J. Hooper	

SOUTHEASTERN UNION

O. Montgomery	D. W. Dillen
W. H. Williams	L. L. Lawrence
Mrs. Clara Russell	N. V. Willess
W. S. Fulbright	W. H. Branson
J. W. Siler	J. W. Winn
C. F. Dart	Mrs. R. G. Stringer
J. Macmillan	Thos. E. Pavey
J. D. Finley	Miss Ruby Lee
J. L. Shuler	W. H. Heckman
J. H. Behrens	

SOUTHERN UNION

S. E. Wight	J. W. Davis
G. H. Curtis	A. L. Miller
M. L. Wilson	O. R. Godsmark
B. W. Brown	James Hickman
C. L. Bainer	R. W. Parmele
G. B. Boswell	C. B. Caldwell
C. S. Wiest	Virgil Smith

W. A. Woodruff	W. R. Elliott
I. C. Pound	F. C. Bruce
L. D. Randall, Manager Eastern Branch S. P. A.	
J. H. Wilcox, Manager Western Branch S. P. A.	

GENERAL DELEGATES

Elder W. W. Eastman	Elder N. Z. Town
Elder F. W. Paap	Miss E. M. Graham
Elder I. H. Evans	

The meetings are being held in the Publishing House chapel, and some good solid work is being done. A more complete report of the convention will appear later. R. L. P.

Our Training Schools

Graysville Academy

A WONDERFUL ANSWER TO PRAYER

THURSDAY night there was held a union meeting of the two homes. While in prayer we dedicated four young ladies to go to Knoxville in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering. The following were chosen to represent the school in that city: Miss Eleanor Elliott, Miss Alice Gray, Miss Mac Jeffers, and Miss Jessie Fulbright. They all testified of their great desire to be of service and set the mark at \$100 to reach in the three days stay. We bowed in prayer and set this goal before the Lord and the sweet influence of his presence came into our midst.

Early the next morning the girls left and spent the day at Harriman and Oakdale, where they were warmly received by the people. That night they went on to Knoxville and found lodging with our people. Sabbath morning they woke up to find four inches of snow on the ground, but this did not discourage them. That night they went out and met the Christmas crowds, but it was too cold. With the wind drawing the tears to their eyes they stuck to their post. That night they cried a little but went home and sought the Lord in prayer and again felt his presence. Sunday they went out again and some of the people gave because of the courage the girls manifested. Into office, shop, and factory, the messengers of truth wended their way, getting a dime here, a quarter there, telling all of the message they were representing. Each shop listened to the silent prayer, each office heard the supplication breathed through earnest lips that God would grant the favor and give them their goal.

As they came into chapel on the last Friday morning of the week of prayer, the students were so rejoiced to see them back again they clapped for full joy. As one after the other told of how God was with them, our hearts and souls thrilled with a new joy of service. "We did not raise half of what we wanted," they said, "but the experience was worth all to us."

After the report had been received, the chapel remained breathless while Miss Jeffers rose to tell of their success financially. She took a roll of bills and gave it a fling while two others raised the sheet with the word "PRAYER" worked out in one-dollar bills. They had taken the money received and converted it into a rope of one-dollar bills. Despite the bitter cold weather and the close times financially, God had blessed their efforts by giving them \$116.25. The chapel burst forth in applause while tears streamed down the faces — so unworthy did we feel at such a wonderful answer to prayer.

Professor Wood spoke of how this was only an indication — a very tangible evidence that he wanted to do great things for us spiritually, and as he spoke feelingly of what it meant to the school, he unfolded the bill rope so all might see its length. It reached clear across the platform and about half-way back. The students and teachers reconsecrated their lives to His service anew as they realized God was more than willing to meet them half-way.

NEWS NOTES

There is a missionary map of the world over the rostrum in the chapel showing a missionary going each way from Graysville to Africa. The Sabbath School is sending one east at the rate of two cents a mile, and the Harvest Ingathering is sending another west at the same rate. The plan is to have them shake hands on January 1 in East Africa. The Sabbath School was to raise \$150 this quarter and the Harvest Ingathering \$350, making a total of \$500 or 25,000 miles at two cents per mile. The Sabbath School has over \$162 at present in cash and pledges and the Harvest Ingathering has \$313, so we are hoping to reach the goal. Pray for us that this may be accomplished.

Christmas vacation is from Wednesday, December 23, to Monday, January 4. A number of the students returned to their homes to spend the holidays. Those who remained planned to have the happiest Christmas of their lives. Plans were laid to visit the people in the surrounding territory with tracts and papers and do all they could to spread the message.

Three of the students thought they could think of no better way to spend the holidays than to go out and sell *The Watchman*, so they sent in an order for 1,000, the largest order to a single address ever sent in the South. They are anticipating much of God's blessing in meeting the people. Pray for them that God may verify his promises to them. Maybe others will go and do likewise.

Hazel Academy Items

ELDER W. R. ELLIOTT spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Hazel Church and the school. Although the weather was unfavorable, some important meetings were held with the church, and some actions taken which we feel will be of benefit to the work here. His talks at the school were timely and helpful.

We have been having some real winter recently. All enjoyed a ride on the "big sled" and a snow "battle."

The young people's meetings are of special interest now that the Literature Band is making weekly visits to the neighbors with tracts and periodicals. An increased interest over last year is noticed by the students who visit the same families. Surely now is the easiest time we have ever had to reach people with the truth. One of the students already has an appointment for a weekly Bible study in a near-by home.

The week of prayer brought us many blessings. Most of the meetings came in the evening, just before study period. When opportunity was given to speak, nearly all would testify of their thankfulness to God for his blessings, and their determination to quickly prepare to carry this truth.

All appreciate the new musical instruments we have been able to procure through the liberality of friends. The new piano, as well as the old one, is in almost constant use by the music students.

The class in rudiments of music began last week. Almost the entire school is taking this drill.

Last week we received a shipment of real "ribbon cane" syrup from Claude Terry's home in Meridian, Miss.

The class in general science appreciate the apparatus and chemicals with which most of the experiments given in the text can be verified.

Through the kindness of Dr. Mason of Murray we have a good supply of microscopic slides for the physiology class. These make the subject more interesting and practical.

The second term of the school year begins January 6. If you know some who should be in the school preparing for the Lord's work, ask them to write the principal at Hazel, Ky., for a calendar and application blank.

"A MAN who does not know how to learn from his mistakes, turns the best schoolmaster out of his life."

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Quota for 1914	Amount Paid	Amount Due
400	\$4160.00	\$2222.34	\$1937.66

Sunset Calendar

Friday, January 1, sun sets 5:05

Office News

WE HAVE been surprised this quarter on account of the increased demand for the Thirteenth-Sabbath Offering envelopes. The publishers printed 65,000, which has heretofore been enough to supply all demands. They tell us they have been forced to add 10,000 to this amount and still do not have enough to meet the demand. Evidently our people are going to try to do something extra in behalf of the Emergency Fund on the thirteenth Sabbath of this quarter. We are sure that Alabama is going to do its share.

The Morning Watch Calendars for 1915 have arrived and we have a goodly supply in stock. Sister W. W. Harwell writes, "Please send me fifty cents worth of Morning Watch Calendars for the coming year. Please let me have them as soon as possible. I don't want to miss one of the readings. I don't think I have missed one this year. I would be lost without my Morning Watch Calendar."

Brother Chas. Griffiths called at the office, making settlement for his delivery. Brother Griffiths had some trying experiences during last year but he was faithful and in the face of difficulties came in with a good record. We expect to see Brother Griffiths back in the field this year doing good work.

Brother Spraggs has completed his delivery and has returned to the school at Oakwood. After making settlement he had a cash balance to apply on his tuition for the winter. Brother Spraggs success was, considering the circumstances, better than might be expected. We with him rejoice in his success and expect that the season of 1915 will bring forth greater fruits than the past year.

December 20 was a very busy day in the office, everybody turning in to take the inventory. The tract society books were closed that day and statements mailed to all names appearing on the list.

Report of Labor

FOR some time it has been our desire to say a few words through the columns of the WORKER. I am glad to say that God has been good to us, that he has spared our lives and given us a part in his work.

On September 8-23 I answered a call for help about fourteen miles from Luverne, Ala. A few meetings were held and Bible readings given, and as a result of work done nine signed the covenant to keep the commandments of God. I then went to Citronelle and held a six-weeks meeting at that place and seven were added to the Sabbath School.

December 9 I visited the company at Luverne, and although

they are new in the truth and have met with much opposition I found them all in the faith. Three of these, a young man and two young ladies, have been opposed very strongly in their homes but they have been faithful and are all ready for baptism. The oldest of the two girls is teaching school. They all three desire very much to enter the Graysville School next year and are planning to this end.

Brother Carl Holland expects to enter the colporteur work in July and work for a scholarship.

Brother Swanner is being threatened very strongly by his landlord. He told Brother Swanner he could take his choice of giving up the Sabbath or giving up the place. The reply was if he could not have the place and keep the Sabbath, he would move.

On my return home I had the pleasure of meeting with the church in Montgomery. I am now living at Whistler, and am engaged in the work in and around Mobile. There are more calls for meetings than I can fill. The Mobile Church is wide-awake and we expect great things from God the coming year. Many are interested here and some are taking their stand. We desire to be remembered in your prayers.

Whistler, Ala.

JAMES BELLINGER.

Kentucky Conference

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Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Quota for 1914	Amount Paid	Amount Due
350	\$3640.00	\$1697.16	\$1942.84

Sunset Calendar

Friday, January 1, sun sets 4:48

News Items

BROTHER W. H. WHITE reports from Covington that the Sabbath School is increasing in that place and some new people are becoming interested in the message.

Brother R. Eason of Lexington writes that the believers there are of good courage and that they are doing some missionary work. He sends an order for a supply of literature.

Brother O. A. Dow has gone to Burnside to hold a series of meetings.

Dr. Mary Britton of Lexington writes of the work in the colored church at that place. She also sends in her renewal for the WORKER.

Brother Winkler reports a good delivery. We are glad for the success that has attended our colporteurs the past year.

The sad news comes to us that one of our colporteurs, Brother Longacre, has been called home by the sickness and death of his little daughter, who was about three years of age. We feel sure that all the workers and the lay members will rejoice when there will be no more death.

Elder Brown spent Sabbath, December 19, with the church at Nicholasville. He has now gone to visit the brethren at Ford.

Brother Hickman is visiting the Grove Church at this writing. He will visit some isolated believers on his way to Nashville.

Remember that the price of the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER is twenty-five cents for the year 1915, providing you order this month. If you want to take advantage of this price, send in your order at once.

The colporteurs' institute will be held at Nicholasville, January 6-14. If the Lord has called you to enter his work, do not delay longer but get ready to attend this important meeting. We need your help to warn the people of our State and you need the strength that comes from working for God. Write before you come that a place may be ready for you.

Sister Reichenbach and her daughter Mildred recently sold a good supply of magazines in Frankfort. They have some regular customers who do not want to miss a number.

Please take notice that the *Review*, *Watchman*, and *Signs of the Times* will each issue extras every little while during the year 1915. They will sell at fifty cents a hundred, or for forty cents a hundred where five hundred are ordered at once. Our churches should plan to use a good number of these extras as they will contain the truth needful at this time.

Four new names have been sent in for enlistment in the Kentucky army of colporteurs the past three days. If you have not enlisted you had better send in your name at once to Brother James Hickman, Nicholasville. Remember only a few days remain until the army will start to drill for actual service. Remember the call was for sixty persons to enlist. You cannot afford to stay out if God calls you to this great work. Shall we give our lives for perishing souls? What will your answer be?

Brother Howard of Irvington has just ordered a supply of books for his Christmas delivery.

Brother Houston Kindred sends in a good letter telling of experiences he has had in the colporteur field.

Active Field Work

DESPITE the efforts of the evil one our work is moving steadily onward, and the colporteurs are telling how God is going before them.

I recently had an enjoyable trip with Brother Harris, who has lately given up his business and gone to work for God. In nine and one-half hours we, by the Lord's help, took \$25 worth of orders for "Bible Footlights," one order being taken from an infidel. Brother Harris wrote, "The next day after you left I took \$31.50 worth of orders." I found some men in a tobacco barn and took orders amounting to \$12.50. I sold a book to every family represented and in another barn I only missed one man.

Brother Longacre, who has an electrical business in Louisville, has cast his lot with the colporteurs and the Lord gave us several orders last week and some good experiences.

Brother Winkler sends an encouraging report. In four hours he took \$63 in orders.

Brother Coleman Kindred has heeded the call, "Go ye." Last week we went to a house where it seemed at first we wouldn't get a hearing, but we left with three orders, cash being paid in advance for two of them.

Brother D. E. Pound with his first report said, "I intend to work for God the rest of my days." Why shouldn't we work for God? He is a paymaster that never fails to pay. Luke 18: 29, 30, says that if we work for God we will "receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting."

The farmers have not been able to ship any stock on account of the quarantine, and the tobacco market is about five cents under last year's price, but Brethren Beck and Reichenbach report excellent deliveries. If the Lord is for us, who can be against us?

JAMES HICKMAN.

Louisiana Conference

Conference Directory

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Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Quota for 1914	Amount Paid	Amount Due
337	\$3504.80	\$2255.66	\$1249.14

Sunset Calendar

Friday, January 1, sun sets 5:05

News Items

BRETHREN PARMELE and BOSWELL have spent the last few days at the office, but have now gone to attend the general meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

Brethren Caldwell and Buckner are also attending the general meeting in Nashville.

Elder O. F. Frank is spending a few days at his home in Lake Charles. He will leave soon for South Mansfield, where he expects to hold a series of meetings.

Elder McLennan spent part of the week of prayer with the company at Alexandria, and the remainder at Shreveport. He will soon be in the midst of a series of meetings at Blanchard.

The New Orleans churches (white and colored) have raised about \$200 in the Harvest Ingathering work. An interesting Harvest Ingathering program was rendered in Church No. 1 on Sunday night, December 20.

Brother W. Williams expects soon to answer a call for meetings at Ringgold.

Sister Goodwyn is finding a number of opportunities for her Bible work in Lake Charles.

Brother Boswell recently visited Hope Villa, Hammond, and Covington. At the two former places he found prospective recruits for the colporteur work, and at the last named place he found Brother James Turner courageously pushing his work of getting our publications before the people. We hope to see Brother Turner at the institute.

Colporteurs' Institute

THIS institute will be held at Welsh, La., January 28 to February 6, and promises to be a most interesting one. In addition to the local help, we expect the presence and help of Elder S. E. Wight and Brother J. W. Davis. Those in our conference who will be present to help make the occasion all it should be are our field missionary agent, Brother G. B. Boswell, Brother and Sister Paul, Dr. Parmele and the writer. In addition to the usual program in our institutes, instruction in magazine work will be given to those recommended for it.

The meetings will be held in the church building recently purchased from the Congregational people, and accommodations will be furnished in a house rented for the purpose. Just before the institute a series of meetings will be begun in the church, which will run through the institute and for some time after. This will give opportunity for all to attend public preaching services nightly.

The usual courtesies will be granted those who are recommended by the State and union conference agents for them. These courtesies are railroad fare to and from the institute, and board and room while there. None should come expecting these courtesies who have not made previous arrangements before coming, except in case of those who carry a colporteur's license.

We earnestly hope our people throughout the conference will take this matter upon their hearts and will encourage in every way possible those who should attend this gathering. I trust there will be no discouraging words spoken, but that everything possible will be done to obtain at this institute a large attendance of reliable recruits for the colporteur work. Individuals are wanted "not from the floating element of society, not from among men and women who are good for nothing else, and who have made a success of nothing, but from among those who have good address, tact, keen foresight, and ability." (Special Testimonies.) We hope all who do not measure up to this standard, and who have no genuine Christian experience, will feel free to remain where they are. R. W. PARMELE.

Mississippi Conference

Conference Directory

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Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Quota for 1914	Amount Paid	Amount Due
256	\$2662.40	\$1926.22	\$ 736.18

Sunset Calendar

Friday, January 1, sun sets 5:05

Prohibition Amendment

IT WILL be of interest to the believers in Mississippi to know that when the prohibition amendment comes before Congress on the twenty-second of this month all our representatives will vote in favor of it. Some time last summer I wrote to the Senators and Congressmen urging them to support the amendment. Every one has pledged himself to do so, and informed me by letter.

Mississippi has staunch supporters of prohibition. I quote from the letters of a few:

"I have to say that I am strongly opposed to the liquor traffic, and will be glad to do anything in my power to wipe it out."

Another says: "I am in hearty sympathy with the prohibition movement and have voted for every measure for its furtherance that has come before Congress since I have been a member of Congress."

Another: "I have always been a prohibitionist. I will give this resolution my most earnest support."

A Senator writes: "I do not agree with you concerning the wisdom of this amendment, but that is a matter immaterial and aside. This is a representative government and it is my duty to represent and not misrepresent my constituents. My constituents are overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed amendment. I shall therefore voice their will in speech and in vote. I consider it the duty of a representative to represent the will and wishes of his constituents, if he knows them, unless he thinks

that what they want violates the Constitution, and therefore violates his oath to maintain the Constitution, or else violates some great moral principle concerning which he is responsible *in foro conscientiae* with God. This proposed amendment violates neither the Constitution nor any moral obligation. I shall therefore voice your will in speech and vote."

These are encouraging letters to me. C. S. WIEST.

Tennessee River Conference

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Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Membership	Quota for 1914	Amount Paid	Amount Due
723	\$7519.20	\$4304.01	\$3215.19

Sunset Calendar

Friday, January 1, sun sets 4:48

News Notes

ELDER ELLIOTT reached Nashville on the morning of the twenty-first from a visit to Springville and Hazel. He reports the baptism of two individuals at Springville. The school at Hazel is progressing nicely, and is filled almost to its full capacity.

We received quite a number of orders for the home workers' books, to be delivered before Christmas. The workers report splendid deliveries, and the postponement of orders has not been great.

By the time this reaches the reader, the Morning Watch Calendar for 1915 and the Sabbath School Quarterlies will be ready for mailing. Orders for these supplies should be sent in now, for the supply will soon be exhausted.

Brethren Keele and Wagner write that they expect to attend the Bookmen's Convention, in order to better prepare themselves for the work of the Lord.

Winter Canvassing

"HE THAT observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." Eccl. 11:4.

Do you think I could canvass during the winter? This question has been asked me several times of late. If the inquirer should canvass at all, one word would be sufficient to answer this question. I wish to state a few facts, however, that may help to settle this in the mind of some one who desires proof. First let me say that what has been done, can be done. I have never lost a whole week's time on account of winter weather since connecting with the work several years ago. My experience and that of others has been that in bad weather you will find all the family at home, and this makes it easier to take orders. Farmers, who in summer are so busy that they will not take time to listen to you, will in winter be glad to have you come in and show them your book. This is also a good time for our brethren on the farms to canvass for our books in their respective neighborhoods. I believe that many will take advantage of this opportunity during the winter months, and thus further the cause. Do Satan and his agents stop their work during the winter? Does not the time in which we live demand that we do all we can to herald this truth? If so,

let us rise to the occasion and spend our winter months in scattering the printed page. We are only anxious to assist you in this work, so let us hear from you. I. C. POUND.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending Dec. 19, 1914

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE									
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.		
D R Allman	D&R	8	1	\$ 3 00		\$ 3 00	\$		
R W Harris	BF	43	18	43 50		43 50	90 50		
Houston Kindred	*BF	19	6	8 00		8 00	15 50		
G C Longacre	BR	6	1	3 00		3 00			
P M Winkler	D&R	42			5 25	5 25	139 00		
Hatton Ford	BR	19	14	44 00		44 00			
Edna Callender	D&R	10		6 40		6 40			
James Hickman	D&R	3					10 00		
J B Reichenbach	BR	20	9	27 00		27 00	6 00		
H Ethington	D&R	30	4	10 00	3 00	13 00			
Alonzo Ramey	D&R	20					51 00		
Mary Chapman	D&R	6	2	8 00		8 00			
H E Beck	D&R	7			8 10	8 10	6 00		
D E Pound	BR	15	4	12 00		12 00			
Ethel Ramey	CK	24	7	7 00		7 00			
Miscellaneous							152 50		
Bibles				8 80		8 80			
Totals (Agts. 15)				272	66	\$180 70	\$16 35	\$197 05	\$470 50

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE									
R H Hazelton	CG	35		\$	\$	\$	\$50 00		
Mrs Mary E Hinds	CK	12	6	9 00	1 90	10 90			
Wm J Keele	BS	34	16	12 00		12 00	71 25		
F E Wagner	D&R	31	4	11 00	14 10	25 10	72 20		
Totals (Agts. 4)				112	26	\$32 00	\$16 00	\$48 00	\$193 45

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE									
Octavia Boden		20		\$	\$ 5 70	\$ 5 70	\$		
Wm Bryson	BF	14	1	1 00	1 00	2 00			
W J Hirst	GC	6					19 00		
Totals (Agts. 3)				34	7	\$ 1 00	\$ 6 70	\$ 7 70	\$19 00

				Summary from January 1 to Date			
G'd Totals (A. 22)	418	99	\$213 70	\$39 05	\$252 75	\$682 95	
Alabama Conference			\$16780 70	\$ 798 38		\$4757 60	
Kentucky Conference			15392 11	826 60		7282 06	
Louisiana Conference			8760 86	555 03		3885 00	
Mississippi Conference			30359 50	1292 65		7349 30	
Tenn. River Conference			8714 35	550 15		4614 86	
Totals			\$80008 52	\$4022 81		\$27888 82	

Magazine Agents' Report Week Ending Dec. 19, 1914

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE			
Milton Jones		125	\$ 12 50
T A Potter		5	50
Alexander Osterman		50	5 00
Miscellaneous		1000	100 00
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
Miss B Bryson		132	13 20
Wm Bryson		11	1 10
Octavia Boden		34	3 40
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE			
Mrs R H Dewberry		100	10 00
Wm J Keele		22	2 20
Totals			1479 \$ 147 90

* Two Weeks.

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Special Notice

OWING to the fact that the Bookmen's Convention will be in progress for several days, and all our workers, both conference presidents and tract society secretaries, will be in Nashville in attendance, it has been thought advisable to drop out the next issue of the WORKER. There will be much interesting information to be given our readers in the paper following.

EDITOR.

Colporteurs' Institutes for Southern Union 1915

Kentucky	January	6-14
Mississippi	January	18-26
Louisiana, Welsh	January 28-February	6
Alabama	February	8-17
Tennessee River	February	18-27
Alabama (Colored)	March	1-9
Mississippi (Colored)	March	11-20
Louisiana, New Orleans (Colored)	March	22-31

Notice to Church Clerks and Treasurers

WITH the rapid growth of our work in the world it has been found necessary to enlarge our plans of organization, our methods of keeping our records, the handling of our finances, etc.

The reports that are gathered together by our various conference offices are of great value and are found to be very helpful in planning for the further advancement of our work.

Much might be said on this point but we wish particularly to call attention to the action of the North American Division Conference at its recent meeting in Washington, D. C., regarding the forwarding of these reports as follows:

"Whereas the publication of quarterly reports showing the state and progress of the work throughout the Division Conference is a means of greatly strengthening the hands of local, union, and Division Conference officers, and a source of encouragement and an incentive to earnest service to all our churches, therefore—

"We recommend, That the church clerk be urged to forward complete quarterly reports to the conference office not later than the eighth day of the month following the close of the quarter."

It was also recommended that church treasurers forward the remittance and report to the conference secretary not later than the first Monday after the last Sabbath in each month.

This does not appear to be a hard matter to attend to, and promptness on the part of each local officer will save delay and annoyance to the conference secretary and on through to the Division Conference officers.

In the past there has been great delay, it being found necessary to write some churches the third time for a report. Without the full report of each church our reports are incorrect and do not properly represent the work in our field. By the time this paper reaches you it will be time for these reports to be forwarded, and we sincerely trust our officers will give us their cooperation in this matter.

G. H. CURTIS,

Secretary Southern Union Conference.

Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Annual Meeting of the constituency of the Hillcrest School Farm, Incorporated, will be held in the North Nashville church school building, Twenty-third Avenue North, near Seifried St., Nashville, Tennessee, at five P. M., Thursday, Jan. 28, 1915.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of trustees and a Board of Counselors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

S. N. HASKELL, *Chairman*,

A. J. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

North Nashville Church Items

SABBATH, December 19, the annual election of church and Sabbath School officers was held. Brother A. L. Nay was named to fill the vacancy as first elder, and Brother J. P. Foree was re-elected as associate. Several changes were made in the other offices of both church and Sabbath School. The latter probably has the largest percentage of children of any school in the conference, their numbers being largely in the majority. Much painstaking work has been done for them during the year.

The annual financial report shows a total amount received on the twenty-cent-a-week fund for current year to date, December 20, of \$258.88, if "self-denial week" receipts are included, with several pledges yet to be paid, and the December Sabbath School offerings and thirteenth Sabbath collection not in.

The total receipts on all funds to date named are as follows:

Tithe	\$ 808.96
Missions	258.88
Religious Liberty	4.10
Church School	22.95—incomplete
Church Expense	88.20
Sabbath School Expense	21.82—incomplete
Total	\$1204.91

The largest sum brought in on the Harvest Ingathering collection was by an interested woman not yet connected with either church or Sabbath School. The next largest was by a little girl of the school about six years of age. A good interest among our neighbors has been created by the faithful missionary work of a few active members. H. E. SIMKIN.

"Testimonies" Complete in Three Volumes

THE nine volumes of "Testimonies for the Church" have just been printed on Oxford Bible India paper, and are bound in a set of three red limp-leather covered volumes. In this form they weigh but a little over four pounds, and bulk less than one-third of the regular edition.

Owing to the war and the attending difficulty of importing paper from England, an edition of but 700 sets is being issued. Orders for 383 sets have already been received. The price per set is \$12, postpaid. Volume one is now ready, and will be delivered upon receipt of your order from the tract society.

What Do You Carry in Your Pocket?

ONE thing that ought to be there all during the year 1915 is the five-cent, pocket-edition of the book of Matthew. Each member of the Sabbath School should have a copy, as an aid in studying the lesson daily. The senior division greatly enjoyed the pocket edition of the book of Romans, but this time the children, too, may share in the pleasure. Teachers of children may well provide this five-cent gift for their pupils, and encourage its use.