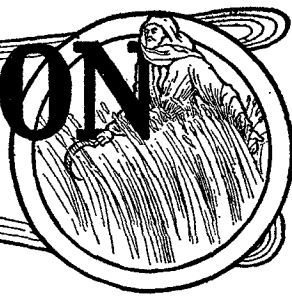


SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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Mississippi Conference

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Mar. 31	Amount Paid	To Be Raised
311	\$808.60	\$179.95	\$628.65

Sunset Calendar

Friday, March 26, sun sets 6:17

Redoubled Effort Necessary

MISSISSIPPI is passing through a severe financial crisis. Business men compare these days with the time of the Civil War. The future looks dark to many who, eight months ago, were prosperous. Those having a little money are afraid to place it in circulation for fear of losing what they have. It is almost impossible to hire money on fifty per cent security; and on account of the many bank failures, the banks have become very conservative.

This condition is certainly affecting our work in every line. However it is no occasion nor any excuse for us to welcome defeat and idleness. I appeal to every believer in Mississippi to arouse and manfully brave the situation. It is a time to prove our ability and courage. “If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.” Prov. 24:10.

STUDY METHODS TO SAVE

It is evident that the work will be more difficult this year than during any previous year. What effect will it have upon the believers? Shall we do as the children of Israel in the wilderness who “limited the Holy One of Israel”?—God forbid. The cause of God cannot stop. Let us study methods by which we can save to help the cause. Establish a missionary box in which you put every buffalo nickel, or some other coin having

a certain date which comes into your hand. You will be surprised how easily you can raise offerings. Most of us eat too much, and thus our bill of fare is too expensive. Some of us can save here. These conditions give evidence that Seventh-day Adventists have a definite mission in the earth. *Our extremity is God's opportunity.*

MISSIONARY EFFORT

“God expects personal service from every one to whom he intrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time.” “My heart is often burdened because so many who might work are doing nothing. They are the sport of Satan's temptations. Every church-member who has a knowledge of the truth is expected to work while the day lasts.” “Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done.”

These are quotations from Volume IX, and among many others, they appeal to every believer for more earnest service in soul-saving effort. Let us be faithful in three things: First, in paying a faithful tithe; second, in giving liberal offerings; and third, in spreading the message by distributing truth-filled literature and improving every opportunity to speak a word for him in season. When we are faithful, we can come to God with confidence and claim his promise. C. S. WIEST.

“BEING busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment, and to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence, and honest purpose, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing.”

NEVER try to save out of God's cause; such money will canker the rest. Giving to God is no loss; it is putting your substance in the best bank. Giving is true having, as the old gravestone said of the dead man: “What I spent I had, what I saved I lost, what I gave I have.”—C. H. Spurgeon.

Reports from Our Workers

Meridian

AFTER the camp-meeting last year Brother Balsbaugh and the writer began a tent meeting in this city. Meridian is the largest city in the State. We had a good interest from the first, with a large attendance. The people seemed eager to hear and we felt sure the Lord had called us here. We kept the tent up until the last of November and found sixteen who promised to obey God and keep his commandments. We have not as many now, as some have moved away and others have gone back.

I have found it very difficult to get the people out to our Sabbath service as we meet in a hall on the third floor without an elevator. This is very inconvenient but the work is prospering and some backsliders have been reclaimed and our dear people encouraged to press on.

We need a Bible worker very much before we can do much aggressive work in this place.

We have had interesting meetings at Quitman, Shuqualak, Brookville, and Amory. At Shuqualak our meetings were in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches and I spoke to a full house at both places.

God is surely blessing us for which we are thankful, and as the time is approaching to begin our summer's campaign we ask for the prayers of God's people.

R. E. BURKE.

Whole-Hearted Workers Needed

IN THE morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either that which is sown in the morning or that which is sown in the evening or whether they both alike will bring forth a bountiful harvest. We are not to concern ourselves about which is going to bring forth the harvest, but to the sowing of the seed.

"No one is to be an idler in the Lord's vineyard. It is no time now for the watchman to become sleepy. There is no place in the work of God for half-hearted workers. Peculiar and rapid changes will soon take place. It is no time to slacken our efforts. We are years behind. Not one-hundredth part has been done, or is being done, that God requires of us. The angels are constantly seeking to bring every child of God to work in the Lord's vineyard. Every successful effort on their part to dispel darkness is borne upward and presented before all the heavenly intelligences enlisting the sympathy of all the heavenly beings."—*An Appeal*, Mrs. E. G. White.

Last year the prospects for a bountiful harvest were the most flattering of any time in all the history of the work in Mississippi. The sound of a going was heard throughout the length and breadth of this great State. In the midst of our seed sowing the enemy sought to inflict a mortal wound. However the experience of the past fall shows that there is One still ruling in the affairs of men who has never lost a battle nor suffered defeat.

In our greatest prosperity we are liable to depend upon what the human instrument can do, and not upon the divine. While the enemy afflicted us sorely, yet the Lord is able to give us success and victory in the face of seeming defeat.

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones."—*Vol. IX, p. 11*. Who knows but ere this year passes we will be passing through similar experiences to what the people of Europe are now passing through?

In view of that which is transpiring before our eyes shall we not double our ranks and present a solid, united front to the

situation and make 1915 the best year in our experience? I believe it is possible.

One worker who has taken seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, and twenty-three orders a week, respectively, for a three-dollar book says, "Last year I depended upon what I could do, but this year I am telling the people what God is able to do." Others write telling what God is, in a marvelous manner, doing for them.

If we are not active in the service of Christ we are ranking with those who are in positive hostility to him.

Listen to the voice of Jesus as it comes sounding down the line to our time, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" Go work in my vineyard, while it is day "for the night cometh when no man can work."

Our motto and purpose, "Every colporteur at work to do his best and make 1915 our banner year."

VIRGIL SMITH.

Strengthening the Work at Hattiesburg

SINCE the first of the year my time has been employed in an effort to strengthen the work at Hattiesburg and Collins. Six miles west of Collins a family of four adults have begun the observance of the Sabbath. They have already learned to love the *Review* and eagerly look forward to its weekly visits.

As a result of meetings held in a hall in Collins two have commenced the observance of the true Sabbath. There are three at Speed, eight miles southeast of Collins, who have been keeping the Sabbath for two years. These hope to meet quite often, on the Sabbath, with the believers in Collins. The brethren seem pleased with this prospect.

In Hattiesburg there has been some interest manifested and we have been holding Bible readings with these in addition to the Sabbath meetings. Of the eighteen or twenty subscriptions to the weekly *Signs* sent in from Hattiesburg, we hear many words of praise and appreciation from the readers. One subscriber, a well-to-do lady, remarked a few days ago, "Every member of my family is anxious to read the *Signs*. When it comes from the office it is a scramble to see who will have the privilege of reading it first. My husband says, 'The *Signs* is the best paper we take.'"

In our efforts we have not overlooked *The Watchman*, the contents of which we believe to be most timely. We are distributing one thousand of the Free Press Extra of *The Protestant*.

JAMES A. MORROW.

Visiting the Mission Churches

HAVING spent a few days in Jackson, visiting the believers and finding them all of good courage, I left for Meridian, where I found Brother R. H. Watkins busily engaged in sounding the message of warning. I spent several days with him, and was sorry when the time came for me to leave, as quite an interest had been created.

On my way to Hattiesburg, I stopped at Ellisville. Here I met the believers in connection with the mission school and had the privilege of speaking to both. I left Ellisville the same evening, arriving at Hattiesburg where I met many glad souls. Here I held a series of meetings which resulted in two persons standing on the side of truth. The time for my departure arrived, but before leaving, we organized a church, and set them to work. Brother Charley Holloway is in charge of the work at this place, being the church elder, and he seems to be wholly absorbed in the good work.

My next stop was at Brookhaven. We also had a series of meetings here which were attended with success. On Sunday, March 7, four followed their Lord in baptism, and on the fol-

lowing Sabbath, four others were baptized, all of whom are now rejoicing in the truth. While I was in Brookhaven, Brother J. L. Turner who was acting in the capacity of church elder died of pneumonia. Brother Turner was an active and faithful worker, and the church sustains a great loss by his death.

I visited Soso also. There I found Sister Gracie Knight quite busy with her work among the people. Sister Knight seems to be a very earnest and zealous worker. If some one could visit these people once or twice a month, a good work could be accomplished among them. The harvest truly is ripe, but the laborers are few.

N. B. KING.

Progress of Mission Work in Greenville

WE CAME to Greenville in May, 1914. After some difficulty in getting a suitable location for our tent, we began preaching to an audience of thirty-five. Our congregation fluctuated thereafter, never rising above seventy-five. We continued in that spot about two months, at the end of which fifteen souls decided to walk with their Lord in obedience to the truth for this time.

Then we moved to another part of the city where we continued until the weather rendered it unfavorable for our work. At this second location seven other persons yielded to the persuasion of the good Spirit. Several others have been won by house to house work, and many more are under conviction but have not reached a decision.

Among the number who have been won to the truth are some of the better class, and these individuals use their influence to draw others to the meetings. Nearly all these own their homes.

The first of November the company was organized into a missionary society. Since that time they have systematically distributed over twelve hundred truth-filled periodicals, besides a number of tracts. They have paid in tithes and offerings a total of \$172.40 and the Harvest Ingathering amounted to \$24.36.

There is at present a colporteurs' institute in progress here, and already three of the company have decided to enter the work as colporteurs. It is hoped that others will follow before the close of the drill. The institute is under the direction of Brother Davis, who is giving valuable instruction. Elder Wiest was with us Friday night and Sabbath, the twelfth and thirteenth, and delivered two timely and inspiring sermons, to a large audience. We are expecting him again Monday, the fifteenth.

We ask that the company in Greenville be especially remembered in prayer that we may stand through the oncoming crisis, and with you triumph with this blessed message.

D. V. BARNES.

Among the Mission Churches

AFTER the close of our camp-meeting at Jackson on Sept. 6, 1914, it was decided that I should make Vicksburg my home and principal field of labor. I arrived here the middle of October, and held our first meeting on Sabbath, October 17. After a careful examination I found that the spiritual pulse of the church was way below normal and that its tide of activity was at a very low ebb. They were holding no prayer-meeting. Only one service, the Sabbath School, was held. We went to work to bring about a more active and healthy condition in the church.

A few weeks brought us to the Week of Prayer. I undertook to divide my time during that week between Vicksburg and Natchez, but owing to the inclement weather I was able to hold but one meeting with the Natchez Church. The weather was more favorable the following week, however, and I succeeded in getting nearly all the members together, and we read nearly all the articles that had been prepared for the Week of Prayer,

All seemed to be edified as a result of the readings. The Lord's supper was celebrated and new officers were elected. One new Sabbath-keeper was received into the church.

While at Natchez I made a short visit to Doloroso to see Brother James Stewart and family, who are members of the church at Natchez. They live twenty miles in the country. On account of bad weather and for lack of time, I was unable to accomplish as much as I had hoped. However, since returning home, I received a letter stating that a niece of Brother Stewart is keeping the Sabbath. I believe that there are others there who would obey the Word if some one would go down there and labor with them a while.

After leaving Natchez I returned to Vicksburg. Here some very timely instruction was given us by Elder S. N. Haskell and wife, assisted by Elder Wiest. New officers were elected in the church here. The writer was chosen as elder of the church and superintendent of the Sabbath School. A missionary society was organized also, and the church divided into working bands. In this way we hope to inject new life into the church. The society meets every Sunday afternoon, renders a short program and receives reports. The meeting held on Sunday, March 7, was the most encouraging one that we have held since we organized for service. Five sisters who had been waiting for some time to be united fully with the church have been baptized. While the enemy is working in a very subtle way from within to impede the progress of the work which the Lord has assigned to his church here, yet I see signs of a better day ahead for the church if they will but obey the voice of his Word. I ask an interest in the prayers of the believers of the Southern Union Conference that the Vicksburg Church may be entirely reconverted and be prepared to receive the latter rain, and help finish the work.

A. C. CHATMAN.

Meridian

I AM glad that God saw fit to choose me, though a poor unworthy servant, to have a part in this closing message, although at times the way looks cloudy. But on the other side of the cloud is a silver lining.

God is blessing the work here in this part of the vineyard. Souls are being awakened with the Word of God. Bible readings are held night after night with good attendance. Dear brethren and sisters, pray that God will give us souls for our labor.

The work here among the believers is moving on nicely. We have purchased a lot on which to erect a church building to enable us to do more efficient work in adding souls to the fold of God. I have succeeded in getting the church to work with *The Watchman*, to help on the church fund.

The work here has been crippled on account of not having a suitable place in which to worship. A Methodist whose wife is an Adventist has been very kind in letting us meet in his home. He also gave the first five dollars on the lot. If there are any who would like to help this needy cause we will appreciate it much. We ask the prayers of all that God will continue to pour out his blessing.

R. H. WATKINS.

Signs of the Times Magazine for April

THE principal articles are: The United States in Prophecy — Dream of a New World Empire — The Eastern War Storm — The Downfall of Civilization — The Coming Church — Established Empire — Healing the Deadly Wound — The Final End of Sin. A splendid cover in three colors and excellent illustrations help to make this April issue fully as strong and attractive as any of the recent numbers.

"FOR he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

Kentucky Conference

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Mar. 31	Amount Paid	To Be Raised
426	\$1,107.60	\$476.07	\$631.53

Sunset Calendar

Friday, March 26, sun sets 6:18

News Items

GOOD reports are coming in from all parts of the State from those who observed the day of fasting and prayer for the advancement of God's work in the earth.

Brother W. H. White reports that God is blessing in the work at Powder Mills and he plans to have a company ready for baptism soon.

Brother Jacob White spent Sabbath, March 13, with the brethren at Nicholasville. He has now employed a man to look after his farm and will devote full time to the selling of the printed page.

Brother James Hickman is visiting the Grove Church. He expects to take some of the brethren out into the canvassing field.

Brother W. P. Ethington was a caller at the conference office the past week. He was on his way to Breathitt County to deliver.

Elder Lindsay baptized sixteen persons recently at Louisville. We are glad for this report.

Brother Bowles, who has given up his farm to sell the printed page, has been blessed with success during the two weeks he has worked.

Brother Bainer has sent out several shipments of books the past week and many calls have been filled for the book "World's Crisis."

Elder Brown is visiting with the churches at this writing. He expects to spend Sabbath, the twentieth, with the Bowling Green Church.

Brother Winkler sends a good cheering letter and says that the Lord blessed him with thirty-four dollars' worth of orders one day. The Lord does go before our workers.

Word received from several persons outside our conference shows that our colporteurs are being watched, and others are anxious to have territory assigned them.

Brother Irving Tait writes that he hopes to enter the colporteur work soon and help finish the Lord's work in the earth.

Sister Reichenbach was called to Ohio the past week to attend the funeral of her foster mother.

Brother Jesse Miller was a caller at the office the past week. He is looking much better and hopes to be out soon selling the printed page.

Brother C. L. Hornung has sent in some yearly subscriptions to the weekly *Signs*. We are always glad to receive such orders.

Brother O. G. Carnes sent in a remittance to the office the past week.

Sister Mary Aldridge has made a small delivery of helps and has sent in a remittance for her account.

Brother Richard Green of Nebo, Kentucky, has ordered some literature with which to do missionary work.

Sister Leet of Campbellsville ordered a supply of papers the past week.

Brother A. Ramey has made a delivery the past week. He is of good courage.

Sister Mary Coble has ordered some papers and also a supply of the little book "World's Crisis."

A good Sabbath tract is entitled "From Eden to Eden." All orders for tracts can now be filled at the conference office, as a good supply is kept on hand.

Louisiana Conference

Conference Directory

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Mar. 31	Amount Paid	To be Raised
387	\$1,006.20	\$258.51	\$747.69

Sunset Calendar

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Religious Liberty Offering

IN HARMONY with a vote recently taken by the North American Division Conference, the general religious liberty work will be supported from the general funds, and the union and local conference religious liberty work will be supported in the manner arranged by these conferences respectively.

A letter recently received from the North American Division Religious Liberty secretary suggests that the collection taken on the last Sabbath in February in the church service be devoted to this purpose in the local conference. As we are too late with the suggestion in Louisiana, we have thought best to suggest to our churches that the collection taken on the last Sabbath in March should be so devoted. The money thus donated will all be used to advance this work in our own home conference. We wish to send the *Liberty* magazine to all the leading lawmakers and interpreters of our State, and we hope for a liberal offering.

R. W. PARMELE.

News Items

By the time this issue of the *WORKER* reaches its readers, the institute for the colored colporteurs will be in progress in New Orleans, and we look for some earnest workers for the Master soon to enter the field.

Following a trial order for *The Watchman*, Brother R. C. Smith of Haynesville writes as follows: "I handed the others to my boy and told him to see if he could sell them. He did so in ten minutes, so he is anxious for a few more."

We are glad indeed to welcome another worker into the field. Brother Solomon Broussard's first two days' work appears in the colporteurs' report this week, and we trust the encouraging word sent in is only a beginning of the good experiences the Lord has in store for him in this glorious closing work.

Since the close of the Arcadia church school, Sister B. W. Lowry has joined her husband in the southern part of the State, and they are now at Evangeline, where he is spending his time in the canvassing work.

The series of meetings being held in the New Orleans church No. 2 by Elders Scott and Buckner is being well attended, and honest souls are being gathered into the fold. Sunday night Elder Parmele spoke to a full church on "The End of the World in This Generation." The stereopticon served to make the subject more interesting and impressive.

Having finished the territory about Crowley, Arcadia Parish, Brethren Eaton and McGilvery are now making headquarters at Ridge, on the border of the rice belt but where the people raised mostly cotton and corn last year. But Brother Eaton writes, "We are of good courage. Somebody has to work this place if they ever get the truth, and it might just as well be us as anybody. There are probably some honest souls here who need to hear the message, and I want to be faithful in carrying it to them." We are sure his reward is just as certain, though it may never be realized to the full extent while laboring here below.

Further Report from McNary

THE meetings in the McNary Methodist church continued until the third of March. On the second I received a letter from the president of the two sawmill companies of the town, who, it will be remembered, was the one to give his consent before the pastor for the year had arrived at his new post of duty, for me to hold a series of meetings in their church. In this letter from the president he stated that he had just received an urgent letter from the presiding elder of the district, in which he stated that it was against the rules of the Methodist Church for an Adventist minister to preach in one of their churches and therefore he was objecting and he would respectfully request him, inasmuch as he had given me the permission, to ask me to discontinue my meetings at an early date. "For the sake of harmony," said the president to me, "I am hereby regretfully asking you to close your meetings in the next two or three days." I closed on the following day.

Upon receiving this letter from Mr. Cady I immediately called to see him. But I was too late; he had been called away on the train before, on a matter of business to be gone for several days. But I was not too late to visit his wife. I learned that they were both very friendly to us and that he would have been very glad for me to have continued the meetings to their natural end. They had been out several times to hear and Mrs. Cady assured me that they would have been more often had it been possible. As opportunity opened I presented to her the distinctive features of our message, and several times during our two-hour visit she expressed her appreciation. At the close of the visit she purchased "The Great Controversy" by Sister White. I gave her some of our best tracts. And now, brethren, let us remember this prominent family in our prayers that the light thus placed in their reach may be fruitful to the salvation of their souls.

My meetings were at an end but I felt that I could not leave the interested ones who seemed to be at the point of obedience. So I planned to stay till the present and hold cottage meetings. This has been a busy eight days. Three who have never kept the Sabbath before have started to keep it, and one who has been keeping the Sabbath for a few months through the efforts of our sisters here has been confirmed in all the truth and made an application with one other to join the conference church. They will be baptized in the spring.

I have done the usual work of visiting and scattering literature filled with the truth for these times and now I leave soon for Tioga. Remember us there, dear brethren and sisters, that the Lord may have his way in our effort at "making disciples."

O. F. FRANK.

"FOR this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous."

Obituary

CHEEK.—Mrs. Maggie Milligan Cheek was born in North Carolina in 1849, and at the age of two years she removed with her parents to Clark, Oconee County, Ga., where, in later years, she met and was united in marriage to A. B. Cheek. They later removed to Boone County, Arkansas, where they resided for seventeen years, and where two years later they accepted present truth under the labors of Elder J. G. Wood. For the past thirteen years they have resided in southwestern Louisiana, and for some years past in the town of Lake Arthur. To them were born eight children, five of whom still live, residing near the home of their parents. For some time past Sister Cheek has been in poor health, and quietly passed away on the fifth of March, 1915, surrounded by her family and friends. Shortly before her death she said "I passed through all right," which we believe to mean an expression of her triumphant faith. Words of comfort were spoken at the funeral by the writer from 2 Sam. 14:14, and we laid her away in the cemetery nearby to await the coming of the Life Giver.

R. W. PARMELE.

Tennessee River Conference

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

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699	\$1,817.40	\$504.56	\$1,312.84

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From the Field

THE institute is over, and now as we look back to it, we know that the Lord was with us. Thirteen took the training and went into the field, to place the message-filled books in the homes of the people. Brethren Davis and Pound did excellent work in the training of the workers, and altogether the institute was a great help to us. There was manifest on the part of all a determination to do more faithful work than ever before, and I believe all returned to the field with the purpose to stay by it to the end. We were sorry that Elder Wight was unable to be with us at the beginning, but were very glad that we could have him with us the last few days of the institute. We greatly appreciate his help.

Good reports are coming in from the workers since their return from the field. Some have delivered as high as one hundred per cent of their orders. This only shows what can be done in these hard times when we go trusting in the Lord. If there are others who think of entering this branch of the Lord's work, they should write to I. C. Pound, at the office, and he will take pleasure in assisting them to get into the work. We will all do all we can to help them succeed. I am positive that many more of our people should be in this branch of the service. Let us wake up, brethren, and get in the work while there is time and opportunity to save some one. Soon the night will come when

no man can work. Now is the time to fill the land with books containing this message.

Perhaps the brethren over the conference would like to know of the success attending the meetings held in connection with the institute at Springville. Meetings for the public were held every night. From the first the attendance was excellent. On Sabbaths and Sundays two meetings a day were held. The interest in the meetings was so great at the close of the institute that we felt they ought to be continued a few days longer. So I decided to remain and continue the effort one more week. As the testing truths of the message were presented from night to night, the interest continued to deepen, and the house was well filled every night. Seven had united with the church before the close of the institute. On the last Sabbath of the meeting I spoke on "The Church, Its Purpose, and Work in the Earth," and again gave opportunity to unite with the church. Seven came forward. Among these were several we had not expected to do so at all, and the Spirit of the Lord came in. Hearts were touched, and nearly all said it was the best meeting they were ever in. The next day another came forward and united with us, making in all fifteen added to the church in this place. Two of these were from the Lane Church. On Sunday, the seventh of March, although it was a very cold day, we went down to the Big Sandy River, and there we buried nine dear souls with their Lord in baptism. We enjoyed the service, despite the cold. That night at the closing service, I spoke of the home of the saved, to a crowded house. The Spirit of the Lord came very near, and several asked for prayers. We had an excellent meeting. Some who did not unite with us are keeping the Sabbath, and several others are interested. I feel that there is a work to do there yet, and that several others will in the very near future cast their lot with us.

I came here to Hazel yesterday to attend to some business in connection with the school. I will leave here tomorrow, Wednesday, for Leach where I will begin a ten days' meeting. I desire the prayers of all the brethren and sisters for the Lord's blessing and help there.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

News Notes

Brother Widgery departed on Sunday, March 14, for Shelbyville, Bedford County, where he will join Brother J. A. Young, who had reached this place a few days before. In passing through Nashville, Brother Young made a very pleasant visit to the office, and reports that his courage is good.

Brother Dewberry completed a very successful delivery, losing only one order. We are certainly glad for his success.

Brother W. B. Tyus reached Nashville on the morning of the eighth, and had a good week's work last week. While Brother Tyus is lacking in the use of one of his limbs, yet he feels the call to service and is giving the message by means of the printed page. We wish that other of our brethren would respond to the call for workers and enlist in Gideon's band. We have fifty-six counties in this conference and there is plenty of good territory for additional workers.

Brother Elliott reports some good meetings at Springville and Leach. His report will appear in this issue of the WORKER. We trust that all will read this carefully.

The Southern Union Conference has just passed in a report of the mission funds for the first quarter of this year. We are very sorry to see that the Tennessee River Conference is short \$1,312.84 for this time. Let us make every effort to clear up this deficit during the remainder of this month. We would like to see this conference put on record as having paid in full their twenty cents a week for the first three months of this year.

The Sabbath School *Quarterlies* for the second quarter, also the new Memory Verse cards, have been received, and orders are now being filled. Be sure to get your order in at once so that the lessons may be learned for the first Sabbath of the quarter.

With the Men Behind the Books

A Time of Great Activity

IN HIS annual report as manager at the Review and Herald constituency meeting, Brother Palmer touched upon some important and really vital principles which apply to our colporteur work in a very special sense at this time.

The following extracts from this report will, we trust, enable some to better realize and appreciate the exceptional opportunities that are now offered for the sale of our literature:

"The past year, more than any other year in the development of this work, seems to be a beginning of the quick work which the Lord said he would do in righteousness when he makes bare his holy arm in the sight of the nations. It has been a year of sudden changes, important developments, and unparalleled opportunities, which have put to the stretch every resource at our command to supply the rapidly growing demands for literature.

"How different from our experience in 1893 and onward! We were not then prepared to meet such a time as this. Several important facts and principles are being demonstrated at this time, which should give us renewed courage and confidence as we move forward to the finishing of the work:

"1. It has been shown that our work does not depend for its success upon peace and prosperity in the world. 'One man, with God, is a majority,' was the motto of John Knox. Our colporteurs, and home missionary workers also, connected with God, are on the winning side in every battle. A 'highway' has been cast up for the ransomed of the Lord, far above the temporal commotions and troubles of this life, over which they may march to victory.

"2. Times of trouble are often more fruitful in which to work for God than times of prosperity; for when God's 'judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.' Isa. 26: 9. The sin, sorrow, pain, and calamity of this world are the indigenous soil of the gospel. The child of faith who sees and understands this will increase his diligence as troubles multiply in the earth. The Saviour said, 'When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads.' Luke 21: 28. It is no time to be discouraged and leave the work of God when the battle is raging and the world's crisis and final victory are near.

"3. These experiences of success in troublous times are demonstrating that the present organization of our publishing work, upon a gospel, educational basis, free from commercialism, is suited to the time in which we live. If these principles take deep root in our hearts and abide there, our publishing work will doubtless continue a mighty and ever-increasing factor until the work is finished and the plowman overtakes the reaper. We see many evidences that the publishing work is peculiarly adapted to such times of trouble and unrest as are upon the world; and undoubtedly we are now entering upon a time of the greatest activity and of the greatest possibilities we have experienced in this work.

"From a human standpoint the outlook is ominous. We cannot tell what a day may bring forth. The past few months have brought sudden changes in our institutional work in several countries. No one can tell how soon the United States may be involved in similar conditions. Any day we may find ourselves grappling with the realities of war and trouble. All our plans should be laid with such possibilities in view. We should stand ready also, to meet every emergency and opportunity which the world's crisis may bring to God's people; for we have no doubt but that God will use his people more mightily than ever before in the finishing of his work."

Surely we have reached a time in the history of this work when every Seventh-day Adventist should not only consecrate himself but his property and all that he may possess, to the finishing of this work. It is no time now for half-hearted effort or planning, or for working for selfish interests and gain. It will take *all* to buy the field, and the more quickly God's people realize this and give their whole-hearted service to him, the more quickly will the work be finished. It is indeed high time for the call of the hour to be answered by the coming of the man.

The Lord has said that "Men and women are wanted now who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole — men and women who will work without having their way smoothed and every obstacle removed."

As time goes on it becomes more and more evident that this is the class of men and women whom the Lord will use to finish his work. We believe the time is here when we shall see, as never before, successful farmers and others who have made a success in various lines of worldly pursuits, giving these up in order to enter our colporteur ranks.

May the Lord impress his people with the solemnity of the times and the exceptional opportunities now presented for quickly giving the message through our books and magazines. May he also help each to be ready "when the call comes, whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" to send back the answer, clear and distinct, "Here am I; send me." R. L. PIERCE.

WANTED: Clean copies of the *Youth's Instructor* and *Signs of the Times* for missionary purposes. Back numbers also acceptable. Kindly mail to H. G. Miller, Florence, Ala.

WANTED AT ONCE! A young man who is quick, clean, of good deportment, and a Christian, to work in the Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory. We would also like a middle aged woman to help in the house and factory. Address, Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory, Madison, Tenn.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending Mar. 13, 1915

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
M L Ivory	D&R	50	2	\$ 8 00	\$	\$ 8 00	\$
R T Jacks	BR	16	5	15 00		15 00	
E L Marley	GC	34	22	71 00		71 00	
Ralph Meade	BR	22	7	13 00		13 00	
H G Miller	BR	30	9	30 00		30 00	
Mrs M Miller	SC	12	7	5 25		5 25	
Ernest Waters	GC	22	3	9 00	35	9 35	
Norman Waters	BF	3	1	2 50		2 50	

Inez Frisby	BF	29	3	3 00		3 00	3 00
Berdon Hampton	D&R	35	4	11 00		11 00	60 11 06
R H Hazelton	GC	45	7	14 00		14 00	2 50 16 50 4 00
Wm J Keele	BS	31	39	29 25		29 25	29 25 3 75
L F Lambert	D&R	33	1	3 00		3 00	7 00 10 00 32 50
EP Mayberry	H&H	38	3	9 00		9 00	2 90 11 90
J H Parrott	D&R	25	3	6 00		6 00	1 50 7 50 10 75
W B Tyus	BF	27	5	6 50		6 50	2 25 8 75
J A Young	P&P	13	2	8 00		8 00	70 8 70

Totals (Agts. 8) 189 56 \$153 75 \$ 35 \$154 10 \$

Totals (Agts. 11) 343 72 \$101 75 \$19 40 \$121 15 \$51 00

G'd Totals (A. 39) 1259 306 \$836 30 \$71 20 \$907 50 \$284 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

D R Allman	D&R	29	9	\$27 00	\$	\$27 00	\$
H E Beck	D&R	36	4	12 00	1 25	13 25	
Ora B Ford	BR	18	7	21 00		21 00	
W G Michael	BR	39	6	20 00		20 00	
Coleman Kindred	BR	42	7	21 00	75	21 75	
P M Winkler	D&R	40	13	41 00	6 00	47 00	
H Ethington	D&R	71	15	45 00	1 95	46 95	
M Wheeler	D&R	80	44	144 00	3 15	147 15	3 00
R W Harris	BR	17	11	30 00		30 00	
JB Reichenbach	BR	39	13	43 00		43 00	
Mary Ramey	D&R	20	1	3 00	1 30	4 30	
Litha Ramey	D&R	17	1	1 20	0	1 90	
Luther Bowles	BR	36	13	39 00	35	39 35	
J L Vermillion	BR	40	3	9 00	9 40	18 40	105 00
Bibles				8 60		8 60	1 50

Totals (Agts. 14) 524 147 \$464 80 \$24 85 \$489 65 \$109 50

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

R W Paul	BR	39					124 00
Ezra Eaton	D&R	24	6	18 00		18 00	
HH McGilvery	PP&F	27	5	10 00		10 00	
CP Bodwell	GC&PG	65	14	\$67 00	\$19 70	\$88 70	\$
B W Lowry*	BR	38	1	3 00	6 00	9 00	
Solomon Broussard	BR	10	5	16 00	90	16 90	

Totals (Agts. 6) 203 31 \$116 00 \$26 60 \$142 60 \$124 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

RH Dewberry	D&R	39	3	\$ 7 00	\$ 1 20	\$ 8 20	\$
Frieda Fleisher	GC	28	2	5 00	75	5 75	

Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference	\$ 521 00	\$ 15 45	\$ 58 75
Kentucky Conference	3378 05	161 00	1704 31
Lotisiana Conference	1454 70	35 80	163 00
Mississippi Conference	709 25	35 05	227 15
Tenn. River Conference	968 35	209 70	588 20

Totals \$7031 35 \$ 457 00 \$2741 41

Magazine Agents' Report Week Ending Mar. 13, 1915

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Agent	No.	Value
Mrs Mabel Bollman	90	\$ 9 00
Frieda Fleisher	18	1 80
Wm J Keele	10	1 00
R W Robertson*	216	21 60
Mrs Jennie Robertson*	204	20 40

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Alabama Conference	3	30
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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Miss C Emanuel	50	5 00
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Bethel Mann	93	9 30
Lura Reed	110	11 00

Totals 794 \$ 79 40

* Two Weeks.

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Mar. 31	Amount Paid	To Be Raised
2273	\$5,909.80	\$1,661.70	\$4,248.10

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

Thirteenth-Sabbath Offering

MARCH 27 is the time for the thirteenth-Sabbath offering to missions. The money raised this Sabbath is to be given to the Malay Mission. A special effort is to be put forth this Sabbath to raise the entire amount asked for from each church on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. It is desired that all take a real interest in this offering, for so much depends upon our efforts just at this time.

The work in the earth is being delayed because of lack of money. We may cry hard times, but we are to remember the experience of the Saviour feeding the multitude on the mount as recorded in the fourteenth chapter of Matthew beginning with the fifteenth verse. The disciples desired that the multitude be sent away that they might get food, but Jesus said: "They need not depart; give ye them to eat." They did not obey because of lack of faith, but he took the small amount of food from them and blessed it, and then gave it to the disciples and they to the people. They could have taken this directly from the baskets themselves, and it would have multiplied in their hands the same as in the Saviour's. The same blessing will be bestowed upon the faithful today. From our means we are to give to this cause, and as God has prospered his people in basket and store in the past, so he will bless us now, and there will be plenty of money in the treasury to carry on the Lord's work.

We are told in the third chapter of 2 Timothy that in the last days perilous times are to come. One translation says that in the last days hard times shall come. Very likely both of these translations are correct, for we know that perilous times have come and also hard times. The Lord knew of this before, and has prepared the world so that if we have faith, he will turn the riches of the Gentiles into our treasuries, and there will be means for both our needs and his.

If we will all do our part, when Sabbath, March 27, closes, we will be surprised at what has been accomplished; and if we are successful, a shout of joy will go up from the camp.

S. E. WIGHT.

News Notes

ELDER WIGHT spent a few hours Friday, the nineteenth, in consultation with Elder B. W. Brown at Bowling Green, Ky.

After leaving the colored institute at Greenville, Miss., Brother J. W. Davis went to New Orleans, La., to attend the institute to be held at that place. He reports a good interest at the various meetings he has attended recently.

Brother G. H. Curtis, the Union Conference auditor, returned Tuesday morning from an extended trip in several of the conferences. Notwithstanding the financial depression of the past few months, good progress has been made by our conferences.

In a recent letter from Professor L. H. Wood of the Southern Training School he expresses his deep appreciation to the brethren in the Southern Union for their timely assistance to the students and the school in their great loss by fire.

A Bit of Encouragement

WE take the liberty of quoting the following from a recent letter received from E. R. Palmer, general manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and which is self-explanatory:



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"We come to you for a favor; but first we wish to congratulate you on your cover design for the April number of THE WATCHMAN. That is a fine thing and should make everybody sit up and take notice. It is well done, too. Really, I think this is the best cover you have designed for THE WATCHMAN.

"This cover design and the first article of the April number strike at one of the most vital questions before us at the present time. Doubtless there is a tremendous significance in the action of several nations, in sending special ambassadors to the Vatican. It foreshadows the influence of the Vatican in arranging

terms of peace at the close of the present war, and is the strongest indication we have seen of the practical restoration of the temporal power of the papacy.

"We have planned for some time to issue a 16-page Extra of the Protestant Magazine on this subject. It will not be issued until late in April. We would like this design for use in one color on the inside of the Extra. This Extra will not be issued until after the April number of THE WATCHMAN has been sold. Will you lend us the original drawing of this cover design for this purpose? We will take pleasure, of course, in giving THE WATCHMAN proper credit. We thank you in anticipation of your kindness in this matter."

DO NOT let your vanity and self-love make you suppose that people become your friends at first sight, or even upon a short acquaintance. Real friendship is a slow grower, and never thrives unless engrafted upon a stock of known and reciprocal merit. Remember to make a great difference between companions and friends. Merit and good breeding will make their way everywhere.— *Chesterfield.*

"WHETHER you are rich or poor, great or humble, God calls you into active service for him."