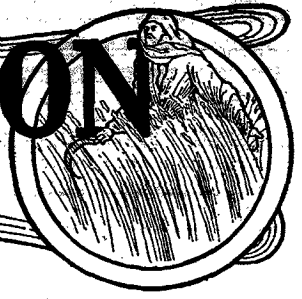




SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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Stirred for Service

STIR ME, O, stir me, Lord! I care not how,
But stir my heart in passion for the world;
Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray;
Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in heathen darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

Stir me, O, stir me, Lord, till all my heart
Is filled with strong compassion for these souls;
Till thy compelling "must" drives me to pray;
Till thy constraining love reach to the poles,
Far north and south, in burning, deep desire;
Till east and west are caught in love's great fire.

Stir me, O, stir me, Lord! Thy heart was stirred
By love's intensest fire, till thou didst give
Thine only Son, thy best beloved One,
E'en to the dreadful cross, that I might live;
Stir me to give myself so back to thee
That thou canst give thyself again through me.

Stir me, O, stir me, Lord; for I can see
Thy glorious triumph day begin to break;
The dawn already gilds the eastern sky.
O church of Christ, awake! Awake!
O, stir us, Lord, as heralds of that day!
The night is past. Our King is on his way!

—Bessie Porter Head.

Christmas is Coming

(Concluded)

ON CHRISTMAS, so soon to come, let not the parents take the position that an evergreen placed in the church for the amusement of the Sabbath-school scholars is a sin; for it may be made a great blessing. Keep before their minds benevolent objects. In no case should mere amusement be the object of these gatherings. While there may be some who will turn these occasions into seasons of careless levity, and whose minds will not receive the divine impress, to other minds and characters these seasons will be highly beneficial. I am fully satisfied that innocent substitutes can be devised for many gatherings that demoralize.

Christmas is coming. May you all have wisdom to make it a precious season. Let the older church-members unite, heart and soul, with their children in this innocent amusement and recreation, in devising ways and means to show true respect to Jesus by bringing to him gifts and offerings. Let every one remember the claims of God. His cause cannot go forward without your aid. Let the gifts you have usually bestowed upon one another be placed in the Lord's treasury. I present before you, my brethren and sisters, an object, in the European mission. In every church let your smaller offerings be placed upon your Christmas tree. Let the precious emblem, "ever green," suggest the holy work of God and his beneficence to us; and the loving heart-work will be to save other souls who are in darkness. Let your works be in accordance with your faith. I heard Elder Butler read a touching letter a few days since from Elder Whitney, of Europe. The good work is going forward there, but it ought to have been done six years ago. Let not this work be hindered. Let it advance. If all, both old and young, will forego giving presents to one another, and forego the selfish outlay of means in these coming holidays, there would be in heaven a most precious record of self-denial for Christ's sake.

Every tree in Satan's garden hangs laden with the fruits of vanity, pride, self-importance, evil desire, extravagance,—

all poisoned fruit, but very gratifying to the carnal heart. Let the several churches present to God Christmas trees in every church; and then let them hang thereon the fruits of beneficence and gratitude,—offerings coming from willing hearts and hands, fruits that God will accept as an expression of our faith and our great love to him for the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. Let the evergreen be laden with fruit, rich, and pure, and holy, acceptable to God. Shall we not have such a Christmas as Heaven can approve? Thousands of dollars are needlessly spent every year in gifts to each other. That is means lost to God, lost to his cause. It pleases the vanity and encourages pride, creates all kinds of dissatisfaction, murmuring, and complaints, because perhaps the gifts are not just what was desired, not of the high value wanted or expected. Christmas is not observed as its name implies it should be. Man has forsaken God in almost everything, and has turned the attention to self. He has left the pure springs of living waters which flow from the throne of God, and hewn out to himself broken cisterns, which can hold no water. God gave man a probation that he might be fitted for heaven. He was to look upward to God, who was to be the soul's adoration; but talent, skill, and inventive powers are all exercised to make self the supreme object of attention. Man has withdrawn his gaze from Deity, and fastened his eyes upon the finite, the earthly, the corruptible.

Satan is in this work to put God out of the mind and interpose the world and self that the eye shall not be single to the glory of God. Satan captivates and ensnares the mind. His infernal wisdom is continually exercised to mold and fashion the material with which he has to deal, to make God the least and the last object of devotion.

The various amusements of society have been the ruin of thousands who, but for these devices of Satan, might be servants of the living God. There are wrecks of character seen everywhere who have been destroyed by gilded, fashionable pleasure; and still the work is going forward. Thousands more

will go to ruin who will not open their eyes to see and sense the fact that, although they are professed Christians, they are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

I entreat you, my brethren and sisters, to make this coming Christmas a blessing to yourselves and others. The birth of Jesus was unhallowed by the great men of earth. He was the majesty of heaven; yet this royal subject had no attendants. His birth was unhonored by the very men he came to our world to save. But his advent was celebrated by the heavenly host. Angels of God, in the appearance of a star, conducted the wise men on their mission in search of Jesus. They came with gifts and costly offerings of frankincense and myrrh, to pay their obligation to the infant king foretold in prophecy. They followed the brilliant messengers with assurance and great joy. The angels passed by the school of the prophets, the palaces of kings, and appeared to the humble shepherds, guarding their flocks by night, upon Bethlehem's plains. One angel first appeared, clothed with the panoply of heaven; and so surprised and so terrified were the shepherds that they could only gaze upon the wondrous glory of the heavenly visitant with unutterable amazement. The angel of the Lord came to them, and said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people; for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you, Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." No sooner had their eyes become accustomed to the glorious presence of the one angel, than, lo! the whole plain was lighted up with the wondrous glory of the multitude of angels that peopled the plains of Bethlehem. The angel quieted the fears of the shepherds before opening their eyes to behold the multitude of the heavenly host, all praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth, peace, good will to men."

Then was the melody of heaven heard by mortal ears, and the heavenly choir swept back to heaven as they closed their ever memorable anthem. The light faded away, and the shadows of the night once more fell on the hills and plains of Bethlehem; but there remained in the hearts of the shepherds the brightest picture mortal man had ever looked upon, and the blessed promise and assurance of the advent to our world of the Saviour of men, which filled their hearts with joy and gladness, mingled with faith and wondrous love to God. In simple trust, the shepherds hastened to follow the direction of the heavenly messengers, to find the royal babe, not in a palace, not even in a common inn, but in a stable. They bowed in reverence to the infant king, committing no idolatry. But how certain it is that idolatry is committed by those who profess to be lovers of Jesus! Their attention, thought, and powers are devoted to poor, finite mortals. Relatives and friends come in for the worship which belongs to God alone.

I entreat my brethren and sisters to have a special object in view. The European mission is in great need of means to carry forward the work. In Switzerland they are building a printing office which is greatly needed; and means is wanted to carry forward this work to completion. It now seems an impossibility to supply this great need for lack of means. The missionary work must go forward. Now, brethren, let us on Christmas make special efforts to come before the Lord with gifts and grateful offerings for the gift of Jesus Christ as a Redeemer to the world. Let nothing now be spent needlessly; but let every penny that can be spared be put out to the exchangers. Satan has had his way in managing these occasions to suit himself. Now let us turn the current heavenward instead of earthward. Let us show by our offerings that we appreciate the self-denial and sacrifice of Christ in our behalf. Let God be brought to remembrance by every child and parent;

and let the offerings, both small and large, be brought to the storehouse of God.

You that have means, who have been in the habit of making donations to your relatives and friends until you are at a loss to know what to invent that will be new and interesting to them, seek to put your ingenuity to the test, as well as your influence, to see how much means you may gather to advance the work of the Lord. Let your skill and your capacities be employed to make the coming Christmas one of intense interest, paying your addresses to the God of heaven in willing, grateful offerings. Follow no longer the world's customs. Make a break here, and see if this Christmas cannot show thousands of dollars flowing into the treasury, that God's storehouse may not be empty. You may not be recompensed on earth, but you will be rewarded in the future life, and that abundantly. Let those who have so long planned for self now begin to plan for the cause of God, and you will certainly have increased wisdom. Let the conscience be enlightened, and the love of truth and of Christ take the place of idolatrous thoughts and love of self. Will you not arise, my Christian brethren and sisters, and gird yourselves for duty in the fear of God, so arranging this matter that it shall not be dry and uninteresting, but full of innocent enjoyment that shall bear the signet of heaven? I know the poorer class will respond to these suggestions. The most wealthy should also show an interest, and bestow their gifts and offerings proportionate to the means with which God has entrusted them. Let there be recorded in the heavenly books such a Christmas as has never yet been seen, because of the donations which shall be given for the sustaining of the work of God and the upbuilding of his kingdom. — *Mrs. E. G. White in Review of Dec. 9, 1884.*

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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News Items

FROM a personal letter from Sister C. G. Leitzman of the Red Level School, we quote the following: "I am enclosing a little money obtained for Harvest Ingathering from those with whom I have dealt in town. We are planning as a company to spend some time in the work soon. Please send us 25 papers.

"Our school is progressing nicely. The attendance has been small the past month on account of bean picking, but a good spirit prevails. Luther Miller, of Borden Springs, enrolled the past month, and several new pupils are expecting to enter next month.

"On Sundays we conduct a class in vocal music, also one in Bible doctrines. These are attended by some of the outside people who we hope may accept the truth."

The prospects of the Red Level School are very encouraging in every respect. We trust that those who desire advantages in one of our schools at a reasonable cost, will correspond with our educational secretary, Elder J. F. Wright, No. 316 Lyric Bldg. Birmingham, Ala., in regard to the advantages of the Red Level School.

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll, \$5 or Over

CONFERENCE CHURCHES

BIRMINGHAM

Mrs. C. D. Elford	Mrs. N. C. Freeman
Mrs. Garrigan	O. R. Godsmark
Mrs. A. C. Helms	Mrs. T. J. Hoskins
F. D. Hunt	Mrs. F. D. Hunt
Elder R. I. Keate	Mrs. Helen M. Keate
Elder A. L. Miller	Mrs. A. L. Miller
Mrs. Clara Miller	Mrs. McLure
Sarah V. Parker	W. C. Wales
Mrs. J. R. Whittaker	Mrs. E. W. Booth
Miss Lucinda Jobst	Mrs. Pearl M. Wilson
M. L. Wilson	Mrs. Joiner
Mrs. C. Hunt	E. W. Booth
Mrs. Bowes	Mrs. Freckhoffer

CONFERENCE CHURCH

Harriet C. Fuller	H. O. Rogers
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SHEFFIELD

H. G. Miller	Mrs. Mollie Miller
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MOBILE

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

MONTGOMERY

Elder J. F. Wright	Mrs. O. H. Williams
Miss Pauline Moore	Mrs. Mary L. Worley
Mrs. W. W. Eyster	Miss Jonne Powell
Mrs. J. Powers	W. W. Eyster

J. F. Dennis

MISSION CHURCHES

HUNTSVILLE

G. Powers	Mrs. E. Brandon
	C. A. Wilson

BIRMINGHAM

J. J. Pearson	R. Roberts
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MONTGOMERY

L. Frazier

The Colporteur Work

LEAVING Birmingham the eighth of November I entered on a second tour of the State to be with the colporteurs and to visit some of the churches and prospective workers. My first stop was in Montgomery to see Brother M. L. Ivory, but not having received word of my coming, he was in the field, so I was deprived of that pleasure. My next stop was a pleasant visit with Brother G. H. Ward at Stapleton, Baldwin County, and while here I had the pleasure of meeting Brother Eli Howell, a prospective colporteur. Brother Howell feels the Lord is calling him to a more active work for the salvation of souls.

It was then my privilege to spend several days with the church in Mobile, where there were a number looking forward to the colporteur work. We were indeed rejoiced with the spirit of consecration manifested by these dear people. Brethren Murbury and Crabtree have both placed their homes upon the altar of service to enable them to enter the work. These brethren feel the great need of getting their children into a Christian school and their life and talent into the Lord's cause. They ask the prayers of God's people that he send them a buyer for their farms. When this old world reels to and fro like a drunken man, we will have no need of a farm.

I read from Vol. V, page 152, of "Testimonies for the Church": "We ought now to be heeding the injunction of our Saviour, 'Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not.' It is now that our brethren should be cutting down their possessions instead of increasing them. We are about to move to a better country. . . . The time is coming when we cannot sell at any price. The decree will soon go forth prohibiting men to buy or sell of any man save he that hath the mark of the beast."

My next stop was at Grove Hill, in Clark County, with Brother H. A. Lynd, who has been getting the printed pages of truth into the homes of the people in his vicinity. While Brother Lynd has not sold such a large number of books, yet he has reached a good class of people, and as the result many are beginning to inquire after God and his truth.

At this writing I am in Montgomery but will leave on the morning of the third for Enterprise to be with Brother Carl Holland, who is canvassing in Coffee County. I will also visit with Brethren Quinie Tew and H. L. Edwards while in that part of the State. Will you join with us in the prayer, "Lord send forth laborers into the already whitened harvest field?"

M. L. WILSON.

Our Young People's Work

AT THE present writing every effort is being put forth to reach the goal which has been set for the young people in this conference. As yet, I have been unable to visit all of the societies personally, nevertheless they are responding with a determination to win out.

The following named persons have enrolled for the Reading Course for 1916. However, some hope to finish before the first of the year.

BIRMINGHAM

Mr. O. R. Godsmark, Leader	Miss Angie Foster
Miss Lucinda Jobst, Assist.	Miss P. Garrigan
Miss Ione Parker, Secy.	Miss Sarah Parker
Miss Bertha Waters, Assist.	Miss Marguerite Keate
Mrs. O. R. Godsmark	Miss Saline Harris
Mrs. M. L. Wilson	Norman Waters
Mrs. F. Whitaker	Joe Parker
Mrs. A. C. Helms	Miss Ada Miller

MONTGOMERY

Eld. J. F. Wright	Miss Ruby Worley
Mrs. J. F. Wright	Mrs. G. Tatum

BORDEN SPRINGS

Mrs. Lucy Rainwater Reiber, Leader
Miss Stella Miller, Secy.

Mr. F. M. Reiber	J. B. Ficklen
Luther Miller	Luzetta Ficklen
Joe Rainwater	Ardell Ficklen
George Rainwater	Alberta Reiber
Florence Rainwater	Evelynne Reiber
Hazel Rainwater	Mae Lorren
Josephine Rainwater	Melvin Lorren
D. A. Fisher	Mabel Fisher

SHEFFIELD

Miss Willie E. Reynolds	Miss Elizabeth Reynolds
	Miss Eva Adkins

ASHFORD

Miss Effie Smith	Miss Bessie Cain
	Miss H. C. Cain

LANWOOD

Miss Pauline Moore

CITRONELLE

Miss Sylva Gardiner

MARLOW

*Evertt Gudmundson

STAPLETON

*Miss Edna Ward

COLPORTEURS

*M. L. Wilson, State Agent Q. Tew

C. L. Ryals E. F. Waters

Carl Holland

This list is certainly a fine one, but we know there are still other young people in the conference whose names do not appear here, so we trust that they will be encouraged to send in their names at once.

No doubt you will be pleased to know the names of those who will read the Bible through by Jan. 1, 1916. We give them as follows:

BIRMINGHAM

Miss Ione Parker Mrs. J. L. Kelly
Mrs. S. O. Parker Mrs. A. C. Helms

MONTGOMERY

Elder J. F. Wright Mrs. J. F. Wright

ELKWOOD

Mr. J. J. Miller Mrs. J. J. Miller

LINWOOD

Miss Pauline Moore

SHEFFIELD

Miss Willie Reynolds Miss Elizabeth Reynolds

Miss Eva Adkins

BORDEN SPRINGS

D. A. Fisher Mabel Fisher
Mrs. Lucy Rainwater Reiber

COLPORTEURS

Q. Tew S. S. Guilford (Col)

Last, but not least, we beg to mention our list of Standard of Attainment members. Those named in the list below have pledged to secure their certificate by passing the examination before the new year dawns upon us. They are as follows:

Eld. A. L. Miller, Conf. President
Eld. J. F. Wright, Dept. Secy.
Eld. R. I. Keate, Pastor of Birmingham church
Eld. James Bellinger, Pastor of Mobile church
O. R. Godsmark, Conf. Treas.
Sarah Parker, Office Assistant
Mrs. M. H. Keate, Sabbath School Secy.
Mrs. M. L. Wilson
Miss Bertha Waters

MISSION

Eld. J. G. Dasent C. A. Wilson
R. Roberts Agnes Blackwood

Now we trust that the WORKER family will not get the idea that in this report we are endeavoring to boast, and if it so appears, it is entirely unconscious. We give all the praise to the Lord for his blessings, and our prayer is that the God of Israel will lead us on to victory. It may be true that you will think that our young people are doing nothing but read, but glance over the Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll and you will see where they get the inspiration. They are planning to become real active field workers. Shall we not continue to pray that the Lord will bless our youth?

J. F. WRIGHT, Y. P. M. V. Secy.

*Those belonging to the Birmingham missionary volunteer society.

Mississippi Conference

Conference Directory

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Statement of the Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund to
Dec. 1, 1915

		Conference					
Churches	Mem	Amt	Raised	Amt	Due	Rate	Short
Cedar Creek	22	\$26	13	\$211	20	\$ 02½	\$185 07
*Conference Church...	21	474	72	201	60	47	
Ellisville	16	47	19	153	60	06	106 41
Jackson	43	299	01	412	80	14½	113 79
Hatley	27	124	72	259	20	02	234 48
Meridian	21	151	25	201	60	15	50 35
Pine Grove	11	32	45	115	60	06	83 15
Vicksburg	6	22	61	57	60	08	34 99
Hattiesburg Co.		43	67				
Individuals		95	68				
Totals	167	\$1217	43	\$1613	20	\$ 15	\$395 77

Mission

Brookhaven	25	\$34	53	\$120	00	\$ 02¾	\$85 47
Ellisville	12	8	00	57	60	01¼	49 60
Greenville	24	73	12	115	20	06¼	42 08
Hattiesburg	14	26	93	67	20	04	40 27
Jackson	29	48	12	139	20	03½	91 08
Meridian	12	21	09	57	60	03½	36 51
Natchez	19	9	34	91	20	01	81 86
Vicksburg	35	47	69	168	00	02¾	120 31
Yazoo City	20	49	50	96	00	05	46 50
Mission	13	51	63	62	40	08¼	10 77
Hazelhurst Co.		12	88				
Individuals		60	00				

Totals

THE above is the standing of the churches in Mississippi on the amount that is to be raised for missions this year. You will notice that there is some faithful work to be done yet if we are to reach this goal, but I feel sure that if every member will continue to gather means by the use of the Harvest Ingathering papers that we will raise the required amount.

With the exception of the conference church no church has raised its quota. A few of the others have raised considerably over half, but the large majority are below the half way mark yet.

At this time when all the world is in the spirit of giving, let us not forget the Lord's work. We have two splendid opportunities for giving this year. One is the thirteenth Sabbath, which comes on Christmas day, and the other is the annual offering. Let us take advantage of these opportunities and give according as the Lord has prospered us the past year.

Let us remember that we are doing a great work and to come short of this goal might mean that some one would be lost that would not have been, had we been faithful in giving to the cause of God. Let us all pray, work, and give, and I am sure that our goal to missions will be reached.

BEN C. MARSHALL, Treasurer.

* Overpaid \$273.12

A Call for Reapers

IN THE twentieth chapter of Matthew we find a great lesson for Seventh-day Adventists. We learn as we study this parable that many will be standing idle at the eleventh hour while there is plenty of work for all to do. We also learn that the Lord will bless all who answer the call to work in his vineyard even at this late period. When Jesus comes the second time whom is he coming to save, the idlers or the workers? I think all can answer this question.

It was the needs of the world that appealed to the Saviour. Are we satisfied with simply plowing the corn and cotton and chopping wood? Can we be contented doing only this kind of work when we know this precious truth? Thousands are dying all about us with no knowledge of it. "All who accept the gospel take upon themselves the obligation to pass the good tidings on to others. In this way the work of salvation is extended. Every soul reclaimed from the pit of sin, joins in the same work for others which lifted him up and placed his feet upon the rock" ("The Printing Press and the Gospel"). Brethren, these thoughts are of vital importance to us who know this message.

I have been here only two months, but have been nearly all over the State. The workers here are having good deliveries and many precious experiences. When the Lord said, "Go work in my vineyard," I believe that included the State of Mississippi. I find we have a good class of people here. They have money and will give it for our books if they only have a chance. Any place where the people need this message is a good place for us to labor. If our colporteurs would depend wholly upon God, what a mighty work we could do here in the South. He has promised if we will work in his vineyard, he will give us what is right. What more could we ask? Dear Brethren, has the Lord ever spoken to you in a way that you could almost hear his voice saying, "Work in my vineyard"? If he has, why not answer the call this next year. We may put off the work until it is too late. Soon the harvest will be past and many of us will be lost by failing to answer the call. The Lord can help us here in this State just as well as any place. Success in God's work comes from him and from him alone. I hope that many here will feel it their duty to lay down their worldly business, and enter this great work. We expect to have an institute for the colporteurs of this State beginning January 13 and lasting ten days. I will be glad to hear from any who feel impressed to enter this work.

JOHN R. STATON, *Field Missionary Secretary.*

Among the Churches

As it has been some time since I reported to the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER I will do so now.

Since Elder Wiest has gone to the Fall Council at Loma Linda I have been visiting the churches in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

On the line of Natchez I visited at Stampley. There I found a brother who has just lately accepted the message and is waiting to pay tithe before he is baptized. He is of good courage.

We have two faithful sisters at Natchez who have gathered in over \$34 and expect to make it \$50 before they stop. They are of good courage and are doing all they can to finish the work in their part of the vineyard. Brother Stewart is also working at Washington.

I visited Ellisville, Hattiesburg, Biloxi, and Gulfport. I found a sister at Gulfport whose husband was killed a few weeks ago. She is doing all she can in that part of the vineyard. All over the State the work seems to be prospering at the present time, and we are in hopes of seeing our part of the Harvest Ingathering finished in a short time.

I do not know what to say of Meridian; they are something

like a steam roller, hard to start, but when they get started they are hard to stop.

At Jackson every one stopped work for one day and all took papers through the city. At another time some of the members went out with the papers.

We are thankful to have a part in the work in this State, and are hoping to come out on the right side of the twenty-cent-a-week fund at the close of the year. R. E. BURKE.

Louisiana Conference

Conference Directory

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R. W. PARMELE, *Missionary Secretary.*
MRS. FRIEDA HUBER-PAUL, *Educational and Y.P.M.V. Secretary.*
MRS. E. L. MORROW, *Sabbath-School Secretary.*
LYDIA E. PARMELE, *M. D., Medical Secretary.*
OFFICE ADDRESS, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

The Honor Roll

THE following are entitled to a place on the Honor Roll, having gathered in \$5 or more since the opening of the present Harvest Ingathering Campaign:

HAMMOND

E. E. June

LAKE CHARLES

Mrs. E. L. Frank

Mrs. Mary Perkins

NEW ORLEANS No. 1

Elder J. A. Morrow

Mrs. E. L. Morrow

Mrs. J. B. Collie

Mrs. J. P. Ulmer

Mrs. C. L. Ulmer

Dr. A. K. Brown

Mrs. Laura Brown

NEW ORLEANS No. 2

W. Williams

C. L. Caston

A. F. Schemell

E. Z. Schemell

Harvest Ingathering Fund

Church	Total to Nov 30	Dec. 1-6	Total
Alexandria	\$ 1 95	\$	\$ 1 95
Conference Church ...	5 05		5 05
Hammond	7 70	2 00	9 70
Lake Arthur	2 30		2 30
Lake Charles	23 05		23 05
Lena Station	6 25		6 25
New Orleans No. 1.	80 71	8 76	89 47
New Orleans No. 2.	63 10	1 67	64 77
Shreveport No. 1.	18 00		18 00
Shreveport No. 2.	11 80		11 80
Welsh	4 35		4 35
Totals	\$ 224 26	\$ 12 43	\$ 236 69

News Items

ELDER O. F. FRANK closed his series of meetings in the vicinity of Hope Villa, November 27, baptizing nine new members. A full account of the meetings is given in this issue.

November 30, on his return home to Atlanta, Ga., from the

North American Division Council, Brother L. D. Randall, manager of the Atlanta Branch of the Southern Publishing Association, made the office in New Orleans a much appreciated visit.

A nice little Sabbath school has been organized at Ringgold, and the members are taking up the work with renewed energy. This we trust will prove a great strength to the small church there, and may be the means of bringing others into the light of the gospel.

Sunday, December 4, Elder and Mrs. Morrow spent a day with Brother and Sister Dykeman and Mrs. Cowart at Mandeville, and encouraged them in the Harvest Ingathering work.

If you have not a special price list from the tract society, send for one at once. A card will do. Secure your books and papers during this special offer.

Oak Grove Tent Effort

WE THOUGHT some of holding a tent effort down in the New River country, so I went down to spy out the land. I found no giants, but found so little land and so much mud and water that I concluded, as all with whom I talked advised, that it would be better to plan to postpone the meeting in this section till some more convenient time when the people could get out to attend the meetings.

After considerable reflection I decided to hold a series of meetings at Oak Grove which is midway between Hobart and Hope Villa, about two miles from each. At Oak Grove is a good high school and a new Baptist church and a big country store. These are located on the main country road from New Orleans to Baton Rouge.

I had no help with me to begin the meetings which commenced October 20 and continued until November 24. Preaching services were held eight times in the week, but we missed two services on account of bad weather. Brother Boswell, the State agent, came to me on the twenty-second and stayed until the sixth of November. His help and company were very much appreciated. Before the close of the meetings it got rather cold to hold meetings in a tent without a stove. Then, too, for a couple of weeks before the close of the meetings the farmers were very busy gathering fall crops and cutting and hauling sugar-cane. All these things coming together caused the attendance to fall off some toward the last, but on the whole the interest was very good. I had my bicycle with me and did a great deal of running around and visiting with the people. I am glad to report that nine have joined the church as a result of this last series of meetings and quite a number of others have begun to obey the truth. Nine were baptized. All but one that joined the church were baptized. This one had been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church before Elder Purdham's trouble, and then had left us. She was taken into the church on her former baptism. One of our members having become dissatisfied with her Baptist baptism desired Adventist baptism, and was baptized.

In all, thirty have been baptized into the Hobart church since I began holding meetings in the vicinity of Hobart last June. Thirty-four have joined the church. I held four series within a radius of six miles. All but two of these who joined the church are adults, and most of them are members of united families. This makes me feel very happy. Truly the Lord has wrought for us and therefore we are glad. It now seems to me that the work ought to be followed up. There is a bright prospect at present for another series of meetings at New River, a little place about ten miles from Hobart. I am in hopes that a meeting can be held there next spring and summer.

Now I am back at Lake Charles. It is the plan that I labor here this winter. Pray for me, brethren, that I may be given good success in bringing our great message favorably to the attention of the thousands that are here.

O. F. FRANK.

Shall We Render Service to God?

"I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1.

"I beseech, (implore, beg) you, therefore, brethren." The word "therefore" shows that Paul has reached a conclusion in his reasoning. So we go back to the preceding chapter to see why he beseeches us by the "mercies of God," and find how God has grafted the Gentiles upon the parent stock, and has made us fellow heirs of the coming kingdom of glory, because he loved us so. Paul reaches the height of his adoration of God in verse thirty-three of the eleventh chapter, when he says, "Oh the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out." Then he sums up our obligation to God and our privilege to show our gratitude for the many mercies shown to us by presenting our bodies a "living sacrifice." And why present our bodies a sacrifice while we are living? Why not wait until death, and then lay all upon the altar as the lambs were laid in the old dispensation? But the apostle explains that we should "present our bodies a living sacrifice," which is "our reasonable service." Why should it be thought strange that God should require bodily service in return for his many rich mercies and blessings, both temporal and spiritual? We are bought for service. "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world." "Acts of the Apostles," by Mrs. E. G. White.

Paul says in Rom. 12:2, "Be ye not conformed to this world." To be "conformed" is to be brought into harmony or agreement with the world. Now shall we yield to the world when it bids for our service, or shall we yield both body and mind to God for service? Let us read a few more of God's calls to service. First, whom has he called? Mark 13:34 says that he has given to every man his work. The word "man" takes in all of God's children. As he has given to every man his work, we should know what part he has given to each of us. I feel sure that he will guide us into the place he desires us to fill, if we will yield to him for service. Paul says in Rom. 8:14, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Are we, dear brother and sister, letting that Spirit lead us in his service? I am so glad that he has told us where he wishes us to work down at the eleventh hour. It is in his vineyard, and he says, "Why stand ye here all the day idle!" Matt. 20:6.

God is calling all who are truly his to turn from the world's employment to work in his vineyard, which is indeed white unto the harvest. Many useful talents are being buried in the earth by being employed in the world's vocations. The spirit of prophecy says, as quoted in "Manual for Canvassers," p. 72, "To every man God has given his work; not work in fields of corn and wheat, but earnest, persevering work for the salvation of souls." Cannot we leave our farms, families, or whatsoever is holding us out of active service for God and answer his call? He has promised to provide for them and for us. Matt. 19:29.

The financial depression which came as a result of the great war troubles has driven many from the work of God, and why? Principally because the financial outlook was quite dark. But did the real faithful ones fail financially in God's work? I ask you to read the reports from the heads of the different departments of the General and North American Division Conferences as represented at Loma Linda, Cal., in the Council held there recently, and published in the *Review* for the last of November. I wish to quote a few words from a letter written by Brother J. W. Davis, union field secretary of the Southern Union Conference: "I am glad to hear from the different fields that our deliveries are going so well. Some are making 100 per cent deliveries; others 90 per cent, and but few as low as

60 per cent, so I take courage, and feel that every man is doing his best." Here are a few words from the secretary of the Oklahoma Tract Society: "In behalf of the work, I wish to state, that thus far this year, it has been very encouraging. Our colporteurs with but few exceptions have made splendid deliveries, and some of them at the present time are having more than 100 per cent deliveries." I quote these because they are near at home, and in their territory is represented almost all of the leading farm crops, so you see that it is not a favored field above others, which proves to us that God is not confined to crop conditions so much as to the condition of our faith.

G. B. BODWELL.

(To be concluded next week.)

Tennessee River Conference

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Honor Roll

The following churches are entitled to a place on the Honor Roll, having gathered in \$2.50 or more per member since the opening of the present Harvest Ingathering Campaign:

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News Notes

BROTHER C. G. BISHOP reached Nashville December 5 and left that afternoon for his field of labor in Rutherford County. He is expecting to make a delivery in a few days. We are glad to have Brother Bishop with us again after an absence of several weeks.

Brother Wheeler, the field secretary, has been working the past week with Brother W. D. Wade. They are canvassing in Calhoun County, Kentucky, and report good success. Brother Wade has purchased a new buggy and harness, and Brother Wheeler writes that he puts up a good appearance as a colporteur.

We have received an order from the Madison School for 200 copies of "The Men of the Mountains" and the books have gone forward. This is one of the largest orders we have received. If you have not yet seen a copy of this book, send \$1 to the tract society for a copy.

The tract society office will be moved to North Nashville some time after the first of the year, as the Cole Building is to be remodeled and all the occupants will of course have to remove while this remodeling is taking place. We will announce our new address a little later.

We have received \$6 more Harvest Ingathering money from the Jackson church. This gives them a credit of \$63.78 in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. We trust that others of our churches will strive to follow this example and pay up in full their arrears on the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

"It is all right to acknowledge your deficiencies, but it is altogether unwise to let them master you."

Colporteurs' Report, Southern Union Conference for Week Ending Dec. 4, 1915

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Robert Cook	BF	22		\$ 1 20	\$ 1 20	\$	
D A Fisher	BR	11		75	75		3 00
C Holland	WC&BR	81	9	7 75	3 85	11 60	4 25
M L Ivory	D&R	15	2	6 00		6 00	
Q Tew	BR	35	2	3 00		3 00	

Totals (Agts. 5) 164 13 \$16 75 \$ 5 80 \$22 55 \$ 7 25

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Jas Turner*	BR	85	26	\$81 00	\$	\$81 00	\$76 00
R R Coble*	BR	68	9	27 00		27 00	64 00
J Harzman	PP&F	18					16 00
SFReeder	BF,sofB&GP	16	16	9 20		9 20	2 95

Totals (Agts. 4) 187 51 \$117 20 \$ 9 20 \$117 20 \$158 95

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
J M Boyce	BR&BF	15	22	\$33 50	\$	\$33 50	\$109 00
Annie Boyd*	PP&F						10 00
P Hampton	BF						29 45
Hattie Jacobs	CK						26 00
Ella Johnson	D&R	41					73 50
A Johnson	D&R,PP&F	67					85 00
LJMcElroy	D&R,PP&F40						54 00

Totals (Agts. 7) 163 22 \$33 50 \$ 33 50 \$386 95

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
R H Hazelton	GC	42	17	\$36 00	\$ 1 80	\$37 80	\$
Wm J Keele	D&R	45	5	15 00	2 00	17 00	3 50
W B Tyus	HofM	25			70	70	67 00
F E Wagner	GC	35	8	24 00	8 30	32 30	6 00
MrsFEWagner	Misc	10			40 10	40 10	
Y A Young	P&P	35					198 60
Bibles							4 00

Totals (Agts. 6) 192 30 \$75 00 \$52 90 \$127 90 \$279 10

G'd Totals (A. 23) 706 116 \$242 45 \$58 70 \$267 65 \$832 25

Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference..	\$9321 25	\$ 284 75	\$2956 35
Kentucky Conference.	19234 05	992 62	10897 02
Louisiana Conference.	5331 21	205 30	2476 60
Mississippi Conference	16013 75	642 30	5834 25
Tenn. River Conference	7633 90	1220 75	4167 85

Totals \$57534 16 \$3345 72 \$26332 07

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending Dec. 4, 1915

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
S F Reeder	11	\$ 1 10	
Lura Reed	59	5 90	
Totals	70	\$ 7 00	

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News Items

ELDER and MRS. S. E. WIGHT have stopped in Michigan on their return from California, and are detained there on account of the sickness of Elder Wight's mother who is lying at the point of death.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood is visiting the churches in the Kentucky Conference in the interest of the young people's and educational work and sends back an encouraging report of the work that is being done there.

Brother J. W. Davis reached Nashville Wednesday, December 1, after having been in the West for some weeks attending the Council at Loma Linda. He also had a pleasant visit on his return trip with his brother in Texas whom he had not seen for several years.

Brother G. H. Curtis has been absent from the office two days this week on account of sickness. We are glad he is again able to resume his usual duties.

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering—December 25, 1915

Christmas gifts for China.

How much will Southern Union Sabbath schools give?

Read Missions Quarterly thoughtfully.

It will touch your heart and purse.

Stand loyally by our missionaries.

The harvest, already white, stands ready.

Manchuria was entered at the eleventh hour.

All work for China by your representatives—the \$\$.

Speed on the blessed truth.

One Son had God, and he was a missionary.

Far Western China calls for the gospel.

Forget self, have the dollar ready by Christmas.

East China Mission needs your help.

Be you in partnership with the missionaries?

In delay, there is danger.

Now make it Dollar Day.

Gift Day—the best Christmas day.

—Lake Union Herald.

Seven Billion Slain

WARS have claimed this number of men, so statisticians tell us. An article in the January Signs Magazine contains this information in connection with a recital of the taking

of Babylon by Cyrus, when he diverted the flow of the Euphrates and with his soldiers entered the city. With this introduction the writer then proceeds to explain Rev. 16:12-14,—“and the water thereof was dried up.”

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Mount of Blessing	Under Marching Orders
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North America.	Winning the Oregon Country
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Special Club Prices

THE following special club prices on our periodicals will be made this year from December 1 to February 1:

Review	\$ 1 80	Little Friend	\$ 65
Instructor	1 00	Watchman	80
Sabbath School Worker	35	Atlantic Union Gleaner	25
Christian Educator	80	Southern Union Worker	25
Life and Health	80	Columbia Union Visitor	25
Liberty	25	Lake Union Herald...	25
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		Gleaner	25

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