

SOUTHERN UNION WORKER

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

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No. 13

Mississippi Conference Building

The accompanying pictures will give you an idea of how the conference building was, and how it appears since the fire.

The building was burned more than two-thirds; but to make



Before the fire

the repairs substantial it will be necessary to build from the first floor, according to the advice of the contractor.

We had some fears whether the insurance company would allow the full \$2,000 that we had on the building, but the adjustor for the company informs me that the full amount will be given us. We have reason to thank God for this.

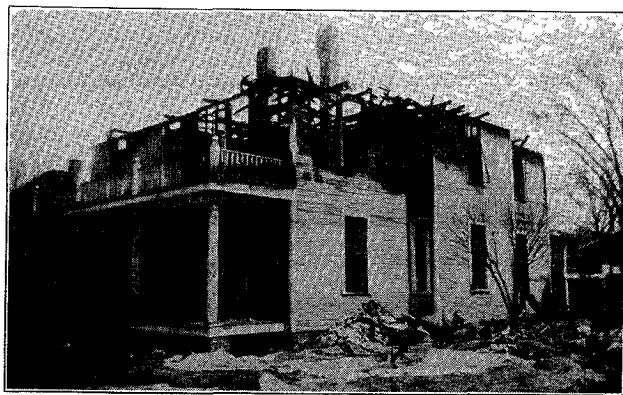
You will notice the ruined tents. Here is a loss of about \$1,500. This matter is giving me some concern to know how to replace this loss of our tent and camp-meeting outfit.

We must raise the sum of \$1,500 between now and our camp-meeting. We have already a donation from one of our colored ministers to the amount of \$50 for a new field tent. I hope that others will be equally as liberal. While there are those who cannot give \$50, yet we all can give as the Lord has prospered us. This is a very pressing need and let none pass it by, though your offering may be small.

You who read these lines may not be of Mississippi, but if your sympathy is with us and you desire to express it in a substantial way we shall be glad to receive your gift.

Send all donations to 703 S. Gallatin St., Jackson, Miss.

C. S. WIEST.



After the fire

President's Report for the Biennial Period Ending December 31, 1915

It seems only a few days since we were gathered for a similar meeting at the Memorial Church in this city, but two years have passed and the record has been made up and the books closed. The result of the two years' work is both interesting and encouraging. This report will make mention only in a general way of the accomplishments of this period. In the business world financial conditions have not been the best, but the church has prospered. The Lord has richly blessed. Evidently it is the compelling power of the message that has kept this field from a gigantic failure. It seems that Luke 14:23, "And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled," has been fulfilled in a marked manner.

EVANGELISTIC

At the beginning of the period the membership of the Union was 2,273. At the close of 1915 it was 3,054, or an actual gain in membership of 781. At the beginning there were 28 ordained ministers, 9 licensed ministers, and 41 licensed missionaries, or a total of 78 workers. At the close of this period there were 26 ordained ministers, 13 licensed ministers, and 39 li-

censed missionaries, making the same total of 78. From many family altars prayers are being offered for the salvation of souls. The workers are not alone in this plea for converts. There is a real forward move to accomplish the task set for the church. This brings consecration which makes the government of the church easy, and leaves the ministers free, giving them more time for evangelistic work. Home missionary work has contributed its share to the success in this line, though as yet we have no home missionary secretary for the Union.

FINANCIAL

Through the liberality of the Division Conference, self-denial week, and private donations, the association deficit was reduced \$3,384.56. The increase in foreign mission funds was \$6,278.67. During the year 1915, the amount raised for missions was nearly as much as was raised during the previous biennial period. There was \$6,591.91 tithe in excess of the previous period. When we look at these figures in this way it seems very encouraging, but when we look at the statistics and find that the per capita in tithe and foreign mission offerings is growing less every year, it is then not so encouraging. It seems that as

we increase our membership we increase the total amount of tithe and offerings, but we have not been able to increase the per capita ratio.

COLPORTEUR WORK

At the beginning of this period there were 78 colporteurs in the field, while now there are 56. These evidently have been doing excellent work, as we find there is an increase in the sale of books of \$28,360.97. This is evidence that the success of this work does not depend on numbers.

EDUCATIONAL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

These lines have been sadly neglected in this field. The first of August, 1915, the services of Prof. Lynn H. Wood were secured. He has gathered up the fragments left here and there, and by encouragement and counsel has put new life into the work. The influence of the young people is already being felt and older people are catching the spirit of the move that is now among the youth. Everywhere we see people reading the Bible and studying to pass the Standard of Attainment, and taking the Reading Courses. The result of all this is devotedness and a seeking for souls.

The rural schools and church schools are now in harmony and working hand in hand. There is a definite understanding, and the work is one.

THE COLORED WORK

The constituency of 3,054 is divided as follows: 2,115 white and 939 colored. The colored workers have contributed their share of the effort to bring about the good results previously mentioned. The same active spirit is taking possession of them and their work, as will be seen in reports given by the confer-

ence secretary. Elder Sydney Scott took up his work as Union evangelist two years ago, and has held four public tent efforts besides many other meetings in churches in various parts of the Union. He spent the last two months of 1915 in Los Angeles, Cal., encouraging his people of that city because of their inability to secure a pastor just at that time.

NEEDS

In viewing the field one sees so many opportunities to labor, so many avenues to enter, and interests already created, that he is appalled. If we had one hundred ordained ministers and as many Bible workers, they could be easily used in this field. Our large cities, such as New Orleans, Mobile, Birmingham, Covington, and Lexington have only barely been entered, and many rural districts have never yet heard of Seventh-day Adventists.

Many more rural schools, rural sanitariums, and church schools should be established. Strong appeals should be made to our people in the North who have means to come South and settle in this field and live the truth. The Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute will in a short time, we trust, be able to furnish workers to help those who are willing to settle in these rural districts, in teaching the people the truth. Many of our youth are on farms and some in workshops, and the great majority of them should be securing an education and preparing themselves for missionaries. Many more colporteurs are needed, and church buildings should be erected for both white and colored.

The united prayer of the workers at this council should be that God will help us develop every line of work and speedily carry the gospel to the people in this Union. S. E. WIGHT.

Southern Union Conference of S. D. A. Revenue Statement for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915

Appropriations:	\$	\$	\$9094 03
Alabama		1200 00	
Kentucky		1975 00	
Louisiana		1975 00	
Mississippi	2475 00		
Miss. Special from Washington ..	500 00		
Miss. Special from Union	100 00		
		3075 00	
Graysville Bible Teacher		869 03	
Administrative:	\$	\$	\$5944 52
Laborers' Salary	4084 88		
Less S. P. A. Portion	469 24		
		3615 64	
Laborers' Traveling Expense	1267 59		
Less S. P. A. Portion	151 02		
		1116 57	
Laborers' General Expense	180 39		
Less Transfers	4 05		
		176 34	
Office Expense		443 80	
Educational Convention		79 72	
Educational Department		48 67	
Insurance		8 75	
Southern Union Worker Deficit		322 05	
Printing Cost	1326 93		
Less Receipts	\$8 28		
Distributed to Conferences		996 60	
		1004 88	
Office Furniture Depreciation		132 98	
General:		606 53	
Tithe to No. Amer. Div. Conference		320 05	
Sustentation to General Conference		192 02	
Miscellaneous Items		94 46	
Total Expense		\$15645 08	

		INCOME	
Appropriation from N. A. Div. Conf.		\$12255 00	
Alabama	\$1200 00		
Kentucky	1975 00		
Louisiana	1975 00		
Mississippi	2475 00		
Mississippi Special	500 00		
Union Conference	3375 00		
Union Conference Special	755 00	3027 46	
Tithe:			
Alabama	594 26		
Kentucky	491 86		
Louisiana	471 33		
Mississippi	314 91		
Tennessee River	1155 10		
Donations		\$ 3 50	
Negro Mission 10%		261 25	
City Savings Bank		46 99	
Total Income		\$15594 20	
Expense in Excess of Income		50 88	
			\$15645 08

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE:

This is to certify that I have checked all the incoming remittances, and also vouchers for disbursements and cash of the Union Conference for the year 1915, and find everything properly entered and accounted for. The attached statement is the correct showing of the Southern Union Conference for the year ending December 31, 1915.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) S. E. McNeill,

North American Division Conference Auditor.

Southern Union Conference of S. D. A. Balance Sheet for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915

ASSETS	
Cash and Bank	\$ 1021 83
Accounts Receivable	145 01
Alabama Conference	31 84
Kentucky Conference	31 31
Mississippi	11 40
Tennessee River	6 25
	80 80
Hazel Academy	1 35
Southern Publishing Association ..	21 06
Southern Union Mission	48
	22 89
Expense money advanced	41 32
Inventories	511 83
Office Furnishings	\$503 32
Insurance	8 51
	Total Assets
	\$1678 67
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$256 16
General Trust Funds	\$89 06
Tract Society Sustentation	\$89 06
Local Trust Funds	167 05
Aged and Orphans	120 13
Religious Liberty	46 92
Louisiana	05
SURPLUS	
Surplus Jan. 1, 1915	1473 39
Less Net Deficit for Year 1915	50 88
	Surplus December 31, 1915
	1422 51
	Total
	\$1678 67

Southern Union Mission Revenue Statement for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915

INCOME	
Appropriation So. Union Mission	\$1846 25
Local Mission Appropriation	7103 75
Tithe	766 25
	Total Income
	\$9716 25
EXPENSE	
Administrative Expense	\$261 25
Institute Expense	101 96
General Expense	58 45
Traveling Expense	192 41
	\$614 07
Laborers' Salary	682 97
Loss and Gain	4 10
	687 07
Appropriation:	
Alabama	1600 00
Kentucky	1600 00
Louisiana	1550 00
Mississippi	2025 00
Tennessee	1003 75
	7778 75
Tithe	76 60
Sustentation	45 91
	122 51
Total Expense	\$9202 40
Income in excess of Expense	513 85
	Total
	\$9716 25

Balance Sheet

RESOURCES	
Cash	\$556 16
Personal Accounts Receivable	12 00
	\$568 16
LIABILITIES	
Suspense	\$ 4 87
SURPLUS	
Jan. 1, 1915 Surplus	\$49 44
Gain for the Year	513 85
	563 29
Surplus Jan. 1, 1916	\$568 16

SOUTHERN UNION MISSION:

This is to certify that I have made an examination of the vouchers and receipts of the Southern Union Mission for the year 1915, and can say that the attached statement of the Union Mission is the correct showing of the books as of December 31, 1915.

Respectfully yours,
 (Signed) S. E. McNEILL,
 North American Division Conference Auditor.

Delegates

Delegates at Large

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE	
I. H. Evans	G. B. Thompson
W. W. Eastman	M. E. Kern
W. C. White	
SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE	
S. E. Wight	G. H. Curtis
J. W. Davis	L. H. Wood
R. L. Pierce	M. F. Knox
P. T. Magan	C. J. Boyd

Conference Delegates

ALABAMA CONFERENCE	
A. L. Miller	R. I. Keate
Mrs. R. I. Keate	J. F. Wright
Jas. Bellinger	M. L. Wilson
Mrs. M. L. Wilson	O. R. Godsmark
COLORED	
J. G. Dasent	R. Roberts

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE	
B. W. Brown	Elder O. A. Dow
Mrs. O. A. Dow	Elder W. H. White
S. D. Bossing	James Hickman
Lena Brown	E. A. Williams
C. W. Vermillion	

COLORED	
J. H. Lawrence	Wm. Winston

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE	
C. N. Sanders	J. A. Morrow
Mrs. C. N. Sanders	G. B. Boswell
O. F. Frank	C. B. Caldwell
W. P. McLennan	

COLORED	
T. B. Buckner	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE	
C. S. Wiest	R. E. Burke
B. C. Marshall	J. R. Staton

H. C. Balsbaugh	Mrs. H. C. Balsbaugh
	COLORED
N. B. King	A. C. Chatman
	D. V. Barnes

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

W. R. Elliott	F. C. Bruce
M. Wheeler	O. L. Denslow
J. R. Kennedy	C. F. Lowry
I. C. Pound	L. F. Lambert
Mrs. A. M. Patton	B. N. Mulford
J. S. Rooker	W. D. Wade
W. R. Burrow	Dr. E. A. Sutherland
S. L. Clark	Y. C. Haugsted

COLORED

Randall Johnson	H. E. Alston
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Meeting of the Constituency of the Southern Publishing Association

As noted elsewhere in this paper the first meeting of the Southern Publishing Association was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Seated on the platform were Elders S. E. Wight, W. W. Eastman, W. H. Branson, and G. F. Watson. Elder W. C. White was also present, and was called upon by the Chair to address the delegates. He related some interesting experiences in connection with the establishment of our publishing work in various centers, and of his interest in the work of the S. P. A. from its beginning. His remarks were greatly appreciated by the delegates.

The standing committees appointed were as follows:

Committee on Nominations: W. W. Eastman, C. E. Smith, W. E. Abernathy, G. H. Curtis, and H. E. Simkin.

Committee on Plans: R. L. Pierce, M. F. Knox, S. J. Abegg, L. D. Randall, A. F. Harrison, W. H. Branson, and G. F. Watson.

The report of the manager, Brother R. L. Pierce, was read, giving the history of the progress of the work for the past year, and making timely suggestions for work in the future. The managers of the branch houses, L. D. Randall from Atlanta, and S. J. Abegg from Fort Worth, also presented their reports. At the evening session held at 7:30 the report of the treasurer was rendered by M. F. Knox, also the reports of the superintendent, Brother W. A. Harvey, and the manager of the circulation department of *The Watchman*, Brother J. L. McConaughy. The report of the Editorial Department was given by Brother L. A. Smith.

The treasurer's report was intensely interesting, showing that although the financial condition in the territory of the Publishing House had hindered the sales of our books during the past year that the Association had nevertheless made a good showing financially, there being a net gain in operating of \$4,771 at the home office and \$1,269.57 and \$1,375.49 in the Atlanta and Fort Worth Branches respectively, making a total gain for the Association and Branches of \$7,416.06. The liabilities of the Association had been decreased nearly \$17,000, which was truly encouraging. As complete reports will be given later on, we will not call attention at this time to other encouraging features of these reports.

On Wednesday morning the final meeting was held at 9:30 A. M. The reports of the committees were submitted. The Committee on Nominations brought in the following recommendations for the Board of Directors for the ensuing two years: S. E. Wight, M. F. Knox, W. A. Harvey, L. A. Smith, R. L. Pierce, L. D. Randall, S. J. Abegg, G. F. Watson, and W. H. Branson.

The Committee on Plans submitted a report making suggestions for the work of the coming two years. This will no doubt be reported in detail later.

At one of the sessions the delegates were pleasantly surprised by a song rendered by the Watchman Quartet entitled "Get a Transfer." Inasmuch as the words were so much appreciated by those present, it was thought that the readers of the WORKER would also enjoy them, so a copy of the song is here given.

Get a Transfer

The names, "Captine," "Davis," and "Dillen," refer to the field missionary secretaries of the three unions, A. F. Harrison, J. W. Davis, and D. W. Dillen.

If you are on the Gloomy Line,
Get a transfer, get a transfer.
If you're inclined to fret and pine,
Get a transfer, get a transfer.
Get off the track of Doubt and Gloom,
Get on the "Captine's" Line, there's room,
Get a transfer, get a transfer.

If you are on the Worry Train,
Get a transfer, get a transfer.
You must not stay there and complain,
Get a transfer, get a transfer.
The "Davis" cars are passing thru,
And there is lots of room for you,
Get a transfer, get a transfer.

If you are on the Grouchy Track,
Get a transfer, get a transfer.
Just take a "Dillen" Special back,
Get a transfer, get a transfer.
Jump on the train and pull the rope
That lands you at the station, Hope,
Get a transfer, get a transfer.

CHORUS

Get on the cheerful Bookmen's line,
Where folks don't grumble, kick, or whine;
The riding, it is mighty fine,
Get a transfer, get a transfer.

Alabama Conference

News Items

The following were appointed as delegates from Alabama to the Southern Union Conference session, held in Nashville, March 22-28: Elders James Bellinger, R. I. Keate, J. F. Wright, and J. G. Dasent, Brethren M. L. Wilson, O. R. Godsmark, and R. Roberts, Sisters M. L. Wilson, and Helen M. Keate, Elder A. L. Miller being a delegate at large.

The many acquaintances of Sister C. D. Elford will be grieved to learn that she suffered a severe accident, falling down two long flights of steps in front of her residence, 1307 South Highlands, Birmingham, Ala. It is thought that her right wrist is fractured, but this cannot be ascertained until further examination is made.

For the purpose of opening up school work a few miles from McKinley, Marengo County, Ralph Cantrell has come to Alabama from the Hillcrest School in Tennessee. Brother Cantrell will doubtless dispose of a goodly number of our subscription books.

A long distance message called Elder A. L. Miller to preach the funeral sermon of Brother Wm. Greentree, of Elkwood,

Services were held Sunday, March 19. Full particulars appear in another column.

S. D. Miller, of Mobile, asks that a supply of the Free Press Extras be sent him at once, as the Mobile church desires to get as many petitions signed as possible to assist in defeating Sunday legislation.

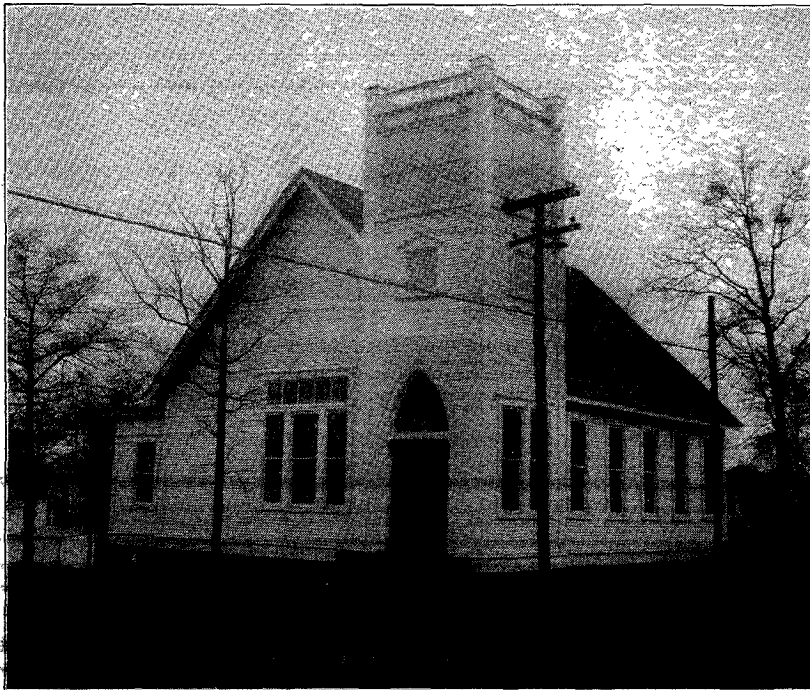
Brother J. J. Pearson, missionary leader of the Birmingham church No. 2, encourages the use of the Present Truth Extras. Orders come from that church every few days for a new supply.

In reply to a letter from Elder A. L. Miller, one United States senator writes as follows: "My Dear Mr. Miller: I received your letter of the 9th inst. protesting against the passage of Sunday Bill 645. It gave me pleasure to hear your views on the subject and I will give them consideration when the matter comes before the Senate. With kindest regards, I am, yours very truly." Do not neglect to send your petition to your congressman and representative against bills H. R. 491 and H. R. 6468 in the House of Representatives. These bills place in the hands of the postmaster full authority to exclude from the United States mails such publications as he deems tending towards exposing "any race, creed, or religion to either hatred, contempt, ridicule, or obloquy." The Free Press and Religious Liberty Extra gives full information regarding these bills, also petitions to be signed.

Louisiana Conference

Shreveport Church

We are glad to report that we are now meeting in our new building, which has been erected practically free from debt. The Lord has greatly blessed us in the securing of this build-



Shreveport Church

ing for which we have been working during the last twenty months.

In the securing of funds we have used about one thousand fifteen hundred copies of our magazines, one hundred fifty copies of the "World's Crisis," and fifty copies of "From Judaism to Christianity." The business men have responded quite freely to our appeal for help, and the city has furnished us with

an electric light near the entrance, as you will doubtless note by the picture.

The building compares very favorably with other church buildings in the same part of the city. It will seat about two hundred by placing chairs in the aisle, and having the school-room (which does not appear in the picture, but which is located at the rear of the building) open into the main auditorium.

We know that you will rejoice with us in this advanced move in the city of Shreveport.

W. P. McLENNAN.

News Items

Sabbath, March 12, two additions were made to the Shreveport church No. 1.

Sister A. L. Strawchan and daughter, of the Memphis (Tenn.) church, were recent visitors in New Orleans.

Elders C. N. Sanders, J. A. Morrow, O. F. Frank, W. P. McLennan, and Brethren Boswell and Caldwell were in attendance at the Union Conference meeting held in Nashville, Tenn. Elder T. B. Buckner and Sister Lucy Picou were also in attendance.

The good report from Brother Boswell for the few days' work in Rapids Parish as given in the colporteur report for last week shows that people are going to buy books in spite of the "hard times."

Acknowledging receipt of our February remittance of trust funds to the union conference, Brother Curtis writes: "I am glad to tell you that Louisiana holds the honor of having paid the highest rate on the twenty-cent-a-week funds for the first of the year. Keep it up." Why not? We can if we will, but as "little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land," so it is only the self-sacrificing

efforts of the individual members of our conference that enable the churches to increase their funds, and in turn enable the conference to stand abreast with its quota for missions.

A recent order from J. B. Hardy, of Wisner, for a prospectus is a good indication of another addition to the colporteur force.

Elder McLennan and family spent a few days in New Orleans before going north, the former to attend the Southern Publishing Association and Union Conference meetings held in Nashville. Mrs. McLennan and the children went direct to Kalamazoo, Mich., to visit their people. Elder McLennan will join them at the close of the meetings.

Word comes from Pineville that Dr. W. Williams' health is extremely poor. His wife, who has been teaching music and other branches in the Bunkie Academy, has returned to Pineville to assist in caring for him.

Word comes from Elder Frank that he is now spending more time in house to house visiting and Bible studies, which makes his work much more interesting.

A letter of inquiry from C. A. Parrott, of Mooringsport, indicates his deep interest in the colporteur work. His name will doubtless soon appear in the list of colporteurs.

Mississippi Conference

News Items

Since the fire, things have been rather unsettled, but we are glad to report that the three families that were living in the con-

ference building are now located in a large building at 537 Hooker St. No doubt this will be our location until it is decided what to do with the ruins of our building.

Monday, March 20, our office was closed, as all the workers are in attendance at the Southern Union Conference at Nashville, Tenn. However, we have arranged for all mail to be promptly forwarded to us and we will endeavor to fill all orders as promptly as usual. We hope that if there should be any delay our people will be patient with us.

On account of the illness of their little daughter, Sister Burke, our young people's secretary, has been unable to be in attendance at this meeting. We sincerely hope that the child's illness is not serious and that she will soon be back to her usual health.

The Colored Institute

On the tenth of March our colored institute was opened at Greenville, Miss., with fifteen colporteurs in attendance. A few days later we had three more added to this number. The meeting was very spiritual from the beginning. Most of those in attendance had been in the field the previous year and came to this institute with many interesting experiences to relate of how God had blessed them in their work the past year.

Brother J. W. Davis, our union field missionary secretary, was there on the twelfth to open the meeting. All present enjoyed the good instruction that he gave during this institute. At the close of this meeting we had a very interesting experience meeting which lasted for six hours. All of these workers went to their field full of courage and strength and determination to do a mighty work for God this year. I hope that our brethren over the field will remember these workers in prayer that they may have great success in putting the printed page in the homes of the people during this year. J. R. STATON.

Kentucky Conference

News Items

Brother Jeff Hickman sent in a remittance the past week for a delivery he made in Letcher County.

Brother W. B. Wilson has gone to Brethett County where he will sell that good book "Bible Readings."

The following persons are in attendance at the Union Conference: B. W. Brown, James Hickman, Elder O. A. Dow, C. W. Vermillion, S. D. Bossing, Mrs. O. A. Dow, Elder W. H. White, Miss Lena Brown, Elder J. H. Lawrence, and William Winston.

Brother Luther Bowles writes from Nicholasville that he is of good courage and expects to continue in the colporteur work with a determination to do more than he has in the past.

Sister Cora Cuneutte writes from Auxier that she is of good courage and is planning to locate where she can send her children to a church school the coming year.

Brother H. Kindred, of Panola, has organized a Sunday school in that place and is using our literature. He states that the people say it is the best literature they have ever used in Sunday school.

Brother Jesse Miller, who was one of our star canvassers, but has now gone to his home in Kansas, sent us a good letter last week. He also mailed us a check for his tithe. Brother Jesse has been selling the printed page in the Kansas Conference but he still expects to return to Kentucky in the near future.

Brother Hickman has lately received word from several persons who desire to take up the colporteur work. We are glad to have these new recruits join our band of workers.

Brother Reichenbach reports a good delivery the past week and tells of finding some people who are keeping the Sabbath as the result of reading our books.

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

W. R. ELLIOTT, President.

F. C. BRUCE, Conference and Tract Society Secretary and Treasurer.

M. WHEELER, Field Missionary Secretary.

OFFICE ADDRESS, 2014 23rd Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

PROF. S. L. CLARK, Principal Hazel Academy, Hazel, Ky.

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:48

Friday, March 31

West 6:24

News Items

Brother George Wallace, of Fountain Head, is taking the short course for nurses at the Madison School. He will return to his home after a few months. He has recently sent in an order for some of our literature. We are always glad to hear from our brethren who are anxious to scatter our truth-filled literature.

Brother Berdon Hampton has secured a position with one of the brethren in Jackson. He writes that he is of good courage.

Brother William J. Keele has recently purchased a nice horse and buggy and writes that he will put in full time from now on, the weather being immaterial to him. Brother and Sister Keele have just completed a very successful delivery.

Brother Milton Young, the treasurer of the Memphis No. 2 church, sent in an order for supplies this week. He reports the church doing everything in its power to work up the mission funds. He also reports the church very active in missionary lines. They have recently secured the agency from the post office to mail their papers at pound rates and expect to send a number of papers out each week, taking advantage of the cheap postage rates they have secured.

Miss Minnie Brown, the secretary of the Memphis Sabbath school, writes that they are making plans to raise enough money the thirteenth Sabbath, March 25, to enable them to reach their goal of \$150. We are certainly glad that this school is expecting to make this dollar day, and we hope that the thirteenth Sabbath offering for the first quarter will be the largest ever raised in this conference.

Orders are still being received for the set of damaged books which were advertised in the WORKER some weeks ago. We beg to announce that we can fill no more orders, inasmuch as this stock has been exhausted. We will announce in the next issue of the WORKER some special bargains in damaged books. Please watch for it.

The brethren and sisters of the Fountain Head church have sent in a nice order for tracts and pamphlets which they expect to use in missionary work in that community. There is quite an interest in the truth at that place and it is hoped that meetings can be held there in the near future. Calls are coming in from all directions for help, but we do not have enough workers to answer the calls.

We have recently received from the missionary secretary of the Memphis church an order for fifty *Watchman*. They are also planning to use a large number of the *Signs Weekly* in their missionary efforts. We can quote a price on back numbers of the *Signs of the Times Weekly* as follows: 50 cents per hundred in miscellaneous assortments, or \$3.75 a thousand, and in addition five hundred copies will be given free. We hope that a number of our churches will take advantage of this special offer.

Brother C. G. Bishop is assisting in the dining-room of the Southern Union Conference during the ten days' meeting here in the city. We are sorry to lose his efforts from the colporteur field, but he is giving good service where he is.

Southern Training School Notes

The chapel hour Wednesday was devoted to religious liberty and to the circulation of our literature. Elder L. A. Hoopes, our Bible teacher, occupied the first part of the hour in setting forth some earnest pleas protesting against the measures which are now pending before our national Congress. One bill is to restrict the freedom of the press. The other bill, if passed, will commit Congress to class legislation. The teachers and students sent six night letters to their respective senators, protesting against the measures. Petitions were also signed and sent to Senators McHellar and Shields.

Brother L. L. Lawrence was with us at chapel last Wednesday and talked on the circulation of our literature. A large class of colporteurs are expected from our school this year.

The senior class for 1916 consisting of eleven members has just been organized. Their officers are as follows: Mark Fulbright, president; Eleanor Elliott, vice-president; Genevieve Robert, secretary; Willis Van Voorhis, treasurer.

Mr. Halvorsen made a business trip to Chattanooga last Monday, March 13.

Brother Geo. W. Poague has returned from a business trip to the Northwest.

Miss Brooke occupied the chapel hour Tuesday by reading to us of the discovery of a wonderful voice. The reading told of Morris Hornfeld, a Rumanian, who at one time was a truck driver in New York City but who later became a great singer.

On Thursday Professor Atteberry read extracts from letters from former students of the school. We note that Prof. H. C. Harrison is teaching in Keene Academy. Mr. H. K. Presley

has been cashier and bookkeeper at the New England Sanitarium near Boston, the past five years. We are glad to know of their faithful work.

Extracts were also read from a business letter written to the school by a sister in Germany, in which she speaks very guardedly of conditions there. Evidently foodstuffs are quite scarce and but few have kerosene for lights. Women are doing the work of the missing men, even on the farms. Her letter was full of courage, however, and confidence in God's care for his work and his people.

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: Six-room house in good repair, just repainted and papered; good out buildings; sixty fruit trees; one and one-half acres of land; located on the Gallatin Pike, five miles from Nashville, and four miles from Madison, and only five minutes' walk from the Gallatin Interurban car line. Address F. E. Wagner, Madison, Tenn.

Read Elder I. H. Evans' article, "The Resurrection," in the April *Watchman*.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference, Week Ending March 18, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Robert J Cook	47	14	\$25 00	\$ 1 05	\$26 05	\$ 1 00
Thos Goodman	118	6	13 00	1 20	14 20	5 00
M L Ivory	59	17	51 00		51 00	
Q Tew	38	3	9 00		9 00	9 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
Agent	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	Value
R H Hazelton	40	15	\$32 00	\$	\$32 00	\$
Wm J Keele	39	6	21 00	6 75	27 75	2 00
Mrs Mae Keele	14	2	6 00	15 00	21 00	3 00
D Lindsay	32	13	40 00	1 50	41 50	
BE Wagner	26	13	39 00	2 00	41 00	

Totals (Agts. 4) 262 40 \$98 00 \$ 2 25 \$100 25 \$15 00

Totals (Agts. 5) 151 49 \$138 00 \$25 25 \$163 25 \$ 5 00

G'd Totals (A. 20) 762 223 \$993 40 \$64 25 \$1075 65 \$129 75

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
Agent	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	Value
R R Coble	40	7	\$23 00	\$	\$23 00	\$
E W Radeke	20	3	7 00	1 25	8 25	4 00
G B Boswell	28	24	83 00	25	83 25	
Bibles			12 40		12 40	

Summary from January 1 to Date			
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference	\$ 635 00	\$ 21 70	\$ 68 35
Kentucky Conference	2171 95	108 95	1136 45
Louisiana Conference	349 55	4 55	197 00
Mississippi Conference	2574 00	98 40	270 50
Tenn. River Conference	1370 25	200 50	417 90

Totals (Agts. 3) 88 34 \$125 40 \$ 1 50 \$126 90 \$ 4 00

Totals \$7100 75 \$ 434 10 \$2090 20

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Agent	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	Value
Jeff Hickman	40	53	\$170 00	\$13 55	\$183 55	\$
Felia Pierce	35	32	107 00		107 00	
Andy Schroader	34	14	40 00		40 00	6 00
J B Reichenbach	27			75	75	45 00
Luther Bowles	19			9 00	9 00	45 00
Miscellaneous			18 00	3 40	21 40	
Bibles						6 75

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending March 18, 1916

Agent	ALABAMA CONFERENCE	No.	Value
Mrs Clara Miller		29	\$ 2 90
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
Lura Reed		37	3 70
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE†			
W H Waite		50	5 00
Mrs Ida Harell		220	22 00
M A Murphy		50	5 00
Mrs M P Sparks		50	5 00
Miscellaneous		400	40 00
Mrs A H Kelley†		424	42 40
Miss Sadie Klindt†		79	7 90

Totals (Agts. 5) 155 99 \$317 00 \$26 70 \$361 70 \$102 75

Totals 1339 \$ 133 90

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Agent	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	Value
Elmer Chastain	30	25	\$77 00	\$ 4 05	\$81 05	\$ 3 00
Percy Stewart	34	40	124 00	2 70	126 70	
J L Waller	42	36	114 00	1 80	115 80	

Totals (Agts. 3) 106 101 \$315 00 \$ 8 55 \$323 55 \$ 3 00

*Two Weeks. †Sales to date. ‡Week ending March 10.

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News Items

A convention of the young people's missionary volunteer and educational secretaries opened on Monday morning in the Publishing House Chapel under the direction of Prof. L. H. Wood, our Union educational secretary.

Prof. M. E. Kern, the general conference missionary volunteer secretary, is present from Washington, D. C., to assist in this convention, also Prof. Leo Thiel, the educational secretary of the Southeastern Union Conference.

The field missionary secretaries of the Union under the direction of our union field secretary, Brother J. W. Davis, are also in session, likewise the conference and tract society secretaries of the union conference with Brother G. H. Curtis as chairman. We are glad to have the help in these departments of the general field secretary of the North American Division, Elder W. W. Eastman, who has been present all this week giving help in these lines of work.

The Constituency Meeting of the Southern Publishing Association held its first session Tuesday afternoon, March 21. There was a good representation from the three union conferences, the territory of the Southern Publishing Association. Present at this meeting are Elders G. F. Watson, president of the Southwestern Union; S. E. Wight, president of the Southern Union; and W. H. Branson, president of the Southeastern Union. Others present are C. E. Smith, secretary-treasurer of the Southwestern Union; W. E. Abernathy, secretary-treasurer of the Southeastern Union; A. F. Harrison, field secretary of the Southwestern Union; D. W. Dillen, field secretary of the Southeastern Union, and a number of the conference presidents from both of these unions.

As this paper goes to press the delegates to the Southern Union Conference are arriving on every train, and a full list of these delegates is given elsewhere.

Elders I. H. Evans and G. B. Thompson from Washington D. C. arrived on Wednesday to attend the Southern Union Conference session and the meetings of the Publishing House.

The public sessions of these meetings are being held in the chapel of the Southern Publishing Association on 24th Ave. North. The evening services have been attended not only by the delegates, but by the members of the local church also.

On Monday night Prof. M. E. Kern gave a very interesting stereopticon lecture on the Y. P. M. V. work throughout the world, showing many pictures of young people's societies in different countries. His recital of the trying experiences

of some of our young people in foreign lands in obeying the message was truly interesting and inspiring.

On Tuesday night following the session of the Southern Publishing Association, the audience was favored with a short song service by the Watchman Quartet, which was illustrated by the stereopticon. Other pictures were given showing the beginnings of our work in the South, including a picture of the delegates present at the first Union Conference ever held in Nashville.

The first meeting of the Southern Union Conference was held Wednesday evening at 7:30. On Thursday the first business session convened, and the president's and secretary-treasurer's reports were rendered, copies of which will be found in another part of this issue.

Elder I. H. Evans spoke on "The Signs of the Times" to a large audience Wednesday evening.

Nashville Fire

About noon Wednesday, March 21, an unprecedented Nashville fire started east of the river, in a little negro shack. It then caught an adjoining factory on fire and began to spread. The heavy wind soon carried it beyond the control of the firemen, and it leaped from block to block extending a distance of nearly two miles. Nearly seven hundred homes were destroyed and about three thousand people rendered homeless. This is estimated to be a two million dollar loss.

An attempt was made, as soon as it was found that the fire was unmanageable, to obtain assistance from other cities to fight the flames, but on account of the high wind, telegraphic communication was interrupted.

The Memorial Church was only a block from the sweep of the fire. The fourth house east of the church did catch on fire, but was extinguished.

On account of the fire the public meetings at the Publishing House were discontinued during the afternoon.

Obituary

GREENTREE.—William Greentree, of Elkwood, Ala., died Mar. 16, 1916. He was a native of Ohio, born in Brown County Feb. 3, 1848. His first Christian experience was in connection with the Methodist Church. He accepted the Adventist faith about thirty-five years ago, and ever afterward remained a faithful member. He was one of the charter members of the church at Leesburg, Ohio. About twenty years ago, he came south, and located in the vicinity of Elkwood, Ala., which neighborhood, with the exception of two years, was his home the remainder of his days. One purpose in his coming south was to spread the light of truth. He was privileged to see a church of thirty members raised up. He was the elder of the church to the day of his death. Two years ago a church was built on his place.

Brother Greentree was twice married. Three daughters were born to him: one by his first wife, Mrs. May Bloom, of Wilmington, Ohio; and two by his present wife, Mrs. Vada Webster, of Jackson, Mich., and Mrs. Ruth Williams, of Elkwood, Ala. The wife, three daughters, and two stepsons survive to mourn, but not without hope.

Services were conducted by the writer, a large audience being present. Text, Mal. 3:16.

A. L. MILLER.

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