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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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The Soul's Cry for Help

AS THROUGH life's wilderness I wander,
Tangled maze on every side,
Darkening shadows growing longer,
Jesus, Master, be my guide.

When my weary footsteps falter,
And I seek a place of rest,
As I kneel beside thine altar,
Blessed Master, be my guest.

When the world turns coldly from me,
None on whom I may depend,
Those I trusted frown upon me,
Saviour! Saviour! be my friend.

When the mountain path before me
Proves too narrow for retreat,
And the storm cloud hovers o'er me,
Then, dear Saviour, stay my feet,

Whether tossed on life's wild ocean,
Or, if crossing desert sands,
Fear or anguish be my portion,
O my Saviour, hold my hands!

When my courage well-nigh fails me,
And faith's cable seems to part,
And no earthly help avails me,
Jesus strengthen thou my heart.

When the river dark I'm wading,
And I find earth's last long rest,
When the day's last beam is fading,
Clasp me, Jesus, to thy breast.

Cornelius, Ore.

— R. D. Benham.

Harvest Ingathering Notes

Louisiana

Church	Jan to Aug	Sept	Oct
Conference church	\$ 2 55	\$	\$
Hammond	2 00		35
Lake Arthur		2 30	
Lake Charles	12 05		
Lena Station	4 05		1 30
New Orleans No. 1	2 60	25	33 01
New Orleans No. 2	26 35		13 50
Shreveport No. 1	16 50		50
Shreveport No. 2			7 80
Welsh	2-25	40	1 70
Totals	\$68 35	\$ 2 95	\$58 16

Alabama Honor Roll—\$5 or Over

CONFERENCE

BIRMINGHAM

Mrs. C. D. Elford	Mrs. Garrigan
O. R. Godsmark	Mrs. Freeman
Mrs. A. C. Helms	Mrs. T. J. Hoskins
F. D. Hunt	Mrs. F. D. Hunt
R. I. Keate	Mrs. Helen M. Keate
A. L. Miller	Mrs. A. L. Miller
Mrs. Clara Miller	Mrs. McLure
Sarah V. Parker	W. C. Wales

Mrs. J. R. Whittaker

MOBILE

James Bellinger	Mrs. E. F. Dickey
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C. G. Meyer

SHEFFIELD

H. G. Miller	Mrs. Mollie Miller
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MISSION

BIRMINGHAM

J. J. Pearson

HUNTSVILLE

Mrs. E. Brandon

G. Powers

C. A. Wilson

Notice the new names appearing this week. The first churches in the mission to enter the list are Birmingham and Huntsville. Twenty-six names are now enrolled in this list, and from the reports received we are sure that next week the list will again be enlarged.

Brother C. A. Wilson writes: "The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is moving onward in Huntsville. The Lord is greatly blessing our efforts. Three have reached the goal including the writer. Others are getting the money and are determined to keep at work until they reach the goal."

One of our colporteurs, Brother S. S. Guilford, paid to his church, Dothan, \$4.35 as a result of Harvest Ingathering work. This lacks only sixty-five cents of reaching the Honor Roll mark. We are pleased with this work.

Kentucky

SISTER SHOEMAKER reports about \$7 Harvest Ingathering money received up to this time.

Sister Anna Todd, of the Louisville church, reports \$9 Harvest Ingathering money received, and is still working for more.

Brother F. F. Harrison writes from Covington that the Lord has blessed him with \$6.50 for the papers he has put out, but he hopes to get at least \$15 for missions.

Three of our conferences, Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee River have exceeded their last year's record of the number of papers used and are therefore on the honor roll. The South-

ern Union Conference as a whole is also on the honor roll this week, a total of 27,419 papers having been ordered.

The receipts coming into the conference offices are encouraging and indicate that a good showing will be made this year and a large amount of money be raised for the furtherance of the work. A complete report of the amount received to date will appear next week.

Pertaining to the Union

Union Conference Directory

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Date	Amount Paid	Amount Short
2273	\$15,241.20	\$10,087.29	\$5,153.91

One Way of Reaching the Goal

THE Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Kansas Conference writes concerning the financial goal of the Kansas Missionary Volunteers:

"No doubt we shall more than double the amount we have reached on our financial goal this quarter, for in our conference the investment fund is largely made use of, and the results of this are shown the latter part of the year. One German society writes that they are planning to raise \$300 more this way, and no doubt they will do it for they raised nearly that amount last year."

We trust there are many other societies who are planning to raise \$300, more or less, by the investment plan. According to the reports which we receive at the general office, we are away behind on our financial goal. Shall we not in the next few weeks make a grand rush for the goal?

The missions need the money, and we need the blessings in our own hearts that come through sacrifice — yes, sacrifice!

M. E. KERN.

Report of Home Missionary Work for the Southern Union Conference — Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1915

	Alabama	Kentucky	Louisiana	Mississippi	Tennessee R	Totals
Number of churches	26	17	18	19	21	101
Membership	670	718	531	370	800	3089
Number reporting	240	214	90	125	210	879
Churches holding miss'y meetings ..	2	2	2	5		11
Churches holding 4th Sab meetings ..	3	12		3	8	26
Isolated members	14	64	6	24	11	119
Number isolated members reporting ..	14	30	6	4	1	685
Letters written	498	256	149	132	206	1241
Letters received	320	69	139	72	95	695
Missionary visits	2718	871	350	1575	719	6333
Bible readings	831	514	155	94	269	1863
Subscriptions	41	53	33	35	64	226
Papers sold	1056	1465	590	895	1059	5056
Papers mailed	11339	1806	1827	1049	4487	20508
Books sold	498	462	205	54	272	1491
Tracts sold	32	709	26	9		767
Tracts lent or given	3022	2298	576	761	3767	10424
Books lent or given	190	208	84	72	296	850
Hours of Christian help work	1988	589	566	578	982	4703
Clothing given away	269	186	274	104	194	2107
Meals provided	914	424	154	291	123	1906
Treatments given	308	107	75	56	73	619
Signers to temperance pledge	22	6		7		35
Offerings	\$ 130 96	\$ 21 16	\$ 7 15	\$ 12 86	\$ 140 73	\$ 312 86
Number of conversions	10	17		5		32

Home Missionary Report

PRESENTED with this is the report covering the home missionary work in the Southern Union Conference for quarter ending September 30. This report reveals some quite interesting facts, and is an encouragement to all who are interested in this line of work. Probably the most striking feature is the increase in the number of people who are engaged in home missionary work, showing an increase of 163 workers over the previous quarter. As the winter months are coming on no doubt the last quarter of the year will show a marked increase in the number of people who are definitely engaged in this work.

There were 1,649 missionary visits made this quarter in ex-

cess of the number reported in the previous quarter, which indicates faithful work on the part of our people. In the number of tracts given away there is also an increase of 1,908. The Alabama Conference leads in the number of people at work, being also the leader in proportionate number of members enlisted, 240 out of the 670 members reporting in the whole Union being in Alabama. This conference also leads in having mailed 11,339 papers out of a total of 20,508 in the Union.

While we speak of figures and records, the real important thing regarding this report is that every figure represents an effort put forth by some faithful worker, and is a channel through

which the Lord can work for the salvation of souls. No one can estimate the results that are possible through this means.

At one of the camp-meetings during this season, one church was admitted to the conference that had been raised up entirely by the efforts of some sisters without the aid of the living preacher. A Scandinavian brother, an old man, brought with him to the meeting six new Sabbath-keepers who had accepted the truth through his efforts. One member, a very busy man, brought with him four new converts to this message as the result of the home work of himself and wife. Such experiences are lessons to us, and should be an inspiration to our people everywhere. They are evidences that this united soul-winning employment which we have entered into will bring to a speedy and triumphant finish this glorious message of salvation.

Let us each study this report to see in what way we can help to increase the report for the next quarter. Remember every effort counts. We would call attention to the little Home Missionary leaflets which have been used by the General Conference department. Many people are willing and anxious to work but do not know what to do or how to do it. In these leaflets an effort has been made to give helpful suggestions which will enable those who read them to make a start in soul-winning efforts. Write to your tract society for further information.

G. H. CURTIS, Treasurer.

Family Worship

FAMILY worship! What a great anchor to the soul! The seasons spent in a home where family worship is conducted as it should be will leave in the memory a fragrance that time cannot efface. No young man or young woman can ever forget those seasons of grace, when, around the family circle, petitions mingled with thanksgiving have been offered to the Father's throne for his care and protection, and for his guidance in the future.

There is nothing else that so sweetens the home life. True family worship is a fountain that brings streams of holy influences into every part of the household. It is a vase of perfume that sheds fragrance over all. It softens asperities. It quiets anger. It quiets impatience. It settles differences. It subdues evil passions. Hearts that are drawn together at God's feet every day cannot get very far apart. The frictions of the day are forgotten when all voices mingle in the same heavenly song. As the tender words of inspiration fall with their benign counsels, all feeling of unkindness melts away. The altar in the midst wondrously hallows and sweetens the home fellowship. Besides, it puts new strength into every heart. It comforts sorrow. It is a shield against temptation. It smooths out the wrinkles of care. It inspires strength for the burden bearing. It quickens every religious sentiment, and keeps the fires burning on every heart's altar.

The manner in which the family worship is conducted is very important. It should be made so pleasant as to be looked forward to with gladness even by the youngest children. Too often it is made tedious, monotonous, or burdensome. Men fall into a stereotyped order which they never vary. Long passages are read, and the prayers offered are not only long, but they are the same every day from year to year, with no adaptation to the home life, or to the capacities of children. There is no reason why the family worship should not be the most delightful exercise in the home life. It should be the continual study of heads of households to make it bright, interesting, and profitable. To make it dull and irksome is treason to true religion.

It is impossible to give more than the merest suggestions and hints as to methods. A part in the service should be given to each child. Questions may be asked each day on the passage read the day before. Incidents may be introduced to illustrate the lesson. Hard words may be explained. One practical thought at least may be selected from the scripture read

which will bear upon the day's life. Cheerful songs may be sung. Then in the prayer some part should be given to the little ones. Sometimes it is good to have all follow in the prayer, repeating it phrase after phrase. And all may unite in the Lord's prayer at the close. When there are quite young children in the family, it may not be best to read the Bible in course, but to select portions in which they will be easily interested.

For an exercise so sacred and fraught with such influences, it is not too much to say that the most careful preparation should be made. It is probable that there are few duties for which so little preparation is actually made. If thought were given to this matter beforehand, the exercise need never be dull or wearisome. The passage may not only be selected but studied, and some point fixed upon for practical enforcement. A bright incident or little story may be read to help fix the lesson. The prayer may be thought over or even written out. A few minutes given every day to preparation for family worship will serve to make it, as it should be, the most pleasant and attractive incident of the day.—"Week Day Religion," pp. 79-81.

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Date	Amount Paid	Amount Short
450	\$2,632.50	\$1,938.98	\$693.52

News Notes

BROTHER W. H. HASTY, of Bascom, Fla., orders fifty Harvest Ingathering Signs to be used during "Fair week." No doubt good results will attend his efforts.

Brother S. D. Miller, of Mobile, orders fifty copies of the Harvest Ingathering papers to be sent to Mrs. Mattie Smith and fifty to Mrs. Julia Stone, both of Mobile.

Mrs. S. A. Fowler, of Mobile, orders fifty copies of the December *Watchman* and fifty of the *Health and Temperance* magazine. The publishers of our magazines put forth special efforts to make the December numbers the best of the year. You can judge of their success only by placing an order.

The Alabama Tract Society expects to sell double the usual number of the *Watchman* during the month of December. Ask us and we will tell you why.

A patriotic society in Birmingham placed an order for twenty-five yearly subscriptions to the *Protestant Magazine* to be used in their circulating library.

Seven hundred twelve copies of the Harvest Ingathering Signs have been used this year in excess of the entire number of orders for the year 1914, and the end is not yet. Alabama is on the honor list in the using of more papers this year than in the past. We are pleased to note this encouraging increase. Remember our goal of \$5 per member. No one wishes to fall short of this mark.

Advance information from the publishers is that some numbers of the Berean Library will be discontinued. We regret that this is true and would advise our missionary societies, young people's societies, and individuals to purchase one or more sets complete, while they can be obtained. The retail price

of the twelve volumes is \$3.60, but we will send a set postpaid to any part of the conference for \$2.75. While you can obtain a complete set, you should order one.

The Present Truth Extras are having a wide sale. Many appreciate the special offer of numbers one to ten at the post-paid price of five cents. Stamps will be accepted by the Alabama Tract Society.

Elder James Bellinger writes that he was interested in the statistical report recently published in the WORKER. He mentions that the Birmingham church is working hard to reach the mark in the Harvest Ingathering work and assures us that the Mobile church is likewise heartily engaging in the campaign.

From a personal letter from Prof. L. H. Wood to the president of our conference, Elder A. L. Miller, we quote, "Elder Wright sent me your examination papers for the Standard of Attainment. I have looked them over and your credits are as follows: Denominational History, 93%, Bible Doctrines, 100%. I am glad to inform you that you are the first of the conference presidents to pass this examination, and I have requested Washington to forward your certificate at once." We are glad to notice that Alabama is leading out in this line of endeavor. All of the Alabama Conference laborers who have not previously done so are planning to take the examination at once.

Sister Ella Brantley, of Talladega, orders one dollar's worth of the *Watchman* magazine, and ten copies of the "Vatican and the War." This is a new endeavor for Sister Brantley.

From a personal letter from Elder A. L. Miller, we quote the following: "Arrived here in Loma Linda last evening, November 3, at 7:30, twenty-five minutes late, having made up two hours and a half from San Antonio, Texas. It is a long tiresome journey, especially when you pass through the deserts of New Mexico and Arizona. All the way from Del Rio, Texas, to within one hundred miles of Loma Linda it is a dreary waste. Before reaching Del Rio, many cattle were seen on the plains. They looked sleek and fat. Between Louisiana and Texas many rice fields were passed. From the train it reminded me of wheat fields. The rice was in the shock and the people were thrashing the same as they thrash wheat in the North. In Arizona we saw acres and acres of cactus ten and fifteen feet high and as large around as your body. They looked like stalwart soldiers on guard. From Del Rio soldiers were in every town guarding the border. At Del Rio we were within about one hundred yards of the border line. I am located in a tent with Elders Elliott, Brown, and Wiest. Elder Wight and wife arrived just ten minutes after we did." We trust that this will be a very profitable council, that the plans laid will prove for the advancement of the Lord's work in this division conference.

The Field Work

Soon after the close of the colored camp-meeting, we entered the field to be with and to help the colporteurs in making their deliveries. As a whole, our work has been very pleasant and all we could expect. The colporteurs have done excellent work and we thank God for this faithful band of God-fearing workers.

In the southern part of the State there has been some damage done to the cotton crops by the boll weevil, but the good prices paid for farm products of other kinds, has in a degree balanced the shortage in the cotton crop. Our prayer is for more workers just now, while peace and prosperity are ours to enjoy.

My first stop was at Brother Ryals at Red Level, Covington County, where, seemingly, the boll weevil had done the greatest damage. While the delivery here was not so good as in some other parts of the State, yet the Lord went before us and we rejoiced to see honest souls having the privilege of reading our good books.

While in the southern part of the State we visited with brethren

H. L. Edwards, Quinie Tew, Carl Holland, and also delivered Russell Ringgold's books, circumstances being such that he could not make his delivery. We are glad for these good faithful workers who have all done good work and enjoyed the rich blessing of the Lord. Eternity alone will reveal the fruits of the work done and reward the worker. Our visit with these workers and with the churches in this part of the State was very pleasant.

Our next work was among the colored colporteurs in the central part of the State. We are glad to see the work among the colored people advancing. The colored colporteurs are getting hold of the work, and the outlook is very encouraging. Very few, I feel, unless they have had the experience, can fully realize the many embarrassing things our colored workers have to meet, but the Lord is calling out a people for his name among the honest in heart. We pray for more workers among this people.

The week ending November 6, we spent with Brethren Reams, Lorren, and Fisher. These brethren have had some good and interesting experiences in the work this fall, and the Lord has blessed them in their work. Brother Lorren tells of how a minister of another denomination tried to keep the people from taking their books but the Lord overruled and he delivered more than eighty per cent of his orders. "If the Lord be for us who can be against us?"

We are glad for what is being done and rejoice in the progress of the work. But certainly God has brought about the conditions in which we are living for this very thing, and while we have liberty, peace, and prosperity, who will come over and help us? That the Lord may move upon the hearts of his people to give themselves for service is my prayer. Now, just now, is our opportunity.

M. L. WILSON.

Mississippi Conference

Conference Directory

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Date	Amount Paid	Amount Short
311	\$1,770.60	\$1,272.83	\$497.77

News Notes

BROTHER CHALMER CHASTAIN arrived in Jackson last Tuesday on his way to Hazel to spend the remainder of the school year there. He had a very successful year in the canvassing field and we will be glad to welcome him back to our ranks again next summer.

Brother R. D. Peterson reports \$60 worth of books delivered in fourteen hours. This shows that books can be delivered in Mississippi.

Brother Elmer Chastain reports the best delivery that he has had since entering the work. Part of his letter I will quote, for I am sure it will be an encouragement to all those who read it. "The Lord has blessed me wonderfully in many ways. I was blessed last Thursday in putting one full morocco book and one Bible in a home where I didn't have an order. There is a man about fifty-five years old at Sartinsville who runs a store and keeps the post office, who from his talk I think is a Methodist, whom the Lord has used as an instrument in a great way in placing books in the homes of his neighborhood. When I

was taking orders there I took his order for a \$4 "Bible Readings," and he sent me to his neighbor who is a doctor and said he wanted me to take his order. I secured his order for a \$4 book and the doctor sent me to the old man's son just across the street from his office and I secured his order for a \$4 book. I went on through the community and did very well all around taking orders.

"The storekeeper said it was the best book he had ever seen and talked it through the neighborhood, so that when I went to deliver I hardly lost an order in that community. I delivered a five-dollar book in preference to a four to the doctor. The people would send in orders on the storekeeper and tell him to pay cash, which he did, and they would give him corn. I placed many books in the homes of the people that I would not have, had it not been for this man."

Roger Tinsley has gone to his home in Shuqualak having completed a very successful delivery. In sending in the balance of his account he says, "I would not take \$200 for my experience and I expect to be in the book work again next summer." This is the experience of all who consecrate themselves to the Lord's work.

Brother D. V. Barnes left Hattiesburg last Friday for Greenville, where he will take up labor for the winter months.

Louisiana Conference

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Date	Amount Paid	Amount Short
387	\$2,589.60	\$1,506.27	\$1,083.33

News Items

THE good news comes from Elder Frank at Hobart, that the meetings there are still progressing nicely, and although the Baptists are trying to run a meeting just across the road, the attendance has not diminished any, and the interest remains as good as at any time.

Opportunities for working with the Harvest Ingathering papers are fast slipping by. Should you be called into judgment to give an account of what you have done, what would be your reply?

The following cheering word accompanied Brother Turner's report last week:

"Am glad to report one dear old lady keeping the Sabbath as the result of two weeks' study of her book, 'Bible Readings.' She bought a 'Past, Present, and Future' of me last year, and enjoyed it very much, so when I showed her 'Bible Readings,' she could hardly wait to get her book. She says she had been praying for light, and to know the truth ever since she has been married, about thirty-five years, and now she has found it and intends to live it out and tell it to her neighbors. Of course, as usual, her neighbors are telling her she is crazy to take up such stuff.

"Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are also on the point of taking their stand for the truth as the result of reading our books, and a few Bible studies this summer. They have studied 'Daniel and the Revelation,' 'Past, Present, and Future,' and 'Bible Readings,' and are now reading 'Great Controversy.'"

"Sow Beside All Waters"

"IN THE morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11: 6. The above scripture is very cheering to the weary careworn colporteur as he leaves home, wife, children, father and mother, or friends, and takes up this important line of the Lord's work,—that of giving the last message of good tidings to the world in this generation — meeting opposition, ridicule, coldness, and sometimes insult. He may never know which book has been read — the one that was sold while the man was feeding the stock before breakfast or the one sold while the family were seated by the fire after supper. "Thou knowest not whether will prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

The following story very fittingly illustrates this Bible truth: It was told to the writer by a sister who had been converted to the Seventh-day Adventist faith through reading "Great Controversy" by the late Mrs. E. G. White, the book having been sold to the family by a faithful colporteur. A part of the family, if not all, belonged to the Methodist Church, but had well nigh lost all faith in the church, because of the inconsistencies and worldliness that were creeping into it, and had almost decided that religion was little better than a farce. (Many today feel the same way.)

She had almost given over to despair, but one day one of God's faithful colporteurs happened her way with the good book, "Great Controversy." As he gave the canvass, she became very much interested in the clear, plain truths as set forth in the book and the earnest, confident manner of the colporteur. She asked him of his faith, whereupon he told her that he was a Seventh-day Adventist. This was the first time she had ever heard of the name, so made inquiry about their faith. The worker told her of some principles of the faith which lay so near his heart, and especially those set forth in the teachings of the book which he was selling. She became so much interested that she insisted on his staying overnight, as it was growing late, that he might meet her husband, whom she felt sure would order the book. The colporteur had promised to stay with another family near by, but she prevailed and he remained awaiting the husband.

Soon a step was heard on the back porch and the wife went to meet her husband, who demanded in no pleasant tone, "What is that Mormon preacher doing here? I will go and kick him out." The wife told him in soothing tones that he was not a Mormon but a humble Seventh-day Adventist colporteur, who had a good book which she would like him to buy. She pleaded that she had asked the man to stay, therefore he must treat him with respect. He became cool, and after washing went in to meet the colporteur. He saw in him a humble man of God and found the book to be so interesting that they decided to wait until after supper to enjoy a further explanation of it. They retired about midnight with their hearts well filled with longing to know more of the truth which lay so near the heart of the worker. The good book was ordered, and the worker was asked to make their home his when in that part of the country.

The book reached them in due time and was greatly prized and read with such diligence by the wife, that often the husband would come in for his dinner and find his wife lost to all around, even to the time of day. Well, to make a long story short, they are now rejoicing in the closing message for this time. They are members of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Shreveport. Oh that more of our dear people would arise to help against the power of the evil one and bring this light to others! The Lord is calling you, "My son, go work in my vineyard." Will you heed him?
G. B. BOSWELL.

SIMPLICITY, of all things, is the hardest to be copied.— Steele.

Kentucky Conference

Conference Directory

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Date	Amount Paid	Amount Short
426	\$2,932.80	\$2,463.93	\$468.87

Report from the Field

SINCE my last report I have been busy visiting and holding meetings in the western part of the conference. I spent two days at the Hazel Academy where we held meetings with the students. The Lord came near and hearts were touched. Some gave themselves to the Lord for the first time. We were pleased to see the work going forward in that place. There was an earnest spirit manifest on the part of the teachers to make the school just what God would have it. I next went to Marion where I met Brother Cannons and others. I was pleased to talk with these earnest souls and to see their courage. I next went to Henderson and found a large number present at the church for night service. I was pleased to see this new church working and praying to build up the cause of God. The church school is progressing nicely with Miss Edna George as teacher. All seemed to be encouraged over the school and have given liberally to support it. When the last day of the meeting came, seven were baptized and added to the church.

We next went to Irvington where Brother Howard lives. They received us gladly and had invited their neighbors to be present, so we were able to hold a night meeting. Miss Audia Reichenbach is teaching a home school for Brother Howard. We were pleased to see how nicely they had the room arranged for the school.

I then went to Louisville where in company with Brother Bossing we took up and disposed of some business matters. I am glad to see the work going forward in all parts of the State. We should push the Harvest Ingathering work so as to get all we can to apply on our twenty-cent-a-week fund. I pray that the Lord will bless all the believers in Kentucky.

B. W. BROWN.

News Items

ELDER W. H. WHITE is holding meetings with the Sand Hill church.

Sister Dora Shoemaker, of the Grove church, was thrown from the buggy a few days ago while going to church. Her arm was broken and she was quite badly bruised. The last word received says she is getting along nicely.

Word received from Brother Staton, the field agent of Mississippi, states that he and his family are nicely located, and he thinks they will enjoy the work in that State.

Brother James Hickman, our field agent, is assisting Brother Beck at this writing. He will soon start in two new canvassers.

Brother C. W. Vermillion writes that the Lord has been blessing him in a special way the past week. He is of good courage and hopes to make November his banner month selling the printed page.

Elder O. A. Dow is holding meetings at Ellington, Cumberland County. He reports a good attendance.

Brother Harry Potter, of Bowling Green, has gone to Cumberland County for a short visit with Sister Potter's parents.

Brother Bossing, of the Louisville church, reports the Harvest Ingathering work onward in that city. They hope to work the city quite thoroughly.

Brother and Sister Cannon, of Marion, have been blessed at their home and write that they are of good courage in the Lord's work.

Brother Howard sends word that they are of good courage and have some interest among the best people of the city.

Miss Mount, our teacher at Ford, writes that the work is going nicely in that place.

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Membership	Quota to Date	Amount Paid	Amount Short
699	\$5,315.70	\$2,905.28	\$2,410.42

The December "Watchman"

If you are interested in the recent developments in Southern Europe you should read Elder Haynes' article in the December *Watchman*, entitled "The Rush of Mighty Armies toward Constantinople." It will give you a new insight into this phase of the war. It has a most significant meaning.

For Sale

A good farm, near Fountain Head, Tenn., of 104 acres, all under cultivation. Good soil. Most of it gently rolling, part deep black soil. Thoroughly tile drained. Fine corn and wheat land. All new wire fencing. An excellent house in good repair. Three large cisterns holding about 450 barrels of water. Two wells of excellent water. Large stock barn with eighteen-foot walls. Large building for grain, and all necessary out-buildings. Located one-half mile from depot on main line of Louisville and Nashville Railroad. Graded country road by farm. Good graded school within one-fourth mile; church school, two and one-half miles. Telephone line. Everything convenient and in good repair.

The owner of this place has agreed to give a large portion of the selling price to local and foreign mission work. Parties interested should address the Tennessee River Conference, 509 Cole Building, Nashville, Tenn.

FOR SALE—A farm of 100 acres within 15 minutes walk of the Springville Church and church school; good house with seven rooms and two halls, two stock barns, and several small buildings. There is a good well of water with windmill, three orchards, and a vineyard. The land lies nearly level. Price \$1,800. Address Frank S. Parker, Big Sandy, Tenn.

WANTED: Clean copies of our papers for use in our missionary society. We can use the *Youth's Instructor*, *Signs*, *Watchman*, *Health and Temperance*, and the *Review*. Please send prepaid to Miss Mamie Moore, Star Route, Leach, Tenn.

THERE are two sorts of content: one is connected with exertion, the other with habits of indolence. The first is a virtue, the other a vice.—Mrs. Edgeworth.

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

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
E Harp	BR	25	6	\$18 00	\$	\$18 00	\$
P M Winkler .D&R		25	9	27 00		27 00	
LIMarcum .CK&BR		20	4	7 50		7 50	
CB Sherer .BF&BR		39	11	21 00		21 00	
ST Walker	GC	33	3	11 00		11 00	28 00
JL Vermillion	BR	27			5 25	5 25	47 00
JBR Reichenbach .BR		29	9	27 00		27 00	27 00
Luther Bowles .BR		66	22	68 00	1 20	69 20	
Andy Schroader .BF		60	27	33 00		33 00	1 00
H Ethington	BF	64	33	47 00		47 00	
Felia Pierce	BR	29	7	21 00		21 00	
CW Vermillion	BR	19			4 00	4 00	60 00
H E Beck	BF	25			3 00	3 00	22 50
W G Michael	BF	32	24	37 00		37 00	
D R Allman	D&R	16			3 50	3 50	49 00
Jeff Hickman	BR	10	4	12 00		12 00	
Elmer Grider	BR	19	7	21 00	75	21 75	
Bibles				13 20		13 20	24 75

Totals (Agts. 17) 538 166 \$363 70 \$17 70 \$381 40 \$259 25

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Annie Boyd* .PP&F	84			\$	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$12 00
Elmer Chastain .BR	41				2 75	2 75	79 00
C Chastain	BR	38			60	60	54 00
P Hampton	BF	103			2 10	2 10	16 00
WHaddon† .GC&BF	18	6		11 00		11 00	
Hattie Jacobs .CK	11	22		35 00		35 00	
EJohnsonD&R&PP&F	31						31 00
AJohnsonD&R&PP&F	31						23 00
LMcElroy† .PP&F	266				5 60	5 60	470 50
R D Peterson	BR	14					60 00
Bibles							60 00

Totals (Agts. 10) 637 28 \$46 00 \$11 75 \$57 75 \$805 50

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

R H Hazelton	GC	45	5	\$10 00	\$	95	\$10 95	\$
RJuddkinsMofE&COL		30	3	4 25		4 00	8 25	
L F Judkins	PG	41	5	15 00		50	15 50	
Wm J Keele	D&R	42	10	27 00			27 00	
Mrs Mae Keele	BS	17				3 00	3 00	
R W Stem	BR	25	9	28 00		1 95	29 95	
B E Wagner	D&R	36	2	4 00			4 00	122 00
F E Wagner	GC	38	8	24 00		18 75	42 75	30 00
Mrs F Wagner	MISC	30				28 50	28 50	
Bibles				7 75			7 75	

Totals (Agts. 9) 304 42 \$120 00 \$57 65 \$177 65 \$152 00

G'd Totals (A. 36) 1479 236 \$529 70 \$87 10 \$616 80 \$1216 75

Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference . .	\$8982 85	\$ 234 60	\$2602 50
Kentucky Conference . .	18587 50	952 97	10216 82
Louisiana Conference . .	5208 01	205 30	2305 50
Mississippi Conference .	15887 25	637 15	4769 30
Tenn. River Conference .	7273 15	1017 05	3226 00

Totals \$55938 76 \$3047 07 \$23120 12

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending
Nov. 6, 1915

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Agent	No.	Value
Miscellaneous	250	\$ 25 00
Milton Jones	180	18 00
Totals	430	\$ 43 00

Its Boundless Influence

It is not a difficult matter to secure good experiences showing effectual missionary work with the *Signs of the Times*, but when an exceptionally good one comes to the surface, we believe it worthy of first place in publicity. F. A. Coffin passes on this one, and it is so good that we give it entire:

"During the annual camp-meeting of the Arizona Conference, held in Phoenix, October 7 to 17, 1915, Brother W. L. Sims gave the following testimony regarding the value of the *Signs of the Times*:

"I am much interested in the circulation of the *Signs of the Times*. It was the first Seventh-day Adventist literature I ever read. Some one mailed to me a copy at a time when I was anxious to know the truth regarding the Sabbath question. I read and reread every article in it, and sent for some tracts that were advertised in its columns. With Bible in hand, I carefully studied the subject matter of each, and soon afterward began the observance of the Sabbath. When an opportunity presented itself, I was baptized, and became identified with the Seventh-day Adventist people.

"For the encouragement of others, I will relate briefly an experience and its results. Some time ago, while selling the *Signs of the Times* in the mountain towns of northern California, I met an elderly man who was interested in mining. He was the first candidate for governor of California on the prohibition ticket. His house stood back from the road, and I had passed it by a number of times without stopping.

"At last, feeling that I ought at least to give the person living there an opportunity to subscribe, I returned to the house,

and met this gentleman at the gate. I obtained his subscription for six months.

"Three months later, while laboring in another town, I again met him. He recognized me and requested me to visit him. I did so. He then said the *Signs* was the best religious paper he ever had read, and that he now was keeping the true Sabbath. He also informed me that his daughter in the East, to whom he had been sending the paper, also had begun the observance of the Sabbath. A few weeks later she wrote him that she had passed the same paper on to her neighbor and that she too had taken her stand for the Sabbath. This neighbor gave the paper to a deacon of the Methodist church, of which she was a member, with the result that he embraced the Sabbath.

"The miner requested me to write to his daughter. I learned that she had interested others in the truths presented in the *Signs*, and they all desired to hear a Seventh-day Adventist minister. I wrote to the president of that conference. A tent effort was held there, and a church was organized as a result. Yes, the *Signs* does bring people into the truth. I can truly say that I never have accomplished more in so short a time and with such a small outlay of means than was brought about by that six months' subscription to the *Signs of the Times*."

Truly the influence of the *Signs* is boundless. If we could only appreciate this, we should be more free in its use. A few copies going out each week is bound to reap a harvest. Five copies to separate addresses each for a year, only \$6.25, and a copy of "Questions and Answers" free. Place your order now with your tract society.

* Two Weeks. † Week Ending October 8. ‡ Seven Weeks

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And I?

Is there some desert or pathless sea
Where thou, good God of angels, wilt send me?
Some oak for me to rend; some sod,

Some rock for me to break;
Some handful of his corn to take
And scatter far afield,
Till it, in turn, shall yield

Its hundred fold
Of grains of gold

To feed the waiting children of my God?
Show me the desert, Father, or the sea,
Is it thine enterprise? Great God, send me.
And though this body lie where the ocean rolls.
Count me among all faithful souls.

— Edward Everett Hale.

ELDER C. A. HANSEN and wife, together with their young son, have reached Calgary and are located in the building rented by the Alberta Conference. Elder and Sister Hansen will devote their life and energies to the evangelical work in this needy city. We are glad that the work in these centers is being pushed forward. Sister Elizabeth King is expected to join the force in Calgary in the near future, devoting her time to the Bible work. — *Western Canadian Tidings*.

WITH articles from such contributors as Elder I. H. Evans, Dr. P. T. Magan, Elder Carlyle B. Haynes, Dr. D. H. Kress, A. L. Manous, Mrs. Iva F. Cady, interspersed with forceful editorials, *The Watchman* offers one of the most unusually interesting numbers for December that has been published this year.

MR. L. F. JUDKINS, R. F. D. No. 1, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., desires late, clean copies of the following publications for use in missionary work: *Watchman*, *Signs of the Times*, *Health and Temperance*, *Liberty*, and *Protestant Magazine*.

"Gather Together"

"I AM instructed to say to our people, Gather together from the Scriptures the proofs that God has sanctified the Sabbath, and let the words of the Lord be read before the congregations, showing that all who turn aside from the plain 'Thus saith the Lord' will be condemned. The Sabbath has been the test of the loyalty of God's people in all ages.' It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever,' the Lord declares."— *Mrs. E. G. White, in Review and Herald, March 26, 1908.*

Deprived of Our Bibles

"LET us put away the foolish reading matter, and study the Word of God. Let us commit its precious promises to memory, so that, when we are deprived of our Bibles, we may still be in possession of the Word of God."— *Mrs. E. G. White, in an address to the Nevada, Iowa, camp-meeting, Aug. 21, 1909. Reported in Review and Herald, Jan. 6, 1910.*

A Wide Field for Missionary Labor

THE *Sabbath School Worker* is greatly appreciated by many of our teachers and officers, and we are sure there are hundreds of Sunday school teachers who would gladly welcome the instruction contained in this paper if they could have access to it.

A letter received at the office this week says, "I showed my *Sabbath School Worker* to one of my Sunday-keeping friends and he was so delighted with it that he subscribed."

Would it not be a great blessing to thousands of Sunday school workers to have this good paper? The suggestions and articles for successful teaching would renew faith and courage in many a discouraged teacher's heart. The notes on the lesson studies would be hailed with delight. Why then should they not have them?

Let each teacher use the *Worker* as samples in soliciting orders from Sunday school workers. We believe it will result in many subscriptions being received, and the influence of our work will be extended.

President Wilson and Carranza

PERHAPS more bitter language has not been printed for a long time than the Catholic church has just issued in its periodicals throughout the country against President Wilson on account of his recognition of Carranza in Mexico. Threats are made that sixteen million Catholics will make President Wilson "suffer" at the next election for "his insult" to the Catholic church.

To demonstrate its regard for American principles, the Catholic press generally is opposing the idea of recommending Catholics for political offices because they are Catholics; and yet *The Protestant Magazine* for December furnishes a photograph of a letter sent out by Catholic politicians of Baltimore (Md.) recommending a certain man for chief justice because of "his long service in the interests of the Catholics in the city." What inconsistency!

These two articles furnish valuable information that every Protestant should have. Let your friends know how Catholicism keeps out (?) of politics. The December *Protestant* will do this and also furnish much valuable information with reference to Protestantism and Catholicism, and the outlook for the future.

The December issue is ready November 5. How many will you circulate? 100 copies \$4; 50 copies \$2; 20 copies \$1. Address your tract society.

Great Men Quoted

DR. LYMAN ABBOTT, the great preacher; Cardinal Gibbons, head of the Catholic Church in America; Rev. Thomas Gregory; and Rev. Charles Finney have something to say on the Sabbath question in the December number of the *Signs Magazine*. You will also find this paragraph from a recent issue of the *Literary Digest*: "There has never been given any entirely satisfactory reason why the seventh day of the week should be abandoned as a day of rest."

Tell your tract society secretary how many copies you can use.

She Could "Go Without a Meal or Two"

A LADY in writing concerning her subscription to the *Sabbath School Worker* says: "Times are hard, but I could go without a meal or two in order to have the *Worker*. I should certainly not try to teach without it if it were possible to get it. I always take it in a club when I can, and when I cannot, I subscribe personally."

"THE wise avenge injuries by benefits."