


# SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

## Our Institute

The colporteurs' institute for the Tennessee River Conference was held at Springville, Tenn., Feb. 7-17, the meetings being conducted in the Springville church. The attendance was not as large as we had hoped for, but a spirit of consecration and determination to do a greater work for the Lord came into the meetings, which made them enjoyed by all present. Those attending this meeting were: Brother F. E. Wagner, of Madison, Tenn.; Brother J. N. Womack, of this city; Brother W. D. Wade and Miss Mary Wolfe, of Springville; Brother and Sister Keele, of the Leach church; Brother J. W. Davis, Brother M. Wheeler, Brother Elliott, and the writer.

Special emphasis was laid upon the value of time to the colporteurs, and considerable time was given to this important subject. It was agreed that "time" is the colporteur's capital, and beside this he has no other stock except his prospectus. The question of financial management was also made very plain, and the workers were given examples of how to live in the field by discounts on the books rather than by paying out cash. One brother stated that he had been in the field six months and had spent only thirty cents cash for accommodations.

Practical demonstrations of a colporteur "taking the order" and "making the delivery" were given, and many points were brought out clearly. Instruction was also given as to the best method of meeting objections. Altogether this is the best institute I have ever attended, and I believe the Lord has greater things in store for the work and workers.

Two members of the Springville church expressed a desire to take up the work at the close of the institute, and these will soon have their names added to the list. Much credit is due the members of the church for their kind hospitality to the brethren and sisters while visiting in their homes.

A farewell meeting was held Wednesday, February 16, and the workers related their experiences and told of their appreciation of the meeting. A number of the church-members were present at this meeting and a spirit of cooperation and prayer was manifested. The meeting was closed by singing, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again," after which farewell greetings were exchanged and the colporteurs departed for their homes.

Elder Elliott conducted evangelistic services each night, and some interest has resulted from his efforts.

F. C. BRUCE.

Some striking quotations from President Wilson's Cleveland speech appear in the April *Watchman*. Read *The Watchman* to keep abreast and understand the happenings of the times.

## Tennessee River Conference

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## Colporteurs' Experiences

The following extracts taken from recent reports show how our canvassers appreciated this meeting:

O, how I enjoyed the institute. Every moment was appreciated. The instruction was timely. I appreciate very much having a part in God's work, for it is a high calling.

On my way to the institute I called on a lady in McKenzie while waiting for the train. I made it a point to see her as I returned and found a very warm welcome. After supper as we talked by the fireside, our conversation drifted into religious subjects, and I was asked to lead in worship. I am sure the Lord blessed, and I spoke to them concerning our future home. They asked me to leave tracts with them on different subjects. As I left the following morning, the lady gave me a very cordial invitation to visit her whenever I passed through. We are praying that God will help us do some good every day.

MRS. WM. J. KEELE.

Brethren and sisters, I can assure you that I am thankful to God for the privilege of attending this institute. I have looked forward to the time of this meeting, but I am disappointed that some of the colporteurs in this conference cannot be here to enjoy the good meetings we have had.

I can say, brethren, I never was of better courage in my life. I have had experience in this work for the past twenty-eight years; I have been through prosperous times, and through three panics, but the obstacles seem no greater now than then.

Brethren, pray for me that the Lord will give me success in my work and make me useful in the winning of souls. I thank you all for your prayers.

WM. J. KEELE.

I can say that this institute is a new experience to me, but I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I thought last year when the institute was being conducted that I would just come up here and see what there was to it. I came one day to the institute, but did not think very much of the colporteur work; I was satisfied to remain at home and come to the night meetings. I don't remember that I missed a single meeting at night.

But many changes have taken place within the last twelve months. I have made up my mind to go into the canvassing work. I first went at it as an experiment; Brother Wheeler advised me not to do that, but I did, and I did not have success then. I decided that I would have to do something else besides experiment, as that was not safe, so I decided to go into the work for good until I am called to do something else. A year ago

during the institute I trimmed apple trees and pruned the vines and fixed up my place; this year I have been attending this institute to be pruned. There are lots of things in life that have to come out, just as it costs something to have a home in this earth. I want to live each day so that the Lord can use me in this great work, and I want you all to pray for me every day. I need your prayers.

W. D. WADE.

Dear brethren and sisters, it has been a good experience for me to attend this institute. It has been about three years since I have attended a colporteurs' institute, and I rather got it into my mind that we went to an institute to learn our canvasses better and receive some instruction, without any opportunity to enjoy the good spiritual meetings we have had here. As I look back over my past experiences I can see that my work has been conducted in a weak sort of way. I have been in this work fifteen years, but it seems to me I have done nothing. I never had a big delivery. I took orders to be delivered the same month. I believe, brethren, we have come to the time in our work when we have to aim higher; we have got to take orders for three or four months ahead; this is the way the Lord wants this work done, and I believe there are greater things ahead for our work. I want to arrange my work so as to be able to send a check with my order for books, and have a deposit at the tract society. I believe that God is in this work, and if we conduct our work in a loose way and do not do as we should, we cannot expect the Lord to bless us. We must pray more. I have never felt the importance of prayer more than I do now. Pray for me that I may be faithful in the giving of the message.

F. E. WAGNER.

Above all, I am thankful to the Lord for the privilege of attending this institute. I feel that the angels have been with me ever since I have been here. While in the field I have had some wonderful experiences and I can truthfully say that the Lord has been with me. Pray for me that I may be faithful until his coming.

J. N. WOMACK.

I can say that I have surely enjoyed this good meeting and have been glad to become acquainted with the different workers in the colporteur field. I know that the Lord is in this work and that it will succeed. I ask an interest in your prayers that I may be faithful.

MISS MARY WOLFE.

### From the Colporteur Field

During the year 1915 my book sales were \$885.85. This was made up of "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Best Stories." My magazine sales were \$157.83, making a total of \$1,043.20. I was sick for three weeks last April while in Paducah, Ky., so could do nothing for that time. During June and July I did nothing, owing to changes and conditions and also because of camp-meeting breaking into this time.

As I think of the joy and pleasure I have received while being engaged in this work, I can only praise God for all his benefits and blessings.

My profits from the sale of books and other literature for last year will not net me a very large wage. Yet, in comparing with a farmer, I found that with his three sons and two teams, he had made only about \$800, and they thought they had done well with the equipment and facilities they had to work with. These men have considerable money tied up in their stock, land, and farming implements, while my whole capital is time and a prospectus. Then too, the service performed by this farmer and his sons was wholly for his own gain.

I began in this work without a dollar invested. I received

my wages along at short intervals. These farmers had to wait until they gathered their crop and marketed it. My work was sowing seeds of gospel truth in the minds and homes of the people. The books are now where hundreds of people can see and read the message of truth which we as a people are proclaiming.

I feel that I have been justly paid for all that I have done, and it gives me joy when I think of the reward to follow. There is something about it that buoys one up and causes him to press on through storm and cold, sunshine and rain.

Brethren, I believe time will not last much longer. What we do must be done quickly and in earnest. I wish that I could know that every brother or sister whom God is calling to this blessed work would be willing to say, "Here am I, Lord, take me, and use me until the work is finished."

WM. J. KEELE.

### News Items

After the close of the institute Brother Keele went to Dyersburg, Tenn., to make a small delivery. From there he went to Fulton, Ky., which will be his location for three or four weeks. Sister Keele is with her husband, and they expect to work together in this place.

Elder Elliott writes that they are having a good attendance at the night meetings in the Springville church, and since the roads have become better the house has been filled with a good outside audience. Elder Elliott expects to visit the churches at Hazel and Paducah after closing the meetings at Springville.

Brother Pound writes that they have been forced to change their location in Paducah and that he is not as comfortably located as formerly. He also writes that the husband of one of the new converts has threatened to kill him, but that he is trying to allay prejudice by personal work.

We have received good reports from the brethren at Columbia, Brethren Wagner and Lindsay. These boys show that they are determined to make the year 1916 the best in their history.

Brother G. W. Chapman, formerly of the Cumberland Conference, is contemplating taking up some line of work in our conference. We hope that it will be the colporteur work.

Brother Wheeler is assisting Brother Womack this week in getting started in his new territory in Montgomery County. Brother Womack is handling "Great Controversy."

Brother Wade has sent in an order for a shipment of books for his delivery, March 1. Brother Wade is of good courage in the work and expects to make a success of it.

**FOR SALE:** 52 acres of land situated eight miles from Portland, Tenn., near Gallatin Pike; 30 acres cleared, seven-room house occupied, but not yet completed, concrete cellar, good 30x40 foot barn, good water, lumber, and other improvements. Price \$1,500. For further information write to George Wallace, Fountain Head, Tenn.

**FOR SALE:** A nice residence at Hazel, Ky. The lot contains two acres of land, a good well of water, and out buildings. There is a good six-room house on the place also. This is next door to the Seventh-day Adventist church and about one-fourth of a mile from the post office. Price \$700. Address the Tennessee River Conference, 2014 23rd Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

There will be no Christian without a Gethsemane, but every praying Christian will find that each Gethsemane has its angel.—Selected.

## Hazel Academy

Hazel Academy is still here and our mid-year examinations are passed. With an enrolment of thirty students, twenty-eight of whom are in the home, we are beginning the new semester.

The faculty feel that the Academy is blessed with an unusually earnest body of young people. A visit to the different prayer bands, which meet each day just before chapel, finds nearly every student an active member. Not only does the interest in religious services speak well for the students, but the spirit manifested daily makes it evident that these young people are here for a purpose.

Miss Borg has a very enthusiastic cooking class of nine boys and eight girls. At present the boys are taking turns getting breakfast. The sewing class, too, is doing good work. Two of the newly formed classes, botany and bookkeeping, are well filled and promise to prove very interesting.

Our homes are full, but there is always room for one more. We know there are many other young people who should be in Hazel Academy this spring. We extend to such a hearty invitation to join us in time for the spring work. Surely a larger number of Seventh-day Adventist young people should be in our schools training for the great work before us.

S. L. CLARK.

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## Nashville

Located as we are at the center of our work in the Southern Union Conference, we realize that to some extent all eyes are turned toward Nashville. It is perfectly natural that the people throughout the Union should be more or less interested in the work here, since this is the home of *The Watchman*, the manufacturing center for our good books, the headquarters of the union conference, and also the place where the Tennessee River Conference has seen fit to establish its office.

The Memorial church has a membership of two hundred. This increase in membership is due to the uniting of the two churches into one organization. This membership makes our portion of the twenty-cent-a-week fund \$2,080. This seems like a large amount of money for us to raise, but we have definitely set ourselves to the task. It can be done if we plan for it. We have already done some planning, and at this early date have nearly \$1,400 of it in sight. Our Sabbath school has set \$1,000 as its goal for this year, and at a recent meeting, with but a portion of our membership present, pledges were secured on the remainder to the amount of \$350, and since then many have said they could be counted on for their part. Yes, we can do it, and we will.

We are planning for a baptismal service in the near future, at which time we expect several young people will go forward in this rite. The interest in our work is still growing and our people are held in good esteem in the city. Last Sabbath about a dozen or more of our church-members got on a car on Woodland Street and the conductor remarked that if all the people that rode the street cars were as easy to wait on as they were, the conductors would never have any trouble. Turning to me he said, "They are the best behaved people in the city. They are Seventh-day Adventists, aren't they?" I replied that they were, and he continued by saying, "I am going to attend this church some time and see if they can talk as good as they act." Thus it seems that every act of our lives either witnesses for or against the truth. We are going to begin Sunday-night meetings again in response to constant requests from our friends. Pray that God may give us wisdom to conduct the work here in such a way as to win many souls.

O. L. DENSLow.

## Bible Work in Nashville

Many and varied are the opportunities for giving the message at the present time. Almost every day a call comes from some part of our city for some one to come over and explain the Bible.

One lady, a member of the Christian Church, wished to understand the Sabbath question. After three or four readings and much searching on her part, she today expressed a determination to keep the Sabbath. Having three children, this will mean an addition of four members to our interesting Sabbath school.

Another family was much interested in the Eastern Question, and other events of the last days. Again and again they desired to study these subjects, each time greater interest being manifested. One of the young ladies was so very anxious to have others of her church understand these things that she reproduced several of our studies at their prayer meetings, when asked to lead. In this way others became interested.

The past year our efforts have been blessed, a number of dear souls having been won for the Master. We are expecting to see many others established in the message this year. Truly "the harvest is great," and "he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

BEULAH COTHREN.

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## Memphis

I have from thirty-five to forty attending my readings every week and some seem intensely interested, although there is quite a lot of opposition from the ministers of the Christian, Methodist, and Baptist churches. These men are using Can-right's book in speaking against us, but I go on with the Word of God, which is more powerful than anything that any one can use.

One lady who was a member of the Christian Science Church is now keeping the Sabbath and is very anxious to join us, but I am holding her back until she knows all we teach. Her mother is a member of the Christian Church, and was so glad that I brought her daughter out, but now is horrified that she is going to be an Adventist. She gets her minister to give her all he can to refute the truth, but when we are through with all he brings, her daughter is more satisfied that we have the truth. The mother is fighting hard and learning the truth the more she fights. Pray that she may accept and that the Lord may be glorified in his people.

Our Sunday-night meetings are being better attended by outsiders, and we feel that the Lord is blessing our efforts. Pray for us.

MRS. A. M. PATTON, *Bible Worker*.

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## Paducah

Little has been given out through the columns of the WORKER since the organization of Paducah church concerning our work. We had planned for the erection of a church building ere this time, but later found that we must wait for future developments.

We were unable to secure the use of a hall or church building anywhere in the city, so rented a large residence which for the present serves the purpose of both church and dwelling. A large front room is used exclusively for church purposes. An earnest, helpful spirit is manifest in our members and all are taking an interest in our newly organized home missionary work. We are encouraged with the interest being shown by those with whom we are studying the different points of truth, and with confidence in God's promises expect to see some of them take their stand in the remnant church. Some are now

observing the Sabbath and are only waiting to be fully instructed before connecting with the church.

We have been successful in getting several articles concerning our faith, and views on the war question published in each of the two daily newspapers lately, and feel sure that the way is opening into a broader work for this city. We have all confidence to believe that this year will be one of marked progress for the message in this needy field.

I. C. POUND.

### Mission Work in Jackson

During the year 1915 I conducted five hundred thirty-two Bible readings and made six hundred thirty-five visits. Very few of the readings are individual, my aim always being to make them collective whenever possible.

The major portion of the work mentioned above was done in Memphis. Beginning with May 21, 1915, I began making occasional visits to Jackson, Tenn., to encourage the little company the Lord had formed through the labors of Sister Lowe. Finally it was deemed best that I should locate in Jackson, and we moved to this place Oct. 20, 1915.

The Jackson Sabbath school now numbers eleven seniors and ten juniors. There are quite a number attending our services who are still undecided, but it is our hope that they will decide for the right. There has been one addition to the company since the first of the year. We have an attractive mission room here with a seating capacity of about thirty. Sister Lowe's name is constantly mentioned in gratitude to the Master for the work he has done through her in Jackson. Our united prayers are for her speedy restoration to active service.

Four were added to the Memphis church No. 2 during 1915. Two of the older members fell asleep, and according to their obedience to our Maker, it seems an assured fact that they will in the near future arise to meet their Lord. The church here is full of hope, and my prayers are for the success of the work in these churches.

HENRY E. ALSTON.

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### Sustaining Promises

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Eph. 6: 16.

"Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared." Ex. 23: 20.

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Josh. 1: 9.

With these precious promises from God's word we can do a great work in the South this year. Many say this is a hard field, but it is not our business to look at the field, but to search for souls. The Lord can make the most unpromising field yield the greatest harvest if we will work and have faith in him. We are only the humble instruments in his hands, to accomplish

his will in working out his eternal purpose, which is to build a structure in which there will be neither spot or blemish or anything that will in any way mar its beauty. I am trusting my Father to fit me for a place in that building of which Christ Jesus will be the chief corner stone. I only wish it was all over and that all who are to be saved were saved and we were in his presence. I am tired of this world of sin and iniquity.

But I can say the work is onward in this State; God is going before us. I was out last week with Brother Percy Stewart, and in thirty-eight hours we took \$148 worth of orders. The week before I went with Brother Walter Edmonds, and in forty-four hours we took \$112 worth of orders. Brother Elmer Chastain has moved to his new territory and is nicely located. I have just spent the Sabbath with him and Brother C. T. Cowart, at Stampley. While there we organized a Sabbath school of twelve members. The night after the Sabbath we were invited to the home of a family near by to give a Bible study. The house was well filled and all present said they enjoyed the meeting. I hope that our people will remember this little Sabbath school in their prayers, and that the Lord may add more to this number.

We have just received a good report from Brother E. A. Taylor, one of our faithful colporteurs who has stood by the work the past year. Brother Taylor says he is going to deliver \$1,500 worth of books this year. I am praying that God will bless our workers here and that others in this State will have a burden for souls. There are many that could engage in this important work. If we are faithful in sowing and watering the seed, God will give the increase. The earth will yet be lighted with the glory of this message.

J. R. STATON.

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### News Items

Sister Maude Ivory, of the Birmingham church No. 2, has used twenty-five copies of *The Watchman* this month.

Prof. O. R. Staines, of the Hillcrest school, paid our office a short visit Friday, February 18. Professor Staines has been on a flying trip down in Dallas and Marengo Counties inspecting a tract of land located to the north of McKinley. He reports a very favorable sentiment among the people in that locality in behalf of establishing a school there to be conducted by students from Hillcrest. Leaving Birmingham, Professor Staines went to Sylacauga and from there north. A former student of Hillcrest, Robert Cook, is now in the colporteur work and is located near Sylacauga.

February 20 at 5 p. m. Amos E. Everett and Irma C. Vinson were united in marriage by Elder A. L. Miller at the home of the bride, 2312 6th Ave., Birmingham, Ala. Miss Vinson for the last two years taught church school in North Carolina, and Mr. Everett has worked in conference official work in the Maine and Montana conferences. The newly married couple boarded the 6: 40 train for their new home at Arden, N. C.

## The Men Behind the Books

### Publishing House Notes

Our 1916 catalog of publications is now ready. It contains a number of important changes and additions. If you have not already secured a copy, ask your tract society secretary to send you one.

The orders for *The Watchman* are again increasing. Of the February number we lacked between four and five thousand of having enough to fill our orders, while it has been necessary to print a second edition of the March issue.

The constituency meeting of the Southern Publishing Association is to be held in the Publishing House chapel, beginning on Monday evening, March 20. It is expected that the executive committees of the three southern unions will be present as well as a number of other workers and friends. A full report of this meeting will doubtless appear in due time.

Last week Miss Mary M. Day returned to Nashville, and has taken up work in our Book Department. During the past six months Miss Day has been looking after the work in our Western Branch, at Fort Worth, Tex.

A letter from Brother Harrison, of the Southwestern Union, inclosing summary for January, shows a gain of more than \$1,400 over January of last year.

We agree with Brother Harrison when he states that this is a "pretty good gain." He also adds, "Do not overlook the fact that South Texas went \$600 ahead of all the Union during the month of January last year. I feel very thankful to see our work picking up as it is."

### Our Institutes

A splendid spirit is prevailing in our institutes this year in the Southern Union, and many of the workers are feeling a conviction that they have never felt before. One good substantial brother who attended the Tennessee River institute, stated that although he had been in this work for fifteen years, he now realized that he had only touched it with the tips of his fingers. Another encouraging feature is the class of men and women who are preparing to enter the work. The Lord has said that "men and women are wanted now who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole,—men and women who will work without having their way smoothed and every obstacle removed." This seems to be the class of workers who are now being attracted to this work. Since this terrible war has been going on, many have caught clearer glimpses of what the spirit of prophecy had reference to in the statement that what was not done in times of peace and prosperity would have to be done under the most adverse circumstances. In the purchasing of stock and materials here at the office, we have been made to realize this as never before; and if all our people really sensed this as they should, there would be such an awakening and such activity as has never been experienced before in the history of this work. May the Lord help us to strive more earnestly to improve the opportunities now presented for giving the truth through our message-filled books and magazines.

### Progress in Florida

A recent letter from Brother J. W. Siler, field missionary secretary of the Florida Conference, contains the following that will be of interest:

"The work here in Florida is coming up nicely, for which we thank the Lord. "Bible Readings" is a book that sells here. I am convinced that when we come to the place that we take the Lord at his word when he said we should use Sunday as a missionary day, we will be greatly blessed. On Sunday, January 16, I went with one of my colporteurs to deliver some books to some colored people whom we could not see on Monday.

We delivered four "Bible Readings" and took \$30 worth of orders, and only put in about half of the day, making \$42 worth of business done on Sunday. Monday we started out to deliver and delivered \$77 worth of "Bible Readings" and took two orders in about eight hours, making a one hundred per cent delivery for that day. We ran out of books and had to telegraph for some more to come by express in order to finish the delivery."

This is indeed an encouraging report and shows that our large books can be sold and delivered now as well as or better than in the past. A third edition of "Bible Readings" in its revised form has been ordered. The first two were for 10,000 copies each, while the third edition calls for 15,000.

### And She Got It out of "Home and Health"

Under date of February 3, Brother C. L. Collison, Keene, Tex., sent us the following experience:

"The other day my wife took down her copy of "Home and Health" and started to read it. She came across many helpful things for the home and was so much interested in the plan that the book suggested for handling the family washing, that she felt it was worth trying. She had me go to the drug store and grocery store and get the different ingredients that were suggested to make washing easy. I will state in a few words what she says was saved over the method that she formerly used. The first thing saved was the bad smell from a mixture of boiling suds and dirt. There was no bad smell on this wash day. Next, it saved fully three hours of hard rubbing, as it took three hours less time to do the washing for a family of eight than it formerly had done. Fuel was saved for the above length of time also. No soap was used in rubbing on the board, and the clothes had only a small amount of rubbing done on them, and for that reason it saved wear on the clothes. My wife also says that she has never had the clothes look nicer or whiter, and there was nothing used that was harmful or irritating to the hands or to the clothes. When it came to the ironing, she followed the exact directions in making the starch and the irons did not stick, and there was a nicer job done than usual. The cost of the material used for the washing for a family of eight was not more than five cents above what it had been costing for the soap and washing powder that was ordinarily used, and counting the fact that two persons saved three hours' time each, she figures that it won't take very long to save the amount paid out for the book, while the satisfaction was above a money value."

There is no question but that there are thousands of our own people, as well as those who are not Seventh-day Adventists, who would be able to save much valuable time and money in their own households by studying "Home and Health," and learning what the book really contains. The book is now being furnished agents at a *very special* discount. For further information regarding the matter, address your tract society.

R. L. PIERCE.

### World Federation

Six separate bills have been introduced in Congress for the purpose of having the United States lead out in the formation of a world court, world congress, and a world army and navy, in other words, a world federation of all the nations. What would this mean? Is this a sign? See the April *Watchman*.

Only the serene soul is strong. Every moment of worry weakens the soul for its daily combat. Worry is an infirmity; there is no virtue in it. Worry is spiritual near-sightedness; a fumbling way of looking at little things, and of magnifying their value. True spiritual vision sweeps the universe and sees things in their right proportion.—*Anna Robertson Brown*.

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### News Items

The following good word comes from Elder Frank, who is now laboring in Lake Charles: "I am now holding services three times in the week besides the Sabbath services, as follows: Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights, and am giving away many hundreds of the Present Truth Series. As usual, I am doing considerable visiting, and am also using the daily paper for giving notices of the meetings." He also reports that while the attendance is not as yet so large, yet there are interested ones attending regularly. Let us pray for the work in Lake Charles that much good may result from this effort.

It is very gratifying to note the popularity that the Morning Watch Calendar is gaining, nearly twice as many having already been mailed out this year, as were used in the State last year and orders for more coming in every few days.

Elder Sanders reports a very interesting and profitable time with the churches and companies that he has thus far been permitted to visit. A full report will be given later.

Charles C. Cramer, of Welsh, who has been attending school at South Lancaster, Mass., is now in Florida, working with Elder Haskell's new book, "The Cross and Its Shadow." He reports that he is doing well, besides gaining many rich experiences.

Miss Pearl Reed, who recently underwent an operation at the Touro Infirmary in New Orleans, has returned to her home at Lena Station.

All will be interested to learn that Elder and Dr. Parmele are now nicely located near the conference office in Knoxville, Tenn. Dr. Parmele has fitted up a medical office in the city, and is getting nicely started with her practise.

### Watch It Grow

Nearly one hundred more names have been added to the Bible Year since our report was last published. There are a large number of churches that have not been heard from yet, so I feel sure we could easily set the goal this year at one thousand names. That is practically but four hundred more than we have at present. With one thousand people conscientiously reading their Bibles, and praying day by day that God will lead them in their work, what can not be done here in the South?

Let those churches that have not yet organized, do so, and send in a list of names to the union conference office. A chart will then be made for them to use in checking up their list month by month.

Speaking of the Bible, the spirit of prophecy says, "You have little knowledge of this book. You know not the Scriptures, nor the power of God, nor do you understand the deep importance of the message to be borne to a perishing world." —*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. VI, page 165.*

Adventists have long prided themselves on having a knowledge of the "Scriptures, but I am sure that as we study the Word this year there will come an earnest longing into every heart to be so closely connected with God that the above statement may not be true in our lives. Because of our lack in the conscientious study of God's Word, the following statement is only too true of many of our churches: "The Lord does not now work to bring many souls into the truth because of the church-members who have never been converted, and those who were once converted, but who have backslidden."—*Id., page 371.* As we study God's Word we will cultivate the habit of discerning a power beyond that which can be seen with human vision, a power that is constantly at work upon the hearts of men, and we will yearn to be so filled with the Spirit of God that we may be channels through which this power works.

The following list shows the number enrolled by churches:

ALABAMA CONFERENCE	
Birmingham .....	61
Birmingham No. 2 .....	33
Montgomery .....	14
Montgomery No. 2 .....	23
	— 131
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE	
Bowling Green .....	19
Ford .....	13
Grove .....	14
Lexington .....	9
Lexington No. 2 .....	27
	— 82
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE	
Cedar Creek .....	13
Meridian .....	17
	— 30
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE	
Cedar Grove .....	11
Fountain Head .....	28
Hazel Academy .....	20
Hazel Church .....	11
Hillcrest .....	13
Hustburg .....	7
Jackson .....	16
Madison .....	38
Nashville Memorial .....	78
Nashville Young People's Society .....	33
Nashville No. 2 .....	45
Springville .....	31
	— 331
Total for the Union .....	574

It is not too late to begin reading the Bible in order to finish it this year. If you have not started, do so now, signing the blank at the close of this article, getting as many as possible of your church-members to sign it with you, and forwarding it to the young people's missionary volunteer secretary of your conference.

LYNN H. WOOD.

### A Bible Year

Please enroll my name as a member of the Bible Year Course. I will make an earnest endeavor to systematically read the Bible through during the year.

Name.....  
 Date..... Address.....

**Trustee's Sale**

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as trustee, by the deed of trust recorded in Book No. 478, page 3, and noted in Note Book 27, page 162, will sell at Hillcrest Farm, situated about five miles from Nashville on the White's Creek Pike, in Davidson County, Tennessee, at 10 o'clock A. M., Thursday, April 6, 1916, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, dower, and all other exemptions of every kind, which are expressly waived in said deed of trust, the following, being a tract of land in the 21st Civil District of Davidson County, Tennessee, about five miles from Nashville on southwest side of White's Creek Pike and described as follows: Beginning in the center of said Turnpike at T. D. Webb's N. E. corner, running thence with said Webb's N. Westerly line S. 53° W. 98 poles to a stone in the center of fence; thence south 36½° E. 27.4 poles to a stone 10 feet east of a gully; thence S. 60° W. 58.4 poles to the center of White's Creek, said Webb's N. W. corner opposite a honey locust on the bank of said creek; then up the center of said creek as follows: N. 45° W. 28 poles; N. 21¼° W. 34 poles; N. 32¼° W. 19 poles; N. 21° W. 18 poles to a point opposite an angle in a stone wall, continuing up said creek N. 11½° E. 16 poles; N. 26° E. 24 poles; N. 6° E. 25 poles more or less, to the southwest corner of a tract of land conveyed by Dr. Crockett to Droper, by deed recorded in Book 58, page 386, R. O. D. C. Tenn. Thence with Droper's line east 42 poles to an offset in the line; thence south .32 of a pole; thence S. 89° E. 75 poles to the center of said turnpike, to the north end of a triangular tract of land conveyed by Mary Ann Green to W. W. T. Crockett by deed recorded in Book 60, page 459, R. O. D. C. Tenn.; thence with the center of said pike, S. 34° E. 42 poles more or less to the beginning, containing 93 acres and 86 poles more or less. Also a tract of land in the 12th Civil Dist. of Davidson County, Tennessee, containing by estimation 88.1 acres. Beginning in the center of Ewing's Creek under center of a bridge over Ewing's Creek where White's Creek Pike crosses same, the S. E. Corner of the tract of land conveyed to J. C. Patrick by deed from James A. Vaughn, Book 48, page 450, and runs thence with the center of White's Creek Pike N. 37¼° W. passing the N. W. corner of said tract at 71½ poles, containing with the center of said pike in all 112¼ poles to a point in the center of said pike (A. P. McFerrin N. W. corner), also the S. E. corner of a 3 acre tract conveyed by M. Vance to S. D. Baldwin by deed registered in Book 27, page 72, R. O. D. C.; thence with said McFerrin's line N. 42½° E. 60 poles to the center of a lane; thence S. 75° W. 15.6 poles to the N. E. corner of a 5 acre tract conveyed by A. W. Putman to F. C. Treppard; see Book 16, page 72-3, R. O. D. C.; thence with the N. line of said 5 acre tract, S. 89° W. 52.5 poles to said pike; S. 37¼° E. 11.35 poles to the corner of a tract of land conveyed by J. C. Kirkpatrick to W. W. T. Crockett by deed in Book 60, page 228, R. O. D. C.; thence with the line of said tract S. 53° W. 98 poles to a stake; thence S. 36½° E. 27.4 poles; thence S. 47¾° E. 116.8 poles to the center of Ewing's Creek; thence up said creek N. 35½° E. 15.5 poles to a point in center of said creek; thence N. 88° E. 32 poles; and thence N. 39° E. 31 poles to the beginning.

S. E. WIGHT, Trustee.

A word of explanation will be in order, for the readers of this paper will wonder why the Hillcrest School Farm is to be sold under a mortgage. This is a means to give a clear title to the farm, which is the cheapest. All who have had experience in transferring real estate will readily understand it.

S. E. WIGHT.

**Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference, Week Ending Feb. 19, 1916**

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Robert Cook	HM	24	4	\$ 8 00	\$	\$ 8 00 \$ 1 00
BD Crawford*	BR	74	12	36 00		36.00
Thos Goodman	HM	43	9	23 00	50	23 50
M L Ivory	HH	38	5	15 00		15 00
Q Tew	BR	31	1	5 00		5 00 4 00
E Widgery	D&R	25	5	15 00		15 00
<b>Totals (Agts. 6)</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>\$102 00</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>	<b>\$102 50</b>	<b>\$ 5 00</b>
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Hatton Ford	BR	40		\$	\$	\$ 104 00
P M Winkler	D&R	30			8 00	50 00
E Harp	BR	19			6 00	11 35
R W Harris	BE	10	8	24 00		24 00 9 00
Kenneth Harris	SJ	10	5	1 30		1 30 1 00
<b>Totals (Agts. 5)</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$25 30</b>	<b>\$14 00</b>	<b>\$25 30</b>	<b>\$175 35</b>
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
R R Coble	BR	89	11	\$35 00	\$	\$35 00 \$121 00
Jas Turner	BR	30				72 00
<b>Totals (Agts. 2)</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$35 00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$35 00</b>	<b>\$193 00</b>
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Floyd Booth	BR			\$	\$	\$ 10 85
Elmer Chastain	BR	21	11	39 00	1 80	40 80
Walter Edmonds	BR	38	23	68 00	4 50	72 50
Miss M Sparks	BF	25	12	12 00		12 00
Percy Stewart	BR	28	15	51 00	3 90	54 90
E A Taylor	BR	40	36	111 00	3 55	114 55
Bibles						12 30
<b>Totals (Agts. 6)</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>\$281 00</b>	<b>\$13 75</b>	<b>\$294 75</b>	<b>\$23 15</b>
TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
C G Bishop*	D&R	38	14	\$38 00	\$ 2 10	\$40 10 \$
R H Hazelton	GC	45	3	6 00	1 20	7 20 70 00
Wm J Keele	BS, D&R				12 75	12 75 5 00
DELindsey	PG&BR	25	15	46 00	5 00	51 00
BE Wagner	PG&BR	30	31	93 00	7 00	100 00
FE Wagner	GC	36	7	22 00	2 60	24 60 7 00
<b>Totals (Agts. 6)</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$205 00</b>	<b>\$30 65</b>	<b>\$235 65</b>	<b>\$82 00</b>
<b>G'd Totals (A. 25)</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>\$648 30</b>	<b>\$58 90</b>	<b>\$693 20</b>	<b>\$478 50</b>

**Summary from January 1 to Date**

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference	\$ 313 50	\$ 15 40	\$ 328 90
Kentucky Conference	1400 95	35 20	453 85
Louisiana Conference	280 15		193 00
Mississippi Conference	1129 50	48 15	239 25
Tenn. River Conference	805 90	121 70	245 05
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3930 00</b>	<b>\$ 220 45</b>	<b>\$1460 05</b>

**Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending Feb. 19, 1916**

Agent	No.	Value
ALABAMA CONFERENCE		
B D Crawford	14	\$ 1 35
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE		
Lura Reed	209	20 90
Miscellaneous	650	65 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>\$87 25</b>

\* Two Weeks. † Three Weeks.

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**Be Sure To Read It**

Don't fail to read the April *Watchman*. It has a message for you, your neighbors, and your friends. Try it in your missionary work and watch results.

**God's Wonders in the Heavens**

God is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. His creative and ruling power can be seen by a careful study of any of his works. God is a God of order, and this can be seen in the orderly march of the various planets through space.

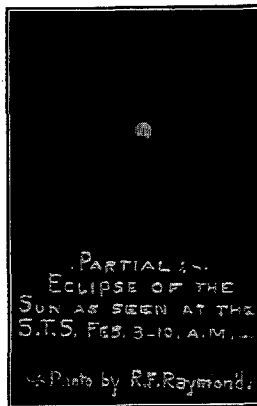
In the movements of the various heavenly bodies there are no irregularities or collisions, but as one body passes in front of another and so obscures it, we have an eclipse. These eclipses can be foretold months and years before they occur, and the exact day, hour, minute, and even fraction of a minute when the eclipse will occur can be predicted. In the almanacs prepared for the use of sailors, the eclipses of all the planets in our solar system are indicated ten years in advance. If there were no order or system in their progress, such predictions would be utterly impossible.

All the planets and their moons shine with light reflected from the sun and cast their shadows away from the sun. When the moon passes into the shadow of the earth we have an eclipse of the moon. If the moon is entirely within the shadow, we have a total eclipse, otherwise it is only partial. The eclipse lasts about an hour and twenty minutes.

An eclipse of the sun is caused by the moon coming between the earth and the sun, by which a greater or less portion of the sun is necessarily hid from view. This eclipse may also be total or partial and may differ in appearance as seen from different places. Solar eclipses are not universal as are the lunar eclipses. An eclipse of the sun is of short duration because the shadow of the moon is smaller than that of the earth. It always occurs at the time of new moon, when the sun and moon are on the same side of the earth.

The accompanying illustration shows the partial eclipse of the sun as it occurred on the forenoon of February 3 of this year.

The number of eclipses of the sun and moon together during the year is usually four, but may be as many as seven or as few as two.



When we see the effects of God's wonderful works in the heavens, our faith should be increased, for we know that the God who created the sun, moon, and stars, and holds them in space is the same God who is our loving Father. If he guides their actions he is able

also to guide ours. Although we may say with David, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? yet we know that this same powerful God who does this sees even the sparrow fall, and considers us of more value than many sparrows."  
 ALICE BEAIRD.

**"Russellism, or the Coming of a False Christ"**

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Since the articles on "Russellism" by Elder C. B. Haynes appeared in *The Watchman*, a large number of requests have been received for these to be put into permanent form. It will therefore be gratifying to those who have made such requests, as well as to many others, to learn that this matter has now been published as a 32-page tract. The price is two cents each, or two dollars per hundred, postpaid. However, on any orders for less than ten cents, add two cents for postage. This tract has been pronounced the best exposition of Russellism that has ever been written, and it should have a large circulation. Send all orders to your conference tract society.