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

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Alabama Colporteurs' Institute

In giving a brief report of the colporteurs' institute held at Red Level, Covington County, Alabama, from February 28 to March 8 at the school of Brother and Sister C. G. Leitzman, it is that the readers of the WORKER may become acquainted with those in attendance. Beginning at the right hand side of the group, upper row, a brief description is given of each.

Elder A. L. Miller, of Birmingham, the president of the conference, who led out in the Bible studies given each morning; Elder J. F. Wright, of Montgomery, who led in the night services; M. E. Whatley who has been associated with Brother and Sister Leitzman in the school at Red Level the past term; H. A. Lynd, of Grove Hill; G. H. Ward, of Stapleton; J. W. Davis, field missionary secretary of the Southern Union Conference, who gave the general instruction,

presenting from practical experience the basic principles which bring success in the field; H. L. Edwards, of Ashford; H. G. Moburg, of Chrichton; M. L. Wilson, field missionary secretary; O. R. Godsmark, tract society secretary.

Middle row: Miss Clara Egleston, of Foley, now actively engaged in the magazine work; Miss Tillman, of Red Level; Miss Ruby Worley, of Montgomery, now engaged in the magazine work; Mrs. M. E. Whatley, who with her husband has been engaged in school work at Red Level; Miss Effie Smith, of Ashford; Mrs. C. G. Leitzman, at whose home the institute was held.

Front row: Luther Miller, of Borden Springs, who has been attending school in Red Level the past term; E. C. Widgery, formerly of Tennessee, now working near Rockford; Quinnie Tew, from Reneva County; J. E. Foley, from Cottage Hill, Fla.; N. H. Waters, of Elkwood, who has been attending school in Birmingham this past winter; Carl Holland, of Luverne, who has been attending school at Red Level the past term.

That this institute at Red Level was a success in every way expresses the mind of all present. Seemingly each one received a new inspiration and a greater determination to successfully work for the Master in this part of the vineyard. We trust that the readers of the WORKER will watch the reports of these faithful workers this coming year. Some of the names are

familiar from their work in 1915, while others are new. Brother and Sister Leitzman and Brother and Sister Whatley are deserving of our sincere thanks for the entertainment which they furnished during this meeting. We pray God's blessing upon this band of workers and ask that they be remembered in prayer by all who are longing to see the work speedily finished.

O. R. GODSMARK.



News Items

The Birmingham church was favored by a visit from Elder S. E. Wight on Sabbath, March 11. At the eleven o'clock service, Elder Wight earnestly presented the importance of being prepared for the time of trouble just before us, basing his remarks upon the closing verses of Isaiah 26.

One thousand Free Press Extras of *Liberty* were ordered by the Birmingham mission-

ary society for use among the business men of the city.

Brother J. P. Meade, of the Elkwood church, orders fifty each of numbers 3 and 4 of the Present Truth Extras.

Our colporteurs will doubtless be interested to hear from Brother C. Jensen who labored last year in Covington County. Brother Jensen writes that he is of good courage, and although he is not in Alabama at present, he remembers this field and expresses his interest by sending a second tithe with his letter.

The treasurer of the Stapleton church, Brother C. L. Trawick, orders a Watchman Tract Package and a set of the Life and Health leaflets. It is the constant use of our literature that brings results.

Brother A. J. Devinney sends with tithe and offerings the following: "We are taking the Bible Year work and enjoy it real well. We have been taking the *Signs* for two years." He sends in a renewal for the *Weekly Signs*, *Watchman*, and *SOUTHERN UNION WORKER*, each for a year, and places a standing order for the Sabbath School Quarterly.

Sister W. W. Harwell orders a supply of the April *Watchman* to be used in Chunchula.

Beginning with Sabbath, April 1, our Sabbath schools will continue their study of the book of Matthew. The lesson quarterlies for the second quarter of 1916 are ready for distribution, price five cents per copy.

As far as possible a copy of the 1916 book catalog has been sent to every Seventh-day Adventists family in this territory. A few church clerks have failed to supply this office with the names and addresses of the local church members, and in such cases it has been impossible for us to send catalogs. Those who have not received these lists should make application and a copy will be sent at once free. These lists are valuable for reference, as they give a brief description of all Seventh-day Adventist literature, also the exact cost of obtaining the same.

Sister Hattie Hilliard is progressing nicely in her book work in Dothan.

Brother R. E. Chapman, of Troy, renews his subscription to the *Signs of the Times Weekly* for the coming year. Once we become acquainted with the *Signs*, we prize its valued visits.

Brother T. L. Guthrie, of Cardiff, places a nice order for tracts and *Watchman* to be used in home missionary work.

A former colporteur, Frank McRae, who is now a student in Oakwood Manual Training School, writes for twenty-five April *Watchman*. He feels that he must be actively engaged in some part of the book work even though in school. Others of our students might do a like work.

The *Congressional Record* of March 10 states that among other petitions presented in the House of Representatives, was one by "Mr. McGillicuddy; petition of residents of West Peru, Me., protesting against the passage of Senate Bill 645, known as the compulsory Sunday observance bill." We trust that every church and company in Alabama will likewise protest at once to their congressmen against these "Sunday observance" bills now in Congress. The Free press Extra of *Liberty* gives full information regarding these bills, also instruction regarding the making up of petitions.

We learn with regret that Brother B. D. Crawford has lost his horse. Brother Crawford has found his horse and buggy a great help in the colporteur work the past year and we trust that the way will open that another animal may be obtained.

Important Notice

Church missionary societies, as well as every individual member, should give careful attention to the fact that nearly all of the tracts and pamphlets published by our denomination are now being renumbered. In the future only two series will be issued; namely, "Words of Truth Series," each one of which will be the proper size to slip in an envelope without folding; and the "Bible Students' Library," which are larger in size.

In ordering tracts or pamphlets in the future it will be absolutely necessary to order by name as well as by number. Unless this is done there is every possibility for a mistake being made. The Alabama Tract Society carries in stock a supply of all tracts and pamphlets and is prepared to fill all orders promptly. In placing orders, care must be used to order by name. Unless this is done, a correct filling of the order cannot be assured.

O. R. GODSMARK.

It is the privilege of every child of God to experience the joy of winning a soul to Jesus Christ. Whenever the challenge has been presented to individual Christians to do this work, when the name and the address of the person to be won is given to them with the request that they make definite effort and prayer for the salvation of that one, the response is in nearly every case favorable. If pastors would prepare a list of names of those in the community who should be won into the kingdom of God, and assign these names to those who are willing to undertake the work of personal appeal to them, great results would follow. In some churches the members have been asked to set apart as a minimum one hour a week to be definitely used for personal work to win others to Christ.—*Christian Observer*.

Kentucky Conference

Conference Directory

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Sunset Table, Standard Time.

East 5:44

Friday, March 24

West 6:15

News Items

Elder W. H. White has been quite sick for the past two weeks. Word just received from Sister White brings us the good news that he is now improving.

Brother Andy Schroader has just completed a good delivery in Pike County.

Brother Keitts has been holding a series of meetings for the colored people in Bowling Green.

Elder Brown has been holding meetings at the Hartford church the past week. He reports some interest on the part of outsiders in that place.

The Covington church is using a good supply of the Present Truth Series to warn that city.

Brother Winston is laboring in Lexington and reports a good interest on the part of the outsiders in that place.

Brother Tyre, of Pee Wee Valley, sends an order for the *Watchman*, that good magazine which should be in every home.

Brother Williams has now located his family on Laurel Ave. in Bowling Green.

Brother Howard writes from Irvington that they are of good courage. His wife's health is greatly improved.

Sister Harrison, of Covington, has just sent in an order for some of our tracts to use in their missionary society.

Brother J. W. Ratliff, of Ashland, writes a letter full of courage and orders the *Review* for a year. Every family of Adventists in our conference should read the good old *Review*.

Brother Ramey, of Davisville, has been kept from the canvassing field because of sickness in his family.

Brother Clark has moved from Auxier and expects to take up the canvassing work.

Brother H. E. Beck and wife spent Sabbath, March 11, with the church in Bowling Green.

Miss Cora Wood, of Louisville, orders a supply of the *Temperance Instructor* to be used by the young people's society in that church.

Brother James Hickman is selling "Daniel and the Revelation" near Central City. He is full of courage and writes that they expect to push the book work from this time onward.

Louisville Meetings

The canvassers' institute and elders' convention are now closed. Those who attended feel well repaid for their time and have gone home feeling that they will take up the work with renewed earnestness.

It was resolved that we all pray and labor for seven hundred souls for the coming year, and that we each do our utmost that the work may soon be finished, so that we may go home.

We were fortunate in having with us Elder Wight, Elder Brown, Professor Wood, Brother Davis, and others, and their counsel and instruction were greatly appreciated. The Louisville church has received great spiritual benefit from this meeting. Sins have been put away, and many souls have shared in the refreshing.

There were twelve canvassers present and about the same number of elders. As they separated for their different fields of labor, they carried with them the good spirit of the meeting. We expect great things from God this year.

Preaching services were held each night, and a good interest was manifested on the part of the people of the city.

The Sabbath school convention held Sabbath, February 26, was appreciated by all. We were glad to have with us Miss Lena Brown, who took charge of this branch of the work.

The children and young people greatly enjoyed their part of the program, and the older ones entered heartily into the discussion of the papers read. Sixty signed the Bible Year cards, and at the mission church sixty-three signed the same. With about two hundred and fifty or more in the conference reading the Bible through, we ought to see a high standard of Christian living and a corresponding increase in missionary activity.

Louisville, Ky.

O. A. Dow.

Southern Training School Items

At young people's meeting Sabbath, March 4, two of the students read very interesting and instructive essays on why we should read the Bible. They also showed the effect of good and bad literature on the mind. Elder Hoopes talked for a few minutes on the relation of character and the Bible.

Mr. Huxtable occupied worship hour in the boy's home, March 6. He talked to us about the power of words.

The boys of the home were agreeably surprised Saturday evening, March 4, when Professor Marshall invited them into the parlor and they were served fruit ice and sandwiches. After partaking of the refreshments freely, several short talks were made, which were enjoyed by all.

Professor and Mrs. Atteberry entertained the young ladies of South Hall, Saturday evening, March 4. Part of the time was spent looking at a collection of relics from various mission fields.

On account of the heating plant being out of working order, the boys are spending the evening study periods around a heater in the parlor.

Mr. Cruze, the farm manager, is changing the appearance at the rear of the boys home by grubbing up a number of the poorest pear trees. The ground is being prepared for cultivation.

Elder Branson and Elder Stephenson were present at chapel last Wednesday. Elder Branson occupied the time, speaking of preparedness for the Christian warfare. He also talked to the young men in the evening.

Mr. Strickland, the assistant leader, conducted young people's meeting last Sabbath. The Morning Watch review was the main feature of the service. One talk and one paper were given on our work in Africa. At the close of the meeting a few minutes were given to the reporting of missionary work done during the past week by the students and teachers. Some very interesting reports were given.

Last Sabbath quite a number of the students spent the afternoon doing missionary work. They visited several homes and gave away a number of our truth-filled papers and tracts.

Professor Atteberry conducted vespers last week. He brought before the students some necessities of the Christian. After his remarks the time was given to the students, who filled it with inspiring testimonies. These Friday evening student meetings are a source of much strength, and will be remembered by each student as bright spots in his life.

Miss Phelps has been elected as Sabbath school secretary to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Jacobs, who was obliged to resign on account of illness.

Miss Phelps entertained her Latin class in the girls' parlor last Thursday. A very interesting program was rendered which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. J. A. Dominski, who completes the Bible workers' course

this year, spent the week end at Spring City, Tenn., holding meetings. He reports quite an interest there.

Last Saturday night the chapel was well filled with teachers, students, and friends in the village who assembled for an observational spelling school conducted by Miss McKenzie, a blind lady, who is spending the winter here and taking some work in our Bible department. For the two hours of the program the interest was excellent. To the best speller, Mrs. Cowdrick, of Florida, was presented a piece of Miss McKenzie's handwork. Miss Mitchell and Miss Brooke were also among the best spellers of the evening.

A Call from the West China Mission

I am sure that all our dear people in the homeland will be interested in the plan suggested by Brother Arthur Allum, the superintendent of the West China Mission, for giving the light of this glorious message to the five hundred foreign missionaries of Sunday-keeping societies in that vast field.

Brother Allum labored with the writer in Australia, and from the very beginning of his ministry he has been a strong advocate of our literature as a mighty factor in winning souls. In a letter, dated January 21, he has sent in the following appeal:

"Now, Brother Paap, I have a request that I would like to make of you. We have in the territory that comprises the West China Mission over five hundred foreign missionaries of Sunday-keeping societies, and I see no other way of reaching this body of men and women than through our literature, as it will be impossible for us to meet them all personally, as they are scattered over such an immense area. . . . Ever since coming to this field I have felt a deep desire to in some way or other reach this body of missionaries, many of whom, though prejudiced, are consecrated people, and, if some of them would but take their stand for the truth, they would be a grand factor in helping us carry the message to the 96,000,000 people who are in the territory covered by the West China Mission.

"Now my thought was this, if you could lay this out before some of our church members in the States in the course of your travels, it would not be difficult to send one yearly subscription of one of our magazines to each missionary in this field. It would not take five hundred yearly subscriptions, as among this number some are husband and wife, and we would need to send but one subscription to each family. Church members in the States, desirous of helping in this matter, could subscribe for one year to one of the following papers: *Signs of the Times Monthly*, or *The Watchman*. These papers could be sent at club rates to our headquarters here, and we could post them out each month to the individual missionaries. This perhaps would cost a little more than sending them direct, but would enable us to get in contact with the missionaries better than if the papers were sent from the United States direct to them."

We would suggest that those who are desirous of helping, send all contributions direct to the Home Missionary Department, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., and then we will see that the order is filled and full report rendered. We think the plan a good one, and if, as Brother Allum says, some of the consecrated missionaries can see and accept the light, what a great help they will be in giving the message to China's millions.

We may not see the results of this sacrifice and cooperation now, but in the school of the hereafter it will all be made manifest. "If the followers of Christ were awake to duty, there would be thousands where there is one today, proclaiming the gospel in heathen lands. And all who could not personally engage in the work, would yet sustain it with their means, their sympathy, and their prayers. And there would be far more earnest labor for souls in Christian countries."—"*Steps to Christ*," page 86.

Here is an excellent opportunity to do service for God. Who will respond saying, "Here am I, send me." F. W. PAAP.

Worry

In these days when nations are angry, and men from day to day are giving up their lives for a cause they know not, and drinking each others' blood in response to a so-called patriotism, men's hearts in neutral countries almost fail for fear. We wonder what the next step is going to be. We fret and worry about the outcome. But just at such a time as this God wants us to develop more trust and learn his will.

The following is taken from one of our circulating library books entitled "Quiet Talks on Service," by S. D. Gordon.

"One morning on waking, a woman charged with the care of a home began thinking of the day's simple duties. And as she thought they seemed to magnify and pile up. There was her little daughter to get off to school with her luncheon. Some of the ladies were coming that morning for a society meeting, and she had been planning a dainty luncheon for them. The maid in the kitchen was not exactly ideal — yet. And as she thought into the day her head began aching.

"After breakfast, as her husband was leaving for the day's business, he took her hand and kissed her good-by. 'Why,' he said, 'my dear, your hand is feverish. I'm afraid you've been doing too much. Better just take a day off.' And he was gone. And she said to herself, 'A day off! The idea! Just like a man to think that I could take a day off.' But she had been making a habit of getting a little time for reading and prayer after breakfast. Pity she had not put it in earlier, at the day's very start. Yet maybe she could not. Sometimes it is not possible. Yet *most times* it is possible, by planning.

"Now she slipped to her room, and sitting down quietly, turned to the chapter in her regular place of reading. It was the eighth of Matthew. As she read she came to the words, 'And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose and ministered unto Him.' And she knelt and breathed out the soft prayer for a touch of the Master's hand upon her own. And it came as she remained there a few moments. And then with much quieter spirit she went on into the day.

"The luncheon for the church ladies was not quite so elaborate as she had planned. There came to her an impulse to tell her morning's experience. She shrank from doing it. It seemed a sacred thing. They might not understand. But the impulse remained and she obeyed it, and quietly told them. And as they listened there seemed to come a touch of the Spirit's presence upon them all. And so the day was a blessed one. Its close found her husband back again. And as he greeted her he said quietly, 'My dear, you did as I said, didn't you? The fever's gone.'"

One cannot open this book anywhere without coming upon some such incident as related here. Note the table of contents, and see how interesting this book really is.

Personal Contact with Jesus: The Beginning of Service.
The Triple Life: The Perspective of service.

Yokefellows: The Rhythm of Service.

A Passion for Winning Men: The Motive-Power of service.

Deep-Sea Fishing: The Ambition of Service.

Money: The Golden Channel of Service.

Worry: A Hindrance to Service.

Gideon's Band: Sifted for Service.

I am sure no one can read this book without becoming inspired to a better, Spirit-filled life, and I am sure that every one will want to read it as soon as possible. Sit right down now and order it sent to you before some one else gets in ahead of you. Remember these books in the library are absolutely free to you. They cost you nothing but the return postage, and you can keep them two full weeks.

Some have sent in orders for these library books to the Southern Publishing Association, or to the Tennessee River Tract Society, and they have filled them with new copies, supposing them to

be orders for these books. We want all of our people to avail themselves of the privileges of this library, but do not want to have orders for library books confused with regular book orders sent to the tract society.

Please send all orders for circulating library books to the Southern Union Conference Circulating Library, 2014 23rd Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn. The following is a list of books in this library.

LYNN H. WOOD.

Union Conference Circulating Library

A Retrospect	Patriarchs and Prophets
An Outline of Mission Fields	Quiet Talks on Service
Ann of Ava	Sketches of Bible Child Life
Child Life in Mission Lands	Story of John G. Paton
Christ's Object Lessons	Story of Pitcairn
Christ Our Saviour	Successful Careers
Daybreak in Korea	The American Government
Daybreak in the Dark Continent	The Black Bearded Barbarian
Early Writings	The Desire of Ages
Easy Steps in the Bible Story	The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan
Exile to Overthrow	The Great Second Advent Movement
Friends and Foes	The Moslem World
From Judaism to Christianity	The Passion for Men
Health Work in the Schools	The Pilgrim's Progress
How the World is Clothed	The Prince of Africa
In the Tiger Jungle	The Sabbath in History
Into all the World	The Teacher
Letters from the Holy Land	The Uplift of China
Livingstone the Pathfinder	Things as They Are
Life of Miller	Those Bible Readings
Ministry of Healing	Uganda's White Man of Work
Mount of Blessing	Under Marching Orders
My Garden Neighbors	Wild Life in the Rockies
North America	Winning the Oregon Country
Pastor Hsi	

Banish Needless Worry

Everywhere the warning needs to be sounded against the habit of brooding over our troubles, of underestimating our blessings, and of exaggerating our sorrows. This world is beautiful, and earnest work and perseverance secure peace of mind and bodily health. These are ancient ideas, of course, but never outworn; just as useful today as they were a thousand years ago. Worry is really the greatest of all troubles and the least necessary. The man or woman who will banish it — and all the power in us should be used to do so — can be as happy as any one may ever hope to be in a world where continual happiness is not the rule of life. Wealth never made a man happy without the capacity for happiness to reinforce it; and the first essential of happiness is freedom from worry. Banish, then, needless worry; make up your mind that "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof"; and learn how little cause for unhappiness remains, and how much your own example will inspire others to do likewise.— *New York Times*.

Sold Forty-five "Watchman" in Forty-five Minutes

Little Mildred Reichenbach of Louisville, Ky., aged eleven years, has made another record for selling *The Watchman*. A few days ago she sold forty-five *Watchman* in forty-five minutes. Mildred has been selling magazines for several years and about two years ago broke all her former records by selling sixty-two in one hour. She is a little missionary and endeavors to get the truth into the hands of every one she meets.

Fishers of Men

"And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." Mark 1:17.

The original word which is translated fisher means one who is a fisherman by trade, whose regular daily business is to catch fish. It does not mean one who fishes occasionally as a pastime or sport. This gives a special significance to the words of Jesus, for they say to each of us, "Follow me, and I will bring about such a change in you that your chief business will be the winning of other souls for Christ." Jesus' promise to make us to become fishers of men depends upon our following him. If we follow, he will do his part.

On the other hand, if those who profess to be followers of Christ find that they have no particular interest in seeking for souls to win to Christ, what then? Should it not be evident to them that they cannot be really following him? His word is sure, his promise cannot fail. The only possible failure is in those who claim to be his followers. If then, there is in us no compelling power to drive us forth to seek to do something to lead others to Christ, should not that cause us to seek most earnestly to find out wherein we are failing to follow Christ?

There are some who have become fishers of men; they do have a strong desire to do something to lead souls to a knowledge of Christ, but they do not know just how to start fishing. All fish cannot be caught with the same bait. So souls cannot all be reached by the same method. For this reason the Lord has given us in our home missionary work, a number of different ways of presenting the message. Some people can use one of these to good advantage, and others accomplish more by some other method. But there is, among these various lines of work, something that every one can do, and many can use several of these methods.

To help those who do not know how to start their soul-winning work, some leaflets are being published. There are now ready for use the following: "The Best Method for Winning Souls" (Personal Work), price one-half cent; "The Use of Tracts," one-half cent; "How to Use Periodicals in the Soul-Winning Campaign," one-half cent; "Small Books as Soul-winners," one-half cent; "Magazines, Their Place in God's Work," one-half cent; and "Missionary Correspondence," one-half cent. Others will be issued shortly, dealing with other methods of work.

These leaflets contain directions for the use of some kinds of bait in soul-winning work. After studying these, the members who have a sincere love for souls, can set themselves to work. The Lord is blessing the efforts of those who are following these methods of fishing, but he needs more fishers.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

Discouragement

NEVER allow yourself to become discouraged in the prosecution of any line of endeavor that is proper and right for you to do. Discouragement, if allowed to dominate, always results in failure. A thoroughly discouraged man or woman is absolutely unfitted to put forth effort toward the accomplishment of any enterprise, however necessary or worthy the enterprise may be.

Discouragement in well-doing never does anything except to blast our hopes and defeat our purposes. God himself is powerless to aid any human being who tenaciously clings to discouragement. On the other hand, a cheerful and hopeful disposition contributes much toward success in both the business life and the Christian life.—*J. W. Lowe.*

"There is no argument equal to a happy smile."

Mississippi Conference

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6:07

Friday, March 24

West 6:23

The Fire at Jackson

We greatly regret to announce to the constituency of Mississippi that our conference building, situated at 932 Union St., Jackson, Miss., was totally destroyed by fire on Sabbath afternoon, March 11, beginning about 4:15. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is very evident that it began in the storage room.

This room was on the second floor and in it we had stored all our conference equipment: tents, bedding, cots, dishes, and everything that made up our tent and camp-meeting equipment. All our tents, many of which were new, have been totally destroyed. There is hardly one that is not damaged beyond repair.

When the fire started we were all at home. It so happened that the writer remained in Jackson on this Sabbath, and after dinner we were in our apartment and I was giving a Bible study to a visitor. Brother Balsbaugh, who lived on the south side of the first floor, was also at home, and Brother and Sister Marshall were in their apartments on the second floor, also having company, and a roomer was on the south side in the middle room of the second floor.

The alarm was given by one of the children that the house was on fire. We immediately responded, but found that the entire roof was practically in flames. It came so suddenly that there was no time to save anything from the second floor.

The folks up stairs had a very narrow escape in saving their own lives. Sister Marshall's hair was singed as she passed down stairs. Brother Marshall, waiting a few moments, thinking he might save some of his furniture, had to escape through a window. Likewise the roomer on the other side of the house was unable to go down the hallway, but was obliged to escape through a window from the second story.

Brother and Sister Marshall lost all their furniture, and the furniture that we had upstairs was also destroyed, as was everything that was on the second floor.

We were successful in removing practically everything on the first floor, and therefore little or no damage other than what the water may have caused was done to the household goods on the first floor.

Our total loss, personal and conference, will likely amount to close to \$6,000. The building was insured for \$2,000, and we had a small amount of insurance on the conference fixture, which I hope we will be able to secure in full. Brother Marshall's loss was total, with no insurance; Brother Balsbaugh's loss was slight, and my personal loss was about \$360, which was covered by insurance.

At this writing we are at a loss to know how to adjust ourselves to this catastrophe. We are in a chaos; our beautiful camp outfit is in ruins, and our hearts are saddened as we look upon the debris. And yet we would not become discouraged in this seeming calamity, for we have faith in God that this seeming disaster will be turned into a blessing for us and the conference.

We need the help and sympathy of all. I am sure that every

one feels keenly this loss, and I hope that we will all respond liberally in replacing it so that our summer's work will not be hindered.

I am especially burdened for the tent and camp-meeting outfit. This loss amounts to about \$2,000, and I hope that by the time the tent season opens we will have sufficient money to buy new tents. It will be but two months until we ought to begin our tent meetings, and therefore we welcome any donation that you may feel to give toward this end. This is the only thing that is resting upon my mind, and I solicit your earnest prayers and any donation that you can afford to give. Send all your offerings to the office, as usual. C. S. WREST.

Kingdom

What is the kingdom of God?—"The kingdom of God is . . . righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Rom. 14:17. "It is a new creation."—C. O. L., p. 77. "In many of his parables, Christ uses the expression, 'the kingdom of heaven,' to designate the work of divine grace upon the hearts of men."—C. G., p. 347.

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:42

Friday, March 24

West 6:18

News Items

A very interesting service was conducted at the Memorial Church Sabbath, March 11. Five young people, all members of our church school, went forward in the ordinance of baptism. Surely it pays to maintain a church school.

The young people's society of Nashville rendered a temperance program Sunday, March 12, in the Methodist church at Bordeaux. The Watchman Quartet furnished the music. Several recitations were given by different members of the society. The program was well conducted and every one seemed to be well pleased with it.

It being impossible for Brother Denslow to fill his appointment last Sunday night at the Nashville Memorial Church, Elder Elliott spoke on the Signs of the Times. A good interest is being shown by the people of the city in our meetings at the present time.

Mr. J. T. Eastlack, of Grand Junction, Tenn., has sent in an order for some of our tracts and pamphlets.

Mrs. F. C. Hightower has sent in a subscription for *Life and Health* for a year.

Brother Randall Johnson called at the office last week and made a payment on the missionary society's club of *Signs*. The Nashville church is now using 128 copies of the *Signs* every week, and reports excellent results with this missionary ammunition.

Brother Louis Judkins sent in a remittance last week for two subscriptions to the *Watchman*. He has sent in quite a number of these orders of late. Brother R. A. Judkins, his brother, has gone to Grinnel, Iowa, for a short visit.

Mrs. Roy Story, of Sylvia, Tenn., has sent in an order for *Life and Health* for one year. She reports that she is much interested in the magazine work, and will probably take subscriptions for our good periodicals.

Mrs. T. L. Carr, of Trezevant, Tenn., the treasurer of the church, has sent in an order for some treasurer's supplies. She reports the work onward there.

Brother Thomas Johnston, of Dickson, writes that he has a large quantity of canned pears, peaches, and tomatoes which he will be glad to sell to those who are in the market for these lines. He has sent samples to the office, and we can say that they were excellent and we recommend his line to all.

Brother Keele sent in a remittance on his account last week. Brother and Sister Keele are giving their entire time to the book work.

Brother T. A. Graves sent in an order for books, etc., last week. He reports the school work going on nicely with prospects of having some new equipment in the near future.

Brother J. N. Womack, of Nashville, was in the office last week, and made a payment on his account. Brother Womack is one of our faithful colporteurs.

Sister Robertson, our magazine worker in Memphis, sent in an order for 200 copies of the *March Watchman*. Sister Robertson keeps quite busy selling our ten-cent magazines in that metropolis.

Mrs. Gertrude Stuckey, of Meridian, Miss., sent in an order for some of the bargains advertized in the last WORKER.

Mary Truloch, of Roseburg, Ky., also sent in an order for a few of the books advertized in the last WORKER.

Brother E. H. McKay, of Gadsden, Ala., sent in his order for nearly all of the "Rare Bargains," but was too late, as most of them had been sold when his order was received.

Mrs. Nora B. Parker, one of our local magazine workers, spent considerable time selling the April *Watchman* among the business men of the city. She reports good success.

Brother Milton Young, the treasurer of the Memphis No. 2 church, sent in his remittance for January last week. This church has been sending in some good sized remittances for the membership of the church.

Mrs. Hightower, the treasurer of the Jackson church, sent in her offerings for February.

A large sum of money from the Nashville church was turned in by Brother R. L. Pierce, the local treasurer.

Mrs. M. J. Riter has renewed her subscription to the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER.

Miss Jessie Rosel, of the Leach church, sent in her remittance for February.

Present Conditions a Fulfilment of Prophecy

This is the title of a most interesting article in the April *Watchman*. This issue of *The Watchman* is one of the most interesting the publishers have yet produced. Secure a few copies for distribution among your friends.

WANTED: Work with a Seventh-day Adventist man where I can keep the Sabbath. Address Box 110, Big Sandy, 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.

"When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient and loving silence, that is victory."

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference, Week Ending March 11, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Robert J. Cook	HM	37	9	\$19 00	\$ 90	\$19 90
B D Crawford	BR	8	2	6 00		6 00
M L Ivory	HH	46	5	15 00		15 00
Quinnie Tew	BR	16	1	4 00		4 00
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Totals (Agts. 6)		97	17	\$44 00	\$ 90	\$44 90

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
J B Reichenbach	BR	54	23	\$70 00	\$ 75	\$70 75
Felia Pierce	BR	51	9	27 00		27 00
Andy Schroeder	BR	55	9	27 00		27 00
C C Oaks	BR		11	34 00	4 60	38 60
Luther Bowles	BR	64	17	51 00	2 10	53 10
Jeff Hickman	BR	13	1	3 00	18 35	21 35
Bibles			6	23 10		23 10
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Totals (Agts. 6)		262	77	\$235 10	\$25 80	\$260 90

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
R R Coble	BR	16	4	\$12 00	\$	\$12 00
G B Boswell	BR	35	28	\$67 00	\$ 1 95	\$68 95
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Totals (Agts. 2)		51	32	\$79 00	\$ 1 95	\$80 95

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Elmer Chastain*	BR	35	30	\$92 00	\$ 2 85	\$94 85
Walter Edmonds†	BR	116	36	\$121 00	\$ 5 90	\$126 90
Percy Stewart*	BR	42	42	131 00	5 65	136 65
E A Taylor†	BR	101	45	153 00	9 80	162 80
J L Waler	D&R	88	85	273 00	3 60	276 60
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Totals (Agts. 5)		382	238	\$770 00	\$27 80	\$797 80

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
R H Hazelton	GC	40	13	\$26 00	\$	\$26 00
Wm J Keele	D&R	31	4	11 00	6 00	17 00
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Mrs Mae Keele	BR	24	7	23 00	4 50	27 50
W W Murry	BR	40	16	49 00	1 00	50 00
W D Wade	GC	37	6	18 00	2 45	20 45
F E Wagner	GC	34	16	44 00	7 65	51 65
Bibles				9 50		9 50
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Totals (Agts. 6)		206	62	\$180 50	\$21 60	\$202 10

G'd Totals (A. 25) 998 426 \$1306 60 \$78 05 \$1396 65 \$210 00

Summary from January 1 to Date			
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference	\$ 537 00	\$ 19 45	\$ 53 35
Kentucky Conference	1922 05	82 25	991 35
Louisiana Conference	224 15	3 05	193 00
Mississippi Conference	2259 00	89 85	267 50
Tenn. River Conference	1232 25	175 25	412 90
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Totals	\$6253 45	\$369 85	\$1918 10

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending March 11, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
B D Crawford	10	\$1 00	
Miss C. Egleston	56	5 60	
Clara Miller	20	2 00	
Seth Walker	80	8 00	
Ruby Worley	63	6 30	
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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE			
Mrs J B Reichenbach	46	4 60	
Mrs J L Walker	50	5 00	
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
S F Reeder	47	4 70	
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Totals	372	\$37 20	

Among the Mountaineers

In writing to the author of "The Men of the Mountains," Dr. Edward O. Guerrant, founder and president of the America Inland Mission, states:

"I wanted to tell you how much I am enjoying your excellent book. I haven't seen a finer description of the 'Modern Mountaineer' and 'The Heart of Appalachia' than in your book, and certainly none has given so full an account of religious work among the Highlanders. . . . I find it admirably written, with a remarkably clear apprehension of the peculiar traits of the Southern Highlanders.

"We owe you a debt of gratitude for your faithful description of the country and people, and I certainly hope that God will honor your efforts in raising up many friends to help this splendid nation of people, so long neglected, and so eminently worthy of our esteem.

"I do not know of any investment for the good of our country or the glory of God that would pay such dividends as the money invested in the cause of education and religion among these splendid people."

"The Men of the Mountains" contains 320 pages, is printed in large clear type, and is illustrated. The price of the full cloth style is \$1.50; paper covers, 75 cents, postpaid. Order from your tract society. A liberal discount on quantity orders.

Elder Daniells at Portland, Maine

About eighteen hundred people sat before Elder Daniells in Portland's beautiful civic hall one Sunday evening recently to hear the first of three lectures that he gave in that city. So great was the interest in his subject, "Changing the World's Map," that the leading business men invited him to address them at a banquet the next evening at their club headquarters. Elder Daniells accepted the invitation, with the intention of speaking on the political, commercial, and educational awakening in India and China. To his surprise, they expressed a preference for a repetition of his Sunday night's lecture. Two hundred or more were present, and to use the words of our informant, "not a man moved, not an eye seemed to shift during the speech."

Manuscript of this lecture and two others — "Miracles of Modern Missions" and "Preparedness and Armageddon" — have been secured by the weekly *Signs of the Times* for publication. The first appeared about the first of March.

Our people will wish quantities of these special issues for distribution among neighbors and for mailing to friends and relatives. The publishers will be prepared to meet the big demand. The price will be two and one-half cents per copy in lots of five or more to one individual. Let your tract society know at once how many you can use.

"Unless our profession is a lie we love each other, and we must therefore show that love by our prayers for one another."

"The tendency to persevere, to persist in spite of hindrances, discouragements, and impossibilities — it is this that distinguishes the strong from the weak."

*Week ending March 4. †Three Weeks

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FOR SALE: One Holman Comparative Self-pronouncing Teachers Bible, well bound in genuine Levant, silk sewed, containing in combined text the authorized and revised versions of the Old and New Testaments, type, small pica, 8 vo.

Each year since the publication of the Revised Version of the Bible has witnessed a growing desire on the part of ministers, Sabbath school teachers, students, and general readers to enlarge their acquaintance with the revised texts. Indeed it is now widely confessed in pulpit, schoolroom, and home that familiarity with the revised texts is indispensable to an intelligent and thorough and satisfactory interpretation and understanding of the Sacred Writings.

In this Bible a very necessary improvement has been made in that the texts of the authorized and revised versions appear interlined, and on the same page, which is known as linear parallel method. This simple and effective method obviates all tedious and painstaking comparisons of the respective texts and removes all complexities and imperfections in bringing about a ready, simultaneous reading.

This Bible contains an analytical comparative concordance of one hundred thousand references, also makes its usefulness more apparent by an elaborate series of maps, engraved to order, by valuable cross indexes and by other aids to intelligent reading and interpretation of the Sacred Word.

Marginal sides of one and one quarter inch permit of the writing in of notes and memoranda pertaining to texts. Originally cost \$20 and has been only slightly used. Price postpaid, \$8.50. As we have only one copy, the first order received will be filled. Order of the Tennessee River Tract Society, 2014 23rd Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn.

Over a Thousand

We have more than reached the goal first set by this Union in the matter of Bible Year readers. The list given below shows that there are now 1,057 readers. This is more than one-third of our constituency and is certainly a good report. One conference has not been heard from at all as yet, and there are many in the other conferences whose names are not yet on the list. I am sure that we can easily set 1,500 as our next goal and reach it in a short time.

Let every conference do its utmost in this matter, and let each individual in the church determine that he will make a more careful study of God's Word than ever before. The outline followed is in the "Morning Watch." If you want more of these outlines, write to your conference secretary. Let the good work go on.

LYNN H. WOOD.

ALABAMA		MISSISSIPPI	
Bessemer	11	Amory	10
Birmingham No. 1	73	Cedar Creek	13
Birmingham No. 2	33	Chicorea	2
Borden Springs	22	Enid	1
Dothan No. 2	9	Jackson	3
Huntsville	18	Meridian	18
Long Island	12	Soso	1
Mobile	38		48
Montgomery No. 1	23		
Montgomery No. 2	23	TENNESSEE RIVER	
Red Level	13	Cedar Grove	11
Sheffield	11	Conference church	2
	277	Fountain Head	28
		Hazel Academy	20
		Hazel Church	11
		Hillcrest	13
		Hustburg	10
		Jackson	16
		Madison	38
		Memphis No. 1	75
		Memphis No. 2	27
		Nashville Memorial	80
		Nashville Young People	34
		Nashville No. 2	45
		Springville	31
			441
	291	Grand Total	1057

"Is Come"—"Is Coming"

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God." 1 Peter 4:17.—*Common Version, 1611.*

"For the time is coming, when judgment will begin from the household of God; and if it commence from us, what will be the end of those who disbelieve the gospel of God?"—*Dickinson's Trans., 1833.*

"Because the season is coming for the judgment to begin from the house of God; and if it begin first from us, what the end of those who are disobedient to the glad tidings of God?"—*The Emphatic Diaglott, New Testament, 1864.*

"Because the right place to begin the judgment is at the house of God; and if first at us, what will be the end of those disobedient to the good news of God?"—*Fentons' Trans., about 1903.*

God thinks no better of a tree for being burdened with rotten fruit, nor of a church for being swollen in numbers with base pretenders.—*Spurgeon.*