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

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Our Training Schools

Hazel Academy Items

THE school has been well favored with visitors recently. Brethren Davis and Pound were with us for several days,



Entrance to Academy Grounds

doing institute work with those who expect to sell our books and periodicals during vacation. Every one will remember their stay as a pleasant and profitable time.

On April 12, the Tennessee River Conference committee met at the school to plan for the conference work for the summer, and to consider further plans for the school. Elder Wight and Brother Davis from Nashville were also present, and Professor Clark from Graysville.

The plans laid for both conference and school work will, we feel, strengthen the work in this field.

Some of our readers are already aware that Professor Clark is to have charge of the school next year. We feel confident that, with the faculty who will be associated with him, he will do much to build up the educational work in this field. The students had opportunity to form his acquaintance, and feel that their work with him next year will be pleasant and profitable.

Professor M. J. Halvorsen, who has acted as preceptor for the past two years, is to connect with the Review and Herald office at South Bend, Ind., at the close of school.

Professor and Mrs. Atteberry will remain at the school for some time after the close of the school year.

Farming is now well begun. Brother Berdon Hampton is now at the school and will work on the farm till camp-meeting in the summer. We hope to have plenty of home-grown vegetables for every one during the camp-meeting this year.

As the camp-meeting is to be held on the school campus, it will give opportunity for a good number of our people to visit the school who have not had that privilege.

Arrangements have already been made for trains to stop at the school entrance on the first and last days of the meeting.

The school dairy of seven Jersey cows is now supplying an abundance of excellent milk and butter. Considerable butter is being marketed in addition to what is used by the school.

The school has eight head of young Jerseys also, and in a year or two more can have the finest dairy in this part of the State. Our silo has been much help in feeding them economically this year.

The silo has been treated to a fresh coat of paint, and shows to good advantage.

All students are busy this week with examinations.

Elder S. E. Wight will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sabbath, April 24.

The graduating exercises will be held Sunday night, April 25. The regular time is Tuesday, April 27, but this change was made because Elder Wiest, who is to deliver the address, could not possibly be present at that time.



Girls' Dormitory and Academy Building

There are eight in the graduating class this year, four from Tennessee, and four from Mississippi.

Examinations for the other grades will be completed on Monday, April 26.

This school year has brought perplexities, but also a marked evidence of God's guiding hand in the work. Lives have been transformed, and experiences gained that will mean much to this work as our young people connect with it. We believe almost every student feels, with the faculty, that it has been "good to be here."

With the Men Behind the Books

Conditions Improving

ACCORDING to the latest reports financial conditions throughout the South are greatly improving. This seems to be particularly true during the past two or three weeks. Upon reliable authority we learn that in some States the farmers are now experiencing no difficulty in selling their cotton at nine cents a pound, while on some days the price goes up to nine and one-half and even ten cents.

There is also a very noticeable change in the tone of the letters which are now being received from different parts of the field. They have a much different ring than they have had for several months in the past. It becomes more and more evident that our workers are adapting themselves to the situation, and are going forth in the fear of God with renewed courage and determination, and that he is blessing them according to their faith and the efforts put forth.

Mississippi

Perhaps no State in all the South has suffered more on account of the war than Mississippi, and yet during the past few weeks the work in that conference has been coming up so fast that she has regained her old position at the head of the list. In other words, she has sent in the largest reports during the past two weeks. She is demonstrating that not only orders can be secured, but that books can be delivered as well. In a recent letter Brother Smith, field agent, writes:

"I visited Brother Taylor week before last and find that he is doing quite well. He has been able so far to take in produce enough on books to be delivered later to keep himself and family. Being unable to get milk to make bread, they are using salt-water bread instead. They are not complaining, but seem happy in their work. I believe results will follow such a prayerful consecration. Such reports as \$50, \$63, \$69, \$88, and \$105 a week are not very bad, do you think?"

"Last week I was with Brethren Elmer and Chalmer Chastain. Their reports speak for themselves. Do you think that \$128 and \$130 a week looks very bad? I was afraid they were merely promises of orders, or else were orders from colored people, so went to see for myself. It was nearly ten o'clock Monday before we gave our first exhibition, as we had to drive five or six miles to the territory. We took turns in canvassing the houses. I remained with Chalmer until about 4 P. M. Wednesday, and we had taken \$113 worth of orders, and nearly every one from white people who owned their own farms. Besides, the territory was thinly settled. Brother Pierce, we are full believers in the last News Letter, and are going after old man 'Hard Times' and will oust him from the State if possible."

From their last reports, it would seem that Brother Smith is succeeding pretty well in driving the "old man" out. Let us not forget that as a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Oklahoma

Encouraging reports are being received from Oklahoma. For week ending May 1, the colporteurs in that conference expect to reach the thousand-dollar-a-week mark. The following is a paragraph from a circular letter sent out by Brother Collison to the workers in Oklahoma, which will doubtless be an en-

couragement to others — perhaps an incentive also to put in forty or more hours per week:

"The enclosed monthly report shows a nice gain in orders over the same month of last year. The weather has not been the most favorable that one could ask in some respects, and still you will notice that the ones who put in an average of about forty hours a week made a much better showing for the time put in than any one else. It is very evident that this is not because they were old hands, for the one who received the largest amount of orders is a very young man and a new hand at the business. We have no complaint to make about the time that any one put in, and believe that some are better able to get out in rough weather than others and thereby have an advantage. In fact, we are exceedingly thankful for the goodly number of godly men and women that the Lord has called to this branch of the work in Oklahoma."

A Personal Letter

The following is a copy of a personal letter addressed to the manager of our Atlanta Branch. It is both interesting and suggestive of what can be accomplished by our ministers and others in selling "The World's Crisis" at this time. In sending this to us, Brother Randall writes:

"This brother has held at least one or two series of tent meetings where he is now located, and is following up his interest and quietly sowing seed for a deeper interest in his next series of meetings in the same city."

The letter is as follows:

"Let me tell you how the Lord is blessing me in getting this wonderful little book ("The World's Crisis") into the hands of my fellow-men. I keep it with me wherever I go. When I returned recently from a visit to ——— I had to wait for the train in one place an hour and twenty minutes. I took my little book and went among the other passengers that were also waiting, and visited two business places. I sold fourteen books. A man to whom I had sold one at the store was so impressed with the contents that he came after me and introduced me to two of his friends, to whom I also sold books.

"When I got on the train those who had bought at the station were reading their books. I sold one to a friend that sat in the seat back of me, and was in the act of speaking to another when the news-agent came to investigate. He insisted on my selling him all the books I had, for he thought they must sell well, as he saw so many were reading them. I let him have six (I had seventy with me).

"As I go around visiting I keep the book with me. In my calls Monday I took orders for eighteen and sold six for cash. Tuesday I visited some of our people in another part of the city, and stopped at the ——— freight depot; the agent bought one, and then took me around and introduced me to all his men, from whom I took orders and sold for cash. When I went down in the freight room the man in charge gave me his order, and called up all his men. I got orders from all but one — seven in all. I passed by the railroad machine shop and stopped to see the master mechanic. While showing him the book and telling him that I wanted to see his men during the dinner hour, he told me to start the list with his name. One of the foremen who heard the canvass told me to put his name down for one. There are about one hundred men in this shop, so you see I have a fine field there. I took twenty-four orders that day.

"Yesterday in another section of the city where I was calling I stopped at a foundry, where I took sixteen orders and sold two for cash. I saw only a few of the men, so will make another trip and perhaps get as many more orders. This morning I had an hour to spare and spent that in the head offices of the railroad company down-town, taking orders from the general superintendent on down, ten in all. I talked too long with some of the men as they had so many questions to ask about the war, or else I could have taken more orders.

"I have now sold two hundred and seventy copies of "The World's Crisis," and have sent an order to the tract society for two hundred and twenty-five more. I do not expect to stop with them. Besides, I have sold one thousand magazines in the city as I have gone among the business men. So, do you not think I have sown this city with the message? I am planning on another tent effort here this season, and I am looking for a harvest of souls, for it is the Lord's promise that there is a seed-time and a harvest.

"This is only a few of the many good experiences I am having in the Lord's work; but lest my letter be too long I will close with best wishes, praying the Master's rich blessings upon your work in the office."

Send all orders to your tract society. R. L. PIERCE.

Alabama Conference

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for Three Months	Amount Paid	Amount Short
450	\$1,170.00	\$582.83	\$587.17

Sunset Calendar

Friday, April 30, sun sets..... 6:42

Squash or Melon?

THE question is often asked, "What has become of the sweet, juicy muskmelons we used to enjoy so much? The markets are full of melons, but they are tasteless. Why the change?" This is true, and would you like to know the reason? Planters have discovered that by planting certain kinds of squash near their melon-patch, the pollen will be carried from one to the other. The melons will then partake of the hardy nature of the squash, but the sweet taste of the muskmelon is lost. This production will ship better, but is it a melon or a squash?

The question is also asked, "What has become of the genuine full-time colporteur, whose splendid reports we used to enjoy so much? The list is full of names, but the results are so small. Why the change?" This is true, and would you like to know the reason? It is that there has been planted beside the sweet colporteur plant a tasteless, hard-shelled production called "personal business." The result is that the love and zeal departing leaves a mixture which raises the question, *What is it?*

The report for week ending April 10 shows ten names with a total of two hundred and fifty-six hours, or an average of twenty-five and one-half hours each. Only one put in the required time of forty hours for the week, and the letters received hint of farming, day working, and other "side lines." Surely the "hard-shelled" plant is spoiling the sweeter work for the Master.

O. R. GODSMARK.

News Items

SISTER ELSTROM of Summerdale writes that she took in \$4.05 on sixteen Harvest Ingathering *Reviews*, and has more which she plans to dispose of. This renewed activity in the Harvest Ingathering shows a commendable desire to bring up our twenty-cent-a-week offerings for missions.

We are glad to add the following names from Luverne, Ala. to the membership of the Conference Church: Carl Holland, Cora Holland, and Mrs. Mary J. Whately. There seems to be a good prospect of others taking the same step in the near future.

The Birmingham and Mobile missionary societies have both put forth an effort to liquidate their old tract society accounts. We are glad to say that both have succeeded, having paid in full for their supplies.

The Rochester (N. Y.) Church circulated twenty thousand of the *Review Extras*. They made a house-to-house canvass, all the members of the church donating their time, and heartily participating in this work for a number of days. The entire city was districted, each district had a leader, and they had a general leader over the entire work. The workers presented the Extras, assuring the people that they were donated to them, that is they were not sold; but when the people felt it would be a privilege to give something, they would accept any kind of donation in order to meet their expenses. They gave the people opportunity to donate amounts from one cent up, assuring them that five and ten cents would be greatly appreciated. When they had finished their work, they had collected sufficient money to pay for the papers and had a nice fund left. We cannot but wish that many of our churches would follow the example of the Rochester Church.

Writing from Selma, Brother M. L. Wilson states that he has visited Brother G. A. Stevenson in Reform, and Brother J. W. Wade in Boligee, and also called on Brother L. N. McAlpine. Leaving Selma, he planned to visit Brother Alexander Wood of McKinley, returning to Montgomery where Brother M. L. Ivory is working. Then he goes to Tuskegee and Opelika to visit Brethren S. S. Guilford and B. D. Crawford.

The Mobile Church made a splendid showing in the statistical report for quarter ending March 31, 1915, standing at the head of the list of churches in Alabama. The financial report is as follows: twenty members, \$246.90 tithes, or an average of \$12.34 a member for the quarter. Twenty-cent-a-week offering, \$79.55, making thirty and one-half cents a member each week. We are pleased to see the Mobile Church making progress, and the result of this quarter's work will be an encouragement to the brethren there to continue their efforts, and will prove an object-lesson to other churches throughout the conference. The complete statistical reports will have been mailed to all the church officers and elders by the time this paper is printed. Let each church elder make it a point to place the standing of his church on the blackboard, so that all may see the result of the efforts put forth during the past quarter. We are pleased to note signs of advancement month by month.

You can depend upon receiving by return mail all orders for *The Watchman*, the *Temperance Instructor*, Present Truth Extras 1, 2, and 3, and "The World's Crisis," for we plan to keep a good stock of them at the tract society office. Postage stamps will be accepted for orders amounting to one dollar or less.

The new workers' edition of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" is now ready and sells at the following prices, postpaid: Cloth, \$1.50; leather, \$2. This edition of "Bible Readings" contains 576 pages, weighs less than one pound, is printed on india paper, and is the very thing for those who wish all the readings contained in the large subscription edition, but do not care for the pictures. We recommend this edition especially to our workers. You will be surprised to see how handy this book is.

The Watchman and *Protestant* magazines sell readily through the news-dealers, especially those handling anti-Catholic literature. Inquire for this class of men in your locality and introduce these two magazines to them, or send us their names and addresses and we will correspond with them. But the point is, get *The Watchman* and the *Protestant* in the hands of the people.

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for Three Months	Amount Paid	Amount Short
426	\$1,107.60	\$1,081.58	\$26.02

Sunset Calendar

Friday, April 30, sun sets 6:52

Report of Home Missionary Work for Quarter Ending March 31, 1915

Letters Written	298
Letters Received	133
Missionary Visits	1086
Bible Readings or Cottage Meetings Held	833
Subscriptions Taken for Periodicals	57
Papers Sold	1203
Papers Mailed, Lent, or Given Away	2816
Books Sold	369
Books Lent or Given Away	185
Tracts Sold	181
Tracts Lent or Given Away	1579
Hours of Christian Help Work	615
Articles of Clothing Given Away	242
Number of Meals Provided	1844
Treatments Given	49
Signatures Obtained for the Temperance Pledge	16
Offerings for Home Missionary Work	\$11 48
Number of Conversions	14

B. W. BROWN, *Missionary Secretary.*

News Notes

BROTHER ALLMAN reports a good delivery the past week. He writes a letter full of courage.

Brother M. Wheeler has been sick for the past two weeks, but he is better at this writing.

Brother W. H. White sends words of cheer from Covington, and tells us that the work is onward. He expects to visit Mentor soon.

Brother James Hickman, our field agent, is taking a few days rest at the home of his parents, who live at Yamacraw.

Brethren D. C. Ray and V. Todd have begun work in Meade County. They will sell "Bible Readings."

Elder J. H. Lawrence writes that the work is on the up grade in the Chestnut Street Colored Church. They are having good attendance at their regular meetings.

Brother E. Harp sends in a good report of his work in Harrison County. He finds the people anxious to learn the truth.

Elder Brown spent Sabbath, April 17, with the church in Louisville. He reports a good attendance, and a deep interest on the part of all present.

Brother J. W. Wheeler has been on the sick list during the past week. He is improving at this writing.

Our tract society office is kept unusually busy these days

filling orders from the colporteurs. We would be glad to have more men in the field, however.

Sister Reichenbach and her daughter, Mildred, sold magazines the past week in Lexington. We are glad to have these good papers scattered among the people.

Brother S. T. Page sends in his first report, and it looks good — fifteen hours with \$22 worth of orders. Our workers, by God's help, can sell books during this drouth.

Sister Mary Coble sends an order for tracts to use in missionary work among her neighbors. She tells of one woman who has decided to keep the Sabbath.

Our home missionary report for the first quarter of this year is a good one. It appears in this issue of the WORKER.

Are you praying for the Lord to add six hundred believers to our conference this year? Let all be faithful in prayer.

Brother O. G. Carnes sends in a good remittance to the office. He is full of courage.

Sister Mary Chapman is on the sick list. We are always sorry to hear of our friends being sick. Soon Jesus will come, and the Enemy's reign of sin will end.

Brother Winston has been busy the past month getting settled in the neighborhood of the church on Shelby Street, Louisville.

Sister Hollis of the Louisville Church has gone to Louisiana, where she will visit at the home of Sister Swim, who used to be a member of our conference.

Mississippi Conference

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for Three Months	Amount Paid	Amount Short
311	\$808.60	\$417.80	\$390.80

Sunset Calendar

Friday, April 30, sun sets 6:42

News Items

ELDER BURKE has gone to Shuqualak, where he will hold a few meetings.

Brother Smith is in the field this week. At present he is with Brother Thomas at Raleigh.

One of our colporteurs taking orders for May delivery writes: "We could get so many more orders if we were taking them for fall delivery." However, she took \$97 worth of orders last week.

Remember the offering to be taken Sabbath, May 1, for the benefit of the Southern Training School.

Elder Morrow has gone to Gulfport, where he is holding a few meetings.

Mrs. Waller, one of our sisters in Jackson, met with an accident Monday that might have proved serious. While coming into town she met a team that was running away. Fearing that her horse would get scared, she got out of the buggy and

held the horse by the head. The team ran against her and knocked her off the pike, and she fell down an embankment of ten or twelve feet. Beside the jar from the fall, she received several minor injuries.

During the first sixteen days of April our faithful colporteurs have taken orders for \$2,010.85 worth of books. This shows that our literature will sell even in hard times.

Louisiana Conference

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for Three Months	Amount Paid	Amount Short
387	\$1,006.20	\$485.81	\$520.39

Sunset Calendar

Friday, April 30, sun sets..... 6:42

News Items

BROTHER and SISTER L. B. SPEAR and their two children have returned to Louisiana, and for the present will make their home near Lake, Ascension Parish. They will be able to attend service at the Hope Villa Church. We welcome these dear people to our conference once more, and feel assured they will be a great help in forwarding the cause of present truth in the locality they have chosen as their home.

A letter just received from Brother B. F. Webb states that he and his family expect to return to Louisiana in September, and again take up their residence in our State. They will doubtless locate near the Hope Villa Church.

Elder McLennan has returned to Shreveport, and will shortly begin a series of meetings in Mansfield. He will be assisted by Brother and Sister Paul.

For the benefit of her health, Sister Frances Goodwyn, who has labored for many years as a Bible worker in Louisiana, desired a transfer to a Northern field. It has been arranged for her to take up work in the West Michigan Conference, and she has been assigned to service in Battle Creek. She will leave about the third of May for her new field, and we are sure the prayers and best wishes of a host of friends and children in the truth will follow her. In a letter just received from her, she tells of one more who has taken a stand for the truth as a result of her Bible work in Lake Charles. We regret to lose this faithful worker from our ranks, and also regret that the important work she was doing in Lake Charles must be interrupted; but we trust that the move will result in her renewed vigor for the Lord's work, and many souls saved in the important place to which she goes.

The Bible Year Course is meeting with the hearty approval of the young people of our State. Thirty have already signed the enrolment cards, and others have requested cards who have not yet returned the same.

The fourth Present Truth Series Extra of the *Review and Herald*, on "The Second Coming of Christ," is proving a valuable aid to our home missionaries in the presentation of the subject to their friends and neighbors. These Extras are excellent

to use in the "follow-up" method now considered so valuable in doing missionary work. Send to the tract society for a trial order, and note the interest these papers awaken in the Word of God and the meaning of the things now transpiring. Price, fifteen for ten cents, twenty-five for fifteen cents, fifty for thirty cents, or one thousand for \$4, sent postpaid.

The time for the spring examination in the studies for the Standard of Attainment has just passed, and now is an excellent time to prepare for the fall examination. It is hoped that all the twenty-four members now pursuing this study will be ready to receive certificates at that time, also any others who may wish to take up the study.

The following encouraging word is given by one of our magazine workers in New Orleans:

"During the past week we met with some very encouraging experiences. We sold magazines in the parks and resorts during the first part of the week. On Thursday we thought we would try to sell some copies of 'The World's Crisis' on the ships. The tract society had forty-two copies on hand. We each took ten. In two hours we came back for the remainder. After five hours we had disposed of the forty-two copies. The Lord surely blessed us. The sailors were glad to get matter to read on their way home to Europe. Others asked us to come back again on their pay-day. They are anxious for the books. Pray for us that the seeds we scatter may spring up and bear fruit for the harvest."

A letter just received from Brother James Turner, who is in the canvassing field, reads as follows:

"I enjoyed many good experiences this week, for which I praise the Lord. I worked in a neighborhood this week where I sold 'Past, Present, and Future' last year. The people seemed glad to see me again. Yesterday four of my orders were from persons to whom I had delivered 'Past, Present, and Future.' They liked the little book so well they readily gave me their order for 'Bible Readings for the Home Circle.' Judging from their conversations, I feel that they are getting hold of some new thoughts and truths concerning the Bible teachings upon various subjects.

"Monday I worked all day on one plantation, securing eight orders, including the manager's order for a four-dollar book. I also enjoyed a good dinner with him and his wife. I find it the best plan to go first to the owner or the superintendent of the farm and get his order, if possible, and then ask about his negroes. He will usually pick out those he thinks you can sell to and direct you to them; but of course after I get out on the farm it is my business to canvass them all.

"Another plan that I find works well among the colored people is to get their preacher's order first, and ask him to speak to his members about the book.

"Providence and grace, means and ends, are closely connected.' We do not put into our work all the tact and perseverance it deserves. 'When his laborers do their very best, God does for them that which they cannot do for themselves. . . . There must be activity united with firm trust in God.' — *Manual for Canvassers*, p. 50. What a wonderful impetus would be given the colporteur work if we would all follow closely the instruction the Lord has given us! Let us pray the Lord that he will enable us to do this."

Sister Moore of Bryceland writes: "I have held several Bible readings, sometimes nearly every one in the neighborhood attending. Some days ago I received a letter saying, 'Please send us some *Signs of the Times*, your late issue, concerning the war in Europe.' I am having more calls for the *Signs* than I can fill, and am more determined each day to do all I can in the work."

Write us what your experiences are in missionary work.

"ZEAL is best when tempered with wisdom."

A Thrilling Experience

IN DUE time Elder McLennan and Sister Paul will doubtless furnish the readers of the WORKER with a full report of their work in Welsh, since the close of our series of meetings there, but a letter from Sister Paul gives the account of such a thrilling experience that we cannot refrain from giving the following quotation from her letter:

"Brother McLennan no doubt has told you of the complete surrender of Sister ———. She had been baptized in her former church, but being dissatisfied with it, requested another. Yesterday the time was set for this afternoon at three o'clock.

"Fearing her husband's threats, she did not tell him until two hours before the appointed time — at the noon hour. Upon hearing it, he flew into a frenzy, stating that such should not be the case. Each minute his anger grew more intense until he resembled not an insane person, but a demoniac.

"Mounting his horse he went to the church, there finding Elder McLennan busy preparing the baptistry, and demanded that he stop at once or trouble would follow. Mr. ——— is a man of his word and his threats were all they implied. Brother McLennan told him in a Christian way that he could not say at once what he would do. This enraged him the more, and at once mounting his horse, he returned home. Taking his gun, he loaded it with bullets, and was off again on horseback, gun on his shoulder, with the determination to kill Elder McLennan should he dare to go against his word.

"But his poor wife, when she saw his actual intentions, . . . told him that she was ready to die for her faith, and begged that he do no harm to Elder McLennan on account of his family, but to kill her instead.

"I was on the way to her home, not knowing the threats, with Sister D's buggy in which to take Sister ——— to the church for baptism, but providentially I missed him about two minutes. On reaching the home, I found Sister ——— weeping, but still making preparations to go forward, Brother McLennan willing. She wanted to know my mind in the matter. I could not discourage her. . . .

"Soon we were on our way. As we came within about two blocks of the church, I saw him coming toward us, and as I came nearer I saw the expression on his face — perspiration in beads stood upon his face, his eyes were bloodshot and his body almost in a tremble. As we came up he stopped, leaned against a telephone pole, and put his hand in his pocket. I expected him to reveal a concealed weapon.

"For an instant I searched my heart, and then thought, What is life? And the words came, 'He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.' So, apparently bold, I drove up to where he was, stopped the horse, and spoke to him. At once he began. We went on into the church, and the dramatic scene that followed I cannot describe, she pleading with him not to feel as he did, trying to explain to him that it was her duty to God, while he only continued his threat. Raising his arm there in front of the church in the presence of those assembled, and in God's name, he vowed that if Elder McLennan laid his hand on his wife, either he or Elder McLennan would be dragged out lifeless. . . .

"Through it all Brother McLennan and Sister ——— never flinched. Upon the arrival of Brethren England, Woodall, and Stegall, and at their decision, it was finally postponed until later. Sister Roberts said that during the entire affair all she could think of was, 'I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.' To her as well as to the others it was a great lesson.

"By this time the church was well filled. Brother McLennan changed the course of the meeting, and delivered a good sermon. . . . When it was decided not to take further steps, Brother McLennan shook hands with Mr. ———, and invited him to remain for the service. This he did, and also again confirmed his past threats by saying he was glad for the sake of his babes,

for had his word been unheeded, he would have fulfilled exactly all his plan. Tonight at meeting Sister ——— sent word asking that special prayer be offered for her husband."

Will not all our brethren and sisters who read this join together in prayer for this man, and for his noble wife, who has stood so unflinchingly for the right? And will not all our young people everywhere take a warning from this experience of the danger of being "unequally yoked together with unbelievers"?

Tennessee River Conference

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for Three Months	Amount Paid	Amount Short
699	\$1,817.40	\$879.24	\$938.16

Sunset Calendar

Friday, April 30, sun sets..... 6:52

Notes

ELDER ELLIOTT left Nashville on the morning of the twenty-first for Memphis, where he will remain for a few days before going to Huntsville, Ala. He visited the Ashland City Church last Friday and Sabbath, and a church was organized with a full set of officers. The membership is nine, with O. A. Wolcott as elder. We are glad indeed to welcome these brethren and sisters into the conference, and extend them the right hand of fellowship.

Notice the report of the colporteur work in this week's issue. Brother Young has the honor of making a dollar an hour for forty-one hours. Several of the other reports are good.

The motor truck of the Publishing House has been employed to bring the children to Sabbath School each Sabbath. This plan enables quite a number to be present who could not otherwise be there. Brother Harvey takes care of the little ones, and the new scheme is meeting with success.

Elder Wight occupied the pulpit at the Fatherland Street church last Sabbath. Quite a number of outsiders were present.

Brother Mayberry is in the City Hospital at the present time. He has just undergone a slight operation. He is feeling quite encouraged, and expects to enter the work again when he recovers his health.

Elder Elliott occupied the time Monday morning at the Southern Publishing Association chapel. His talk was one of encouragement and strength to all present.

Brother Pound returned from Hazel, Ky., on the morning of the thirteenth. He reports the institute work a success at the Hazel School. Quite a number will enter the work from there.

Brother Dan Brown of Murfreesboro ordered fifty copies of "The World's Crisis" for missionary work in that city. This is a good plan. Let others do likewise.

Do you get *The Watchman* each month? If not, send in a dollar and have your name placed on the mailing list for a year. Quite a number of subscriptions are reaching us.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending April 17, 1915

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total
U Bracy	BF	51	33	\$49 00	\$	\$49 00
GW Brown*	BR&BF	92	7	18 50		18 50
D A Fisher	BR	18	11	34 00	70	34 70
R T Jacks	BR	35	9	27 00	70	27 70
Ralph Meade	BR	24	13	42 00		42 00
Mrs M Miller	stoc	10	2	1 50		1 50
C L Ryals	BR	43	14	46 00		47 40
J W Wade	BR	35	10	30 00	1 40	31 40
Bertha Waters	WC	4	2	50		50
Ernest Waters	GC	20	1	3 00	1 40	4 40
Totals (Agts.10) 332 102 \$251 50 \$ 5 60 \$257 10 \$19 25						

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Mary Aldridge	BR	44	4	\$12 00	\$ 75	\$12 75
E Harp	BR	40	10	30 00		30 00
Luther Bowles	BR	30	6	18 00		18 00
H E Beck	D&R	39	8	25 00	75	25 75
Lewis Ramey	BR	6				18 00
D R Allman	D&R	20			6 00	6 00
Jeff Hickman	D&R	32	19	59 00	1 85	60 85
S T Page	PP&F	15	11	22 00		22 00
H Ethington	D&R	15	5	15 00	60	15 60
Kenneth Harris	BR	15	4	12 00		12 00
R W Harris	BR	30	14	44 00		44 00
JB Reichenbach	BR	33	13	39 00		39 00
Felia Pierce	BR	38	12	37 00	3 75	40 75
Ora B Ford	BR	9	2	6 00		6 00
J L Vermillion	BR	25				21 00
Alonzo Ramey	BR	35	10	34 00		34 00
W G Michael	BR	41	11	33 00		33 00
Bibles				19 60		19 60
Totals (Agts.17) 467 129 \$405 60 \$13 70 \$419 30 \$153 75						

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Jas Turner	BR	33	29	\$94 00	\$	\$94 00
B W Lowry	BR	30				83 00
Ezra Eaton	CK	17	20	32 00		32 00
H McGilvrey	PP&F	43	18	39 00	2 25	41 25
CP Bodwell*	GC&PG	87	12	40 00	11 95	51 95
Totals (Agts. 5) 210 79 \$205 00 \$14 20 \$219 20 \$119 25						

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Floyd Booth	BR	12	4	\$12 00	\$	\$12 00
Emily Billups	PP&F	48	49	98 00		98 00
Annie Boyd*	PP&F	51	41	107 00	2 60	109 60
Chalmer Chastain	BR	27	21	63 00	3 55	66 55
Elmer Chastain	BR	26	11	33 00	6 20	39 20
Nevie L Ford	CK	14	8	13 50		13 50
Annie M Finley	PP&F	40	15	30 00		30 70
CA Howard	BR	24	32	100 00	1 00	101 00
Perthia Hampton*	BF	65	45	112 50	3 65	116 15
Hattie Jacobs	CK	25	24	46 00		46 00

* Two Weeks.

A A Johnson	D&R	25	11	35 00	1 65	36 65
Ella Johnson	D&R, PP&F	36	37	97 00	70	97 70
MMcMullan	PP&F, BF	23	6	10 50	1 10	11 60
Lou J McElroy	PP&F	34	2	4 00	1 40	5 40
M A Murphy	PP&F	16	7	15 00	35	15 35
E B Stowall	CK	12	2	3 00		3 00
M E Stafford	CK	19	19	29 50		29 50
E A Taylor	BR	30	26	83 00	6 20	89 20
W E Thomas	BR	44	20	64 00	4 90	68 90
Annie Watts	PP&F	40	19	39 00	70	39 70
Bibles				3 40		3 40

Totals (Agts.20) 611 399 \$998 40 \$34 70 \$1033 10 \$58 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

C G Bishop*	GC	40	3	\$ 9 00	\$ 3 60	\$12 60
Mrs M E Hinds	CK	35	16	21 50	7 70	29 20
R H Hazelton	GC	40			10 00	10 00
Wm J Keele	BS	33	38	28 50		28 50
F E Wagner	D&R	37	15	37 00	3 35	40 35
E C Widgery	D&R	35	7	18 00		18 00
J A Young	GC	41	13	39 00	2 60	41 60
Bibles				9 60		9 60

Totals (Agts. 7) 261 92 \$162 60 \$27 25 \$189 85 \$56 00

G'd Totals (A.59) 1881 801 \$2023 10 \$95 45 \$2118 55 \$406 25

Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference	\$1610 00	\$ 52 80	\$ 216 00
Kentucky Conference	5221 02	237 50	2837 44
Louisiana Conference	2168 25	97 30	461 50
Mississippi Conference	4380 85	160 65	984 70
Tenn. River Conference	1661 65	316 55	916 30

Totals \$15041 77 \$ 864 80 \$5415 94

Magazine Agents' Report Week Ending April 17, 1915

ALABAMA CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
U Bracy	8	\$ 80	
D A Fisher	2	20	
Mrs M Miller	17	85	
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE			
Alex Osterman	50	5 00	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
Lura Reed	53	5 30	
Bethel Mann	70	6 25	
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE			
Mrs Mabel Bollman	156	15 60	
Mrs Mary E Hinds	13	1 30	
Wm J Keele	12	1 20	
Totals		381	\$ 36 50

A Wrong Impression

IN the face of repeated proof to the contrary, some of our people still cling to the notion that it is difficult to sell our publications.

For the benefit of doubters we refer to a letter received from a *Signs Magazine* worker, who says she was accompanied one day by a friend who tried to sell a worldly magazine. Her concluding paragraph reads, "She scarcely did anything, and they nearly all took my papers."

A couple of weeks ago the Iowa Tract Society sent the publishers of the *Signs Magazine* thirty-five subscriptions. The very next week they sent seventy-nine more, all of which were taken by one of our brethren. Some of them were for eighteen months, others for one year, and the remainder for six months.

Let us get away from the mistaken idea that it is difficult to sell our periodicals or take subscriptions for them. Remember, too, that men as well as women are successful.

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota for Three Months	Amount Paid	Amount Short
2273	\$5,909.80	\$3,447.26	\$2,462.54

Camp-meeting Dates for the Southern Union

Tennessee River, Hazel, Ky.	July 22-August 2
Kentucky	August 13-22
Alabama, Birmingham	August 20-29
Mississippi, Laurel	August 27-September 5
Educational Council, Graysville	August 6-14

Items

ELDER S. E. WIGHT left Nashville Friday, April 23, for Hazel, Ky., where he will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sabbath. A meeting of the Oakwood School Board was held April 27 at Huntsville, Ala. Elder S. E. Wight and Brother G. H. Curtis left the morning of the twenty-sixth to attend this meeting. Others in attendance are Elder I. H. Evans, W. T. Knox, Professor Griggs, and J. J. Ireland, representing the General Conference.

A joint meeting of the Southern Union Conference and the Southeastern Union Conference committees was held April 27, and 28 at Huntsville, following a meeting of the Oakwood School Board. The brethren representing these committees were very hospitably entertained by the faculty of the Oakwood School. Attending the meeting from Nashville were Brethren J. W. Davis, R. L. Pierce, and M. F. Knox, together with Brethren Wight and Curtis.

ARCHEOLOGISTS say that priceless treasures are hidden and jealously guarded by the Turks beneath the Mosque of St. Sophia in Constantinople, and that lost books and manuscripts of the ancient classics may be found in the Turkish capital. "When Constantinople Falls" is the title of an article in the May *Watchman* dealing with some of these things.

"WHEN you hear of good in people — tell it.
When you hear a tale of evil — quell it.
Let the goodness have the light,
Put the evil out of sight,
Make the world we live in bright
Like to heaven above."

Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, April 1, 1915

Memb.	ALABAMA CONFERENCE			1st Qtr. Short.
	Quota for 1915	Amt. Paid	To Be Raised	
450	\$4680 00	\$ 582 83	\$4097 17	\$ 587 17
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE				
426	\$4430 40	\$1081 58	\$3348 82	\$ 26 02
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE				
387	\$4024 80	\$ 485 81	\$3538 99	\$ 520 39
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE				
311	\$3234 40	\$ 417 80	\$2816 60	\$ 390 80
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE				
699	\$7269 60	\$ 879 24	\$6390 36	\$ 938 16
SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE				
2273	\$23639 20	\$3447 26	\$20191 94	\$2462 54

THE above is a report of the twenty-cent-a-week fund for the first quarter of 1915, showing the net amount short to date in each conference. The report also discloses the amount paid on the yearly quota, and the amount yet to be raised. We are sure that this report will give each of our readers something to think about, and shows plainly our responsibility in the matter of our mission funds. While the report shows quite a large shortage, yet we realize that at this time of the year the money in many sections of our country does not flow in so freely as at a later period, and we believe that with our succeeding reports a marked change will be noted in the amount being paid in.

It will perhaps be of interest to know that the rate per capita for the entire union for this first quarter is 12½ cents per week, or \$1.52 per capita. The highest rate per week, or 19½ cents per capita, was paid by the Kentucky Conference, and their rate per capita was \$2.54. It will be noticed by the report, and by the heading of the Kentucky Conference, that this conference lacked only \$26.02 of paying out.

From reports that are coming in we learn that strong efforts are being put forth in our churches to bring up our contributions on this fund. In the Nashville Sabbath Schools the amount raised during the past quarter was larger than that of any quarter heretofore. We believe much can be done to help along in this matter by the use of blackboard reports, mission clocks, etc.

As we look about us and see the events that are transpiring in the world, we are made to realize that it will be only a short time until the work will be finished. Let us therefore be up and doing; and put forth our very best efforts to strengthen the cause of God and finish the work.

Various reports of our progress will be given during the year.
G. H. CURTIS, Treasurer.

"Seminary" Special, May 18

THE *Signs* weekly for that date is being written and edited entirely by the advanced students of the Foreign Mission Seminary. Not a weak article in the lot. The whole will be a masterly presentation of the subject of our Lord's soon return to earth.

Let us show appreciation of our student friends' good work by ordering extras for missionary purposes. Regular price of two and one-half cents a copy for five or more. The attractiveness of the paper, the subject matter, and the student-edited feature will help the paper sell readily at five cents a copy.

Let us make the most of this opportunity. You make no mistake when you work with the *Signs* weekly.