



# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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## Meeting at Welsh

ON THE twenty-eighth day of January, our canvassers' institute began in Welsh, a report of which has already appeared in the WORKER. At the same time we began a series of night meetings for those not of our faith. The interest from the beginning was good, and at times the congregation exceeded two hundred, making it necessary for some to stand during the service. After the close of the institute, Brother and Sister Paul, Misses Lura Reed, Bethel Mann, Dr. Parmele, and I remained to carry on the work. Brother Paul was gone most of the time, as he is canvassing Jeff Davis Parish for "Bible Readings."

The meeting continued until the twenty-eighth day of February, and closed with the dedication of the church building. Our brethren there had purchased a church building from the Congregational Church. It is a very good building, in the best part of town. It was without seats or other furnishings, but during these meetings opera chairs were put into the building, and new pulpit carpet, aisle carpet, splendid chapel organ, library table, and pulpit chairs were secured. Everything was fully paid for, and a little money was left in the treasury with which to improve the building and yard. It makes a very creditable monument for the truth, in a conspicuous part of the village.

Meetings were held every night and on the Sabbath, and the doctor gave four afternoon lectures to ladies. Her work

was very much appreciated, and we feel sure it helped to give tone to the cause we represented. She also gave two night lectures on temperance, which were well received. The faithful labors of the sisters associated with the effort added much to the personal work done.

On the last Sabbath of the meeting eight were added to the church. Three of these came into the organization by letter, and the remainder on profession of faith, but all had been connected with the message in a general way for many years. Two men and their wives began the observance of the Sabbath, and several others promised to obey the truth. We hope these will soon fully identify themselves with us.

On account of the continued rains, the streams were so badly swollen that a suitable place for baptism could not be found, so the baptism was postponed until early in April. Four of

those who joined the church are waiting for baptism, and I hope and fully expect that at least four of the new Sabbath-keepers will be ready by the time set. There is a good prospect that at least six more will unite with the church at the time baptism is administered. Brother and Sister Paul remained at Welsh, and while Brother Paul continues his canvassing work he will assist with the meetings on the Sabbath. Sister Paul will continue her Bible work in the village, and we believe that in this way still others may be reached. R. W. PARMELE.

## Louisiana Conference

### Conference Directory

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### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for 1915	Amount Paid	To be Raised
387	\$4,024.80	\$165.81	\$3,858.99

### Sunset Calendar

Friday, March 19, sun sets ..... 6:12

## Reports from Our Workers

### In Answer to a Call

MENARY is a sawmill town on the Iron Mountain R. R., about twenty-five miles south of Alexandria. While visiting some of our people here in Glenmora last Christmas I learned that there was a call for some meetings. I saw the president of the company and obtained his consent to hold a series of meetings in the new church the company built for the town. I explained to him my work, and with what church I was affiliated, and all seemed well for me to begin a series of meetings during the forepart of February.

On the eleventh of February I came back to begin the meetings. I found that an M. E. South pastor had come in since

my previous visit to take charge of the church. As I said above, the sawmill company built the church and it is a company's church and a company's town, but the company's president's wife is a Methodist and she seems to have a controlling voice in the church affairs, and it may be said very properly to be a Methodist Church. I think it is the most elegantly built church I have ever seen in a town of its size and kind. It has but one thing wrong with it, and that is there is no way of heating it as yet, and so you can see that it is unpleasant attending church these cold, rainy days.

From the first it was evident that the pastor looked upon me as an intruder, but because the president had consented for

me to hold a series of meetings in his church he could hardly tell me to stop. But he has done nothing to encourage me in my efforts, I assure you. I have loaned him some of our best books but he seems perfectly indifferent to them. He does not read them. He said to me in one of our visits: "Suppose the seventh day is the Sabbath, don't you think you will have a hard time to change the whole world? How are you going to change it? Don't you know you will have a hard proposition before you when you go up against the commercial world?"

I said: "But it will be a harder proposition to go up against God in the Judgment, being a commandment-breaker. I readily admit that I cannot change the observance of the first to the observance of the seventh day, for you, or anybody else, but I can change *myself* to be in harmony with God's command in this matter. Seventh-day Adventists don't expect to change the whole world but simply to live and preach the truth."

And then he said: "I'll be frank with you, if the whole Christian world would keep the seventh day, I would too."

"Glad you made the confession, Brother Harper," I said, "and I know you are not alone in that feeling. Most every other Sunday-keeper keeps Sunday for the same reason you do. They are letting the world decide for them which day they shall observe, instead of God's Word. They are catering to a religion that is popular and convenient."

And then crossing his fingers he said, "You and I are just like that. Your work is not calculated to build up but to tear down my church. We shouldn't preach in the same building. How much longer do you intend to preach in this place?"

"My message will keep me preaching here yet about three weeks."

"Well you can't preach more than one. Mr. Cady (the president) told me when you got to crossing me too much I might cut you out."

This is the way the matter stands now. The attendance has not been very good at any time. But there are some who seem to be anxious to hear the truth, and I think that if I can stay here a while longer, by the help of the Lord, I will get them established in the obedience of it.

O. F. FRANK.

### A State of Great Possibilities

I HAVE been located in Louisiana since November 20, 1914. During this time I have traveled over quite a bit of the State from north to south, and from east to west, and find it to be a State of great possibilities.

In the eastern part, near Hammond, is a large strawberry section, also vast lumber outputs, while farther south, near New Orleans, much truck farming and cane raising is done. In the southern part of the State are vast rice and sugar plantations which seem to be quite prosperous this year, since the crop was good last year and the price of these products is now high, while in the west and north there are extensive pine forests where are located large sawmills where enormous amounts of lumber are put out. In almost all sections cotton is cultivated.

Much of the land in the timber sections can be bought for from five to ten dollars an acre. This gives a splendid opportunity for families to secure homes at a reasonable price.

There are bright prospects here in Louisiana for the consecrated, God-fearing colporteur, for there are people here of almost all nationalities, and the work has only been touched, so to speak, with the tips of our fingers.

When we take into consideration the lumber industry, the rice and cane culture, the strawberry, corn and cotton growing, we see it permits the delivery of books at almost any time of the year. This helps to hold the worker up at all seasons so that he does not need to be idle any month of the year. Our faithful workers have steadily gone forward during the entire

winter the same as during the summer months for the weather scarcely ever reaches the point of freezing.

The work here is truly great but the laborers are few, so let us give our lives to God for service and pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the vineyard, for we can see from the present outlook that the time in which to labor is fast passing away. Soon our present opportunities will have passed forever. Dear people, arouse to your duty and enlist in the soul-winning campaign.

G. B. BOSWELL.

### Effort at Shreveport

SINCE my last report I have been holding some meetings in Claiborne, a suburb of Shreveport. I secured the use of a room (which will be used for a store some time in the future), free of cost, and began meetings February 7. A meeting has been held every night since this date, except on Saturday nights. The room has been well filled on Sunday nights, but during the week the attendance has been small.

Thus far two have decided to keep the Sabbath and a number of others are very much interested, and we hope will decide to obey before the meetings close, which will be next Sunday night. I held studies with one of the above mentioned before the meetings began and she has now taken a definite stand for the whole truth. She is indeed one of God's jewels. When she first began to investigate the truth she told me she could never keep the Sabbath, but now says she has realized a great blessing in Sabbath-keeping. The other day she suggested to her husband that they sell her diamond ring and use the money to better advantage. Her husband is very much interested and I feel hopeful of him. His mother and other relatives are taking Bible studies from me each week.

Another lady who has been keeping the Sabbath for a number of weeks, and who I feel sure will unite with the church next Sabbath, was visited by a Baptist minister and given a copy of Canright's book to read. When she told me of it, I suggested that she request him, upon his next visit, to give her a Bible study on the subject, and that she would invite me and some others to be present. This she did but he declined, saying that it would be useless. How true are the words of Ezekiel concerning those who have not the truth of God: "They have made others to hope that they would confirm the word," saying, "The Lord sayeth it; albeit I have not spoken."

We are planning for baptism here next week. Pray for the work in Shreveport.

W. P. McLENNAN.

### Opposition Not a Hindrance

THE work is onward in Lake Charles. Every effort made to defeat it proves a help and not a hindrance. One minister is assiduously visiting his flock to cut off my work with some of them. I met him at the home of one of my readers, and he told me he did not want me to be giving his members readings on the Sabbath and getting their minds confused. I very pleasantly told him that I intended to give them readings, only I would clear them up on the subject and not confuse them. And I more pleasantly added: "And I will not stop the readings with these ladies until they tell me to, and I will not take any walking papers from the ministers." He laughed and tried to show me how the Sabbath was changed by Christ. A peaceable dispute followed which gave my reader greater confidence in my knowledge of the truth; and when I left I asked her if I should return, and she said, "Certainly." I did return, and after giving her a reading on the law of God she said she had never been able to see that the law had been abolished.

Three years ago a minister of the same church (Christian) met Brother Frank at a certain lady's house, and reviled him in the grossest terms, so the lady tells me, but Brother Frank won the day by his mild demeanor, and the lady from that time

lost confidence in the minister and her church, but did not take a stand for the truth. When I found her she greatly rejoiced and took her stand on my first reading, which was on the Sabbath subject by request. She never fails to come to Sabbath School, bringing her five children with her.

At the end of two and one-half months of labor here, four have taken their stand. Others are interested.

I was two months in Oakdale, a sawmill town of about five thousand. Five embraced the truth as a result of the work there, one being a resident of Cravens who was visiting her mother when I presented the subject of the seal of God. On this she took her stand, and instructed herself from "Bible Footlights" on her return home.

"I have planted," says Paul, "Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. . . . For we are laborers together with God." I praise the Lord for a part in the closing work.

MISS FRANCES GOODWYN.

### Mission Work

THE work in this mission is progressing regardless of the hard-pressed condition of the colored people because of the cruel European war which has crippled the farming industries of the southern states.

There have been only a few workers in this mission, but last June Dr. W. Williams of Alexandria was put on the force. Sister Lucy Picou was added to the list of workers in January, 1915.

The workers being so few, our efforts were concentrated mostly in the city of New Orleans, but now we have one worker (Sister Lucinda Jones — our oldest Bible worker in the mission) laboring in Shreveport. She reports several new Sabbath-keepers there. Dr. Williams also has gone to labor in the northern part of the State.

We have only two organized churches as yet. One in New Orleans and one at Newellton. The New Orleans Mission Church has steadily grown in membership until it has the largest membership of any in the State. The Sabbath School in this church numbers one hundred fifteen. Our donations to foreign missions are gradually increasing.

The church at Newellton is not very large, its membership having been scattered by the two great floods on the Mississippi River in 1912 and 1913. However they are of good courage, and several who have backslidden have come back into the fold.

There are four members of our Louisiana Mission Church at Dickard, about eighteen miles northwest of Newellton.

At Natalbany, a sawmill town on the I. C. Railroad, fifty-three miles north of New Orleans, we have another company of Sabbath-keepers, members of the Louisiana Mission Church. This little company was raised up by Sister Ione Smith who is now teaching our church school in the city of New Orleans. Mrs. G. C. Wood of Natalbany (a member of the white S. D. A. church at Hammond) became interested in Sister Matilda Hall (colored) who was doing some work for her, and gave her the truth. Then Sister Wood wrote Elder R. W. Parmele to send a worker to Natalbany to labor among the colored people, and especially for Sister Matilda Hall's family and others in that vicinity. Six adult Sabbath-keepers and eleven children, composing a Sabbath School of seventeen members is the result. They are reporting regularly in tithes and Sabbath School donations. We hope to organize a church there soon.

Elder Sydney Scott, our Southern Union Mission evangelist, will be with us in the city of New Orleans during March to assist in a series of meetings for the colored people of the Crescent City. There will be a canvassers' institute held in our new church the last of March. Then Elder Scott and the writer will

go to Shreveport to conduct a series of tent meetings for the colored of that city.

In closing this article I must speak especially of our nice new opera seats presented to the new church for the colored members in New Orleans by the Southern Union Conference, for which we are very thankful.

T. B. BUCKNER.

### News Items

A TELEGRAM recently received from Lake Arthur brought the sad news of the death of Sister A. B. Cheek, and Elder Parmele was called to officiate at the funeral services. An obituary will appear later. Our heart-felt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and friends.

Brother William Bryson, who has been doing some book and magazine work in New Orleans, has returned with his aged mother to the Northwest, and is now located in the State of Washington.

We are glad to welcome Misses Lura Reed and Bethel Mann to the Crescent City, where they plan to engage in the sale of our magazines.

Sister B. W. Lowry has just closed a short but successful term of school at Terryville, near Arcadia, and expects soon to join her husband who is engaged in the canvassing work in Arcadia Parish.

The reports from the colporteurs have been encouraging, and we look forward with unusual interest to a report of the deliveries to be made during the present and coming months.

An order from G. W. Colvin for a "Bible Readings" prospectus indicates his intention soon to be in the field again with the colporteurs, and we welcome him into the ranks.

Brother E. W. Radeke of Hammond also expects soon to enter the canvassing field.

We are glad to note that some are still actively working with the Harvest Ingathering magazines, over sixteen dollars having been sent in during the month of February.

From a letter to Elder Parmele from Miss M. L. Chilton of South Mansfield we quote the following:

"Since you were last here we have been rejoicing over an experience different from any this field has furnished. We have found a most worthy, excellent colored sister here, who has been keeping the Sabbath three years. As she has studied out her discovery of the Sabbath alone — unaided — we felt it right to make investigations into her understanding of the truth. We were amazed over her record, for she is a genuine Seventh-day Adventist. Her full experience is truly wonderful, and proves to us that if one seeks the truth, as God would have us, light will come, and the Spirit will lead us into all truth. She has discovered the man of sin, as a worldly power that made the change in God's law. She knew nothing of Catholicism, but she certainly comprehends this truth, and she is abreast with the full message. She has a married daughter who also believes as the mother does, and they are strict sabbatarians."

At the Y. P. M. V. Convention recently held in Welsh, in connection with the dedication of their new church building, six members were added to the number studying for the Standard of Attainment, and several others are busy with the reading courses.

The recommendation of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department, that our young people systematically read the Bible through during the present year, is meeting with the hearty approval of all, thirty-one in our State already having enrolled as members of the course. For further particulars address Mrs. C. B. Caldwell.

EVERY duty we omit obscures some truth we should have known.— *John Ruskin.*

## Alabama Conference

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### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for 1915	Amount Paid	To be Raised
450	\$4,680.00	\$242.61	\$4,437.39

### Sunset Calendar

Friday, March 19, sun sets ..... 6:12

### News Items

THE following church treasurers sent their monthly remittance so that when the books were closed March 5, their tithe and offerings were passed on for immediate use. We are glad that this list is as complete as it is, and we trust that next month the name of every church will appear, showing that their treasurer is prompt in his work.

#### CONFERENCE CHURCHES

Marlow, Carbon Hill, Borden Springs, Long Island, Lynn Haven, Stapleton, Mobile, Sheffield, Montgomery, and Birmingham.

#### MISSION CHURCHES

Montgomery, Mobile, Sylacauga, Brewton, Huntsville, Pensacola, Oakwood, and Gadsden.

Brother J. H. Reames spent a few hours in Birmingham the evening of March 3.

At the request of the Birmingham missionary society Brethren J. H. Hale and O. R. Godsmark called upon Mr. Lawrence, the State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, in behalf of the 1915 Temperance *Instructor*. Mr. Lawrence proved to be intensely interested in the paper. He had upon his desk copies of the Temperance *Instructor* from the first year it was issued and he gladly received the 1915 copy with which we presented him. He stated that the Temperance *Instructor* is the finest publication that we have for the combating of intemperance and he promised to assist in its circulation in every way possible.

If you wish to secure the attention of the better class in your community, take them the Temperance *Instructor* and let them know that you are a constant adherent to its principles. Thousands of copies should be sold in the State of Alabama in the next few months. The temperance question is a live one in this State and Seventh-day Adventists should not keep their light hidden upon this subject. Send this office two dollars for fifty copies of the Temperance *Instructor* and their use will prove a benefit both to yourself and to those in your community.

### Have Regular Customers

THE faithful, consecrated, *Watchman* agents have no trouble in getting regular customers. There is something about its make-up, something about the manner in which the message is woven into it that attracts and interests people, so much so, that when the agent does not return again the *Watchman* office receives requests for the "next issue."

HURT not your conscience with any known sin.—S. Rutherford.

## Kentucky Conference

### Conference Directory

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### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for 1915	Amount Paid	To Be Raised
426	\$4,430.40	\$282.23	\$4,148.17

### Sunset Calendar

Friday, March 19, sun sets ..... 6:11

### News Items

ELDER SLADE, president of the Ohio Conference, spoke at the Louisville church, Sunday night, March 7.

Brother James Myers, who has been spending the winter in Florida, has returned to his home in Lexington.

Brother Hickman is assisting J. L. Vermillion with his delivery in Breathitt County at this writing.

Brother Dow sends us word that the interest still holds good at Sewellton where he and his wife are holding meetings.

Brother R. W. Harris writes that he enjoys his work more all the time. The Lord blessed him the past week with a good delivery. He is now sorry that so many years of his life have been spent working for the world. We are glad to have Brother Harris in the Lord's work even at this late day. Others should enter the canvassing field at once.

Brother W. H. White reports from Powder Mills, where he is holding meetings, that some there are ready for baptism.

Brother and Sister Crockett of the Grove Church have been quite ill, but the last reports tell of their improvement, for which we are glad.

Sister Anna Hornung writes that the Lord has been blessing in the giving of the message in Louisville. Several are awaiting baptism.

Brother M. Wheeler writes that he is of good courage and that he has received rich blessings as he has dedicated his life to God. The Lord blessed him with ninety-five dollars' worth of orders in thirty-six hours the past week.

Elder Lawrence visited with the colored church in Lexington the past week. He stopped at the conference office a few hours on his return to Louisville.

Sister Fannie Holtzclaw of Stanford sent in a remittance of tithe and offerings the past week.

Brother Otis Wallace ordered the good old *Review* the past week. This paper should be read by every Adventist in our conference.

Brother Keitts will begin a series of meetings in a hall at Winchester. He states that the colored ministers of the city are working hard to keep the people from studying the truth.

A number of persons have ordered prospectuses the past week. We are glad to see our people preparing to finish God's work in the earth.

Sister Dora Shoemaker writes from the Grove Church that the Lord is blessing those who are doing missionary work.

Elder Brown is in Louisville at this writing, on official business. He will go from there to Bowling Green.

Brother Andy Schroder writes that he has decided to put in full time selling our books after the first of April.

Elder Lindsay writes that a good number were baptized on

last Sabbath. His wife has had another attack of malarial fever.

Brother R. O. Deihl's house burned last week and they lost all they had except one trunk which was saved. We are sorry for this brother and we feel sure that any help sent them by our brethren will be appreciated. Their address is Waynesburg, Ky., R. F. D. 4.

We are sorry to learn that Sister Longacre, one of our canvassers, has become ill and it was necessary to take her to a hospital in Louisville for an operation.

Brother Winston writes that he will move near the Shelby Street church and, when settled, expects to hold a revival effort. We are glad to learn that the colored people in that part of Louisville are interested to learn the truth.

Sister Potter of the Bowling Green Church has ordered a good supply of the *Protestant Extras* to be used by the church in that place.

Mrs. W. H. White is visiting with her parents at Sadieville.

Brother Osterman, our colored minister at Bowling Green, has gone into the country to hold a series of meetings. We are hopeful that success will attend his effort.

We are sorry that our mission funds are not coming in better. Brethren, can't we do just a little more each week toward raising our twenty-cent-a-week fund? If we sacrifice, God will bless us for doing so.

Don't forget to send in your missionary reports the first of April for the past three months. Let every church see that a good report is sent and all the isolated brethren should report. Send your reports to Elder Brown, Nicholasville, Ky.

Let all the brethren who are not engaged in selling our books or preaching the message have a part in the work by praying daily that God will bless the workers who are at work.

We hope that our people who read Brother White's article last week appealing for help on their new church building will assist with their offerings as far as possible so that a building can soon be erected for Covington.

BRITAIN has sent an envoy to the papacy. January 4 dispatches from Rome stated that it was "rumored" there "that the United States is sending a special envoy to Pope Benedict to discuss with the pontiff and the secretary of state methods of terminating the war in Europe."

Also that "It is stated in Vatican circles that the United States envoy's ostensible object in coming to Rome will be to congratulate the pope on his accession; but that the real aim is to discuss the possibility of a papal proposal in favor of peace."

Now bear in mind that all of that is from Rome, and only from Rome. There was neither knowledge nor hint of any such thing from Washington.

But don't you see that it was a suggestion from the Vatican that the White House ought to do it? Also it was a reminder to the White House that no envoy had been sent from the White House "to congratulate the pope on his accession." Honor to President Wilson that he didn't do such a fool thing. —*Religious Liberty Special*.

### "Buried"

"PAPISTS place crosses upon their churches, upon their altars, and upon their garments. Everywhere is seen the insignia of the cross. Everywhere it is outwardly honored and exalted. But the teachings of Christ are buried beneath a mass of senseless traditions, false interpretations, and rigorous actions."—*The Great Controversy*," by Mrs. E. G. White, p. 568.

"MONEY is power in storage."

## Mississippi Conference

### Conference Directory

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### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for 1915	Amount Paid	To Be Raised
311	\$3,234.40	\$144.44	\$3,089.96

### Sunset Calendar

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### Jackson Church Building

A few days ago I received a letter from Elder S. N. Haskell stating that "a sister in California has promised to pay for two hundred of the plain edge "Cross and Its Shadow" which will retail at \$1.25 each, provided we sell them within three months." These books are donated to the church and conference building. I at once wrote Brother Haskell that we disposed of one thousand *Watchman* in about ten days and that we surely can sell two hundred of the "Cross and Its Shadow" in three months. Therefore send them right along and we will pledge ourselves to sell them at once.

This is a very nice donation to the church and conference building. This book is just off the press, and has not yet been sold anywhere to speak of, and therefore should sell readily. Everyone in the conference and mission will want one for himself and then at least take one extra for a friend or neighbor. If any take as many as ten, we will sell them for \$10 instead of \$12.50.

I have read this book through. It was the second book that I read this year, and I can speak for its real value. Of a truth there are few books of its size that give a clearer, or more concise, yet comprehensive elucidation of the plan of salvation. It presents the truth in a positive way, and yet not so as to be offensive to any of another profession. It will be a splendid book to lend to your neighbor. The spiritual lessons drawn from the sanctuary are invaluable.

Send the price of the book to the writer immediately and you will receive a copy at once. If you can take as many as ten, it will be all the better; for then you will get them for one dollar each.

C. S. WIEST.

### 2 Thess. 2:7

"THE apostle Paul declared, even in his day, 'The mystery of iniquity doth already work' [2 Thess. 2:7]. During the lives of the apostles the church remained comparatively pure. 'But toward the end of the second century most of the churches assumed a new form, the first simplicity disappeared; and insensibly, as the old disciples retired to their graves, their children, along with new converts, . . . came forward and new-modeled the cause' [Robinson, Robert, 'Ecclesiastical Researches,' ch. 6, par. 17. Ed. 1792, p. 51]. To secure converts, the exalted standard of the Christian faith was lowered, and as the result 'a pagan flood, flowing into the church, carried with it its customs, practises, and idols' [Gavazzi's Lectures, p. 290, Ed. 1854]."—*The Great Controversy*," pp. 384, 385.

## Of General Interest

### Word from Sister White

THIS morning I found mother sitting up in her big arm chair in the large bay window, which is flooded with sunshine. After asking about my family, she inquired about what is going on these days. I told her of a young man in whom she took great interest years ago, who, with his wife, has been aroused by the evident fulfilment of prophecy, and has renewed his allegiance to God. She said:

"It is best to be on the right side; then we shall see a decided work accomplished. We must have true religion. We want the Spirit of the One who died for us. Then our influence will be felt."

I told her that a letter from Elder J. S. Washburn brought word about a family who left Ireland fourteen years ago to get away from the Sabbath doctrine, and who had recently attended meetings in Philadelphia, and are now rejoicing in fellowship of obedience. I also told her of an experience in which a faithful worker had been severely beset by Satan, and released in answer to prayer; and her testimony, after being healed from a marked case of hysteria, had led several to give their hearts' allegiance to God. In this good news mother greatly rejoiced.

Day before yesterday, when I repeated to her some of the messages of sympathy from old friends in Mountain View, Los Angeles, and Washington, and mentioned Elder Corliss, Adelia Van Horn, Brother and Sister J. J. Wessels, and Elders Butler and Haskell, she said: "Tell my old friends that I do not forget them."

Then, speaking of the goodness of God, she said: "I have hope and faith and courage in the Lord."

The physicians continue to say that her condition is unusually favorable.

W. C. WHITE.

### Importunate Prayer Absolutely Imperative to Victorious Canvassing

I LEFT winter headquarters at the Sanitarium, Loma Linda, California, on January 26 for a canvassing trip in southern California.

I have again taken up that heaven sent torchlight of truth, "Great Controversy," the best book outside of the blessed Bible which our heavenly Father ever gave to this dark world, unless it be "The Desire of Ages." I feel a sense of satisfaction, a rest of mind and heart in taking up the sale of this book once more. I use it in connection with the medical books, "Practical Guide to Health," and "Ministry of Healing," relief edition. The spirit of prophecy states that canvassers ought to combine the medical and religious books.

Years ago by God's grace I sold over six thousand of one of the first editions of "Great Controversy." I feel, yes I know, I am standing on solid ground—on the sure and true foundation—in handling this matchless work once more. I pray that many may be won for Christ's glorious kingdom as the result of placing these pages of truth in the hands of the people. It must be so, for God's Word will not return to him void, but will accomplish his purpose.

About 1900 there appeared in the *Review and Herald* a statement from the spirit of prophecy that is startling in its import. It was to the effect that if the new edition of "Great Controversy," issued about 1888, had been taken up and sold by our workers as the Lord designed, the end would have come ere that. This is a most solemn statement. But our workers dropped out, and the books were left on the shelves, while time and effort were given to another book, apparently, though not in reality, easier to sell; for through prayer we can do marvel-

ous things. All heaven is open to our pleadings. I have seen obstacles overcome, conditions reversed, difficulties — insurmountable to the power of man — conquered through the importunate prayer of faith. God's heart is open to us through Christ. Ps. 102:17; 65:2; 66:17-20. The spirit of prophecy tells us that "Humble, fervent prayer would do more in behalf of the circulation of our books than all the expensive embellishments in the world." I believe this is sound doctrine. I have experienced its fulfilment time and again. It will help us to sell now, when so much needed, the great book, "Great Controversy." Try it, dear fellow worker. Lay hold of the arm of the Infinite. It moves in answer to our appeals in Jesus' name, for his name is a passport to the Father's heart of love. O, for more prayer and faith, to prove God's willingness to help in time of need.

I recall an incident related by Elder Geo. I. Butler at a Kansas camp-meeting some years ago, showing what fervent prayer will do. He told of a dear old German brother in Texas who was canvassing for "Daniel and the Revelation." He could not even speak the word "prospectus" correctly, but called it "prospector." He was deeply in earnest when he approached an individual, as he felt it might be the last or only chance that person would ever have to hear the message of truth. He spent much time in prayer to God for help in his work. Those who roomed with him stated that during the night he was often found beside his bed pleading with God for success. As the result of such devotion is given an instance of where he made sixty exhibitions or canvasses for "Daniel and the Revelation," took sixty-two orders, and delivered sixty-four books.

We have the same mighty God today, the same precious loving Saviour, waiting to do great things for us. What great possibilities are within our reach through the privilege of fervent prayer.

WALTER HARPER.

### Religious Vulgarity

UNDER this heading J. H. M'Ilvaine, D. D., contributes an excellent article to the *Lutheran* for November 12, 1914. While recognizing the power for good which is connected with some of the religious movements of the present day, he deprecates very greatly some of the methods which are employed by these organizations and by popular revivalists in carrying on their work. Some of these workers he feels have fallen into the mistake of thinking that—"Religion to help the man in the street, must be brought down to the level of the man in the street. If the man in the street is vulgar, religion must be vulgar; if he is irreverent, religion must be irreverent; if he is slangy, religion must be slangy; if he likes the sensational, the spectacular, the theatrical, religion must be sensational, spectacular, theatrical. If he prefers the vaudeville to the church, vaudeville methods must be introduced into the church.

"But the object of religion is to lift men up, and it can only do this from above. Religion must indeed reach down to the streets and the gutters but must keep its hold on the skies. If it loses its hold on the skies, it can never lift men from the streets and gutters. If religion itself becomes irreverent, how can it teach men reverence, which is the soul of religion? If religion loses its own soul, how can it save the souls of men? What shall it profit religion if it gain the whole world and lose its own soul?"—*Review and Herald*.

DEVELOPMENTS in Europe are watched with grave concern these days. Many wonder if our own nation will become involved. This makes it a most opportune time to tell the people about the future of the United States as foretold in prophecy. One of the ten features of the April *Signs Magazine* is the article entitled "The United States in Prophecy." There are nine other good reasons for circulating the April *Signs Magazine*.

## Tennessee River Conference

### Conference Directory

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### Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for 1915	Amount Paid	To Be Raised
699	\$7,269.60	\$350.27	\$6,919.33

### Sunset Calendar

Friday, March 19, sun sets..... 6:11

### Paducah, Ky.

I AM glad to be in the field at my post. I had about thirty books to deliver last Monday, March 1. The subscribers were largely among the working class of both white and colored.

I was reminded that we are living in the time of the end. While each one wanted his book, many could not possibly save money for them and pay their bills. However by being patient with them and showing sympathy, I delivered the larger part; but it took much of my time. Some said because of the Christian spirit they saw in me they would do all they could to get the book, if I could only give them more time.

Occasionally I feel that I should pray with individuals who are in trouble and distressed. It has in nearly every case resulted in placing a book in that home.

A man asked me who was the first missionary. I said, "Christ." He said, "John the Baptist," so I read to him 1 Cor. 10: 1-9. He took the book and paid for it. I agreed with him that John was sent of God to preach the first advent of Christ. I never argue with any, but agree if possible; otherwise I keep still.

WM. J. KEELE.

### Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending Mar. 6, 1915

#### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
D A Fisher . . . . BR	20	4	\$12 00	\$	\$ 12 00	\$	
Panza Garrigan CK	4	6	8 00		8 00		
R T Jacks . . . . BR	19	13	40 00		40 00		
Marguerite Keateck	3	3	4 00		4 00		
E L Marley . . . GC	34	9	24 00		24 00		
Ralph Meade . WC	10	10	3 75		3 75		
H G Miller . . . BR	29	5	16 00		16 00		
Mrs M Miller . . SC	8	6	4 50		4 50		
Ernest Waters . GC	5	3	1 00		11 00		
Norman Waters BF	4	4	5 00		5 00		

Totals (Agts.10) 136 68 \$118 25 \$ \$ 128 25 \$

#### KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

D R Allman . . D&R	27	7	\$21 00	\$	\$21 00	\$	
Edna Callender US	9			4 35	4 35	2 00	
R W Harris . . BR	36	16	51 00		51 00	67 00	
K T Harris . . BR	7	1	3 00		3 00	4 10	
Houston Kindred BF	4					2 00	
Mrs D C Hunt D&R	15	4	11 00	1 00	12 00	2 00	
Mary Chapman D&R	5					10 50	
D C Hunt . . . BR	19	2	6 00	75	6 75	29 00	
F W Swan . . D&R	11		7 00	2 15	9 15	4 00	
W G Michael . . IR	1	1	3 00		3 00		
H E Beck . . D&R	36	10	30 00	3 75	33 75	3 00	
Coleman Kindred BR	18	7	21 00		21 00		
P M Winkler . D&R	30	16	1 00		51 00		
JB Reichenbach BR	42					90 00	
Alonzo Ramey . BR	41	7	17 00		17 00	20 00	
Lewis Ramey . . BR	11	2	7 00		7 00	3 00	
W G Michael . . BR	35	12	38 00		38 00		
Bibles . . . . .			3 50		3 50	17 70	

Totals (Agts.17) 347 85 \$269 50 \$12 00 \$281 50 \$254 30

#### LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

HHMcGilvery PP&F	6	5	\$12 00	\$ 25	\$12 25	\$
R W Paul* . . . BR	104	47	148 00	1 25	149 25	

Totals (Agts. 2) 110 52 \$160 00 \$ 1 50 \$161 50 \$

\* Three Weeks.

#### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

C G Bishop GC&BF	28	\$	\$ 9 10	\$ 9 10	\$84 00
RH Dewberry D&R	17		3 20	3 20	39 00
Frieda Fleisher GC	18	1 2 00	1 10	3 10	
Inez Frisby . . . BF	18	2 2 00	25	2 25	
R H Hazelton . GC	40		14 00	14 00	40 00
Wm J Keele . . . BS	30	24 18 00	75	18 75	18 00
L F Lambert . D&R	9	3 10 00	50	10 50	
EP Mayberry H&H	24	1 5 00		5 00	
J H Parrott . . D&R	6	2	75	75	6 00
F E Wagner . . D&R	35	7 19 00	2 00	21 00	38 00

Totals (Agts.10) 225 40 \$56 00 \$53 95 \$109 95 \$225 00

G'd Totals (A.39) 818 245 \$613 75 \$67 45 \$581 20 \$479 30

#### Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference . .	\$ 367 25	\$ 15 05	\$ 58 75
Kentucky Conference . .	2913 25	136 15	1594 81
Louisiana Conference . .	1338 70	9 20	39 00
Mississippi Conference .	709 25	35 05	227 15
Tenn. River Conference .	866 60	190 30	537 20

Totals . . . . . \$6195 05 \$ 385 75 \$2456 91

### Magazine Agents' Report Week Ending Mar. 6, 1915

#### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Agent	No.	Value
Alabama Conference . . . . .	1*	\$ 10

#### KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Milton Jones . . . . .	250	25 00
H E Beck . . . . .	10	1 00

#### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

C G Bishop . . . . .	12	1 20
Wm J Keele . . . . .	3	30
Mrs Alice Parrott . . . . .	108	10 80
F E Wagner . . . . .	24	2 40

Totals . . . . . 408 \$ 40 80



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2273	\$23,639.20	\$1,185.36	\$22,453.84

### Colporteur's Institute for Southern Union 1915

Louisiana, New Orleans (Colored)..... March 22-31

### Camp-meeting Dates for the Southern Union

Tennessee River .....	July 23-August 1
Kentucky .....	August 13-22
Alabama, Birmingham .....	August 20-29
Mississippi, Laurel .....	August 27-September 5
Educational Council, Graysville .....	August 6-14

### Do You Dread Review Day?

You need not dread quarterly review of the Sabbath School lessons if you have the March number of the *Sabbath School Worker*. Two excellent plans of review are given for the senior and junior divisions. A Memory Verse exercise is suggested which will be very impressive and very easily managed in reviewing the children. A poem has been arranged with each stanza asking a question in verse, which is to be answered by the class by repeating the Memory Verse. The following is the first stanza of the poem and the Memory Verse for the answer:

When the angel appeared unto Joseph,  
As he dreamed of his promised Son,  
By what name was he bidden to call him?  
What great work would by him be done?

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

In this way all the Memory Verses of the quarter are used, and the exercise would be a most interesting one in every school. The very small children can be reviewed by the use of the Picture Roll. If you are perplexed to know how to conduct effective reviews, subscribe for the *Worker*. It is full of suggestions which are practical and helpful.

WANTED AT ONCE! A young man who is quick, clean, of good deportment, and a Christian, to work in the Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory. Address, Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory, Madison, Tenn.

FOR SALE, a Krell piano, as good as new, with a dark mahogany case. Cost when new, \$450. Will be delivered on board train at Nicholasville, Ky. for \$165. Any one interested should address Mr. James Hickman, Nicholasville, Ky.

## Our Training Schools

### Hazel Academy Items

THE school has recently been favored by visits from several of our workers. Among these may be mentioned Elder W. R. Elliott of the Tennessee River Conference, Elder Wight of the Southern Union, and Elder Wiest of the Mississippi Conference. We appreciated the visits of these brethren, especially that of Elder Wiest, this being his first visit to the school. His chapel talk was both very interesting and instructive.

Literature is being distributed each week, and visits made to most of the families in the neighborhood. Nearly all willingly receive the reading matter and some seem deeply interested. Several copies of "World's Crisis" have been sold in the village, and it is planned to canvass Murray also, soon.

There was a large attendance at the musical and temperance program given recently in the school chapel. Quite a number were unable to get seats or even to get into the room. Many expressions of appreciation were heard.

A canvassers' institute will be held at the school beginning about April 8, for the benefit of the students who expect to enter the canvassing field during the summer.

The attendance of the school this year has been good considering the financial strain most of our people have been under this winter. It has meant a sacrifice to many of them but we believe that all feel that it pays.

Already inquiries are beginning to come in regarding school for next term. It is now time to begin to plan to come. One of the best ways is by selling our literature. The Lord's work must soon be finished, and those who delay now cannot hope to have a part.

### Plans for the Coming Year

AT A recent meeting of the Hazel school board, plans were laid whereby the most successful school work may be done during the coming year.

In accordance with the plans of the Educational Department of the General Conference, any necessary changes will be made in the course of study so that the work done at Hazel will be parallel to that of the same grades in all our denominational schools. Thus students finishing the work offered at Hazel will find no difficulty in entering the next grade in the Southern Training School or in any of our higher denominational schools.

The copy for the 1915-16 calendar is now being prepared and will be placed in the printers' hands at an early date. If there are young people in your home who ought to be in an academy next year, please send your name and address, and a calendar will be mailed to you as soon as they come from the press.

Perhaps you know of some who are not in your own home, but who ought to be in our conference school. The management would be glad to receive the names and addresses of any such young people, and a strong effort will be put forth to encourage them to enter school next fall.

Just now, when every sign points to the soon coming of our Saviour in the clouds of heaven, is the time to work for our own young people. There is no time to lose. Let us do our utmost to influence every young person in our conference, who has not yet completed the tenth grade, to enter Hazel school at its opening next fall, and let us begin now to work toward this end.

In writing for calendars, address Hazel Academy, Hazel, Ky.

*The Watchman* helps to break down prejudice. It just has a winning way about it that commands respect and interest. "There's a reason."