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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 Bible

Study it carefully,
Think of it prayerfully,
Deep in thy heart let its pure precepts dwell.
Slight not its history,
Ponder its mystery,
None can e'er prize it too fondly or well.

Accept the glad tidings,
The warnings and chidings,
Found in this volume of heavenly lore;
With faith that's unfailing,
And love all prevailing,
Trust in its promise of life evermore.

With fervent devotion
And thankful emotion,
Hear the blest welcome, respond to its call;
Life's purest oblation,
The heart's adoration,
Give to the Saviour who died for us all.

— *Selected.*

The Most Popular Book

"THE Bible continues to be the most popular book printed," said Arthur J. Saalfeld, president of the Saalfeld Publishing Company of New York, at a book fair held in Chicago. It was further stated that "for every volume of the six best sellers that is issued each year, a car-load of Bibles is manufactured."

It is interesting to contrast the predictions of Voltaire and Ingersoll with the unparalleled demand for the Bible above all other books. Mr. Voltaire said over a century ago, "The Bible is an exploded book," and Mr. Ingersoll said over twenty-five years ago, "In ten years the Bible will not be read."

It would seem that the Lord is moving upon the hearts of people everywhere to possess the written Word of God so that they will be left without excuse when the great famine predicted in the Bible for "hearing the words of the Lord" shall overtake them.

What the world needs today is faithful, consecrated men and women who will teach the inhabitants of the earth the truths in the Bible that are applicable at this time. This work can only be done by those to whom they have been committed.

— *Atlantic Union Gleaner.*

The Bible

THE first book printed from movable metal types was the Latin Bible in the year 1455.

The King James, or Authorized Version of the Bible, was first printed in 1611, by Robert Barker.

The first Bible printed in this country was in the Indian language in 1663, by John Eliot.

The first Bible printed in New York City was in 1792. George Washington owned a copy.

The first Bible printed on India paper was published by Bagster in 1828.

The Cambridge University Press—the earliest of existing presses to produce a Bible—issued the King James or Authorized Version first in 1629.— *Selected.*

Institutes for 1916

THE year 1915 is almost to its close. The record is soon to be forever made up. We cannot change it in any way, but can only ask the Lord to forgive where we have failed to do what we ought to have done, and sometimes I feel that it is well to ask forgiveness for these sins of omission.

The dates for the institutes are as follows:

Louisiana	Jan. 4-14.
Mississippi	Jan. 13-23.
Alabama	Jan. 26-Feb. 4.
Tennessee River	Feb. 7-17.
Kentucky	Feb. 21-Mar. 1.

From the above dates it will be seen that there are ten days given to each institute, which will be a good thing. It will not crowd us, and there can be more time given to practice. These ought to be occasions when considerable time can be given to doing the thing. Theory is good, but there is nothing that compares with practice.

The usual favors will be granted to colporteurs who come and take the entire drill and who enter the colporteur work in any of these conferences for the year. Please write now and tell your field missionary secretary to prepare to receive you at the institute.

From every indication, the year 1916 is going to be a good year for this work. Cotton is bringing a better price now than it has since the war began, and conditions bid fair to make next year a good one for the book work.

I trust you will not fail to heed, if the Spirit calls you to attend this meeting and to enter the work of the Lord. The great commission is "Go ye." This is certainly said to every man and woman who have given themselves to the Lord and accepted this truth. During this week of prayer many in the South ought to give themselves to the Lord for service in the book work. I am glad to hear that many are doing this.

We ask an interest in your prayers for the success of these institutes and for the book work during the year to come.

J. W. DAVIS, *Union Field Secretary.*

Never Read a Bad Book

NEVER, under any circumstances, read a bad book; and never spend a serious hour in reading a second-rate book. No words can overstate the mischief of bad reading.

A bad book will often haunt a man his whole life long. It is often remembered when much that is better is forgotten; it intrudes itself at the most solemn moments, and contaminates the best feelings and emotions. Reading trashy, second-rate books is a grievous waste of time also.

In the first place, there are a great many more first-rate books than ever you can master; and in the second place, you cannot read an inferior book without giving up an opportunity of reading a good one.

Books, remember, are friends; books affect character; and you can as little neglect your duty in respect to this as you can safely neglect any other moral duty that is cast upon you.—*Selected.*

Tea and Coffee

"TEA and coffee are stimulating. Their effects are similar to those of tobacco; but they affect in a less degree. Those who use these slow poisons, like the tobacco-user, think they cannot live without them, because they feel so very badly when they do not have these idols. Why they suffer when they discontinue the use of these stimulants, is because they have been breaking down nature in her work of preserving the entire system in harmony and in health. They will be troubled with dizziness, headache, numbness, nervousness, and irritability. They feel as though they should go all to pieces, and some have not courage to persevere in abstaining from them till abused nature recovers, but again resort to the use of the same hurtful things. They do not give nature time to recover the injury they have done her, but for present relief return to these hurtful indulgences. Nature is continually growing weaker, and less capable of recovering. But if they will be determined in their efforts to persevere and overcome, abused nature will soon again rally, and perform her work wisely and well without these stimulants. The whole system under the influence of these stimulants often becomes intoxicated. And to just that degree that the nervous system is excited by false stimulants, will be the prostration which will follow after the influence of the exciting cause has abated. This prostration may in time be overcome by abstaining from the use of those things which created such a condition in the system. Those who indulge a perverted appetite, do it to the injury of health and intellect. They cannot appreciate the value of spiritual things. Their sensibilities are blunted, and sin does not appear very sinful, and truth is not regarded of greater value than earthly treasure."—"Spiritual Gifts," by Mrs. E. G. White, Vol. IV, pp. 128, 129, edition of 1864.

BE PATIENT. Keep sweet. Do not fret or worry. Do your best, and leave results with God. Believe firmly in God, in the fulfilment of his purposes, and in the march of his providences. God's laws are immutable, and work with undeviating regularity. Walk in fellowship with God, and every year you will be a stronger, better, happier, and sweeter man. Do not mar your peace or power by needless worry. Live by faith in the Son of God, who loves you and gave himself for you. On some bright tomorrow you will come to anchor under a heaven of sapphire, and a harbor of calm, with chimes ringing their welcome from the spires that sentinel the city of God, while from the battlements millions will shout, "Well done!" while God himself will say, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—*George B. Vosburgh.*

"FEWER temptations come to those who are busy."

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

A. L. MILLER, President.

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J. F. WRIGHT, Home Missionary, Y. P. M. V., and Educational Secretary.

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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

Mrs. Ben Hoskins

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

LONG ISLAND

Mrs. E. W. Graves

News Notes

BROTHER S. D. MILLER writes from Mobile, "The month of November was a lively one from beginning to end, and the work is onward here." We rejoice to see the Master's work growing instead of diminishing.

Sister Grant, of Pensacola, places her subscription for the *Review and Herald* for the coming five years. This is the longest time subscription we have had for several weeks and trust that

it will prove an inspiration for others to subscribe for at least a year.

A recent letter from the publishers mentions the fact that since the beginning of the *Review* campaign, Alabama has gained eighteen subscriptions to the *Review* and *Herald*. The entire Southern Union has made a gain of thirty-two subscriptions. This conference is short 148 subscriptions. Every Seventh-day Adventist should begin the year 1916 by subscribing for the *Review*. One year for \$2; six months for \$1.

Montgomery Church Harvest Ingathering Bulletin No. 1, Dec. 4, 1915

Our Goal \$5 per member	\$110 00
Amount Raised	60 84
	<hr/> \$49 16

We thought that it would be well to get out a Bulletin so as to let the members of the Montgomery church see what has been done up to date with the Harvest Ingathering Fund. For the members who have been at work and have reported, an excellent showing has been made. We are grateful to see nine names on the Honor Roll. It is hoped that each name will find a place on this roll before the first of the year. This would be encouraging, would it not? We can do this if we will.

The following shows what each one has done so far:

Mr. J. F. Dennis	\$ 6 00	J. F. Wright	\$ 5 30
Mrs. May Gaskell	1 50	Miss Ruby Worley	2 00
Miss Isabelle Collins	3 00	Mrs. E. M. Eyster	5 00
Mrs. H. O. Williams	6 20	Mr. W. W. Eyster	5 00
Miss Pauline Moore	6 20	Mrs. F. Sherman	3 00
Wesley Eyster	1 00	Mrs. J. Powers	5 00
Miss Jonne Powell	5 00	Mrs. Mary Warley	5 64
Mrs. J. F. Wright	1 00		
	<hr/> \$29 90		<hr/> \$30 94

Now only a few days remain before the holidays, so what we do towards raising our goal *must be done quickly*. We do not want to face the new year with an unfinished work, do we? By each one doing his part it is possible for us to reach the mark set and hear the "Well done" spoken. Let special efforts be put forth to finish our part of the campaign, and the blessing of heaven will rest upon us as we go into the vineyard to work.

All Harvest Ingathering funds should be turned in each Sabbath.

J. F. WRIGHT.

A Truthful Admission Regarding the First Day of the Week

IN "The New International Encyclopedia," Vol. VII, art., "Festival," p. 329, is found the following admission regarding the non "sacred character" of the first day of the week:

"It is not known how early the first day of the week began to be celebrated in honor of the resurrection. There is no trace of such an observance in the New Testament. For neither 1 Cor. 16: 2, where each person is bidden to lay by him, i. e. in his own house, as he is prospered, on the first day of the week; nor Acts 20: 7, where there is a breaking of bread on the last day of Paul's stay in Troas; . . . nor Rev. 1: 10, . . . can be quoted as showing that the first day was distinguished from the other days as having a sacred character."

"If you allow yourself to rest satisfied with present attainments, however respectable they may be, your mental garments will soon look threadbare."

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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F. C. BRUCE, Conference and Tract Society Secretary and Treas.

M. WHEELER, Field Missionary Secretary.

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PROF. S. L. CLARK, Principal, Hazel Academy, Hazel, Ky.

THE following churches are entitled to a place	
on the Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll, having	
gathered in their share of the \$100,000 called	
for by the General Conference:	
JACKSON	HAZEL
	NASHVILLE MEMORIAL

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

Church	Mem	AmtDue	AmtPd	AmtShort
Ashland City	9	\$ 85 86	\$ 81 50	\$ 4 36
Bon Aqua	27	257 58	31 75	225 83
Cedar Grove	15	143 10	71 63	71 47
Conference Church	6	57 24	131 70	*74 46
Fountain Head . . .	41	391 14	72 91	318 23
Goodlettsville . . .	23	219 42	33 70	185 72
Hazel	16	152 64	219 48	*66 84
Hustburg	17	162 18	23 07	139 11
Jackson	16	152 64	200 69	*48 05
Lawrenceburg . . .	10	95 40	22 99	72 41
Leach	37	352 98	56 45	296 53
Lane	5	47 70	47 45	25
Madison	68	648 72	201 22	447 50
Memphis	125	1192 50	625 34	567 16
Nashville	161	1535 94	1280 78	255 16
North Nashville . .	43	410 22	272 85	137 37
Springville	48	457 92	82 59	375 33
Trezevant	14	133 56	11 66	121 90
Paducah	15	143 10	49 15	93 95
Totals	696	\$6639 84	\$3516 91	\$3122 93

THE above report includes all money received for missions up to December 1 including the Harvest Ingathering funds which have been turned in by the churches. We are still considerably behind in the raising of our full quota of twenty cents a week, and if we raise the amount called for by the above report it will mean some hard work on the part of our local church officers, as well as every lay member. We are glad that besides the conference church, two others, the Jackson and Hazel churches, have been able to raise in full the amount asked by the General Conference. We trust that we may be able to add several other churches to this list on the next report. With the aid of the Harvest Ingathering papers, every church should be able to raise the full amount as represented in the above compilation.

For the benefit of those who desire to work to the end of the year, we beg to announce that our mission books will be open for remittances until Jan. 12, 1916. After that, all funds received will be counted in the 1916 business. We earnestly trust that all Sabbath school secretaries will turn in to their respective

* Overpaid.

church treasurers all Sabbath school money on hand by the fifth of January, so that they may be prompt in getting in their remittances, and that the conference may have the benefit of the thirteenth Sabbath offering in its proper period of time. There are only two or three more weeks to pass before the books will be closed, and we would request that every church member in the conference assist in every way possible to materially change the above deficit to that of a balance on the other side. The work in the foreign fields is calling for our means, and let us all be liberal in what we do to advance the work in other lands.

F. C. BRUCE.

Brief Reports from the Churches

I AM spending the Week of Prayer with the Cedar Grove church, and we are having some excellent meetings. The readings are greatly enjoyed by all, and the Lord is drawing very near in the services. It is very evident that the Holy Spirit is doing his work in the hearts of the dear brethren and sisters, and they have expressed the determination to live nearer to the Lord in the future.

Last Monday, December 13, I visited the Haran church near Goodlettsville. In the evening the brethren met at the home of Brother Haughsted for the Week of Prayer service, and we enjoyed an excellent meeting. The Spirit of the Lord came very near, and several expressed a desire to overcome and be faithful till the end. Some of the brethren here have recently been indicted for Sunday labor and the trial is set for January 17 and will be held at Gallatin, Tenn. The brethren are not discouraged because of these things, but are determined to press on and expect the Lord to do great things for them. I plan to hold meetings there for a few days in the near future.

Brother Lowry writes very encouragingly of the work in Memphis and says that the outlook there for the future is excellent. He says that Misses Hibben and Brown are doing

excellent work in the school. He also says they are still pushing the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and hope to raise their quota before the end of the year. The Jackson and Hazel churches have passed the conference goal of \$2.50 per member, and the Nashville Memorial Church has succeeded in raising its quota of \$1.54 per member. This is excellent work, and it is to be hoped that more of the churches will succeed in raising their quota before the end of the year.

Brother Alston, of Jackson, reports an excellent interest among the colored people of that city in hearing the truth. He is holding meetings in a hall and reports quite a number keeping the Sabbath.

The work at Hazel is making some progress. Two are keeping the Sabbath and others are interested. It is to be hoped that a number will accept the truth there.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

News Items

BROTHER W. B. WOODALL, of Louisiana, was an office visitor Wednesday, December 15. He is expecting to return to Louisiana in a few days.

The Week of Prayer meetings being held in the city here are quite largely attended each night and a spirit of consecration and a desire to see the work finished is expressed in the meetings. There are three meetings being conducted, besides one for the young people. Elder Denslow is meeting with these different companies as he has time to do so.

Brother T. A. Graves, of Lawrenceburg, was in the office recently, and reported the work onward at his church. He reported that Brother Reese has secured a nice donation of school seats from an outsider in the East, which has been a great help in carrying on the school work. There are about twenty students in school at the present time.

Louisiana Conference

Report of Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund to December 6, 1915

Church	Mem	Quota to date	Amt Pd	Shortage	Overpaid	Quota for Yr	To be Raised
Alexandria*	14	\$ 39 20	\$ 29 64	\$ 9 56	\$	\$ 50 40	\$ 20 76
Arcadia	23	220 30	13 70	207 10		239 20	225 50
Conference Church	30	288 00	220 62	68 00		312 00	91 38
Hammond	19	182 40	106 89	75 51		197 60	90 71
Hope Villa	45	432 00	37 12	394 88		468 00	430 83
Lake Arthur	9	86 40	27 18	59 22		93 60	66 42
Lake Charles	19	182 40	118 47	63 93		197 60	79 13
Lena Station	13	124 80	23 37	101 43		135 20	111 83
New Orleans	62	595 20	645 81		50 61	644 90	
Ringgold	8	76 80		76 80		83 20	83 20
Shreveport	50	480 00	196 14	283 86		520 00	323 86
Sugartown	14	134 40	63 49	70 91		145 60	82 11
Welsh	48	460 80	213 66	247 14		499 20	285 54
Totals		\$3303 20	\$1696 09	\$1657 72	\$ 50 61	\$3586 40	\$1891 32
Amount Overpaid				50 61			1 01
Net Shortage				\$1607 11			\$1890 31
MISSION							
Newellton	10	\$ 48 00	\$ 6 65	\$ 41 35	\$	\$ 52 00	\$ 45 35
New Orleans	126	604 80	203 36	401 44		655 20	451 84
Mission Church	9	61 20	4 71	56 49		46 80	42 09
Shreveport*	30	42 00	23 96	18 04		54 00	30 04
Totals		\$ 756 00	\$ 236 68	\$ 517 32	\$	\$ 808 00	\$ 569 32

* Not organized the full year.

News Items

DECEMBER 9 Brother W. F. Hardt and family sailed from New Orleans for Guatemala, having spent a short time at the mission waiting to take passage.

Brother N. Hendricks has again returned to Hammond, where he will escape the severe northern winter. Since leaving us he has been residing at Maple Plain, Minn.

The latest from Babyland: Melbourne Arthur McLennan, of Shreveport, and Raymond Burnell Caldwell, of New Orleans.

Miss M. L. Chilton, of Mansfield, has also been making good use of her spare moments taking holiday orders for our smaller books.

Monday, the thirteenth, Mrs. E. E. Petet, of DeQuincy, made a welcome visit to the conference office, and on returning took with her a good supply of the smaller books for which she has secured orders for a Christmas delivery.

Harvest Ingathering Fund

Church	Previously Reported	Reported Wk Endg Dec 13	Total
Alexandria	\$ 1 95	\$ 6 96	\$ 8 91
Conference Church ...	5 05		5 05
Hammond	9 70		9 70
Lake Arthur	2 30		2 30
Lake Charles	23 05	1 00	24 05
Lena Station	6 25		6 25
New Orleans No. 1....	89 47	8 75	98 22
New Orleans No. 2....	64 77		64 77
Shreveport No. 1....	18 00		18 00
Shreveport No. 2....	11 80		11 80
Welsh	4 35		4 35
Totals	\$ 236 69	\$ 16 71	\$ 253 40

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

PERHAPS one of the most interesting and striking features of *The Watchman* for January is a full-page cartoon picturing the recent Turkish massacres of Armenians. This is one of a series of illustrated scripture texts now running in *The Watchman* and significantly illustrates Daniel 11:44. Look for it on the frontispiece.

"The only way to be found in the line of promotion is to stay in the path of duty."

Shall We Render Service to God?

(Concluded)

BUT none of us will venture to say that perilous times are not being experienced in almost all lines of the world's enterprise and of religious endeavor, and the spirit of prophecy says that what we fail to do in times of peace we will have to do in times of trouble. We see that it takes strong persevering effort to make the work go as it used to, but God says, "My grace is sufficient for you." Now shall we lay down our weapons of warfare and take up the trades of the world? or shall we claim the strength from on high which will cause us to be "more than conquerors"? God says that "no man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of heaven." "But we are not of them that draw back." "We can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us."

Let us not seek to build up substantial homes for the enjoyment of quiet domestic life here, for we will soon have to leave them for a safer retreat, and, too, the time is soon coming when we cannot sell them. Rev. 13:17.

We should yield all we have and are to the Lord to be used as he sees best, that we may remain unshaken. "We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey his commandments. If we make no efforts to win souls to Christ, we will be held responsible for the work we might have done, but did not do because of our spiritual indolence. Those who belong to the Lord's kingdom must work earnestly for the saving of souls. They must do their part to bind up the law and seal it among his disciples." Spirit of prophecy as quoted in "Manual," p. 70.

"Just now, day by day, we are building for the last great day. We are trading on our Lord's money, and at his coming he will reckon with us, and we will have to give account of what we have done with his goods. As responsible beings we are working for time and eternity, making our records in the books of heaven, and preparing our reward or punishment. Our reward will be proportionate to our work." "Manual," p. 70.

"There is danger of our brethren entering into commercialism and becoming so engrossed in worldly business that the truths of the Word of God in their purity and power are not brought into the life. The love of trade and gain is becoming more and more prevalent. My brethren, let your souls be truly converted. . . . The Lord is coming very soon, and we are entering the scenes of calamity. . . . Let us work now as we have never worked before." "Manual," p. 74.

"The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls. Satan is at work to deceive the very elect, and now is our time to work with vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people. . . . Shall we not arouse to our duties? All who consecrate themselves to God as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world." "Manual," p. 75.

"God expects personal service from every one to whom he has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be missionaries (home) in their families and neighborhoods. In the closing controversy now waging between the forces of good and the hosts of evil, he expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part." "Manual," p. 77.

And this work of the Lord will triumph, for he says, "Lo I am with you, alway, even unto the end of the world." And we read from the spirit of prophecy, "The humble, efficient worker, who obediently responds to the call of God, may be sure of receiving divine assistance." "Manual," p. 78.

So let us yield our bodies a living sacrifice to God, and go

forth to battle and conquer in his name and strength, and when he shall say, "Well done," we will feel that heaven is cheap enough.

G. B. BOSWELL.

Kentucky Conference

Conference Directory

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News Notes

ELDER W. H. WHITE reports \$24 Harvest Ingathering money up to December 10, and he still is working for more.

Brother Andy Schroader writes that he is moving his mother to the home of her daughter, and by January 1 he will be ready to put in full time selling the printed page.

Have you ordered the *Review* and SOUTHERN UNION WORKER for the coming year? If not, do so at once.

Elder Brown returned to the office December 13. On his way from the council he stopped in Kansas and spent a few days with his parents.

Professor Wood has been visiting the schools in the conference the past week.

Elder Dow reports several keeping the Sabbath at Mesheck and a good interest in a schoolhouse near that place. There were two hundred present on Sunday night, December 5.

Our Record for 1915

We are passing on at a rapid pace through this world; days, months, and years fly by swiftly. The closing days of 1915 have now come and the record of each life for the year has been made up. That which has been written down cannot be changed. As we reflect over the past, we pause and ask the question, Has my life been just what Christ would be pleased with? Have we, as a people, been true to the work that God has called us to do? We have had committed to us the most important work that has ever been given to man. We are to pray that men may be reconciled to God. If we get the burden of souls upon our hearts that Christ carried when he was upon earth, there will be a turning and seeking after God in a special manner such as we have never yet witnessed. The time is here when God desires to manifest his power, and it can be done only as self is emptied from our lives. When this is done the fulness of the Holy Spirit will be poured upon us. There are some things that God expects us to do so that men and women may learn of the saving power of the gospel.

As we think of our neglected duties during the past year we no doubt find that we have failed along different lines. Some have failed to pay the tithe that belongs to God. He claims one tenth as his portion. The prophet Malachi tells us that men have robbed God in tithes and offerings. This is a terrible charge against men who profess to believe in Christ's soon coming. If we have been guilty along this line, let us resolve that with the beginning of the new year we will be true to our Maker and pay our tithe faithfully, so at the close of another year we can be clear before heaven. Some have failed along the line of giving offerings to the Lord, and as a result, our missionaries have been compelled to go for weeks without receiving their salary. The Lord has a correct record of each of our lives, and if ever there was a time when we should be faithful, it is in these last days. Have we done all in our power

to get our books and papers into the homes of the people that they might learn the truth? Are you impressed by the Spirit as you look over the past as to what your duty is? Wherein we have failed along any line let us bow before God and ask his forgiveness, then believe that we have victory. With the Lord as our helper let us make the coming year better than the past.

If all our people in the Kentucky Conference will do their duty, we will have plenty of tithes and offerings to carry forward the work in a way that will please the Lord. Brethren, let us press forward with renewed courage, knowing that soon the close of probation will come and the work will be done. We thank the Lord for all that has been done during the past year. May God bless each member of the conference.

B. W. BROWN.

Among the Churches

AFTER camp-meeting I was sent to visit the churches and isolated Sabbath keepers in eastern Kentucky. At each place I found them of good courage, and planning to work in the vineyard.

At Auxier, Brother Clark was taking a club of *Signs*; at Salyersville, Sister Hammond was visiting and holding Bible readings; and at Halcum, Brother Patliff had sold his farm and was preparing to move to Ashland, there intending to canvass some. While I was at Ashland, Sister Watson was planning to sell small books to spread the message.

At Davisville they are preparing to erect a church building. Several of the church members are canvassing at odd times, and the spiritual condition at this place is encouraging. Thus in every place I find all wishing to have a part in the work and to share in the refreshing of the Holy Spirit.

After returning from this trip, we were sent to the lower part of the State. We visited Grove and found Brother Staton making ready to leave for Mississippi to work as field missionary secretary. Going from here to Sister Quinton's and to Walnut Hill we found that work had been done at these places, and that they had for the most part rejected the message.

We next visited the Sewellton church. Several from this place are canvassing, and it did us much good to hear their testimonies. They have recently bought an organ and a stove for their new church building. The company is growing, and the new members are getting established in the truth. At Davisville and Sewellton we had the ordinances; all enjoyed the occasion and were greatly refreshed. In this way the churches are brought nearer our Master, and are bound together in love and unity.

We next purchased a skiff, large enough to carry ourselves, and our trunk and grips, and on the morning of Tuesday, October 19, we started down the Cumberland River in search of an interest, making a distance of sixty-five miles that day. After trying at two places, Ellington and Cedar Grove, we have found a promising interest at a place called Mesheck.

After holding a little more than three weeks' meetings at this place, through God's blessing about ten have decided to keep the commandments, while more are interested. We decided to leave them a few days, so as to give them time to rest up and study, and are now holding meetings a short distance away, about two and a half or three miles from Mesheck. We are having good crowds, and we hope with God's blessing to accomplish some good in this part of the State. We are of good courage and hope to press on in the work. Although at present we have received only \$4.50 from our Harvest Ingathering efforts, still we hope to be able to get much more. We need your prayers, that we may have an abundant measure of God's Spirit, without which we can never establish souls in every part of this truth.

O. A. Dow.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending Dec. 11, 1915

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total
U Bracy	BF	51		\$	\$ 6 65	\$ 6 65
R Cook	V&W&BF	32	19	13 35	1 40	14 75
Carl Holland	BR	40	9	28 00	4 55	32 55
M L Ivory	D&R	57	4	12 00	70	12 70
H A Lynd	BR	1				3 00
Q Tew	BR				5 05	5 05
G H Ward	BR	46				44 00
E Widgey	CK	10	2	3 00	2 30	5 30
Bibles						42 15

Totals (Agts. 8) 237 34 \$56 35 \$20 65 \$77 00 \$237 35

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
C W Vermillion	BR	32	15	\$47 00	\$	\$47 00
Felia Pierce	BR	6				6 00
JB Reichenbach	BR	33	10	30 00		30 00
E Harp	BR	32	35	119 00	75	119 75
D R Allman	D&R	30			33 75	33 75
P M Winkler	D&R	32	47	147 00		147 00
Luther Bowles	BR	130	54	164 00	19 65	183 65
W G Michael	BF&BR	50	16	49 50		49 50
R W Harris	BF&BR	8	5	12 00		12 00
Jeff Hickman	BR	13	17	58 00		58 00
D C Ray	BR	8	2	11 00		11 00
Bibles				14 75		14 75

Totals (Agts. 11) 374 201 \$652 25 \$54 15 \$706 40 \$433 45

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
Jas Turner	BR	31	11	\$33 00	\$	\$33 00
R R Coble	BR	40	11	35 00		35 00

Totals (Agts. 2) 71 22 \$68 00 \$ \$68 00 \$

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
C A Abbey	BR	5	5	\$17 00	\$	\$17 00
Annie Boyd	PP&F					14 00
P Hampton	BF					9 20
E A Taylor	BR	95				185 00
Annie Watts	PP&F	28	34	79 00	2 50	81 50

Totals (Agts. 5) 128 39 \$96 00 \$2 50 \$98 50 \$219 20

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

C G Bishop	D&R	22	4	\$11 00	\$ 1 85	\$12 85	\$
R H Hazelton	GC	42			53 00	53 00	63 00
L F Judkins	COL	57			70	70	15 25
R Judkins	PG&COL	50	5	15 00	75	15 75	17 50
Wm J Keele	D&R	42	4	12 00	7 00	19 00	4 00
Mrs Mae Keele	BS	7			1 95	1 95	
D E H Lindsay	BR	42	3	9 00	8 25	17 25	
B E Wagner	D&R	42	16	35 00	6 50	41 50	
F E Wagner	GC	29	2	6 00	7 30	13 30	9 00
Bibles							7 25

Totals (Agts. 9) 333 34 \$88 00 \$87 30 \$175 30 \$116 00

G'd Totals (A. 35) 1143 330 \$960 60 \$164 60 \$1125 20 \$1006 00

Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference	\$9377 60	\$ 305 40	\$3193 70
Kentucky Conference	19886 30	1046 77	11330 47
Louisiana Conference	5399 21	205 30	2476 60
Mississippi Conference	16109 75	644 80	6053 45
Tenn. River Conference	7721 90	1308 05	4283 85
Totals	\$58494 76	\$3510 32	\$27338 07

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending Dec. 11, 1915

ALABAMA CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
U Bracy	9	\$ 90	
M L Ivory	6	30	
R Cook	4	40	

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE			
C B Sherer	60	6 00	
Miscellaneous	250	25 00	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
Lura Reed	108	10 80	
Totals	437	\$ 43 40	

"It Certainly Does Give the Message"

BROTHER C. E. SMITH, secretary and treasurer of the Southern Union Conference, writes as follows of Dr. Magan's new book, "The Vatican and the War":

"It certainly does give the message in a clear-cut and dignified manner, and yet no one can find fault with the arguments presented. I heard Dr. Magan lecture on the subject matter of the book at the Oklahoma City camp-meeting, and he held the audience of over 2,000 people spellbound for almost one hour and a half. I am glad that we have such an able writer and speaker among us, and I am sure the book will have a large circulation in this territory."

At the close of one of the services during the Oklahoma camp-meeting, 1,755 copies of the book were sold in a few minutes. At some of the other camp-meetings as many as 3,000 copies were sold. In lots of ten or more, the price is but 12½ cents for the paper cover, and 25 cents for the cloth, plus the transportation. Order of your tract society.

"THE canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order."

* Two Weeks. † Three Weeks.

A Good Investment

SIX PER CENT, eight per cent, or any other rate of interest that you might get for your money would not pay as well as an investment in a club of the *Signs of the Times*. Here are samples of returns on investments made by some of our people:

"I sent the *Signs* to a Catholic man last year. He would not read it at first. I got a letter from him a few days ago asking for reading matter. He says he is now one of us and expects to be baptized in our faith."

"At ——— where Sister ———, one of my faithful magazine workers has been selling the *Signs* monthly during the past few months, a copy of the magazine was purchased by a barber who became much interested in the principles set forth in the magazine. He at once ordered some of the tracts and books advertized in the *Signs* and after studying them faithfully for a while, took his stand for the truth, sold his barber shop, and is now doing all he can to interest his friends in the truth."

Such items prove that "The *Signs* does bring people into the truth."

"THE people who are the most willing to give others a piece of their mind usually have the least to spare."

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NOTICE

THERE will be no paper issued next week. We print but fifty numbers a year, dropping one in the summer and one during the holidays. This is the last paper of this year. Our next paper will bear date of January 6, 1916.

News Notes

ELDER S. E. WIGHT and family are still in Michigan, and we have just received the sad news of the death of Elder Wight's mother, which occurred Thursday, December 9. We know the many friends of Elder and Mrs. Wight extend to them their sympathy in this their bereavement.

Elder G. I. Butler recently passed through Nashville on his return from the Council in California and visited the institutions in and around Nashville.

Mr. G. H. Curtis began the yearly audit of the Publishing House books Wednesday, the fifteenth.

Prof. and Mrs. L. H. Wood are visiting the Training School at Graysville, Tenn., this week.

Notes from the Statistical Report

THERE were 375 persons baptized in this Union during the first nine months of this year and a net increase in membership of 333.

There are now 103 organized churches with a total membership of 3,088.

The Sabbath school donations for the six months ending Sept. 30, 1915 are \$4,717.82, which is \$557.91 in excess of the amount received for the corresponding period in 1914.

The tithe receipts for this period are \$17,809.31, this being an increase over 1914 of \$851.55.

The total funds raised amounted to \$29,376.35, or an increase of \$2,040.79 over 1914. Of this amount \$6,800 was sent on to foreign missions.

In the report issued by the North American Division Conference it is stated that the prospects are that the year 1915 will show an increase of about 1,000 new members per month during the year. Brother Rogers further states: "This is truly a mighty stream to unite its force and interest with that already under way."

The present membership in America is 76,526.

This does not indicate that Seventh-day Adventists are going to pieces as has been stated by some.

New Songs

BROTHER C. P. WHITFORD, the "Sweet singer of the South," is mailing six of his favorite songs for thirty cents. The words are beautiful and the melody is pleasing.

Address C. P. Whitford, Orlando, Fla.

Comparative Report of Harvest Ingathering

Conference	1915	1914	Increase	Decrease
Alabama	\$557 76	\$252 90	\$304 86	\$
Kentucky	327 28	283 82	43 46	
Louisiana	224 26	404 32		180 06
Mississippi	195 38	446 80		251 42
Tennessee River	676 38	340 28	336 10	
Net Increase		252 94		252 94

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WE believe all our people in the Southern Union Conference will be gratified by the appearance of the foregoing report of the Harvest Ingathering work. Special efforts have been put forth in all our conferences this year to make this a successful campaign in bringing in funds from the world to help us in our work. It will be noticed that there is an increase in eleven months of this year of \$252.94 over the full amount received in the entire year of 1914. Three of our conferences show a good increase over last year's report. No doubt all will have made up the difference by the time the final reports are in for the year.

With this before us, we would urge that our people who still have papers to use or funds on hand hasten their work and send in the funds to the conference treasurer at the earliest possible date. There is quite a large amount of money still needed on our twenty-cent-a-week fund in order to make our quota for the year. No doubt the annual offering will materially help our conferences on the amount still due. To December 1 we have paid at the rate of fourteen cents per week per member for our white and eight cents per week for our colored membership. The highest rate in any single conference to date is in Alabama which has paid 18½ cents per member.

The final report will be given shortly after the first of the year. We trust all will do their best.

G. H. CURTIS, Treasurer.

WANTED: By a man with a family who has recently accepted the Sabbath, a place to work on a farm. Address A. L. Nay, 2127 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

"BERLIN, Bagdad, Babylon, and Bombay" is the title of an unusually interesting article in the January *Watchman* dealing with the war situation. Those who have been reading articles along this line in *The Watchman* recently will find this one of particular interest.

"THERE are some who believe the Bible

And some who believe a part,
Some who trust with a reservation,

And some with all the heart,
But I know that its every promise

Is firm and true always:

It is as tried as the precious silver,

And it means just what it says."