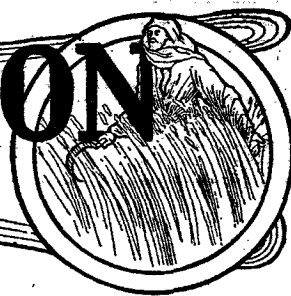


SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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Somebody Cares

SOMEBODY knows when your heart aches,
And everything seems to go wrong;
Somebody knows when the shadows
Need chasing away with a song;
Somebody knows when you're lonely,
Tired, discouraged, and blue;
Somebody wants you to know Him,
And know that He dearly loves you.

Somebody cares when you're tempted,
And the world grows dizzy and dim;
Somebody cares when you're weakest,
And farthest away from Him;
Somebody grieves when you've fallen,
Though you are not lost from his sight;
Somebody waits for your coming,
Taking the gloom from your night,

Somebody loves you when weary;
Somebody loves you when strong;
Always is waiting to help you,
Watches you, one of the throng.
Needing His friendship so holy,
Needing his watch-care so true,
His name? We call his name Jesus.
His people?— Just I and just you.
— Fanny Edna Stafford.

Items of Interest Considered at the Union Conference Committee Meeting January 10, 11

The union conference session to be held March 22-28 in Nashville received considerable study. It is desired to make this meeting of the most profit to the laborers. On account of the instruction to be given by the North American Division workers it was thought best to invite all the ministers and Bible workers who can to attend.

Some of the conferences will send their stenographers to do stenographic work, and Miss Hazel Wood, of the Publishing House, will have charge of this work. Each conference is to make up a list of delegates, and all others who expect to attend this meeting should send their names to their conference secretary, and when this list is complete it will be sent to Mr. J. L. McConaughy in care of the Publishing House, who is chairman of the reception committee. Arrangements are to be made for free lodging, and board will be furnished on the cafeteria plan at a reasonable price. The meeting is to be held in the Publishing House chapel, and the dining hall will be two and a half blocks away. No pains will be spared to make those who attend comfortable. The program for this meeting for the first four days is as follows:

8:45-9:30 Prayer and social meeting.
9:45-10:45 Bible study.
11:00-12:00 Bible study.
12:30-1:30 Dinner.
2:30-3:30 Bible study.
4:00-5:00 Union or local conference council.
6:00-7:00 Supper
7:30-9:00 Preaching service.

During the last four days the time given to Bible study in this program will be used for conference work.

Another very important matter was the camp-meeting dates which we know will be of great interest to those who attend the camp-meetings. Beginning with Louisiana, the date will be July 20-30; Mississippi follows July 27- August 6; then Tennessee, August 3-13; and Alabama, August 10-20; closing the season with Kentucky, August 17-27.

Plans are being laid to interest the young people in our camp-meetings this year. No less effort will be made for others, but an effort to attract and benefit the young people of this denomination has received attention.

TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND

We must leave the year 1915 and think of the year 1916. We failed in raising the twenty cents a week in the Southern Union last year, therefore it seems best to try some new plans. However, these plans are not new to many of the other conferences that have made a success of their work. Instead of figuring each month the amount due as we have in the past, it is thought best to figure the whole amount for the year for each conference and then get pledges to cover this amount. If all who are interested in the foreign mission offerings will begin to plan carefully as to what they can do during the year, and be ready to give an answer to those who will call for pledges, it will be of great assistance in securing the funds necessary to make up this amount. At the time of this writing one conference has secured nearly \$1,500 in pledges that are just as good as the cash.

MRS. E. G. WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Dr. Clara Harris, of Nashville, was asked to take charge of the women's auxiliary movement in the Southern Union to secure funds for the erection of this hospital in the city of Los Angeles. Many of our young people have gone to the world because of their associations in worldly schools. It was decided at the Loma Linda Council to carry forward this movement for the purpose of giving our young men a Christian training in medical lines. It has been recognized by this people that our children and youth should be trained in our own schools, and the medical work is one branch of our school work. Mrs. S. N. Haskell has charge of the work in the North American Division and it is expected that every conference will elect a representative to work with her, and that all will enter heartily into the work of raising this fund at once.

Other minor matters were considered, but are not of sufficient interest to all to be mentioned in this article.

S. E. WIGHT.

The Greatest Issue in the Greatest Crisis of the World's History

What is it? What is the only thing you could think it could be, with Satan striving to overthrow God's people at every turn? What does he hate above all else? God's commandment-keepers. What is his main point of hate? Because they do keep his commandments. On which commandment does his hate center? On that which condemns him and sets forth the seal of the living God, the Sabbath commandment. All the world is going to act a part in this last struggle.

"Men have honored Satan's principles above the principles that rule in the heavens. They have accepted the spurious sabbath, which Satan has exalted as the sign of his authority. But God has set his seal upon his royal requirement. Each Sabbath institution bears the name of its author, an ineffaceable mark that shows the authority of each. It is our work to lead the people to understand this. We are to show them that it is of vital consequence whether they bear the mark of God's kingdom or the mark of the kingdom of rebellion, for they acknowledge themselves subjects of the kingdom whose mark they bear. God has called us to uplift the standard of his down-trodden Sabbath. How important, then, that our example in Sabbath-keeping should be right.

"Far more sacredness is attached to the Sabbath than is given it by many professed Sabbath-keepers. The Lord has been greatly dishonored by those who have not kept the Sabbath according to the commandment either in the letter or in the spirit. He calls for a reform in the observance of the Sabbath."

"All through the week we are to have the Sabbath in mind, and be making preparation to keep it according to the commandment. We are not merely to observe the Sabbath as a legal matter. We are to understand its spiritual bearing upon all the transactions of life. All who regard the Sabbath as a sign between them and God, showing that he is the God who sanctifies them, will represent the principles of his government. They will bring into daily practice the laws of his kingdom. Daily it will be their prayer that the sanctification of the Sabbath may rest upon them. Every day they will have the companionship of Christ, and will exemplify the perfection of his character. Every day their light will shine forth to others in good works." —*"Testimonies for the Church"* Vol. VI, pp. 352, 353.

As Moses led the people out of the land of Egypt so we are to be led out of Babylon. As the children of Israel practised great care in the preparation for the Sabbath, so are we.

"Many need instruction as to how they should appear in the assembly for worship on the Sabbath. They are not to enter the presence of God in the common clothing worn during the week. All should have a special Sabbath suit, to be worn when attending service in God's house. While we should not conform to worldly fashions, we are not to be indifferent in regard to our outward appearance. We are to be neat and trim, though without adornment. The children of God should be pure within and without.

"On Friday let the preparation for the Sabbath be completed. See that all clothing is in readiness, and that all the cooking is done. Let the boots be blacked and the baths be taken. It is possible to do this. If you make it a rule you can do it. The Sabbath is not to be given to the repairing of garments, to the cooking of food, to pleasure-seeking, or to any other worldly employment. Before the setting of the sun, let all secular work be laid aside, and all secular papers be put out of sight. Parents, explain your work and its purpose to your children, and let them share in your preparation to keep the Sabbath according to the commandment.

"We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath. Remember that every moment is consecrated, holy time. Whenever it is possible, employers should give their workers the hours from Friday noon until the beginning of the Sabbath. Give them

time for preparation, that they may welcome the Lord's day with quietness of mind. By such a course you will suffer no loss, even in temporal things."—*Vol. VI, pp. 355, 356.*

Sometimes it is hard to tell just when the Sabbath does begin. True, the Morning Watch has a leaf for finding the time of sunset, but, sad to say, some do not have this booklet, and it has been decided to put the earliest and latest time for sunset each week right under the conference head. You will notice quite a difference between these two times. The sun sets earliest in the eastern part of the State, and if the State is some distance across there may be as much as a half hour's difference. By having the time given for both sides of the conference we can estimate pretty closely the time for sunset where we are, according to our location in the State from the east or the west boundary. For example, if we are about one-half way across the State, split the difference between the two times. If we are a third of the way from the east to the west, take one-third of the difference and add to the time the sun sets in the eastern part. For Tennessee the entire State is given and not just the Tennessee River Conference.

With this table given every week there is no need to ever overstep the bounds of the Sabbath. Let us lay plans to be around the family altar praising the Master when his holy day begins.

LYNN H. WOOD.

What Some People Have Done

"Your letter of some days ago asking us to try to double our subscription to the *Signs* weekly was taken up in our missionary meeting last Sabbath afternoon.

"We had indeed a very enthusiastic meeting. I read portions of your letter and asked them if we could not give you a little surprise and multiply it by four instead of two, making a club of twenty. They all fell into line and instead of twenty I am sending to the tract society for a club of twenty-two. Besides this I took names for seven *Reviews* and five *Watchman*."

This is evidently an active little church. I like the words "they all fell into line," for they make me think of a well organized army of workers, all working together in a strong way. Would that in all our churches, the members would all fall into line. We could then soon finish the work.

"I am taking advantage of your offer as mentioned in the last *Signs* to renew my subscription. Times are terrible, work scarce, and money more so, but my papers are read by several people so I do not like to stop them."

Here is one who realizes the value of the *Signs* enough to make sacrifices in order that others may read it.

"Having received your letter and leaflet, 'The *Signs* on Trial,' the Cherry Grove church has decided to take a club of twenty-two copies for six months and pay for them in monthly instalments."

This is a good response which shows this church has a mind to work.

"A friend who receives the *Signs of the Times*, presented me with a copy with which I was well pleased, as it contained much information. You know the truth in regard to what immortality means and to whom it will be given.

"I am a 'Disciple of Christ' and believe that under the new dispensation all days are alike. Do Christ or the Apostles command the disciples to keep any particular day of the week to worship God? The Israelites were commanded by Moses to keep the seventh day. 'Truth never changes.'"

This individual is evidently a sincere seeker after truth, and the *Signs* is being used by the Lord to lead him into the light.

"A friend of mine handed me a copy of the *Signs* for December, 1913. Now I want you to send me this magazine for one year and to my four friends listed below, if your clubbing offer still holds good. I am enclosing check for \$3.00."

In this case the good seed sown by some unknown worker

multiplied sixty-fold, for it led to the sending in of five yearly subscriptions. I trust it may have further results in souls saved.

"We have had some good results from our club. Through having the paper sent to her brother, one sister is abundantly rewarded by seeing him living out and spreading a knowledge of the truths of this glorious message.

"Another had it sent to a relative in the old home town. As a result, a little company of believers has been raised up.

"One sister had it sent to a worldly sister in the East who at last became so much interested in the good paper that she lent it to all the neighbors who came into the home."

The *Signs* does save souls, does it not?

"I have often thought I would like to relate an experience we had at the time we were coming into the truth. I was a glass blower at that time. My mother, brother, and sister were Adventists but had become such after I was married and in a home of my own. During July and August we always made a visit home as the factory never ran in these two months. My mother always talked to me about the message, but for three or four years I did not become interested.

"Finally at one time I was there they asked if we would not like to have a Bible reading and asked in a brother living near. We enjoyed the reading very much, but returned home and almost forgot the experience. One day an old lady came to the door selling the *Signs*. She also gave an invitation to the meeting in their little church. Well, we went to church, although we had not been in the habit of going. After we had gone a few evenings we asked a brother-in-law and family to go, and before long we were all taken into the church. Now if it had not been for the old sister and the bundle of *Signs* she carried, perhaps I would never have been a Seventh-day Adventist."

This brother and his brother-in-law went into the colporteur work, and now the brother is a conference colporteur agent. The faithful sowing of the good seed without doubt brings results. How many intend to sow liberally during 1916 and reap a rich harvest? Send in your order for a good club of *Signs*.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

Encouraging Experiences

In our tent meetings in Philadelphia, Pa., this season, we have had some very interesting experiences. We have the addresses of over two hundred fifty interested families. We had the largest amount of contributions, I think, ever received in Philadelphia in one season for a tent campaign,—\$423.60. The expenses were \$408.80, leaving a balance on the right side of the account of \$14.80. A good number have begun to keep the Sabbath, among them a teacher in the public schools, and a physician of high standing and a large office practice, who has, in the few weeks he has known the truth, given over \$200 to the work, \$100 being for the mission fund.

The next to the last night of the tent meetings, an intelligent gentleman remained after the meeting till 11 p. m., asking many questions, and buying "Past, Present, and Future." He gave his name as Dr. Morgan. I supposed it was another doctor of medicine who was interested. What was my surprise to find that it was Dr. Irvin J. Morgan, the famous organist at the great department store of John Wanamaker, the largest store in the world. This organ is the noted organ that was at the World's Fair at St. Louis, Mo. After the Fair it was purchased by John Wanamaker and shipped on thirteen freight cars to Philadelphia, and placed in his mammoth store. Many additions have been made to it since that time, and in fact are still being made. And Dr. Morgan is one of the greatest living organists. The thrill of his wonderful playing of "The Refuge Psalm" on November 4, I can never forget. He loves the Bible and is intensely interested in the truth. Besides being for years organist of the greatest organ in the world, he is the concert organist of the famous Widener family, the noted financiers, said to be the

wealthiest family that ever lived in Philadelphia. Thus he is in touch with the leading men of wealth in this city.

Dr. Morgan is reading with intense interest, "Great Controversy," "Thoughts on Daniel," "Past, Present, and Future," "The Signs of the Times," etc. The day before my last call, he had just received the first regular number of the "Signs of the Times." The very first words he said to me were, "I received your paper last night, and read it all through." I said, "Not all through at one sitting, did you?" "Yes," he said, "every word, and I found some splendid things in it." Then he talked for three hours on the state of the dead, the end of the wicked, the present war conditions, etc. We talk a little sometimes of music, but he seems most anxious to talk about the Bible. One day I was reading a statement written by one of our college musical leaders, in which the word "Testimonies" is used in connection with the Bible. I had no thought that in a rapid reading of that statement that he would notice that *one word*. But, like a flash of lightning, he stopped me with,—"Testimonies? what do you mean by Testimonies?" I replied, "They are some of the writings of Mrs. White, the lady who wrote the book you are reading, 'Great Controversy.'" "Oh yes," he said, "I was reading the chapter in that book on Spiritualism, and I wanted to ask you —" And then we talked a long while on the Bible and "Great Controversy," and never returned to the subject of music again that day. The prophecies and the war situation interest him greatly.

Will not all the readers of this article pray especially, just now when you finish reading this article, that the Lord may lead this talented composer, and great musician, into all the light of the truth; that he may join in the music of heaven with the angelic musicians and all the triumphant chorus of the soldiers of the cross. We know not what may be, but God can do wonders. Therefore *pray*.

J. S. WASHBURN.

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"TAKE this motto for the bitterest cup;

There is no failure save in giving up;

No real defeat so long as one still tries;

For seeming setbacks make the strong man wise,

There's no defeat, in truth, save from within,

Unless you're beaten there, you're bound to win."

No More Heathen

O, that it were so! One lady was overheard to say the other day, "Do you really think there are any heathen left? I had heard of them when a girl, but lately was told that missionary work was all a bluff, as the heathen had all been converted." No more heathen, with a myriad of them pouring over the brink of eternity having never heard of the blessed name of Christ, and dropping off at every tick of the clock! Are there no more heathen, when over in India today little babies are thrown into the brier bushes and left to tear their way out, when men lie for weeks on beds of sharpest thorns and spikes to appease the wrath of an unknown God? Are there no more heathen, when in the islands men spear their fellow men, and tearing them limb from limb, eagerly devour the roasted flesh? Are there no more heathen? God grant that that person's statement might be true, but it is not; and there rests on us the responsibility of stopping this awful slaughter and bringing to them the living Christ.

There was a man who gave his own life to teaching the cannibals of the New Hebrides to restrain them from destroying each other and to turn them to the religion he loved. He gave up his home, his country, and all that life held dear to him and went out with his wife to this little isle of Aniwa. He had not been there very long before he lost his companion through fever, and day by day and night by night he fought with the devil over the souls of those heathen. At last he won out and the story of

how he did is best described in the words of the chief, as he spoke to the people after seeing the well of fresh water dug by John G. Paton, when he said:

"Friends of Namakei, men and women and children of Aniwa, listen to my words! Since Missi came here he has talked many strange things we could not understand — things all too wonderful; and we said regarding many of them that they must be lies. White people might believe such nonsense, but we said that the black fellow knew better than to receive it. But of all his wonderful stories, we thought the strangest was about sinking down through the earth to get rain! Then we said to each other, The man's head is turned; he's gone mad. But the Missi prayed on and wrought on, telling us that Jehovah God heard and saw, and that his God would give him rain. Was he mad? Has he not got the rain deep down in the earth? We mocked at him; but the water was there all the same. We have laughed at other things which the Missi told us, because we could not see them. But from this day I believe that all he tells us about his Jehovah God is true. Some day our eyes will see it. For today we have seen the rain from the earth."

Then rising to a climax, first one foot and then the other making the broken coral on the floor fly behind like a war-horse pawing the ground, he cried with great eloquence:

"My people, the people of Aniwa, the world is turned upside down since the word of Jehovah came to this land! Who ever expected to see rain coming up through the earth? It has always come from the clouds! Wonderful is the work of this Jehovah God. No god of Aniwa ever answered prayers as the Missi's God has done. Friends of Namakei, all the powers of the world could not have forced us to believe that rain could be given from the depths of the earth, if we had not seen it with our eyes, felt it, and tasted it as we here do. Now, by the help of the Jehovah God the Missi brought that invisible rain to view, which he never before heard of or saw, and — (beating his hand on his breast, he exclaimed):

"Something here in my heart tells me that the Jehovah God does exist, the invisible One, whom we never heard of nor saw till the Missi brought him to our knowledge. The coral has been removed, the land has been cleared away, and lo! the water rises. Invisible till this day, yet all the same it was there, though our eyes were too weak. So, I, your chief, do now firmly believe that when I die, when the bits of coral and the heaps of dust are removed which now blind my old eyes, I shall then see the invisible Jehovah God with my soul, as Missi tells me, not less surely than I have seen the rain from the earth below. From this day, my people, I must worship the God who has opened for us the well, and who fills us with rain from below. The gods of Aniwa cannot hear, cannot help us, like the God of Missi. Henceforth I am a follower of Jehovah God. Let every man that thinks with me go now and fetch the idols of Aniwa, the gods which our fathers feared, and cast them down at Missi's feet. Let us burn and bury and destroy these things of wood and stone, and let us be taught by the Missi how to serve God who can hear, the Jehovah who gave us the well, and who will give us every other blessing, for he sent his Son Jesus to die for us and bring us to heaven. This is what the Missi has been telling us every day since he landed on Aniwa. We laughed at him, but now we believe him. The Jehovah God has sent us rain from the earth. Why should he not also send us his Son from heaven? — Namakei stands up for Jehovah!"

I am sure that every one will want to read this book which you can get as well as a great many others just as interesting from the Union Conference Circulating Library. Send in for the "Story of John G. Paton" and let it stir your soul, as it has thousands of others, with a determination to serve God as never before.

For a list of the books in this library, see the following:

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Exile to Overthrow
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In the Tiger Jungle
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Livingstone the Pathfinder
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Ministry of Healing
Mount of Blessing
My Garden Neighbors
North America.
Paster Hsi

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Quiet Talks on Service
Sketches of Bible Child Life
Story of John G. Paton
Story of Pitcairn
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The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan
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The Prince of Africa
The Sabbath in History
The Teacher
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These books are absolutely free to you, costing you nothing but the return postage, and may be kept for two full weeks. What a privilege for our young people! Now let us all take hold and read as we have never read before.

LYNN H. WOOD.

Roman Catholic Versions

One Roman Catholic writer, Mr. A. J., Maas, S. J., Rector, Woodstock College, Maryland, gives us the following brief but interesting history of the English Catholic Bible:

"In October, 1578, Gregory Martin, assisted chiefly by William (later Cardinal) Allen, Richard Bristow, Thomas Worthington, and William Reynolds began the work of preparing an English translation of the Bible for Catholic readers. Dr. Martin rendered into English one or two chapters every day; the others then revised, criticised, and corrected the translation. Thus the New Testament was published at Reims in 1582 with a preface and explanatory notes. The notes were written chiefly by Bristow, Allen, and Worthington. The Old Testament was published at Douai (1609-10) through the efforts of Dr. Worthington, then superior of the Seminary. The translation had been prepared before the appearance of the New Testament, but the publication was delayed 'for lack of good means' and 'our poor estate in banishment.' The religious adherence to the Latin text is the reason of the less elegant and and idiomatic words and phrases found in the translation. The original Douai Version has undergone so many revisions that 'scarcely any verse remains as it was originally published. Dr. Challoner probably merits the credit of being the principal reviser of the Douai Version (1749-50); among the many other revisers we may mention Archbishop Kenrick, Dr. Lingard, and Dr. John Gilmary Shea."—"The Catholic Encyclopedia," Vol. XV, pp. 376, 377.

Another Turkey Article.

The *Watchman* magazine continues to publish some most excellent articles dealing with the war situation in Turkey. "Will Turkey be Revived?" is the title of an article in the February number which all our people should read. Your neighbors and friends should read this article also. Be sure that they are supplied with a copy of the February *Watchman*.

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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M. L. WILSON, Field Missionary Secretary.
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OFFICE ADDRESS, Room 316, Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Sunset Table. Standard Time.
Friday, January 28.

East 5:05

West 5:26

Religious Liberty

February 26, the fourth Sabbath of the month, is the date set by the North American Division Conference for the annual religious liberty offering.

The program for the day is on page 3 of the February *Church Officer's Gazette*. We call special attention to the "Instruction to Leaders." Every elder and leader should, so far as practical, give heed to these instructions and do what he can to get a good offering, as there is only one regular offering a year to secure funds which with to finance the religious liberty work.

We are living in strenuous times. The times, which by faith in the message, our people said would come, have come. The "two horned beast" is making every preparation for the final act in the drama.

A recent letter from Professor Longacre says, "Last year one hundred forty-three Sunday bills were introduced into the different State legislatures." This is an average of three Sunday bills to every State in the Union.

Five of our brethren have recently been indicted in Tennessee for Sunday violation. Their trial was set for January 17 but has been postponed. When their trial is over they will be either convicted or acquitted. And for what? Keeping the commandments of God.

Here in Birmingham strenuous efforts are being made by the clergy of the city, to induce the city commissioners to close all stores and shops on Sunday. One of the commissioners by request has drafted a Sunday bill to be submitted to the clergy for approval and then introduced to the commissioners for enactment. This bill will not get into the hands of the commissioners until in February. The prospect is that the commissioners will refuse to act until the measure is referred to the people for approval or disapproval. If referred to the people it will give a splendid opportunity to present the true principles of religious liberty to the public. Not only in the city of Birmingham is the question of Sunday enforcement coming to the front, but the agitation is becoming quite general.

To meet these issues among other things, it is necessary for us to send the *Liberty Magazine* to our State legislators and some of the State officials.

The Lord has told us that "we as a people have not accomplished the work which God has committed to us. We are not ready for the issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. It is our duty, as we see the signs of approaching peril, to arouse to action." "We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience." "The people need to be aroused in regard to the dangers of the present time."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. V., pp. 713, 715.

Remit this offering with the February funds to the conference treasurer, O. R. Godsmark, 316 Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

A. L. MILLER.

Kentucky Conference

Conference Directory

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Friday, January 28

West 5:20

NOTICE

After February 1 all mail for the Kentucky Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Kentucky Tract Society, and departmental secretaries should be addressed to the new office at 1122 Park St., Bowling Green, Ky.

Visiting the Churches

Since I returned from the council in California my time has been spent with different churches throughout the conference. I was glad to meet with the brethren at Ford, and found them full of courage. There are six of the men in this church who are selling the printed page. We held service at the church at night and also the next day. I was glad to see Miss Bessie Mount, the church school teacher, and to learn that she was giving the children a Christian education. There are several young people in the school who should make workers in the cause of God.

I next went to Louisville where we held meetings in both the white and the Chestnut Street colored churches. The Lord came very near as we studied his Word and laid plans to advance the work in that city. I found both churches busy with the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. I was glad to see the earnestness that was manifested on the part of the church elders in these churches. Much depends upon our church elders to make the work a success in the different churches throughout the conference.

I next visited with the colored church at Lexington and found this new company of believers of good courage. This church had been in need of a building in which to hold their meetings, and we were glad that the Lord opened the way for us to secure a neat house of worship from the German Lutheran Church. This building is in good repair and located so as to accommodate the colored people.

I next visited Bowling Green where I found a large part of the church sick with the grippe. We were able to hold only one meeting in this place. There seemed to be great need that some one be placed in this city to take charge of the church work.

My next visit was at Slick Rock where I was pleased to meet Brother Williams and family. They were of good courage and were planning to have a school for their children in the near future.

I then went across the country to meet with the Grove Church. As the hard rains had put the creeks out of their banks it was a difficult trip. However, we were able to reach the home of Brother Shoemaker in time for the Sabbath. We had a good meeting in this place and held the yearly church election.

I find the people throughout the conference of good courage. Prospects are good for the present year. Let all pray for the workers who are in the field.

B. W. BROWN.

"To be needed is the best of life."

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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OFFICE ADDRESS, 2014 23rd Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.
PROF. S. L. CLARK, Principal Hazel Academy, Hazel, Ky.

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 4: 50

Friday, January 28

West 5: 28

Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund, Year Ending December 31, 1915

Church	Mem	Rate	Amt Due	Amt Paid	Amt Short
Ashland City	9	23	\$ 93 60	\$108 50	*\$14 90
Bon Aqua	27	03	280 80	42 68	238 12
Cedar Grove	15	12	156 00	94 68	61 32
Goodlettsville	27	04	280 80	55 79	225 01
Hazel	15	31	156 00	243 38	*87 38
Hustburg	11	05	114 40	30 44	83 96
Jackson	18	24	187 20	227 96	*40 76
Lane	5	24	52 00	64 51	*12 51
Lawrenceburg	10	06	104 00	31 47	72 53
Leach	38	04	395 20	75 74	319 46
Memphis	119	12	1237 60	766 19	471 41
Madison	68	074	707 20	263 28	443 92
Nashville	167	18	1736 80	1585 51	151 29
North Nashville	41	14	426 40	310 10	116 30
Springville	43	06	447 20	136 04	311 16
Conference Church ..	8	63	83 20	262 30	*179 10
Trezevant	14	11	145 60	18 09	127 51
Paducah	19	07	197 60	69 84	127 76
Fountain Head	44	04	457 60	87 31	370 29
Miscellaneous				41 33	*41 33
Totals	698	12	\$7259 20	\$4515 14	\$2744 06

The above report will no doubt be of interest to our church officers and lay members. This includes all mission funds received during the past year, up to the close of the books, January 15. A few remittances were received after the books were closed but these will be placed in the January record. We are sorry indeed that we have not raised our mission quota of twenty cents a week, but let us not mourn over the past but set our hands to clear this in full for 1916. It can be done. If each one will plan to take care of his part of this, it will be easy. How many will pledge to give one dollar a week to missions? It would only take a hundred or so of our membership, giving this amount each week, to pay out in full for the year.

We are glad that some of our churches were able to more than make their part of the twenty cents a week. This is good. Let each church elder lay wise plans in his church that the members may cooperate to pay an amount into the treasury equal to twenty cents a week for each individual. F. C. BRUCE, *Treasurer*.

News Items

The trial of the brethren at Goodlettsville who had recently been indicted for Sunday labor was to have been held January 17, but on account of sickness, and our efforts for postponement, the trial will not be taken up until the May term of court. Let us all pray that the Lord will overrule in this matter and give wisdom to our people to know which way to proceed.

Mrs. I. M. Hamilton, treasurer of the little company at Lane, Tenn., sent in her remittance a few days ago, and reports the

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work onward in that place, although the Sabbath services are not held regularly during the winter months on account of the members residing at quite a distance from the church, and the roads being very muddy.

Brother Wheeler reached Nashville Sunday morning, January 16, after a visit to the churches in the western part of the conference in the interests of the colporteur work.

Brother Elliott left Nashville Tuesday morning, January 18, for a visit to Hazel, Ky., and probably to Springville and Paducah. He is expected to reach home in a few days.

Professor Longacre was an office visitor last week. He returned to Washington after having gathered information with reference to the trial at Gallatin.

Dr. Frank Knox writes from East Tennessee that he is enjoying his work very much and is quite busy. Dr. Knox was formerly one of our colporteurs, but now is engaged in the dental profession.

In the Canvassing Work

Doubtless some will remember that at camp-meeting I said I had canvassed two weeks for "Daniel and Revelation" and had not taken one order. But I fully decided while at that meeting to take "Daniel and Revelation" and stick to it, fully believing that God would give me success when I complied with his conditions.

I do not have my record with me so that I can report my deliveries previous to October 1; but from October 1 to December 23 I have delivered \$500 worth of books. I made a delivery in August which amounted to more than \$100.

This is the financial side of this blessed work, but there is another side that is more precious to me. I have told the truth of the third angel's message in many homes where it had never been heard. Truth in print which makes it plain has been placed in many homes. Prayers have been made, Bible readings have been held, and social talks have been given, which broke down prejudice and opened the way for the presentation of the truth.

But, brethren and sisters, I have had some experiences that were indeed precious. As each one came to me I thought that I must write it out, but my mind was soon led from that to some other experience.

I have made it a point to see every minister of any denomination in my territory, and have been very successful in placing "Daniel and Revelation" in their libraries, most of them knowing that the book was written by an Adventist.

I will relate one experience. I canvassed an old couple who desired the book very much but stated that they could not take it as they had loaned some money to a minister and he gave them no encouragement that they would ever get it. I said, "Will you kneel with me and ask God to work on the mind of the minister to send the money so you can get the book?" They agreed, and prayer was offered to this end. After rising from prayer, I saw the tears flowing down their cheeks. Two weeks later when I returned with the book, they were both glad to see me, and said: "Here is the money: we did not write for it, but the Lord answered our prayers. I replied, "Now that God has answered our prayers, let us kneel and thank him for what he has done." This was the most joyful meeting of the two. They requested me to be sure to come and see them if I ever came back to their town.

I leave in the morning for my territory to work until the institute. I appreciate your prayers. WM. J. KEELE.

"It is only as God sees his professed people eager to be laborers together with him, that he can impart to them light and grace; for then they will make every interest secondary to the interest of his work and cause."

Louisiana Conference

Conference Directory

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:27

Friday, January 28

West 5:52

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

CONFERENCE

Mrs. Grace Clevenger

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

Clara Moore

SHREVEPORT No. 2

W. H. Wallace

Harvest Ingathering Funds

Church	Total for 1915	1916
Alexandria	\$ 8 91	\$
Conference Church	17 65	
Hammond	20 91	
Hope Villa	5 50	
Lake Arthur	2 30	
Lake Charles	24 05	3 00
Lena Station	6 25	
New Orleans No. 1	106 34	3 70
New Orleans No. 2	70 87	
Ringgold	60	
Shreveport No. 1	19 05	
Shreveport No. 2	16 95	
Welsh	4 35	
Totals	\$ 303 73	\$ 6 70

We are glad to see some of our churches making an early start in the Harvest Ingathering for the year 1916, and we trust that none of the magazines already sent out to the churches will be allowed to lie idle. Each has its mission. There are still a few at the tract society office, with which to fill orders. If you can use a few more, send to the office for them.

"If our salvation depended upon our own efforts, we could not be saved; but it depends on the One who is behind the promise."

Mississippi Conference

Conference Directory

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:18

Friday, January 28

West 5:40

News Item

The Greenville colored church reports an annual offering of \$24.30. This was the largest annual offering taken up from any church in this State. They also report having raised ten cents a week per member. This is more than any other colored church in the State has done. What Greenville has done I believe that others can do. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and raise our full quota for 1916.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference for Week Ending Jan. 15, 1916

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE *							
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Felia Pierce	BR	28	8	\$24 00	\$ 50	\$24 50	\$
Hatton Ford	BR	36	33	102 00		102 00	
P M Winkler	D&R	59	29	89 00	1 50	90 50	27 00
W G Michael	BF	104	40	66 50		66 50	17 00
J B Reichenbach		20					79 00
Andy Schroeder	BF	40					48 50
E Harp	BR	59	30	94 00	2 00	96 00	
Luther Bowles	BR	65	21	63 00	4 70	67 70	
Bibles				41 70		41 70	21 40
Totals		411	161	\$480 20	\$ 8 70	\$488 90	\$192 90

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
C G Bishop	D&R	37	14	\$34 00	\$ 1 20	\$35 20	\$
R H Hazelton	GC	40	9	20 00		20 00	
W J Keele	D&R	37	4	11 00	6 25	17 25	
Totals		114	27	\$65 00	\$ 7 45	\$72 45	

Summary from January 1 to Date			
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Kentucky Conference	\$480 20	\$ 8 70	\$192 90
Louisiana Conference	119 00		
Tenn. River Conference	131 00	28 75	90 45
Totals	\$730 20	\$37 45	\$283 35

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending Jan. 15, 1916

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
F F Swan	50	\$ 5 00	
Milton Jones	180	18 00	
Miscellaneous	250	25 00	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
Lura Reed	47	4 70	
Totals	527	\$52 70	

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Institute Dates for 1916

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

News Items

From now on the times of sunset on Friday will be given for the extreme east and west of each State in our Union. See the article entitled "The Greatest Issue in the Greatest Crisis of the World's History."

Elder S. E. Wight left Nashville Wednesday night for New Orleans, La., visiting Birmingham, Ala., and Jackson, Miss., on his way south.

Mr. G. H. Curtis left the office Tuesday morning for the Academy at Hazel, Ky., where he will audit their books for the year.

Professor Wood made a short visit to Fountain Head, Tenn., this week in the interests of the young people's work.

Mr. J. W. Davis has just finished an interesting colporteurs' institute at Jackson, Miss.

Elder C. N. Sanders, of Indiana, spent a few days last week in Nashville attending the union conference committee meeting. He has recently been elected president of the Louisiana Conference, and on his way to his new field of labor stopped at Jackson, Miss., for a few days.

Doubtless by the notice that has been run in this paper for the past two weeks, all know that the Southern Union Conference has now moved its office from the Cole Building, to 2014 23rd Ave. N., very near the Publishing House.

Southern Training School Items

Saturday night, January 8, the students of the academic department assembled in the temporary dining hall for an informal program. Each was provided with an "excursion ticket" with places for the names of twenty cities of the United States, which were to be guessed from the statements describing them. We were favored with a vocal selection by Miss Brooke, our music teacher, and one by the Southern Training School male sextette. Interesting news items were given by some of the boys, and an article on "Leadership" read by Mr. Huxtable. Miss Phelps also gave a selection.

Among the new students for the second semester are Miss Rose Meister and her brothers, Adam and Harold Meister, and Miss Belle Burton.

Friday, January 14, was a rather cold morning for the beginning of mid-year examinations. The thermometer at the boys' home registered eight degrees above zero.

January 11 Miss Brooke gave some interesting musical news notes, after which she sang some selections written by Stanton, of Atlanta.

In the Mission Band on Wednesday, Professor Atteberry called attention to the new Temperance *Instructor*, urging a wide circulation.

Elder Stephenson conducted vesper service Friday, January 7. These vesper services are times to which students look back as bright spots in their school life.

The young people's meeting last Sabbath was impressive and a blessing to all present. First, a very interesting review of the Morning Watch was conducted by the assistant leader. Each text for the past two weeks was given from memory by some one in the audience. After this exercise, Elder Stephenson took up the time, speaking on the "Mystery of Iniquity" or the working of the papacy in the earth.

As young people we are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the precious gems in his Word and for the counsel we are receiving from time to time from the older brethren who have had years of experience in this great work.

Special Club Prices

The following special club prices on our periodicals will be made this year until February 1.

Review	\$ 1 80	Little Friend	\$ 65
Instructor	1 00	Watchman	80
Sabbath School Worker	35	Atlantic Union Gleaner	25
Christian Educator	80	Southern Union Worker	25
Life and Health	80	Columbia Union Visitor	25
Liberty	25	Lake Union Herald	25
Signs Weekly	1 50	Northern Union Reaper	40
Signs Monthly	80	Northern Pacific Union Gleaner	25

THE FAMILY GROUP \$5

Review	Christian Educator
Instructor	Life and Health
Sabbath School Worker	Liberty
Five full sets Present Truth Series.	

By having the club price of each paper given one can easily select the papers desired and know the total amount to send with their order. Two or more papers for one year constitute a club. The term "Club" applies to papers and not to those ordering papers. Several persons cannot club together and order single papers to separate addresses. Club prices do not apply on subscriptions previously sent in. Present subscribers may, however, extend their present subscription by adding the club price of the paper they are taking to the club price of any other paper desired.

This year the tract societies are the club-makers. All orders, therefore, must be sent through them. They will promptly order the papers desired direct from the house issuing them.

"Is America in Danger of Invasion?"

A most interesting and convincing article in the February *Watchman* is an editorial entitled "Is America in Danger of Invasion." It is an interesting study of the situation in which our country has been placed relative to the warring nations of Europe.