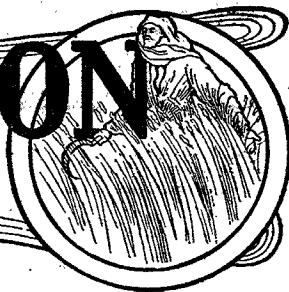


# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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## Live for Something

LIVE for something, have a purpose,  
And that purpose keep in view;  
Drifting like a helmless vessel,  
Thou canst ne'er to life be true;  
Half the wrecks that strew life's ocean,  
If some star had been their guide,  
Might have now been safely riding,  
But they drifted with the tide.

Live for something, and live earnest,  
Though the work may humble be,  
By the world of men unnoticed,  
Known alone by God and thee:  
Every act has priceless value,  
To the architect of fate;  
'Tis the spirit of thy doing,  
That alone will make it great.

Live for something, God and angels  
Are thy watchers in the strife,  
And above the smoke and conflict  
Gleams the victor's crown of life;  
Live for something, God has given  
Freely of his stores divine;  
Richest gifts of earth and heaven,  
If thou wiltest, may be thine.

— Robert Whittaker.

## A Call to Service

The year 1915 is now passed and cannot be recalled. If our record has been the best, there need be no regrets, but if it has been of a nature to cause a feeling of disappointment, there is a way still by which we may make amends and save ourselves from the eternal embarrassment which comes to an individual who does not seek for a high standard.

In a few days our conference records will be complete for the year, and it is hoped that the best record ever made has been ours during the last year. Whatever it may be, we must now begin to think about the future and what the year to come has in store for us. No one can tell but the Creator himself what the next few months will mean to the people of this country.

It is true many of our people and also the people of the world in the old country are having hardships almost unendurable, but we here enjoy peace and prosperity. No one should be lulled to sleep by the cry of peace that is going through the land, for when they begin to say peace and safety, then sudden destruction comes. The United States is making preparation for war so that when the temptation to assert its rights comes, the government will be ready to do so. This is an indication of the fulfilment of the prophecy that the whole world will be involved in war soon. This is to take place just before the coming of the Lord. As we see these things being fulfilled, it certainly stirs

our hearts, and causes us to think soberly with regard to what is going on in the earth. It is now time for us to warn the world, and all should do their part. Every man, woman, and child should be doing something to get this blessed truth before a perishing world. We may be moving on in an ordinary manner today and tomorrow everything will change. The nations are angry, and the time has come when God's wrath is being poured out on the earth, his Holy Spirit is being withdrawn, and the results are seen on every hand. We are "to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty," and as Deborah and Barak of old were blessed because of their faithfulness, so will the believers in the third angel's message be rewarded for their faithful service. Who will today consecrate himself to God and answer the call to serve the Master until probation ends? This call comes from heaven and is being reechoed by the few faithful laborers in the field. Dear reader, will you answer in the affirmative? S. E. WIGHT.

## Our Rural School Work

Last winter a committee was appointed by the North American Division to investigate the rural school work and make a report at the Fall Council held at Loma Linda. This committee did its work, and the following is the report made at Loma Linda, together with the resolutions that were passed by that body:

Your committee appointed at the council held at Takoma Park, Oct. 25 to Nov. 3, 1914, to make a study of the independent institutions of the North American Division Conference, would submit the following with reference to school enterprises:

We have visited many of the independent, or self-supporting schools, as they are variously called, of the Southern and South-eastern Conferences. We made our investigations in this field because so many of these enterprises are located close together in this territory, thus saving expense.

A sub-committee spent two weeks in visiting these schools and the whole committee spent three days studying the situation together. During this time we visited fifteen of these self-supporting enterprises. Our study leads us to make the following general statements:

1. Your committee has sought earnestly and prayerfully to lay aside any preconceived opinions and come to the study of this work with unprejudiced minds.

2. We were impressed with the spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice manifested by these workers. They are living in the plainest of homes and in some instances their self-denial falls little short of actual suffering, but notwithstanding, they seem possessed of a cheerful and uncomplaining spirit.

3. We believe there is need in the Southland for work of the general nature carried forward by these schools. It appears to us that the character of the people throughout large portions of the South, and particularly in the hill regions, is such as to demand a special effort toward permanency in our gospel work. It seems to us that if we would develop our work and give sta-

bility to it, it is necessary in many sections for gospel workers to live in the communities and become leaders in the religious activities. We do not believe that people are to be brought into the truth solely by education, for the truth must be preached in its simplicity and purity.

4. We find many of these workers doing medical missionary work in their communities, and as far as we were able to judge, they have won the confidence and good will of the people by their ministrations.

5. We discovered two distinct classes of schools: one whose purpose primarily is to work for the people of the vicinity in which the school is located, and the other seems to have in a greater or less degree the purpose of educating the children of Seventh-day Adventists outside the community, even soliciting students from other conferences from that in which the school is located.

6. We find a lack of supervision of this work, different methods being pursued in different schools, nearly every school seeming to be a unit of itself. A proper supervision would tend to greatly strengthen these schools.

7. In his prayer, as recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John, our Saviour pled for the unity of the church until the end of time, and in sympathy with this prayer, it is our desire that the utmost unity may be found throughout the territory of the North American Division Conference, both in our evangelical and institutional work, in order that the blessing of God may be seen and his Spirit poured out upon our work for its speedy finishing.

Based upon the foregoing, We Recommend the following:

1. That this work be enlarged and strengthened, and that hereafter the Madison School and the efforts which have sprung or may spring from it, shall be considered a part of the regular work of the denomination and that the Madison School shall be regarded by the denomination as the training school for workers for rural schools in the mountain districts of the South.

2. That the North American Division Conference regularly provide and support a Bible teacher for the Madison Training School.

3. That we encourage our conference officers and our people to consider and look upon the rural school work in the hill districts of the South as a part of the regular work of the denomination, and that we encourage proper persons in all our conferences to enter the Madison School to receive a training for this work.

4. That hereafter these schools be designated as the rural schools of the South, and be promoted jointly by the local and union conference officials, and by the workers in the Madison Training School, and that they shall be fostered and superintended by the regular organized work, and be operated on what is known as the self-supporting plan.

5. We recommend that when funds for these schools are gathered from the Seventh-day Adventist people, the title of such school properties shall be held in a manner agreeable to the conferences in which such schools are located. When the funds are provided by the promoters of the schools, the property shall be held by the promoters in such a manner as will safeguard the interests and future welfare of the school.

6. We recommend that hereafter when funds are solicited for this line of work, we follow closely the General Conference recommendation in regard to previously making satisfactory arrangements with conference officials.

7. We recommend that funds for the establishment and operation of these schools, when coming from our people, pass through the regular channels.

8. We recommend that all our schools, where support is supplied by contributions to our people, keep an account of their receipts and disbursements, and that the conference auditor shall annually audit the books of such schools or provide for the same.

9. That in the teachers' institutes hereafter held, the managers and teachers in these rural schools shall have a part, and that provision be made in the program for the consideration and instruction in the particular lines of work in which they are engaged.

I believe that this is a sign that the work is to be finished in the very near future, for it shows me that we are all conserving our interests, and will in the future cooperate with each other in the way that will mean the rapid culmination of the work.

A convention of the rural school people was held in North Carolina during the Christmas holidays, and these resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Let us pray that God may direct in the affairs of our rural school work in the future, so that much good may be accomplished along this line.

LYNN H. WOOD.

### Resolution Regarding the "Testimonies"

Among the many resolutions of far-reaching influence considered and adopted at the Fall Council, the following was not the least in importance:

"Whereas, When the study of the Testimonies is taken up by the members of a church, there is manifested by them a fuller consecration to the Lord, and a deeper personal spiritual experience which leads to active labor in the winning of souls,

"We Recommend, That in every conference an effort be made to place the Testimonies, especially Vols. VI to IX, in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family."

Many of our people already have one or more volumes of the Testimonies in their homes, and they know the value of them. But there are many who do not have them. We greatly desire to see all our people enjoying the spiritual help and blessing that this gift has brought within our reach. Of this people it is spoken, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (or the spirit of prophecy)." Rev. 12: 17; 14: 12; 19: 10. This must mean more than simply an acknowledgement of their right in the church. Yes, we have and keep them. We trust this shall be true of every family of Seventh-day Adventists.

In urging that our people provide themselves "especially" with Vols. VI to IX, we do not wish to underrate the importance of the other volumes. But we do want to *emphasize the value*, right at this time, of our reading these four volumes.

You will find God's plan for the finishing of the work in the individual heart, in the church, and in the world, clearly set forth in these blessed volumes.

The home missionary department will be glad to hear from any and all who will join in this most worthy undertaking of procuring and reading carefully the counsel of our great leader to the people who are soon to be gathered home. It is our privilege to know the purposes and plans of God. It is imperative that we do understand these, and that we keep abreast with that which is being speedily accomplished in all the earth.

We know of nothing, apart from God's Holy Word, more worthy of our careful consideration at such a time as this. Who, throughout the entire field, will respond? Who? Will you?

F. W. PAAP.

### A Masterpiece of English Literature

One Roman Catholic writer, Mgr. Bernard Ward, president of St. Edmund's College, Ware, England, pays a high tribute of praise to the Protestant English Authorized Version of the Holy Scriptures. Of this Version he says:

"Although at first somewhat slow in gaining general acceptance, the Authorized Version has since become famous as a masterpiece of English literature."—"The Catholic Encyclopedia," Vol. II, art. "Authorized Version," pp. 141, 142."

# Tennessee River Conference

## Conference Directory

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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

## Our Responsibility

As we enter the new year the canvassing work should receive a large share of our thought and prayer. The responsibility God has laid upon us to warn this field of its impending doom and of the soon coming of Christ should rest so heavily upon the hearts of us all that we would be driven to prayer and earnest effort. God has called us to great responsibilities in connection with his work. The duty to warn the world of the coming of Christ and the impending doom of the wicked is ours, and this work will be largely done by means of our publications. In Volume VII of the Testimonies, page 140, we read:

"From them (the publishing houses) is to go forth the terrible denunciation, 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.' Rev. 14: 8.

"They are represented by the third angel that followed, 'saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.' Rev. 14: 9, 10.

"And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."

In Volume VI, page 313, we are told that "God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord would have his people do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning."

With the solemn responsibility of assisting to warn the world resting upon them, canvassers should not lay this work down to engage in other things, yet we are told that this has been done.

In Volume VI, page 329, we read: "The importance of the canvassing work is kept ever before me. This work has not of late had the life infused into it which was once given by the agents who made it their specialty. Canvassers have been called from their evangelistic work to engage in other labor. This is not as it should be. Many of our canvassers, if truly converted and

consecrated, can accomplish more in this line than in any other in bringing the truth for this time before the people."

"The Lord designs that the light which he has given on the Scriptures shall shine forth in clear, bright rays; and it is the duty of our canvassers to put forth a strong, united effort that God's design may be accomplished. A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work." Vol. VI, page 332.

Here we learn who it is that calls the canvasser out of the work, and in the same paragraph we read: "GOD CALLS THE CANVASSERS BACK TO THEIR WORK." He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping wherever there is opportunity. The Master calls for every one to do the part given him according to his ability. Who will respond to the call? Who will go forth to labor in wisdom and grace and the love of Christ for those nigh and afar off? Who will sacrifice ease and pleasure, and enter the places of error, superstition, and darkness, working earnestly and perseveringly, speaking the truth in simplicity, praying in faith, doing house-to-house labor? Who at this time will go forth without the camp, imbued with the Holy Spirit, bearing reproach for Christ's sake, opening the Scriptures to the people, and calling them to repentance?

"God has his workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. Thus when the divine voice cries, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' the response will come, 'Here am I; send me.' Isa. 6: 8. Let all who labor effectually in the canvassing field feel in their hearts that they are doing the work of the Lord in ministering to the souls who know not the truth for this time. They are sounding the note of warning in the highways and byways to prepare a people for the great day of the Lord which is so soon to break upon the world. We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on. A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'HERE AM I; SEND ME.'"

My brother, sister, is God calling you to this work? Will you not consecrate yourself to him now and say as the prophet did, "Here am I; send me"? W. R. ELLIOTT.

## News Items

A meeting of the conference committee was held in Nashville, December 28-29, and a number of plans were laid for the winter's and summer's work. A short report of the actions taken will be published in the next week's paper. Brother J. R. Kennedy, from Murray, Ky., was present, also Brethren L. F. Lambert, and C. F. Lowry, of Memphis. We were glad to have the brethren with us for a few days. The other members of the committee are residents of this city.

Brother Elliott and Brother Wheeler leave in a few days for a tour of the churches in the interests of the colporteur work. The institute dates for our conference appear on the last page of this paper.

Sister Philpott, of Murfreesboro, writes that her husband has been quite ill with fever, and for a time was very low. At the present time he is with his daughter in South Bend, Ind., as it was thought that a change of location would be beneficial and also as his daughter is a trained nurse she could give him much better care. We earnestly trust that Brother Philpott will soon be well again and able to resume his work on his place.

### At Fountain Head

Monday night, December 20, marked a new step in the efforts of our young people at Fountain Head. For several weeks the desire to do something had been growing, and this spirit soon spread to the younger members of the school. The little folks were seen one day out in the woods with bags and wheelbarrow, under the kindly care of their teacher, Miss West "What does all this mean?" was asked as we passed the company who were most too busy to notice us. One little fellow, however, looked up with snapping blue eyes and said, "These are missionary nuts. We're going to sell them to help the missionaries." And so they were, for when we called the teacher to one side, she told us of the desire of the children to do something for some one else, and that this was the beginning of their effort. It was inspiring indeed to watch those little fellows as they climbed the trees, or scrambled after the scattered nuts, or trudged up the hill with bags well filled with the fruit of their labor.

This spirit to do something began with the young people. As they were gathered together one day, the question arose, "What can we do?" The answer came quickly from one member of the society that they might make a quilt, each one making a block, and then all work together to finish it. This seemed practicable, and plans were made for this to be done, each member entering into the work with much zeal. So while the little folks were spending their play time gathering nuts, the older ones were busy with needle and thread making blocks. But this was not all.

It was suggested by the leader of the society, Miss Bessie, that it would be nice to prepare a short program. She suggested further that it might be possible to sell the quilt on the evening of the program. This was well taken by each member of the society and all entered into it with hearty good will. But this could not be kept a secret. One little boy of the day school heard something of the prospective program, and it was not long before he had spread it to the six grades of his room; then there came the plea to the teacher that they also might have a part. "We have been gathering nuts for mission work, so why should we not have a part in the mission program?" The argument seemed logical and could hardly be refused. So the program began to shape itself, taking in each member of the school, from the least to the greatest.

The above named date was set for the entertainment, and with no little enthusiasm did each member of the school plan for it. When the hour came for the opening song, the house was well filled, and the program, which was of a high spiritual nature, created a deep interest in the hearers.

Among the most impressive parts was "The Shepherd." Here Christ was represented as calling the sheep into the fold; then there was the "Mission Stamps" by several little folks, dressed to represent as many mission fields. Appropriate dialogues and songs made the program attractive, and as each rendered his part, a softening influence seemed to move out upon the audience.

Little Wilfred Edmister in clear voice spoke of the conditions across the sea, and then, in closing, held up his little red box, and asked that each give liberally. The dropping of pennies occupied several minutes, and the boy returned to the desk with the box well filled,—\$3.40.

The quilt was then offered for sale, and one hundred one blocks were sold for five cents each, and then the quilt was donated back to the society. A small quilt was sold for fifty cents. These, together with the later sale of the large quilt and the children's nuts, gave a total of \$11.90. This was really more than had been expected, and was a source of encouragement to the children and young people.

B. N. MULFORD.

A retentive memory may be a good thing, but the ability to forget is the true token of greatness.—*The Philistia*.

## Kentucky Conference

### Conference Directory

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### Harvest Ingathering Work

The work that has been done by our faithful church members in gathering funds for missions is worthy of notice and very commendable. If all had worked as faithfully to secure funds as it was our privilege to do, we would have had still larger returns to give to missions. However, I am pleased to say that we have more than met the goal set for us by the General Conference. I wish it were so I could give a complete list of all that has been done, but I do not have the information in hand. Below I will give the names of those that have been sent in. No doubt there are others who should be on the list, so if your name does not appear, please send it to the writer at once.

### Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

Mrs. M. A. Ewald	\$30	Mrs. A. L. Todd	\$20
Elder White	20	C. L. Hornung	15

#### THOSE RECEIVING \$10 OR MORE

Mrs. S. O. Bassing	Mrs. C. Hornung
Mrs. C. Heinnig	Mrs. B. Glenn
B. W. Brown	Mrs. L. O. Bivin

#### THOSE SECURING \$5 OR MORE

James Hickman	F. F. Harrison
Mrs. Dora Shoemaker	Mrs. R. Eason
Mrs. L. R. Lyer	Mrs. M. Lucas
Mrs. M. Schomburg	Mrs. B. Lawson
Mrs. Cronin	Mrs. Cunningham
	Mrs. J. Williams

#### THOSE RECEIVING \$4 OR MORE

Mrs. Winders	Mrs. Myers
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We hope that there will be a large number of names to add to this list. I will suggest that if you have any papers left on hand you will not rest until they are all out. What we raise from now on will go on our 1916 goal. If you need more papers order them at once.

Thanking each member of the conference for what has been accomplished, I am your brother in the work,

B. W. BROWN.

### News Items

Elder S. E. Wight and daughter, Leta, spent a few hours in Louisville the past week as they were returning to Nashville.

Brother Reichenbach finished a \$350 delivery the past week. He reports two families as having decided to keep the sabbath after reading the books. We are glad for this report.

Now is the time to lay your plans to attend the 'colporteurs' institute which will be held the last of February. There are a number of our brethren who should give up their worldly business and connect with the Lord's work by joining the ranks of our canvassers. This is missionary work of the highest order. If God

calls you to enter the field to sell the printed page, do not delay, but write Brother James Hickman at once. He will arrange a place for you at the institute.

Brother E. C. Shoemaker writes that the Lord has blessed them in many ways during the past year. Because of the rainy weather and muddy roads they have not held their yearly meeting yet, but plan to do so soon.

Mrs. B. D. Foster sent in a good remittance the past week. We appreciate the faithfulness of our isolated believers. The Lord sends his Spirit to the homes the same as he sends it to our churches.

Elder O. A. Dow is having a siege of the grippe at this writing. We hope he will soon be able to carry on his work.

Sister A. L. Todd sends in the missionary report of the Louisville church which is the first to be received for the past quarter.

Sister Delia Wilson reports the work moving along nicely in Lexington. She has more calls for readings among the colored people than she can fill.

Sister Mary Bell Winston has been attending the institute at Huntsville, Ala., which is being held for the colored teachers in the Southern Union Conference.

We are glad to report that the thirteenth Sabbath offering in the new colored church at Lexington was almost twenty dollars. This is the first thirteenth Sabbath offering they have had a part in.

We feel sure that the conference family will be pleased to learn that a church building has been purchased by the newly organized church in Lexington. Now our colored people can accommodate the outsiders who desire to attend.

Elder Brown spent the last week in 1915 with the churches in Louisville. He reports the work onward there.

Brother R. Eason, elder of the Lexington church, writes that their church has raised its full quota for missions. That sounds good.

Brother and Sister Tyre, of Lexington, have been spending a few days at the Hinsdale Sanitarium. The people in Lexington appreciate the treatment room work they are doing in that city.

Sister Edna George has returned to her school work at Henderson after spending her vacation in Louisville with her sister.

Miss Bessie Mount has taken up her school work again at Ford. She spent her vacation at her home in Aberdeen, Ohio.

Brother Harp has gone home for a few days, after making a delivery in Perry County.

Brother Hickman is assisting Brother Bowles in Elliott County at this writing. The heavy rains have interfered somewhat with their work as they have been unable to cross the creeks.

Brother and Sister Bainer have been enjoying a visit from Brother Bainer's father and mother the past week.

Brother Wm. Bom, elder of the Henderson church, sends a remittance of \$25 for missions. He states that the members of the church are of good courage and that the Lord is blessing them in their church school.

Sister Andia Reichenbach has returned to her school work at Irvington after spending a ten days' vacation at home with her parents.

Brother Hickman is in the eastern part of the State delivering books. He will also assist Brother Bowles while in that section.

Word received brings the sad news that two of the members of the Chestnut Street church died the past week.

Brother Bassing writes that the Harvest Ingathering Work in the Louisville church is progressing nicely.

Brother C. W. Vermillion is delivering at this writing in Carter County.

Brother Allman has just completed a good delivery. He is now working in Madison County.

Brother Winston spent the Week of Prayer with the new colored church in Lexington. They report excellent meetings.

Mrs. L. A. Potter has sent in her church treasurer's report for the Bowling Green church. She states that they are of good courage in the church work there.

Brother S. G. Grimes, elder of the Sand Hill church, writes that the work in that place is progressing nicely. Those who have recently accepted the truth are pushing forward in the service of the Lord.

Brother P. A. Williams writes of the courage that fills the believers at the Powder Mills church. There are good indications that others will soon join the church.

Brother Felia Pierce, elder of the Sewellton church, writes that they are anxious for some one to come and hold a few meetings.

Elder White writes that two new members were added to the church at Covington recently. He also informs us that the twenty-cent-a-week fund has been raised in full. We are sure that the missionaries will appreciate all that each one does to raise this fund.

Misses Mattie and Magiela Hill have returned to Hazel Academy after a short stay in Bowling Green with their parents.

## Alabama Conference

### Conference Directory

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### News Items

Elder J. F. Wright writes that Miss Ruby Worley, of the Montgomery missionary society, last week sold forty-nine of the *Watchman* and the *Signs of the Times* in less than three hours. She states that the people were very nice and that she had many good experiences.

The following names have just recently been reported to the State missionary secretary as having finished reading the Bible through in 1915: Misses Willie E. and Elizabeth Reynolds, of the Sheffield church; Miss Pauline Moore, of Linwood; Mrs. Lucy Rainwater Reiber, of the young people's society at Borden Springs; and Mrs. E. Parker and Ione Parker, of the Birmingham church.

Our missionary secretary wishes to call attention to the new Morning Watch Calendars which are just out for 1916. They are fine, and every one of our people in the State should have one. You will find these greatly improved over the ones for 1915. In the back, a plan for reading the Bible through during the year in chronological order has been arranged. These little booklets will be excellent for gifts. Order from the tract society.

O. A. Prieger, of Summerdale, is planning to keep on hand a small amount of home missionary supplies for the members there. We believe that this is a good plan and trust that the leaders in other churches will do likewise.

The last report of the *Review* subscriptions shows that the Alabama Conference gained eleven subscriptions and lost two, making a net gain of nine subscriptions. The entire Union gained twenty-four and lost twenty-one.

"A WISE man ought to hope for the best, be prepared for the worst, and bear with equanimity whatever may happen."

## 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
	Mrs. Ida Jobst.

### CONFERENCE CHURCH

Harriet C. Fuller	H. O. Rogers
Mrs. S. O. Rogers	Mrs. L. N. McAlpine

### 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

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Bessie Powers	Claracie Powers
Calvin Powers	Mary Townsend
	C. A. Wilson

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F. D. Coleman	Fannie Reed

### MONTGOMERY

L. Frazier	Eld. J. G. Dasent
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### MOBILE

T. G. Culpepper

methods of advertising and business management; the banker must know his securities, his creditors, and the money markets; the farmer must study his soil, crops, stock, and markets, to know how to be successful in getting the best prices for his products. In short, there is no real success without first a preparation.

The message has come to us through the spirit of prophecy: "Educate, educate, educate young men and women to sell the books which the Lord by his Holy Spirit has stirred his servants to write. God desires us to be faithful in educating those who accept the truth, that they may believe to a purpose, and work intelligently in the Lord's way."—*Manual for Convassers,* page 67.

It is the object of the conference to make the colporteur's institute a practical training school for workers. I am sure all feel the need of a better preparation for the great work to which God has called us. There has no question impressed itself upon me more the past year than that we need a better preparation and a wider experience in the work of God, in order to be successful soul winners and to cope with the world in business ability. I believe it can truthfully be said of the faithful, well-prepared colporteur as it was of Christ: "He increased in wisdom, and in favor with God and man."

The institute for the colored workers will be held with the Montgomery church January 26 to February 4, and we hope that not one of the colporteurs will miss attending this meeting. The conference believes it is essential to have these annual gatherings both for the good of the work and for the instruction and help of the workers. Certainly, dear coworkers, the time has come when we need the best preparation possible for this great work.

We will have with us in this meeting Elder Miller, Brother Godsmark, and Elder Dasent from the local conference; and Brother J. W. Davis, the missionary secretary from the union conference,—all men of experience in the book work—and I am sure that you will not be sent away empty from this meeting. Certainly God has a blessing for us all. We would like very much to correspond with any who feel impressed to enter this line of the Lord's work. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of a man, and if there ever was a time in the history of our work when this "call" should be heard, it is NOW.

Free entertainment will be furnished to accredited colporteurs. Any who wish to attend this meeting who have not been engaged in the work should correspond with the writer at 316 Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, and arrangements will be made for their entertainment. Let nothing keep you from coming to this meeting. May the Lord move upon the hearts of his people to give themselves to him for service.

The institute for the white colporteurs will be held at Mrs. Leitzmann's school, Red Level, Covington County, February 28 to March 8. More will be said about this meeting later.

M. L. WILSON.

## Huntsville Church

The final report of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for the year 1915 shows a marked improvement over that of 1914, when only \$9.05 was raised by the entire church. This was, of course, the first experience in this line of work, being a newly organized church. For the past year \$53.48 was raised. With faithful, persevering efforts seven reached the five dollar mark.

This is far short of what we should have raised. Others would have reached the goal, but were hindered by illness and the unfavorable weather which prevailed towards the last of the campaign.

C. A. WILSON.

## Training for Service

In every line of work there is need of a preparation, without which one is embarrassed more or less in carrying on his work. The doctor must prepare by a rigid course of study for his work; the teacher must study the latest methods and books on pedagogy; the business man must keep in touch with the latest

As lust is the beginning of sin, so love is the beginning of righteousness. "By their fruits ye shall know them." W. H. S.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending Jan. 1, 1916

Name	Book	ALABAMA CONFERENCE				Total	Deliv.
		Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps		
U Bracy ...GC&BF						\$106 70	
Robert Cook ...BF	37					37 70	
B D Crawford ...						21 00	
H L Edwards ...BR	31	5	16 00	25	16 25	59 90	
Oscar Forland ...BF						18 54	
E Gudmundson BF						86 35	
S S Guilford ...BR						37 50	
M L Ivory ...D&R	93	21	31 50		31 50		
R T Jacks ...BR						63 95	
C Jensen ...						65 20	
S W Lorren ...BR						125 20	
H A Lynd ...BR	19			35	35	54 75	
E L Marley ...CC						56 30	
Ralph Meade ...BR						26 00	
Mary Miles ...BR						178 30	
Mrs Mollie Millersc	14	14	7 00		7 00	92 00	
J H Reams ...BR						58 00	
R D Ringgold ...BR						32 20	
C L Ryals ...BR						37 10	
H G Moburg ...						7 75	
C A Stephenson BF						110 25	
Quinnie Tew ...BR						254 85	
J W Wade ...BR						41 45	
G H Ward ...BR						112 00	
Alex Wood ...D&R						60 00	
Carl Holland ...				2 05	2 05	138 30	
Totals (Agts.26)							184 40 \$54 50 \$ 2 65 \$57 15\$1881 24

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

F F Swan ...D&R	24	6	\$18 00	\$ 1 50	\$19 50	\$
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Jeff Hickman ...BR			8 85	8 85	17 70	186 00
C W Vermillion ...						58 00
J B Reichenbach ...	61					216 00
J L Vermillion ...	15			2 00	2 00	38 00
F F Swan ...D&R	5	1	4 00		4 00	4 00
Felia Pierce ...BR	14					12 00
Miscellaneous ...			63 00	115 68	178 68	162 13
Bibles ...			20 60		20 60	59 18

Totals (Agts. 7) 119 7 \$114 45 \$128 03 \$242 48 \$735 31

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

R R Coble ...BR	33		\$16 00	\$	\$16 00	\$49 00
G'd Totals (A. 34) 336 52 \$184 95 \$130 68 \$315 63\$2665 55						

Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference ..	\$9432 10	\$ 308 05	\$5074 94
Kentucky Conference ..	20179 50	1250 55	13086 02
Louisiana Conference ..	5498 11	205 30	2638 40
Mississippi Conference ..	16186 25	650 40	6173 10
Tenn. River Conference ..	7750 40	1491 20	4458 80

Totals ..... \$59046 36 \$3905 50 \$31431 26

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending Jan. 1, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Agent	No.	Value
Robert Cook .....	5	\$ 50
H L Edwards .....	4	40
Totals ..... 9 \$ 90		

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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.

#### Institute Dates for 1916

Mississippi	Jan. 13-23
Alabama	Jan. 26-Feb. 4. (Colored)
Tenn. River	Feb. 7-17.
Kentucky	Feb. 21-Mar. 1.
Alabama	Feb. 28-Mar. 8. Red Level.

#### Second Semester Begins January 19

The first half of the year's work of the Southern Training School will be completed Tuesday, January 18, and the second semester begins the following day. A number of students have already planned to enter the school at that time, and any others who think of entering should make application at once that their coming may not be delayed.

While for various reasons our attendance has not been as large as some recent years, a spirit of earnest work has prevailed, and we have had many evidences of God's leading. The teachers realize that as we near the finishing of this work, we must labor the more earnestly to prepare strong, well-balanced, practical young people to answer the many calls from this and other fields.

The first thing in the Lord's work is consecration,—a love for souls—but we are told, and experience demonstrates it, that without a good education our work will be greatly crippled, whatever line we take up. God expects us to make use of the means he has provided to equip ourselves for the most thorough work, because the time is short.

Who among our youth are willing to give up the world, and consecrate their lives to God that they may win souls for the kingdom? For further information write

A. N. ATTEBERRY, *Principal*,  
Southern Training School,  
Graysville, Tenn.

### News Items

Professor and Mrs. Wood returned to Nashville January 3 from Huntsville, Ala., where they have been conducting a ten-days' institute at the Oakwood school for the colored teachers in the Southern Union. All report a very interesting and profitable time.

Elder S. E. Wight and family arrived in Nashville December 30 after an absence of nearly two months, spent at the Council in California, and in Michigan.

### The Refuge Psalm

There has just come to our desk a copy of "The Refuge Psalm," an inspired war song by Elder J. S. Washburn. This is the beautiful forty-sixth Psalm put to music in octavo form and containing thirty-three pages of choruses, quartets, solos, etc. The price of this beautiful piece is 25 and 50 cents and can be secured from the East Pennsylvania Tract Society, 4910 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Liberal discounts are allowed to agents. Write for particulars.

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