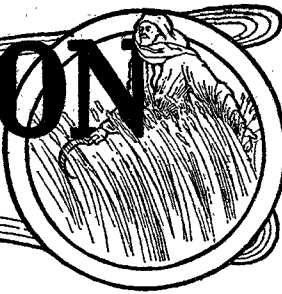


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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## Sabbath, May 6

Sabbath, May 6, which has been appointed by the General and North American Division Conferences as Missionary Volunteer Day, should bring a great blessing to every church. The work to receive special attention upon this day is an important one and grows more and more interesting as it spreads over the world, gripping the hearts of thousands of young people and children and leading them forth in Christian service.

The program for the regular church service May 6, appears in the *Review and Herald* of April 20. It contains important articles by Elders Daniells, Evans, and Kern. Surely no church interested in the salvation of its young people will fail to observe Missionary Volunteer Day.

Time is short! Only a few years at the most remain in which to save the children and youth whom Satan is working hard to destroy. May 6 is the day set apart for churches and companies

everywhere to unite in studying prayerfully this all-important work. Let us pray and labor to make it decision day for many young people. Let all of us pledge ourselves to work unceasingly for the children and youth. Do it for the sake of the young people. Do it for the sake of the church, for "he who saves the children saves the church."

Every church should receive on May 6 a special blessing for its homes, for its parents, for its young people, for its children. Every church is asked to observe that day by using the program prepared, by studying how to save its own children and youth, and by uniting in earnest prayer for the salvation of children and young people everywhere. Your church should make May 6 a day never to be forgotten. Will you?

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT.

## Report of the First Meeting of the Sixth Biennial Session of the Southern Union Conference Held 9:45 A. M., March 23, 1916

The first session of our conference opened in the chapel of the Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, Tenn. The congregation joined in singing the opening song, "Saved to Serve," after which Elder G. B. Thompson, secretary of the North American Division Conference, led in an earnest prayer asking the blessing of the Lord upon the work of this session.

Before entering upon the business for the hour Elder Wight spoke as follows:

"I am certainly pleased to see the delegates here this morning, and I should judge as I look over the congregation that there are but few of the delegates whose names were sent in who are not here. This is as it should be, and I trust that this same spirit of promptness will remain with us through our session, and that from the first to the last our meetings will be of such a character that we will receive benefit and help as we go to our fields.

"It has been arranged this morning that Brother Curtis and myself will give our reports. My report is a short one. I have tried to cover the field and still not cover it in a way that will be covered by the departments. I suppose the real interest will come when the departments make their reports, still there are some things I feel very much interested in myself, and there are a few points I would like to have you notice as we go."

The president's address was printed in last week's paper, also the financial statements given by the treasurer, covering the year 1915. In addition to what was printed in the paper last week the treasurer presented further financial statements covering the year 1914, and a series of tabulated reports of a statistical nature showing the growth of the work in the Southern Union Conference during the past six years. Many interesting features were revealed in this report. It was stated that from the year 1900 to 1909 the gain in membership in the Southern

Union Conference territory was but 303, while in the past six years our membership had more than doubled, increasing from 1,517 to 3,054. The percentage of increase had been greater with each succeeding biennial term, and during the last biennial term the net increase was 781.

There are 102 churches in the union conference, our present membership being made up of 2,115 white and 939 colored. The workers have reported 957 baptisms during the past two years. The total tithe receipts for the union were \$77,116.85, of which \$62,277.65 was paid by our white membership and \$14,839.20 by our colored membership. This was a good increase over the previous term. The report of foreign mission offerings was also encouraging. This had increased from \$6,885 in 1910 to \$16,352.87 in 1915.

A comparison of the rate per week on the twenty-cent-a-week fund reveals the true increase a little better when it is stated that the rate per week in 1910 was eight cents, which increased to thirteen and four-fifths cents in 1915. It is encouraging to note the increased interest of our people in the work of foreign missions. This growth came about quite largely through the increased interest in the Sabbath school offerings of which the per capita in 1910 was \$1.07 and increased to \$2.64 in 1915. The total offerings from these departments of our work in these years was \$33,722.61.

There are now 54 church buildings in the union with a valuation of \$79,700, being an increase in the last two years of 12 buildings and \$27,750 in valuation.

Including the colporteurs there are 143 workers in the union conference, of which 104 are white and 39 colored.

The home missionary work was also touched upon and a very encouraging report was presented for the year 1915. There have been a total of 177 conversions and additions to our mem-

bership from this department of the work during the past year, with offerings by our churches of \$1,634 for home mission work.

The book sales show a gain from \$30,450 in 1909, to \$55,063 in 1915, the largest sales by any conference during this period being made by Mississippi with \$73,000, and Kentucky second with \$70,000.

On motion the Southern Union Conference Committee as a whole was invited to select the standing committees.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

G. H. CURTIS, *Secretary*.

### Report of Nominating Committee

President	S. E. Wight
Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor	G. H. Curtis
Educational and Y. P. M. V. Secretary	Lynn H. Wood
Field Missionary Secretary	J. W. Davis

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

S. E. Wight	G. H. Curtis
B. W. Brown	W. R. Elliott
A. L. Miller	C. N. Sanders
C. S. Wiest	J. W. Davis
Lynn H. Wood	M. F. Knox
R. L. Pierce	E. A. Sutherland

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W. R. Elliott	C. N. Sanders
C. S. Wiest	Sydney Scott
T. B. Buckner	J. H. Lawrence
N. B. King	J. G. Dasent
Randall Johnson	

### OAKWOOD MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL BOARD

S. E. Wight	C. J. Boyd
A. L. Miller	T. B. Buckner

### Report of Committee on Licenses and Credentials

#### MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

S. E. Wight	Sydney Scott
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#### HONORARY MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

P. T. Magan	E. A. Sutherland
F. W. Halladay	T. H. Jeys

#### MINISTERIAL LICENSE

J. W. Davis	L. H. Wood
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#### MISSIONARY LICENSE

G. H. Curtis

#### HONORARY MISSIONARY LICENSE

C. J. Boyd

#### ORDINATION AND MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

D. V. Barnes

### Report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor

That Elder O. F. Frank make Kentucky his field of labor, planning to enter that field as soon as possible.

That A. C. Chatman make Kentucky his field of labor, if suitable arrangements can be made.

That we invite Elder A. N. Durrant, of Pittsburg, to labor in the Mississippi Conference.

### Standing Committees for the Southern Union Conference

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

I. H. Evans, Chairman	B. W. Brown
W. R. Elliott	C. N. Sanders
C. S. Wiest	M. F. Knox
A. L. Miller	J. H. Lawrence

#### PLANS

J. W. Davis, Chairman	M. E. Kern
R. L. Pierce	O. R. Godsmark
L. H. Wood	James Hickman
R. E. Burke	

#### COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

G. H. Curtis, Chairman	G. B. Thompson
W. W. Eastman	

#### MISSION PLANS COMMITTEE

C. B. Stephenson, Chairman	Randall Johnson
Sydney Scott	N. B. King
A. C. Chatman	J. G. Dasent
T. B. Buckner	

#### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR

Elder S. E. Wight, Chairman	C. N. Sanders
A. L. Miller	C. S. Wiest
B. W. Brown	W. R. Elliott

#### CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

J. A. Morrow	C. F. Lowry
O. A. Dow	

### Educational and Young People's Work

Having been in charge of the work in this union for only a few months I do not feel enough acquainted with the work to be able to go much into detail concerning the development either in the educational or young people's work. I feel that there is a great opportunity for development both in the school department and in the young people's organization. We have a great deal of remarkable talent here in this field that needs only the awakening power of the Holy Spirit to become intensely beneficial in the promulgation of the message for this generation.

I feel that the church school system is the foundation of our work here in the South. In the past six or seven years, this entire field has had no more than seventeen church schools during any one year until the present. If you will note the chart entitled "Number of Church Schools," you will see that we have

been wavering, hardly knowing what to do until the past two years. In 1913 every worker seemed to settle down to the conclusion that something must be done for our young people, and you will notice the general tendency of the graph from then on is upward. In 1908 there seemed to be a spurt, but in 1909 this fell off and for some reason the schools seemed to sink back. I cannot help but believe, however, that this was one evidence of the fact that we were about to awake, and as small vibrations come before the violent seismic action, so the slight rise during the years 1908-1909 is but an evidence of the rise we see started in 1913-1915. Our field has had so much on its hands the past few years with so few laborers to carry out the needs of the work that only those lines that were especially emphasized were carried into execution. As a result we have had to look to other fields to quite an extent for material to carry on our work. I feel

that if we can realize the importance of the church school work and can obey the instruction given by the Spirit of the Lord in not allowing a school to be closed when once started, that in a very few years our field will show a rapid advance along all lines. This affects every department, for our young people may take up the work from now on as never in the past, and I think I see "a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," indicative of the fact that our young people and church school scholars will take an added burden upon themselves in this most remarkable crisis in the world's history.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

In the Young People's Department, we find that statistics for the past several years are meager. Sometimes conferences would report and sometimes not. The very fact that the charts vibrate back and forth so is one of the strongest evidences to me that there is a latent talent which if awakened would become a very strong factor. Now the question is how to awaken that talent. It can only be done by each individual laborer taking upon himself the responsibility of taking this work everywhere he goes. No one department is independent of the rest; all are dependent on the others. Our young people are looking to our workers for examples in every line of work, and while it takes a good deal of time to keep going and keep these different lines in motion, yet if we as laborers could help each other, forgetting for a time just our own department and help pull each other's loads, we would see much more accomplished in the end. One of the northern conferences had its school work built up by every man on the conference committee going out and in every sermon he preached saying something about the school work. In this way a demand was created and the work was brought up. Scholars came into the schools and every one felt that the church school was the only proper thing.

Since coming to this conference I have had an experience which shows the verity of this to my mind. Last summer while working in the different camp-meetings and general meetings I kept myself supplied with the Morning Watch, taking fifty or one hundred out in my suitcase and distributing these to the people at the different meetings, and trying to get our workers to carry some with them. One worker told me that he had his own definite way of studying the Bible, and he felt the Morning Watch was good for our young people, but he did not see the need of our workers who are busy from morning to night taking up this Morning Watch and bothering themselves with it. After quite a little argument he finally took ten, simply to be in line with the organization, as I told him we were trying to get every person in the union to take hold of this line of work. Since coming to the conference this worker told me that it was with reluctance he took those Morning Watch Calendars, but he went home and began to study it himself, for he knew he must study it if he would recommend it to others, and he found it was a wonderful thing. He not only got rid of his ten, but bought others and got them out into the hands of the people, and he said, "I think there is nothing like the Morning Watch, I think it is good for everybody from Elder Daniells down, and I mean to do everything I can to circulate this pamphlet among our churches." I know many of us have so many burdens pressing upon us that we do not see how we can take any more. The canvassers want us to help them, the school teachers want us to help, the young people's workers want help, and we have our ministerial reading course, and our meetings, conventions, and other lines of work; but if we can get the rank and file of our people to do any line of work, we as leaders must lead. True, it takes time, but every one of us has the privilege of making 250,000 motions per day, and with the greater responsibility there comes a wisdom somehow from on high to know how to cut out a lot of waste motion. It is said that a firm in New York that had been having its experts put an engine together sent an inspector into the erecting room with a moving

picture machine. The machinist had been day by day putting an engine together in thirty-eight minutes. The inspector watched him, studying carefully every motion, but could not see how he could reduce the time. He took a motion picture of the thirty-eight minute job and then with the developed film in his hand went into his office and studied it for weeks. He then began contriving all kinds of machinery for holding different parts of the machinery. Upon the completion and installation of this new device this same machinist was able to put his engine together in eight minutes. Before, 75 per cent of his 250,000 motions a day were lost.

In a sewing factory a girl made a certain operation on the sewing machine in twenty-five seconds. A motion picture was taken of this and studied carefully with the result that the time was reduced three seconds on each piece.

This is a day of efficiency and of making every moment count, and it seems to me if we would turn the motion picture machine of God's power into our work that we would be able to devise ways and means by which we could eliminate a lot of our lost motion, and do a great many things we never dreamed we could do until we tried them.

Upon being asked to speak to his congregation concerning the Standard of Attainment, one conference worker asked what the Standard of Attainment was. It seems to me that that man had a lot of lost motion in his life, but thank God there are not any in this field at the present time, I think, who do not know what this Standard of Attainment is. I am very grateful for the cooperation that I have had in presenting these subjects in the different conferences. Conference presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and other workers have lined right up, taken the examination, and received their certificates in order to help in getting out young people started. The burden of our young people rests heavily upon the shoulders of our conference workers. They see the need, and let us pray that somehow God will in this meeting open plans before us whereby we can cut out a great percentage of our lost motion and make every action count for him during this next quadrennial period.

One of the most interesting things in connection with our young people's work is the effort made by our churches throughout the union to urge the people to read the Bible through during this year. As you know, our constituency at present numbers 3,054. According to the announcement made in the last WORKER, we have 1,059 who have signed the enrolment blank, registering themselves in the Bible Year for 1916. The number is now close to 1,100. In order to facilitate this work we have designed a chart, a copy of which you see before you. This chart belongs to the Nashville young people's society, and, as you see, the name is enrolled and twelve columns left for the months of the year. At the end of each month the roll is called and the names checked up according to the outline given in the back of the Morning Watch. In order to have this outline with us continually, we have had it reprinted in separate form, and we give it to all who have signed the enrolment blank, asking them to fold it and paste it in the backs of their Bibles. Each day as they read the assignment, they cross off the amount they have read so that they know when they are up to date. This chart keeps everybody in line, and is a great stimulus to all. Last year I think there were but two in the Nashville society who finished reading the Bible through. This year there are thirty-five in the society who have started and a large per cent of these are up to date. There is over a third of our constituency enrolled to read the Bible through this year. Last year throughout the union there were from sixty to seventy-five who finished their Bibles out of a constituency of over 3,000. Picture in your mind what this will mean to the field where from one-third to one-half of our people are day by day digging in God's Word and kneeling at his feet asking for an understanding of how to carry on this work. Eternity alone

will reveal the results of this work. A great many have sent in the word that they are reading the Bible who have not put their names on the chart. Some of our young people are even interesting outsiders in having their names placed on these charts. In some of our churches when this matter has been presented, outsiders who have been present at the time visiting the church have asked that their names be recorded.

The work in the matter of the Reading Course has not progressed quite so rapidly. It seems to be hard for some of our young people to read these books. The junior work is not so hard, but the seniors are having trouble with the "History of the Sabbath" and some few with "Life of William Miller." It seems to me, however, that for our work here in the South, there could really be no better assignment than "The History of the Sabbath" for this year, for the Sunday question is coming up in many different localities, and our people need to be informed concerning the proper lines of instruction touching the Sabbath. We will need it sometime and will be very thankful for the knowledge that this good book brings to us if we will take hold of it energetically.

Up to the present time this year there have been several Standard of Attainment certificates issued and several Reading Course certificates, but our goal for the year is a large one, and I am hoping that all will take an active hand in it, and do much toward furthering the interests in the Reading Course work. I have been in a good many churches this past year where I have asked how many had read a single book through during the past year and only a very small percentage of the entire congregation could raise their hands. To help this line of work and to create an interest in our young people in reading, the union conference has purchased all the missionary volunteer reading course books and placed them in a circulating library. This library is free to the use of all in the union, costing the reader nothing but the return postage. This library has been in operation four months, and up to the present time there have been sixty-four books sent out, and only one book has been out as many as four times. Words of appreciation are coming from a great many homes of what this reading course is doing. It is astonishing how soon some of these books return to the office. Some of our big books are returned before the two-week period is up. They must be devoured with unusual speed, and I cannot help but feel they are read, for orders keep coming in from the same people for other books. It is a pleasure to see some homes eager for good reading, and just as fast as the conferences can I feel it would be a good move for them to put libraries into their own offices. At the present time we have a waiting list for several of our books, and I am sure if some of the conferences could put in these books there would be a good demand for them. From the information coming into our office concerning these books I think that the money spent for postage has been money well spent, for I am sure it will inspire some of our young people to a life they never dreamed of before.

#### RURAL SCHOOL WORK

Scattered over the Southland there are some thirty or forty schools that have been fitted up for the purpose of getting in touch with the hill people, to reach them through their children. Fourteen schools in this union have reported this year. This work was first started in North Carolina by Brother J. L. Johnson, and a year and a half after this Madison opened her doors, and has built up a work in this part of the field. Among those who best represent the plans carried out by Madison are the schools at Fountain Head and Goodlettsville. It seems to me that Madison should be a training school for all this line of work, and that a great number of people should be encouraged to come down into this field and enter this line of work, men who have money, or can secure money, men of talent and ability, who can gather young people as workers around them. It seems to me that we would defeat the object of our rural school

work if we should have a large number of training schools in this field just as we would defeat the interest of our conference work if we should have a large number of schools after the order of the Southern Training School. We surely cannot have more training schools than can be feeders to the country. I am very much pleased with what I saw at Fountain Head and other places in this district, for these schools are not trying to be training schools, but are trying to reach the people and bring salvation to them and their children. I was at one school not long ago, and the man in charge was called to a prayer meeting, and upon returning home, was met by a man in a wagon and was asked to get in and ride. Upon speaking to him about his soul, the man asked the teacher to get down and pray for him. This was done, and there by the roadside, the man having seen the life of these people in the schools, pledged himself to give up liquor and live a consistent Christian life in his home.

Meetings are being carried on by one school in a near-by country church, and the people are becoming interested in the Sabbath, people who would not listen years ago because of those "fureigners" who had come into their midst, but who have realized by being ministered to daily that they were not such a bad people after all.

One of these schools carried on active work in the territory where it was last summer, and as the result some six or seven young people were baptized. At another school one girl is now keeping the Sabbath whose parents are bitterly opposed to it, and she has found the truth by her daily contact with the teacher in the school. But somehow I feel that with our regular conference work as well as with the rural work there must come a strong connection with God more than ever before. True, we must break down prejudice, but somehow the Holy Spirit is going to empower us to break it down faster than we have ever done in the past. Jesus was a Jew, yet it did not hinder him from breaking down the prejudice of the people in Samaria when he spoke to the woman at the well and in a day's time converted more than the priests could in years. We need this same power of the Holy Spirit in our lives in the finishing of the work in the South. We must teach the people in their homes, and in some way when we meet them wherever they may be, it must bring such a conviction to their hearts that they will go to their homes and say, "Never man spake like this man."

As I have gone among these schools the past year it seems I have noticed an activity along the line of seeking souls I have not seen before, and results are beginning to show. We must yoke together as people with a definite burden on their hearts for the salvation of souls. In the words of one of the leaders of the Young People's Volunteer Movement for the world, "We must go once for these people, we must go again, we must go until we get them." But this going must be done with all possible speed. This is true of our conference work just as much as our schools. A spirit must take possession of all the workers here in the Southland that will finish the work. I placed the rural school chart before you, for I am sure you will be interested to see some general items concerning these schools as to the size of the farms, number of buildings, valuation, number of students, teachers, etc. You may study this at your leisure. It shows a total acreage of 1,564, having a valuation of \$72,400, and on these farms there are 89 buildings. There are 264 students enrolled, 119 boys and 144 girls, and 41 teachers are giving their lives to this work. Let us pray that the Lord will give them a rich harvest of souls.

#### OUR GOALS

Our goal for the union is before you. In only one respect is it less than the goal for last year, and that is in the amount of money for missions. You will see on this chart the goal and results for 1915 which show that in only one respect did we reach our goal, and that is in the number of young people converted. Different conferences have their goals and should do all in their

power to reach them, and then the union will not fall down.

I submit for your consideration in the question of reaching our financial goal a printed card. My idea is to make it sort of a Bible bookmark. The young person's name is to be enrolled, and as he gives in a dime or a nickel or any other sum, he crosses off the amount he has given. At the end of the year these cards are collected, and there is a definite record in each office of the actual amount given to foreign missions outside of the Sabbath school.

In the reading the Bible through my idea is to give them a ribbon book mark with the conference goal on it and the history of their work during the year. This is to be kept in their Bibles as an evidence that they have succeeded in winning their goal.

In order to know just how many of the baptisms in the different conferences are young people, I would very earnestly urge that all our ministers in reporting baptisms report them in such a way as to enable us to determine the exact number of young people baptized. Either these should be designated as young people and adults or else the age should be given, or in some way designation should be made so as to help us in reaching our goal in this respect. Let us encourage our workers as they go to the different churches to keep the Bible Year chart before the people and keep after them all during the year. It is the one-way we will succeed in this. Then week by week we can encourage our young people to read more, and we shall have no trouble in reaching the goal.

Let us pray that God will baptize us with a new baptism for the finishing of the work.

LYNN H. WOOD.

### Report of the Book Work in the Southern Union Conference for 1914 and 1915

We are very glad to report at this time some of the joys and blessings of the colporteur work in this union conference. However, from a human standpoint the last two years have been the hardest in my experience in this field. During the first part of 1914 the workers did well taking orders, but you remember the great war broke out in August, which for the time being almost paralyzed the work, especially in the cotton section. There was no market for the crop for many months, and later when the market opened the price was so low that the people were left in a great financial strain and the most of them heavily in debt.

It is plain how this would naturally affect the work during the year 1915, and this condition has made it very hard for the field secretaries to hold all the colporteurs in the field. In some cases they have left the field and lessened the number of colporteurs, but the Lord says you can do nothing against the truth but for the truth, and from the following figures you will see the Lord has cared for his work, and in the place of a drop as we would naturally expect, there has been a gain each year, in actual deliveries made. This can be explained in no other way than that God's hand is guiding and his protection is over this blessed work of placing the printed page bearing the third angel's message directly in the homes of the people. It must not decrease, but increase until this precious truth is in every home of this great Southland, and the entire territory is warned and Jesus comes. Dear brethren, we believe with you that that day is not far distant, and that it behooves us to be ready.

The following figures are very encouraging indeed. For the biennial period of 1908-1909 the total sales were \$47,050.75; for 1910-1911 the total sales were \$65,379.40; for 1912-1913 the total sales were \$54,319.93. For the year 1914 the total sales were \$29,267.40; and for 1915 they were \$31,812.77. This makes a total for the biennial period of 1914-1915 of \$61,080.17.

Figured on a conservative basis, these good books have been put into about forty thousand homes, representing something like 200,000 people. The Lord says, "The time will come when

these books will be sought for and read." This is a great consolation and a joy to the heart of the faithful colporteur as he works from door to door.

I want to refer in a brief way to the work that is being done by the colored colporteurs, especially in Mississippi. In the delta a most peculiar situation exists because of the large land owners whose farms are managed by agents, foremen, etc. It seems that it would be hard for either white or colored brethren to work this field, so the Lord has raised up a corps of women colporteurs who enter these places and are not hindered in their work as our brethren would be. It is wonderful what endurance these sacrificing sisters have for this work. Though the roads be muddy, though they are ordered off of this place and that, yet they are faithful to their work day after day, week after week, and year after year. At the institute held for the colored workers at Greenville, Miss., this year, there was not one of these faithful women absent. It would do your hearts good to see the courage in their faces as they returned to their fields of labor for 1916.

Institutes have been held in all the conferences this winter except Louisiana, and these have been well attended. Something like sixty-five colporteurs have attended these institutes and will enter the field as regular colporteurs. To this list will be added the students from the four schools from which we get students.

We believe the colporteur work will have to be lifted by individuals, and in every conference the field secretaries are looking well to the individual reports as they come from the field. By suggestion and friendly criticism, they are helping these colporteurs to get their ideals up. The Lord says, "You strike too low, brethren." One report comes from a field secretary who worked with a new colporteur for almost a week and reported orders taken (one prospectus) to the amount of \$178, besides \$7.50 worth of helps sold for cash. This same colporteur took the next week \$142 worth of orders. This is good work. Yet there are many more farmers, carpenters, etc., in this union conference who could do as well as this brother is doing.

The prospects for the year 1916 are good. Our hearts are cheered as these good reports come in from the field. Time will not permit a report by conferences, but all are doing what they can to make this year the banner year in the book work. "The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvasser." Think of the words, "the time has come," not future, but present tense.

In conclusion I will say, we most heartily thank you for the cooperation in the past, and most earnestly solicit your help in the future. By faith, brethren, we see the truth in the printed form in every home in this union conference. We leave the books with a prayer that God will watch over his truth and hasten the time when "these books will be sought for and read," and many souls will be prepared for the kingdom of God. Let us be faithful in this grand work until Jesus says, "It is done."

J. W. DAVIS.

## Kentucky Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 5:56

Friday, April 7

West 6:27

### News Items

Brother Andy Shroader recently sent in a remittance and tells us that he had a good delivery. He is of good courage and expects to finish the county where he is working in a few weeks.

Sister M. A. Ewald, of the Louisville church, sent in a good order for magazines the past week. She writes that the young people's work in that city is progressing nicely.

Brother Alex Perry has again entered the field and will sell the printed page this year. He writes that the Lord blessed him in a marked way, and he expects to put in better time than ever before in the Lord's work.

Mrs. B. W. Brown has been quite ill, but at the present writing is able to be up again.

Brother Felia Pierce writes that he is of good courage and that the people are ready to receive the truth in Pike County, where he is selling "Bible Readings."

Sister T. A. Bom, of the Henderson church, ordered a good supply of our magazines the past week. She says they expect to do more missionary work along this line than they have in the past.

Brother D. S. Sutton, of Litchfield, has been quite poorly and writes that he is unable to do any missionary work at present but that he will give his money to buy literature to help some one else who can go out and distribute it.

Sister Harrison, of the Covington church, has ordered a good supply of the Present Truth Series to be used in that church to advertise their meetings which are in progress.

Brother Kenneth Harris recently ordered a good supply of "Story of Joseph." He expects to put in full time selling these books.

Sister Taylor, of the Lexington colored church, sent in an order a few days ago to the tract society, also a good remittance.

Sister L. Steele, of Louisville, is selling some of our good books. She writes that the Lord has blessed her in a marked way.

## Alabama Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6:05

Friday, April 7

West 6:22

### News Items

Brother Seth Walker, of Knoxville, has been visiting his sisters, Mrs. C. Hunt and Mrs. E. W. Booth, of Birmingham. While in Alabama Brother Walker has been selling the *Temperance Instructor*.

Following the institute in Red Level, Sisters Ruby Worley and Clara Eggleston made a trip with the *Watchman* and *Signs* magazines. After working Andalusia, they went to Georgiana. Sister Worley returned to Montgomery from that point, and Sister Eggleston worked Brewton and then left for Mobile. In a short time these two workers will meet at Selma, then go to Tuscaloosa and then to Birmingham. Very encouraging letters have been received from them and we expect them to permanently engage in the magazine work.

Brother and Sister A. Whidden, members of the conference church, send in a nice remittance of tithe.

Sister Mattie Smith is doing nicely in her book work around Mobile and seemingly finds "Bible Footlights" a ready seller.

The calendar of the Fireside Correspondence School is now ready. By addressing this office a copy can be obtained free. We highly recommend the Fireside Correspondence School, for it affords an excellent opportunity for obtaining an education, especially for those who are deprived of school privileges. The rates are reasonable, in fact at first glance the opinion might be formed that the course offered might not be thorough. However, this is not the case, for the instruction given is first-class in every respect.

Brother T. G. Culpepper, of Mobile, is handling *The Watchman* and is using fifty copies each month.

M. L. Ivory, who is working in Montgomery County with "Home and Health," writes that the people among whom he has been working gladly receive this book which tells them how to obtain and keep good health. He believes "Home and Health"

has a real work to perform here in the South. Copies of this book may be obtained from this office at \$3 each, postpaid.

Sisters Hobbs and Fuller, of Cullman, send in their tithe and offerings for the month.

The past few days the following have placed orders for the April *Watchman*: T. L. Guthrie, of Cardiff, Ala.; L. N. McAlpine, of Boligee, Ala.; S. D. Miller, of Mobile; H. Pittman, of Pensacola; Mrs. N. C. Freeman, of Birmingham; and Mrs. S. A. Fowler, of Mobile.

Brother O. S. Cain, treasurer of the Ashford church, has been confined to his bed with rheumatism the past few weeks. We trust Brother Cain will soon be restored to health again.

Don't forget the Anti-Tobacco number of the *Youth's Instructor*. Every boy in your church who is able to read should receive a copy of this paper in order that he may be warned of the evils of the tobacco habit. This number sells at five cents a copy.

Brother L. N. McAlpine's little daughter, who is not yet four years old, is quite an enthusiastic *Watchman* seller. She sold ten of the February number in just a little while, and in this morning's mail we received an order for a supply of the April number.

Brother Quinnie Tew, who has been canvassing in Geneva County, reports the following incident: "Last Wednesday I gave an old gentleman a canvass in the field. He refused to give me an order, but I felt impressed that he needed the book. After pleading with him, I finally had to leave without taking his order. However, he said if he changed his mind he would leave word in town, with a certain merchant. I went on my way, praying that the Lord would burn the canvass into his mind so deeply that he could not rest until he bought the book. The result was, when I reached town the next day I found he had left the order with the merchant."

We are prepared to fill your orders promptly for the new book, "Armageddon." This is an excellent little book and a ready seller. Place your order now.

J. M. McLaughlin, a former colporteur, sends in a remittance to apply on his account, also orders some Sabbath school supplies.

Brother E. C. Wigdery, who is working in Coosa County, reports a very successful delivery. He says all seemed glad to see him again and were well pleased with their books. Brother Wigdery thinks the prospects bright for a good fall delivery.

Sister T. C. Bannister, a member of the conference church, sends in her tithe for the month.

### Lynn Haven

The members of the Lynn Haven church are scattered, but all try to do their part. We meet regularly for our quarterly meetings, and almost always all members are present. At our next meeting, if nothing happens to prevent, we will have an addition to our church of from three to seven members. The Lord is blessing us in our efforts.

I was called to South Port, Fla., to organize a Sabbath school on Sabbath, the eighteenth. We organized a Sabbath school of twenty members. The people have agitated the Sabbath question. As the Baptist minister, who was previously a Catholic, has told his congregation that the Sabbath is the right day to keep, most of them will not go to hear him on Sunday, so he has been preaching on Sabbath, and they have called for a Sabbath school. Brother Nelson and family have moved there. They told Mr. Nelson that we could hold the Sabbath school in the church. I think by constant effort a nice school can be gathered there and a little later a church organized, perhaps of both minister and congregation. After the school was organized and the lesson study over, I gave a talk on the "Second Coming of Christ." Pray for the work here.

O. P. BOLINGER, Elder.

## Louisiana Conference

*Sunset Table. Standard Time.*

East 6:22

Friday, April 7

West 6:43

### News Items

The close cooperation of the church treasurers and the isolated members in sending in their monthly remittances of tithe and offerings to the conference office is very much appreciated.

A good letter from Brother E. W. Radeke indicates his desire to sell his farm, as he says, "I do want to get foot loose so I can put in full time (at the colporteur work). I have the place and must give it attention."

A second 1,000 copy order of the Present Truth Series (*Review and Herald* Extras) from Elder Frank shows the splendid work he is doing in circulating this literature in and about Lake Charles.

An order for Bibles from Miss M. L. Chilton, of Mansfield, is a good index of the useful way in which she spends her spare hours during the week. The Lord holds us responsible for every hour of the day. Are you spending your time to the very best advantage? Write to the conference office for methods of improving your spare moments.

## Tennessee River Conference

*Sunset Table. Standard Time.*

East 5:54

Friday, April 7

West 6:30

### News Items

Mrs. Jennie Robertson, of Memphis, sent in an order a few days ago for 200 copies of the *April Watchman*. Sister Robertson has been very faithful in selling our ten-cent magazines in the city of Memphis.

We recently received an order from an outsider for two of our small books to be sent to relatives. This order was secured by following up an inquiry which had been sent in to the publishing house. We always reply to these inquiries or refer them to some worker who can either visit or correspond with the person writing. There is no doubt but that the world is taking notice of our work and is looking with favor on the work we are doing along publishing lines.

### The Sabbath Question Again

In the April number the editor of *The Watchman* will begin a series of articles on "The True Sabbath" in which he reviews a tract being widely circulated in some parts of the country by Sabbath opponents.

### Obituary

**HEWITT.**—John Hewitt was born in Pittsburg, Penn., May 16, 1894, and died in Coffee County, Tenn., March 23, 1916, aged 21 years ten months and seven days. He came to Tennessee in 1907 and has lived at Tullahoma for the last three years, excepting the time he has spent away at school. Naturally endowed with talent for the work of a nurse, he entered Madison Sanitarium for special training and completed his work in the class of 1914-15. His life was pure and noble, and the spirit of good cheer and love that was manifest to all he knew endeared him to all. Many friends can but mourn the loss of one they have learned to love. They can only look for comfort to that bright morning when the King shall claim his own. The funeral service was conducted by Brother I. C. Pound Sabbath at 1 o'clock at Tullahoma.

JOHN MYERS.

## Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference, Week Ending March 25, 1916

		ALABAMA CONFERENCE				Total	Deliv.
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps			
B D Crawford* .BR	72	26	\$78 00	\$	\$78 00	\$	
H L Edwards* .BR	39	10	33 00		33 00		
Thos Goodman .HM	20			50	50	2 00	
SS Guilford . . . .HM	30	22	44 00		44 00		
M L Ivory . . . . .HH	50	10	30 00		30 00		
Q Tew . . . . .BR	45	4	12 00		12 00		
EC Widgery* .D&R	36	2	6 00	70	6 70	56 00	
Bibles . . . . .						2 50	

Totals (Agts. 8) 292 74 \$203 00 \$ 1 20 \$204 20 \$60 50

### KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Alex Perry . . . .BR	69	52	\$158 00	\$	\$158 00	\$
W B Wilson . . .BR	24	24	73 00		73 00	
Hatton Ford . . .BR	29	21	63 00		63 00	
Andy Schroader .BR	38	24	73 00		73 00	
Felia Pierce . . .BR	40	21	64 00		64 00	
Jeff Hickman . .BR	10	8	24 00		24 00	
E Harp . . . . .BR	40	7	22 00		22 00	
W G Michael . .BF	16					11 50
Bibles . . . . .			10 20		10 20	

Totals (Agts. 8) 266 157 \$487 20 \$ 10 20 \$487 20 \$11 50

### TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

R H Hazelton .GC	40	15	\$40 00	\$	\$40 00	\$
Wm J Keele . .D&R	37	8	29 00	9 00	38 00	
Mrs Mae Keele .BR	7			3 00	3 00	3 00
W W Murray . .BR	50	8	24 00		24 00	
W D Wade . . .GC	17	3	9 00	1 00	10 00	
B E Wagner PG&BR	33	7	21 00		21 00	14 42

Totals (Agts. 6) 184 41 \$123 00 \$13 00 \$136 00 \$17 42

G'd Totals (A. 22) 742 272 \$813 20 \$14 20 \$827 40 \$89 42

### Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference . .	\$ 838 00	\$ 22 90	\$ 128 85
Kentucky Conference .	2659 15	108 95	1147 95
Louisiana Conference .	349 55	4 55	197 00
Mississippi Conference	2574 00	98 40	270 50
Tenn. River Conference	1493 25	111 40	287 92

Totals . . . . . \$7913 95 \$ 346 20 \$2032 22

## Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending March 25, 1916

### ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Agent	No.	Value
B D Crawford . . . . .	17	\$ 1 70
Clara Egleston . . . . .	55	5 50
Totals . . . . .	72	\$ 7 20

### Training the Children to be Missionaries

Some of the Sabbath school children who have been taught the lesson by the use of the beautiful *Worker* Picture Roll are going into the homes of neighbors and friends and telling the Bible story and showing the picture illustrating it. Some are selling the picture, and thus securing money for the new roll.

In one place the young ladies are conducting "Bible Story Hours" with the children of the neighborhood, using the Picture Roll to illustrate the story. They ask all to learn five verses from the story during the succeeding week. All who do this for five weeks in succession receive one of the pictures.

As these pictures are very attractive and worthy of a place in any home, they open up possibilities for very effective work.

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### Notes from the Conference

Sunday, March 26, was educational day and was given over largely to the school work. The entire Southeastern Union Conference Committee was present during the day, also principals of Graysville and Hazel Academies, and leading brethren from Graysville.

Elder W. T. Knox, treasurer of the North American Division Conference, and Prof. Frederick Griggs, the educational secretary of the North American Division Conference were present also. Professor Griggs remained during the further meetings of the Union Conference.

Sabbath, March 25, was a day long to be remembered by the Nashville church and the visitors present. Elder I. H. Evans spoke to a large audience at the Memorial Church on Fatherland Street in the forenoon. A praise service was held at the Publishing House Chapel in the afternoon at 3 p. m., led by Elder G. B. Thompson.

In the evening we again met at the Memorial Church and enjoyed a very interesting stereopticon lecture on China by Elder R. F. Cottrell, a missionary on furlough from that field.

On Sunday evening a large audience of our visitors and people from the city listened to a sermon on "Armageddon" by Elder G. B. Thompson at the Memorial Church.

Beginning with Sunday morning the meetings were given over entirely to conference sessions, the presenting of reports of conference presidents and department secretaries, and the discussion of plans for the furtherance of our work. These reports and also the resolutions adopted by the conferences will be printed in this and following issues of the paper, and we are sure will be read with much interest by our people throughout the field.

The election of officers for the next four years occurred on Friday. The report of the nominating committee appears in this issue.

On Friday evening the congregation was divided, Prof. M. E. Kern conducting a very interesting meeting for the young people in the north side church, while Elder G. B. Thompson spoke at the chapel.

On Tuesday afternoon during a short recess in the conference session the delegates were given an exhibition of the fire drill of the Southern Publishing Association fire department. This was very interesting to those present. The work of this department is to be commended. On several occasions a serious loss by fire has been averted by the prompt work of this department.

During the meeting the various offices about the Publishing House were utilized for committee work, and the entire building was a busy scene from early morning to late at night. The library room was arranged as the stenographic department, and a force of stenographers were busily occupied during the hours of the day in keeping up the work of the various officials and secretaries present. This department was in charge of Miss Hazel Wood, of the Publishing House stenographic force.

Elder S. E. Wight, Prof. Lynn H. Wood, and Brother G. H. Curtis spent Sunday and Monday, April 2 and 3, in Atlanta, Ga., attending the Southeastern Union Conference and Southern Training School Constituency Meeting.

Brother J. W. Davis left Nashville March 30 for Huntsville where he goes to hold an institute at the Oakwood School.

### The Best Yet

The current number of *Liberty* for the second quarter of 1916 is the best ever issued. It contains three striking articles on the freedom of the press, showing the real animus back of the press bills now pending before Congress. This is a live issue before the whole country, and affords our people a splendid opportunity to sell the magazine to their neighbors. It contains a two-page cartoon, one of the best ever drawn by our cartoonist, showing eight religious organizations attacking the ship of state with their religious torpedoes. It exposes both Protestant and Catholic schemes to secure the control of this government. It is brimful of bristling material which will cause every American citizen to sit up and take notice. It has a very attractive front cover page illustration, which makes it a ready seller. Let our home workers and magazine colporteurs order 50 copies at \$2, as a try out. Now while the congressional bills are pending is a good time to circulate this important issue of *Liberty*.

C. S. LONGACKER.

At a session of the Southern Union Conference just closed, the delegates put themselves on record as being opposed to any legislation of the National Congress which would tend to place the control of the government or any of its departments in the hands of men who would use it for the furtherance of the work of any religious bodies. Copies of the resolution adopted are being forwarded to the senators representing this district in the national body. We are sure all will be interested in this number of *Liberty* explaining these principles.

### To Bible Year Members

All who began to read the Bible through in 1915, enrolling in the Bible Year, and who for any reason were unable to finish in 1915, but who faithfully complete the reading at any time during 1916, will receive a copy of the William Miller Bible Card. This card shows a clear picture of the Bible that William Miller used in his study of the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation. On the reverse side is a facsimile poem by Mr. Miller, written shortly after the disappointment in 1844.

In order to secure this card, those who enrolled in the Bible Year in 1915 should send a letter to their conference missionary volunteer secretary stating that fact, and also that they have completed the work.

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

WANTED: First-class hygienic cook. Address Mrs. F. C. Hightower, 318 Bolivar Street, Jackson, Tenn.

Do not forget May 6. It's Missionary Volunteer Day. See program in *Review* of April 20.