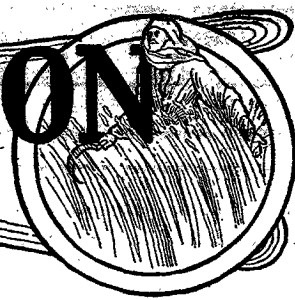


# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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## With best wishes for a prosperous New Year

### The New Year's Greeting

We are coming, fellow-workers,  
With a little word of cheer  
For you who've toiled so bravely  
Throughout the closing year.

With a zeal that would not falter  
With a faith that could not fail,  
With the watchword, On! Still onward!  
You have blazoned out a trail.

In the homes of peace and plenty  
You have placed the living Word!  
And among the poor and lowly,  
The last Message has been heard.

We are sure you've met with trials  
And temptations by the way;  
But you've said by word and action  
"By God's grace! we're here to stay."

So we say, Press on! Brave comrades,  
God of Israel, go before;  
And a rich reward is waiting  
When the "Working time" is o'er.

—Mrs. Carrie K. Butcher, Fort Worth, Texas

### The Men Behind the Books

#### A 1915 Lesson

The year 1915 proved to be a most eventful one in our publishing and colporteur work. In many respects it marked a new era in the circulation of Seventh-day Adventist literature. It has furnished some valuable lessons in the varied and stirring experiences through which our workers have passed, but perhaps none of greater importance or more far-reaching than the demonstration beyond the shadow of a doubt that the success of this work is dependent upon a higher Source than local conditions.

Owing to the sudden drop in cotton in the fall of 1914, a number of our colporteurs, we are sorry to say, became discouraged and as a result remained out of the field the past year. However, those who stood faithfully at their post of duty and pushed ahead in their work, met, in most instances, with remarkable success. In fact, never in the history of our work in the south has there been a higher percentage of deliveries made than during the year 1915, in not a few instances the deliveries being 100 per cent. In view of the terrible European War, "rumors of war," and the stringency of the money market throughout this country, which, from a human point of view, was anything but encouraging, this seems all the more astonishing. But we must remember that this work is to be finished, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

In the experiences of the past year, the Lord has indeed

rewarded abundantly our noble colporteurs who faced the situation with faith and courage. Again has it been proven that adversity is not so detrimental to our work as general prosperity, and that "man's extremity is God's opportunity."

The significant events now taking place, and particularly in connection with the war, are leading thousands and thousands of people to anxiously inquire as to what these things mean, and to look to Seventh-day Adventists and our literature for an answer. This offers a splendid opportunity, and also places a solemn responsibility upon our colporteurs and others, to give these people the truth while they are in a receptive frame of mind. Hence, it is very evident that there was never a more favorable time for the circulation of our literature than is now presented.

Another very encouraging feature before our book work for 1916 is that a large number of those who have been out of the work are making arrangements to reenter the ranks the present year. After attending a recent meeting in behalf of our publishing work at which a number of the "old hands" were present, we were much pleased and greatly impressed with the response which the speaker aroused in their hearts. His remarks had caused the old fire to kindle in their eyes, they stood a little more erect, their step was quicker, and there was the old-time devotion and determination manifested in their manner which was indeed an inspiration. The love of the truth was still apparent, and their entire attitude remained one of a trained

military horse when he hears the order to "Charge!" We believe that this is as it should be, for we are told that the Lord is calling the old colporteurs back to their work, and it is a cause of much rejoicing that so many are responding.

The prospects are that quite a large number of new recruits also will attend the institutes this winter. Some who had expected to farm this coming year, have now made other arrangements and will enter the colporteur work instead. The Lord is indeed impressing hearts, and from every indication there will be a great work accomplished in the sale of our message-filled books the coming year.

### Louisiana

In a letter from Brother Boswell, dated December 19, he gives the following encouraging report:

"I wish to quote part of a letter from Brother Turner. He and Brother Coble have just located in the northwestern part of the State, so are not yet acquainted with the field. It reads as follows: 'I know you are anxious to hear how I made it the past week, and I am pleased to tell you that the Lord blessed me above my expectations. I had my stakes set for \$75.00, and as you will see from my report, I was enabled to pass it. (His report shows \$81.00 for 40 hours, or a full week's work.) I came to some men building a house Friday morning, gave them a canvass, and secured five orders. . . . The Lord is giving me orders from the wealthy as well as from the lowly. A wealthy lady who had moved recently from Monroe to Simsboro became very much interested in my book when I showed it to her. She had "Daniel and the Revelation," and she thought that "Bible Readings" makes the subjects so plain that she readily gave me her order. What a grand privilege it is to place this glorious truth in the homes of the people.'"

To this, Brother Boswell adds: "I think it is a token of God's hand in the work when a man can go out into a strange country and in forty hours take \$81.00 worth of orders in the dead of winter, and in a cotton section too, after the strenuous times through which we have been passing, don't you?"

Dear reader, what do these words mean to you? Do not such experiences as this cause "our hearts to burn within us," and create a desire to have a part in this mighty work of giving the message which is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people?

### Students Preparing for Service

From a letter received from our Fort Worth Branch, we take the following brief extract, which is self-explanatory:

"Before leaving Keene yesterday, the brethren organized a colporteurs' band of about fifty students with Professor Isaac (Principal) as leader. Brother Eastman thinks the prospects are bright for a splendid year for 1916."

On his way home from the Loma Linda meeting, Elder Eastman visited Keene and spoke a number of times to the Academy students. In a letter just received from him, he states:

"I met with the colporteurs' band at Keene the next week after it was organized, and was surprised to find the room full. The most of them decided that day what books they would take up. I helped them to get their organization completed."

It is none too early for the colporteurs' bands in our schools to be organized and preparing for service, so as to be ready to enter the field as soon as the schools close for the summer vacation.

### In Other Fields

Although the sale of our literature throughout the world for 1914 amounted to \$2,109,000, from all indications the sales for 1915 will exceed this amount, notwithstanding the obstacles which confronted the workers in many places. In some conferences, the gain has been truly remarkable. This is particularly true up in the Atlantic Union where Brother V. O. Cole

is laboring, and in a number of other conferences as well. In writing under date of December 21 of the progress of the work in the Central Union, the field missionary secretary, Brother J. H. McEachern, states:

"You will rejoice with us in the way the Lord has blessed the work here in the Central. In 1913 the sales were some \$38,000. Last year they raised to \$45,000, but this year the Lord is going to bring us out on top of our \$70,000 goal. I think it is a good thing to have a goal. It stimulates our boys to work and pray toward something definite. Jan. 1, 1916, we intend to set our heels in the snow for \$100,000 next year for the Central Union."

Space will not permit of giving a further report, but the foregoing will doubtless be sufficient to show something of the courage and the determination with which our bookmen and colporteurs are entering upon their work for 1916. May we learn the lessons from the past that the Lord would have us learn, and in his fear and strength make the most of the splendid opportunities now presented for placing our books and magazines in the homes of the people.

R. L. PIERCE.

### Summum Bonum

"The highest good"; what is it? This is an important question for the new year. Is it wealth, fame, power, learning, or social standing? "Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me." Jer. 9: 23, 24.

To know God; that is the highest good. How shall we know him? By reading his Book and communing with him in prayer. How often? Surely as often as love prompts us to seek his companionship or our need demands his special help. Is it too much to expect that those who are "called unto fellowship with his son Jesus Christ our Lord" will have and keep at least one appointment with him each day?

The morning is the best hour for this appointment. It seems to have been the Masters' choice. How many are willing to put forth the effort and exercise the grim determination it will take to form the *habit* of the Morning Watch? Can you who read these lines estimate what such a habit might mean to you?

Haven't time? No, neither had Martha time for communion with the Master, but Jesus said: "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but *one thing is needful*: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10: 41, 42.

Sister White, in commenting on this, said: "The one thing that Martha needed was a calm, devotional spirit, a deeper anxiety for knowledge concerning the future, immortal life, and the graces necessary for spiritual advancement. She needed less anxiety for the things that pass away, and more for those things which endure."—"Desire of Ages," p. 525.

Do you think the plan of the Morning Watch is from heaven or of men? Will you try it?—No, will you *do* it?

The 1916 issue of the Morning Watch Calendar is one of the very best we have ever put out. The cover illustration, the daily texts on Christian living, the gems of thought, the suggestions for prayer, the daily assignments for reading the Bible through in partial chronological order, the blanks for daily reports of missionary work, and the Sabbath sunset tables truly make this little publication a *multum in parvo*.

Yet it sells for only five cents. We want all our people to have it for themselves, and also to give it to others who may be blessed by it. It makes a dainty and useful new year's memento. Order from your tract society.

M. E. KERN.

## Alabama Conference

### The Alabama Colporteur

Who is it that goes from door to door,  
Repeats his story o'er and o'er,  
And takes the orders by the score?  
THE ALABAMA COLPORTEUR.

Who is it tramps through storm and shine,  
Not knowing where or how he will dine:—  
Of troubled thought he gives no sign?  
THE ALABAMA COLPORTEUR.

Who is it meets the stern and rude  
With pleasant smile, and cheerful word:—  
By the ill treatment he's disturbed?  
THE ALABAMA COLPORTEUR.

With books and tracts he trudges on,  
The message gives to every one,  
While unseen angels guard from harm,  
THE ALABAMA COLPORTEUR.

Oh, may thy faith and courage be,  
Unfailing as the boundless sea;  
We pray God's blessings upon thee,  
THE ALABAMA COLPORTEUR.  
—Selected, Arranged by M. L. W.

### News Items

The Bessemer company of the Birmingham church report \$25.10 for thirteen names in the Harvest Ingathering work. Brother Roberts heads the list with \$6.30, while four others have \$3.00 or more each.

Brother C. R. Waldron, of Rockford, paid the office a very pleasant visit, Sunday, December 26, he being on his way to Nashville to attend to personal business there. He reports that there is a growing interest in his community.

F. R. Wilson, of Huntsville, requests sample copies of our magazines for obtaining subscriptions.

Sister H. E. Eggleston, of Foley, a member of the Marlow church, sends in \$1.50 on the Harvest Ingathering. A little more effort on Sister Foley's part and her name will go on the Honor Roll.

Sister C. W. Jones, of Panama City, a member of the Lynn Haven church, reports that she has \$8.30 for Harvest Ingathering. Inasmuch as Sister Jones had only fifteen papers to work with, we feel that the average is splendid. This makes one more name on the Honor Roll.

The organization of the Silverhill church has been reported, with the following officers: B. D. Clark, elder; O. Forland, deacon; Mrs. M. E. Anderson, treasurer and clerk; and Minnie Clark, missionary leader. We trust that this new church will prosper and grow and that through its efforts many will come to a knowledge of the truth.

It has been hinted that some parts of the State are hard to work in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering work; however, splendid reports have come from the northern, the central, and the southern sections of the conference. A recent letter from Sister Frieda Olson, from Gateswood, Baldwin County, states that she disposed of twenty-nine Harvest Ingathering papers, and received \$3.85 in return. Although a member of the Mobile church, yet she availed herself of the opportunity of working in this territory while absent from her own church. She always asks for several Present Truth Extras for missionary work.

### 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	Mrs. Belle Ash

#### CONFERENCE CHURCH

Harriet C. Fuller	H. O. Rogers
	Mrs S. O. Rogers

#### 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

#### LONG ISLAND

Mrs. E. W. Graves

#### CARBON HILL

O. P. Ivie

#### LYNN HAVEN

Mrs. C. W. Jones

### MISSION CHURCHES

#### HUNTSVILLE

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

#### BIRMINGHAM

J. J. Pearson	R. Roberts
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#### MONTGOMERY

L. Frazier

#### MOBILE

T. G. Culpepper

### Conference Church, 1915

Believing that the doings of the Alabama Conference church will be of interest, we copy the following from the clerk's record: "Following a proper request from the Birmingham church, Elder R. I. Keate and Sister Helen M. Keate were granted letters to join that body. The return letter, dated Jan. 6, 1915, signed by Mrs. J. Hoskins, clerk, being duly received, their names are dropped from this record.

"Upon the receipt of the return blank properly filled, the

name of R. E. Chapman was removed from our list, he having been admitted to the Montgomery church Jan. 30, 1915.

"Inasmuch as Brother and Sister E. L. Marley were admitted into the Gadsden church upon its organization as charter members, with the understanding that letters would be granted, their names are removed from this list Jan. 30, 1915.

"Feb. 9, 1915 Sister Catherine McKinnon was removed by the hand of death at her home in Fort Payne, Ala., hence the removal of her name from this earthly church roll.

"Apr. 25, 1915, the following names were proposed by Elder James Bellinger for membership in the conference church: Carl Holland, Miss Cora Holland, and Mrs. Mary Jane Whatley, all of Luverne, Ala. Upon advice of the conference president, Elder A. L. Miller, the above names were favorably acted upon.

"May 7, 1915, the return letter was received from Mrs. T. Hoskins, clerk of the Birmingham church, stating that Brother A. McKinnon had been properly admitted into that church upon receipt of our commendation letter. This name being hereby removed from our roll.

"Nov. 10, 1915, a letter was received from the clerk of the Clearwater Lake, Wis., church, recommending Brother J. E. Foley to our fellowship and care. His name is enrolled herewith.

"Following baptism by Elder James Bellinger, A. Whidden and wife, of Pensacola, Fla., were enrolled as members of this church in September, 1915.

"By letter dated Nov. 21, 1915, the name of A. McKinnon, and Brother and Sister J. N. McLaughlin were transferred to our fellowship and care by the Birmingham, Ala., church, they being admitted Nov. 30, 1915.

"A letter from Graysville, Tenn., transfers to this church the name of Sister H. E. Rogers. Accepted Dec. 6, 1915.

"Letters from the Birmingham, Ala., church recommend to this church the names of Sister W. E. Wolff and sons, John and Paul. These names were entered as members Dec. 28, 1915.

"To clear the membership list the following names were dropped for non-reporting Dec. 28, 1915: Margaret Young, W. T. Waite, Mrs. T. C. Bannister, Mary A. Wilson, Nellie M. Hutchins. For apostasy, the name of Mrs. R. E. Chapman.

"Inasmuch as the following named persons are all located within the bounds of the Lynn Haven church, lately organized, and were either admitted as members there or action deferred there, these names are transferred from this list: John Cowen, Mrs. Adalaide Cowen, O. P. Bolinger, Mrs. Lillie Bolinger, Alfred Bolinger, A. M. Hoff, Fredrick Jones, Mrs. Mary Hoff, Mrs. C. W. Jones, and Sherwood S. Williams.

O. R. GODSMARK, *Clerk.*

### The Week of Prayer

The Week of Prayer just closed has brought great blessings to all in this part of the field. The first four days of the week I was with the Mobile church. On account of being so widely scattered the church was divided into two companies during this week, but on the Sabbath all met in Mobile. I believe I can say in behalf of this church that there was a whole-hearted surrender to God.

Thursday night and Friday we visited the Stapleton church. Although the weather was very bad, the church and a few neighbors came together and we had a good meeting. At this meeting confessions were made and a renewal of all to God. Friday night we met with a few of the Marlow church in Sumnerdale. The weather was so bad that not many were out, but we enjoyed the blessing of God in this gathering. Sabbath morning I met with the Silverhill company. A goodly number of the Marlow church gathered at this place for the ordinances of the Lord's house, which was conducted after the Sabbath school. In this meeting the Lord came very near to his people. Inasmuch as the Marlow church is very widely scattered and

also as there were about nineteen or more of the Marlow church living in the vicinity of Silverhill, it was the opinion of the Marlow church and the wish of the conference that the Silverhill people be organized into a church of their own.

Sabbath evening a meeting was held in which we celebrated the closing hours of the Week of Prayer. The last article by Elder Daniells was read. I think I have never been in a meeting where greater measures of God's blessings were felt than in this closing meeting. Every individual soul consecrated anew to God, self, property, and children to speedily finish the work in the earth, and hasten the day when Jesus will come. At the closing of this good meeting a church of nineteen members was organized, known as the Seventh-day Adventist Silverhill church. Two young people presented themselves for church membership and baptism. These will be baptized and received into the church on my next visit.

A full set of officers were elected and set apart to their different duties as follows: elder, Bush D. Clark; deacon, O. Forland; clerk and treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Anderson; church missionary leader, Minnie Clark.

At the close of our meeting Sunday morning the annual offering, which I think amounted to nearly ten dollars, was taken. The missionary secretary called for a donation to purchase 100 of the first numbers of the Present Truth Series. They plan to give the message to their neighborhood through these splendid papers. I believe we can look for good results from the Silverhill church.

On my way home I visited the believers in Fairhope. We feel to praise God for all his blessings during the past year, and desire to do better the next year. We ask to be remembered at the throne of mercy.

JAMES BELLINGER.

## Kentucky Conference

### Conference Directory

B. W. BROWN, President.  
 CHAS. L. BAINER, Secretary and Treasurer of Conference and Tract Society.  
 JAMES HICKMAN, Field Missionary Secretary.  
 MISS LENA A. BROWN, Sabbath School and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
 OFFICE ADDRESS, Box 398, Nicholasville, Ky.

### News Items

Brother Reichenbach has been making his delivery. He reports the streams overflowing their banks on account of the recent hard rains.

Elder W. H. White reports \$23 Harvest Ingathering money received by him in this campaign. This is a good report.

Brother Bainer has been kept busy the past week filling orders for books, about \$3,000 worth of books having been sent out to be delivered before the beginning of the new year.

Elder W. H. White spent the last half of the Week of Prayer with the Louisville church. He reports a good meeting and two additions to the church.

Sister Biven, of the Lexington church, reports \$15 Harvest Ingathering money received. There may be others that have had just as good experiences with the papers. We would be glad to hear from such.

Elder Lawrence spent the Week of Prayer in Louisville, and he reports the colored church greatly encouraged as a result of the meetings. He also states that the offering was good, amounting to \$20.

Brother Eason, the elder of the Lexington church, reports all of good courage. He states that they have raised their twenty-cent-a-week fund. We are glad for this report.

Elder Dow reports six families keeping the Sabbath at Me-

shack. Others are deeply interested and anxious to hear the truth.

Brother E. W. Williams, of Slick Rock, writes that they are of good courage although sickness in the family has hindered them in their missionary work.

Miss Edna George, the teacher at the Henderson church school, spent her vacation in Louisville with her home folks.

Elder Brown recently spent a week in Lexington assisting the new colored church in their work. He went from there to Ford for a few days.

Brother Jacob White, of Paint Lick, is planning to enter the colporteur work the first of the year.

Brother F. F. Harrison, of Covington, reports a good interest in the cottage meetings he is holding.

Sister Mollie Crocket, of Patsey, writes that several of her neighbors are deeply interested in reading our books.

Elder Lawrence has spent the past summer in a tent effort at Lexington, and raised up a church of about twenty-five members, seventeen of whom were baptized Sabbath, November 13.

Brother R. W. Harris reports a good delivery the past week. He is working this present week to complete a \$300 delivery.

### Successful Work

Some of my recent experiences show that God is ever ready to cooperate with us in his work of warning. Upon entering a store a short time ago the merchant, taking me to be a minister, talked very offensively, and said there were too many preachers making an easy living—all of them would beat a grocery bill, etc. I asked the Lord to give the words I should speak, and he did. In a few minutes tears were in the man's eyes and he apologized for his rough talk and gave me an order for "Bible Readings," his order making \$26 for ten hours' work.

Next I visited Brother Harris, who has been working one county for nearly a year, being the fourth Seventh-day Adventist colporteur in the territory in five years. The Lord gave some good experiences, good lodging, and more than one dollar an hour in orders.

Brother Allman was in Harrison County where I then went. We found the people anxious for the message, and \$44.75 in orders was secured in twenty-two hours. Brother Allman has a large family, but says that by staying in the field full time and by the help of the Lord a family can be supported by canvassing. He recently made a \$244.40 delivery for 171 hours' work. Of you who are at home saying you believe the Lord is coming in this generation and want to see the message go, but let the other fellow do the work, I ask, Are you making the money and feeling the joy that this brother is?

Brother Bowles has been working one of the mountain counties and says that the Lord is with him. His last report reads 130 hours, \$183.65 in orders, and \$143.40 worth of books delivered.

Several of our colporteurs are located at Ford where there is a church school, and I found the brethren of good courage. Sunday, the fifth, and the following week, Brethren Harp and Winkler went with me to the mountain district of the State where the people are poor and live in log houses, but it seemed that they were anxious for the truth, for in 21 hours \$116.75 worth of orders were secured. Their week's report shows \$291.75 for 62 hours. To the God-fearing colporteur I would say as did the prophet of old, "Be not afraid nor dismayed; . . . for the battle is not yours, but God's." 2 Chron. 20: 15.

I next visited Brethren Freeman and Michael, the Lord giving \$2.50 and \$3.33 per hour in orders. These brethren are of good courage and claiming the promises of God. Our December deliveries are coming out well, and the workers are rejoicing in the Lord.

Let us enter upon the new year with more zeal and courage than ever before and receive the reward of the faithful.

JAMES HICKMAN.

## Louisiana Conference

### Conference Directory

R. W. PARMELE, President.  
 C. B. CALDWELL, Secretary and Treasurer of Conference and Tract Society.  
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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

### News Items

One faithful sister reports \$2.20 and some "good experiences" for one hour's work with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*.

Mrs. R. W. Clevenger, of Baton Rouge, writes that they have now organized a nice little Sabbath school there, which we trust will prove a real strength to the work at that place. Sabbath school is held in Brother B. F. Webb's home.

After the Week of Prayer, Elder W. P. McLennan wrote from Shreveport, "We had a most precious Week of Prayer service, and yesterday (Sabbath) two united with the church."

Brother and Sister L. B. Spear are in New Orleans for a short time, the latter to receive medical attention at the hospital.

All were indeed glad to have Elder and Dr. Parmele home again to enjoy the quarterly meeting services in the New Orleans church. The Sunday night following a large number of friends gathered at the Mission and were entertained with reports of their trip and pictures of the scenes they enjoyed.

Christmas Eve the New Orleans church Number 1 assembled and enjoyed a very suitable program that had been prepared for the occasion.

A very entertaining Christmas program was rendered on the night of the twenty-sixth, by the little Sabbath school conducted in New Orleans by the Misses Gastauers and Mrs. Mangin. The room was well decorated, and the music and recitations were thoroughly enjoyed by the parents and visitors present.

Sister T. M. Hix, of Bogalusa, who has been absent from the State so long, has now returned, and reports a very pleasant trip. She was in Seattle, Wash., during a tent effort there, which was very much enjoyed. She was also permitted to visit

Mrs. Frances Dittmer-Scott while passing through Portland, Oreg.

Elder R. W. Parmele and wife reached home December 21, from their trip to the Pacific Coast. On their arrival they received word that one of Elder Parmele's sisters, whom they visited on their western trip, had just died.

Brother and Sister Lantz, of Welsh, have returned from their trip to the Pacific Coast. We welcome them home again.

At the Council at Loma Linda, it was voted that Elder R. W. Parmele labor in the Lake Union Conference, and that Elder C. N. Sanders, of Indiana, take the presidency of the Louisiana Conference. Since returning to New Orleans, however, Elder Parmele has received a telegram from Elder Evans asking him to take the presidency of the Cumberland Conference, and by the time this item is read, he will doubtless be on his way to his new field. Elder Sanders will arrive in a few days to enter upon his duties.

Much as we regret losing Elder Parmele from our midst with his timely counsel and advice, our best wishes go with him to his new field of labor, and in welcoming Elder Sanders into our midst we pledge him our hearty support and cooperation in every way possible.

Elder John Green, of the Florida Mission, has been in New Orleans for a few days, and expects to return to Florida with his bride, a member of the New Orleans church No. 2. While here, Elder Green has rendered the church some very acceptable services. We wish for him and his new wife a bright and useful future, and trust they will visit us again some time.

Susie Campbell, teacher of the New Orleans church school No. 2, is attending the teachers' institute at Huntsville, Ala., in company with Sister Anderson.

Elder Buckner writes from Shreveport that the Shreveport church No. 2 is growing. Several new members have been added.

Elder O. F. Frank expects soon to begin meetings in the Lake Charles church building. He has recently improved it and installed electric lights.

### Harvest Ingathering Fund

Church	Previously reported	to Dec. 27	Total
Alexandria	\$ 8 91	\$	\$ 8 91
Conference	5 05	3 00	8 05
Hammond	9 70	2 25	11 95
Lake Arthur	2 30		2 30
Lake Charles	24 05		24 05
Lena Station	6 25		6 25
New Orleans No. 1	98 22	9 17	107 39
New Orleans No. 2	64 77		64 77
Ringgold		60	60
Shreveport No. 1	18 00		18 00
Shreveport No. 2	11 80		11 80
Welsh	4 35		4 35
Totals	\$253 40	\$15 02	\$268 42

### Experiences in the Field

I met a man last week to whom I had sold "Shadow of the Bottle" last summer, and he told me that an old neighbor of his, who was a hard drinker, had made them a visit; he saw the book and said he must have it, so paid the 50 cents and took it home.

It was the cause of his stopping the drink habit. Two of his sons read it also, and they both stopped drinking and joined the church. Then a neighbor borrowed it, and it did the same for him. There is no telling where it will stop.

At the next house I met a man who had owned a "Bible Footlights" in Mississippi, but gave it to his son when he left

there. (He is now living with his daughter near Tioga.) He understands most of the prophecies real well, and told his daughter it was an Adventist book, but a good one and she'd better take it, so she did.

Later the same day I met a man who told me that it was no use to fool with him, for he was an infidel and did not believe there was such a thing as a Christian, from the way people were lying, stealing, and killing each other. He said he did not believe there was a word of truth in the Bible. I told him that the Bible said that just such conditions as he spoke of would exist among professed Christians near the close of this world's history. Then I showed him some prophecies that he could see fulfilling right around us, and he said, "You may bring me one of those books. He also bought a "Gospel Primer" for his boy, and said he didn't want his children to grow up as he was.

S. F. REEDER.

Tioga, La.

## Mississippi Conference

### Conference Directory

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### Are You Coming?

Where? To Jackson, to the Colporteur Institute. When? January 13 to 23. Why? To prepare for service as an evangelistic colporteur. Who are wanted? Only those who have more of a burden for souls than for cash, who have heard the call of God to service and are ready to devote their entire time to the work.

All those who are planning to come should make previous arrangements with our field missionary secretary, Brother J. R. Staton, office address, so that arrangements can be made for your entertainment.

### News Items

Sister Billups, one of our faithful colored colporteurs, passed through Jackson last week after completing a very successful delivery near Rolling Fork. She, as usual, had several interesting experiences to tell. She goes to Columbus where she will spend the time until the Institute when she expects to again enter the work.

Brother Staton visited the believers at Collins and Nachez during the Week of Prayer; he reports some prospective canvassers for this year. Since his return he has been confined to his house most of the time with an attack of la grippe. At this writing he is not able to be out, but we hope it will not be long until he can again resume his duties.

The Jackson church school closed Thursday night, December 23, and will open again Monday, January 3.

Elder Wiest visited Hushpuckena last week and reports very interesting meetings held there.

Elder Burke sent in eleven subscriptions for the *Watchman*. This is good and we hope that all of those who are acquainted with this good magazine will put forth an effort to increase its circulation in the State of Mississippi. At present we have something like sixty subscribers to the *Watchman* in our State.

Elder Wiest visited the Hatley and Pine Grove churches, near Amory, on Sabbath, January 1.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Two Weeks Ending Dec. 25, 1915

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total
F Freeman	BF&BR	24	13	\$26 50	\$ 2 25	\$28 75
Luther Bowles	.BR	48	12	36 00	6 90	42 90
R W Harris	BR&BF	35				136 50
W G Michael	.BF	37	4	13 00		13 00
H E Beck	....BF	25			17 50	17 50
J B Reichenbach	BR	63	8	24 00	35	24 35
Andy Shroader	.BF	37				59 50
Seth T Walker	.GC				2 00	2 00
CW Vermillion*	BR	123	18	58 00		58 00
Felia Pierce*	..BR	19			1 50	1 50
C B Sherer*	..BF	26			7 00	7 00
D R Allman*	.D&R	25			18 75	18 75
P M Winkler*	.D&R	21			9 00	9 00
E Harp*	....BR	20			6 00	6 75
Miscellaneous	...				4 50	4 50
Bibles	.....			21 25		21 25

Totals (Agts. 14) 503 55 \$178 75 \$75 75 \$255 25 \$1020 24

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total
Jas Turner	..BR	51	10	\$30 00	\$	\$30 00
R R Coble	..BR	31	14	43 00		43 00
E W Radeke	..BR	35				49 00
S Reeder*	BFS of BGP	16	9	7 40		7 40
G B Boswell*	..BF	4				1 00
Bibles	.....			2 50		2 50

Totals (Agts. 5) 137 33 \$82 90 \$82 90 \$112 80

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total
J M Boyce	....BF	5	9	\$9 50	\$	\$ 9 50
Floyd Booth	BR&BF	11			1 05	1 05
Elmer Chastain	BR					38 00
Lou J McElroy	PPF	103	8	18 00	1 05	19 05
Annie Watts	..PPF	24	24	49 00	3 50	52 50
Bibles	.....					14 60

Totals (Agts. 5) 143 41 \$76 50 \$5 60 \$82 10 \$119 65

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total
C G Bishop	..D&R	70		\$	\$ 6 00	\$ 6 00
R H Hazelton	..GC	35	2	5 00	7 00	12 00
L F Judkins	..MofH	25				11 00
Wm J Keele	..BS	64			78 00	78 00
Mrs Mae Keele	BS	22			20 25	20 25
W D Wade	..D&R	31	4	13 00	6 30	19 30
F E Wagner	..GC	31	1	3 00	25 60	28 60
Mrs FE Wagner	Misc	15			40 00	40 00
Bibles	.....			7 50		7 50

Totals (Agts. 8) 293 7 \$28 50 \$183 15 \$211 65 \$174 95

G'd Totals (A.32) 1076 136 \$366 65 \$264 50 \$631 90 \$1427 64

Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference	\$9377 60	\$305 40	\$3193 70
Kentucky Conference	20065 05	1122 52	12350 71
Louisiana Conference	5482 11	205 30	2589 40
Mississippi Conference	16183 25	650 40	6173 10
Tenn. River Conference	7750 40	1491 20	4458 80
Totals	\$58861 41	\$3774 82	\$28765 71

Magazine Agents' Report for Two Week Ending Dec. 25, 1915

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
Mattie Hickman	30	\$ 3 00	
Mildred Reichenbach	30	3 00	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
SF Reeder	10	1 00	
Lura Reed	88	8 80	
Totals	158	\$15 80	

Work Among the Foreigners

The foreign press and advertisers of this country recognize that since the war began our foreign-Americans are reading their own literature more thoroughly than ever before. Leaders in our foreign department tell us that an increased interest in our religious magazines as well is very noticeable. This should encourage all to work earnestly to interest the Germans, Danes, Norwegians, Swedes, and those of other nationalities in the special literature presenting the truth in their own languages. While it is true that many carry on their business in English, yet the large proportion depend upon the mother tongue in their worship and in their study of religious subjects.

The quarterly magazines for the first quarter of 1916 in the German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish, now ready, are beautiful in appearance, well illustrated, and filled with articles on the signs of our times, points of prophecy, Christian living, and other general subjects of vital interest. Will you not use some of these in reaching those within your reach who read these languages? Call for *Zeichen der Zeit* (German Signs), *Lys Over Landet* (Danish-Norwegian), and *Tidens Tecken* (Swedish Signs). They cost the same as the English magazines — 5 cents each up to 50 copies; more than that to one person, 4 cents each. Your tract society will get them quickly for you.

After Six Years

"SOME six years ago, a friend gave me your little book, *Signs of the Times*. I have just read it after all that time, and will you kindly mail me a copy?"

This is an experience that is often seen with our good pioneer missionary paper. It convinces us that old copies of the *Signs* will still accomplish that whereunto they have been sent, if we are only faithful in passing them on. Let us collect all the old copies we have and get them into some one's hands. The articles and studies they may contain, while possibly old to us, are living, vital, current truth to the one unacquainted with this great movement; and will be duly appreciated, as indicated by this experience.

If your old copies are all gone you can secure a supply from the publishers at these astonishingly low prices: *Weekly Signs*, 50 cents per hundred; \$3.75 per thousand. *Magazines*, \$1 per hundred; \$7.50 per thousand. These will not last long. First come, first served. Order through your tract society.

I THINK we should cross no man's path without hailing him, and, if he needs, giving him supplies.— *Beecher*.

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### NOTICE

#### Change of Address

All mail for the Southern Union Conference and Tennessee River Conference and Tract Society should now be addressed to 2014 23rd Ave. N., as our office at 511 Cole Bldg. is closed Wednesday, January 5, when we expect to move into our new quarters.

### A New Year

I want a new year. New things are not patched.  
So would I start my year all finely whole,  
No gaps of dull omissions meanly closed  
With poorly fitting fragments of dispatch  
No mendings of ignoble afterthought,  
But all one piece of steady warp and woof,  
A year entire as all my years should be.

I want a new year. New things are not worn,  
Not thin in places, ragged here and there,  
And loose bits hanging down; no year all frayed  
With fears and worries, bare before its time;  
But firm and confident, a brave new year.

I want a new year. Ah, but new things cost!  
Well, I will pay the price of this new year:  
The price of patience, and the price of time;  
The price of prayers ascending to the God  
Who was before all years began to be,  
And will be through the new years as the old;  
The price of partings from the lower aims,  
Of

So shall it be thy year and not mine own;  
Yet doubly mine, as I shall dwell with thee;  
Yes, doubly mine, as through it I shall pass  
To thine eternity forever new.

— Amos R. Wells.

### The Temperance "Instructor"

Our readers will be pleased to know that the 1916 Temperance *Instructor* will be ready to mail January 1. The publishers assure us that this new Temperance number gives evidence of eight years of experience in getting out Temperance issues, it being by far the most practical Temperance issue ever published. We solicit the earnest efforts of our readers in the generous circulation of this new Temperance number. The special elections will soon be on. In many places there will be local option elections. Our people ought to do all they can in getting the Temperance *Instructor* in the homes of the people just before these elections.

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