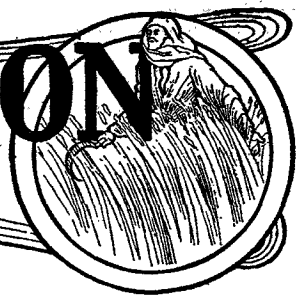




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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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Kentucky Conference Biennial Report

Beloved fellow-laborers, delegates, brethren, and sisters assembled in the biennial session of the Southern Union Conference:

Once more it is our privilege to bring you a report from the Kentucky Conference.

As we look back over the two years past, we are thankful for the small amount of work that has been accomplished. During this period the war has been in progress and to some extent we have felt the effect of the same in a financial way. Our workers have been brought to the place where we have learned to trust God more than ever before in our experience.

Brother Hickman and his band of faithful colporteurs have done excellent work by the Lord's help. I might add in this connection that a large majority of the orders obtained were secured in the closet or some secluded spot where these workers talked with God before they went out for their day's work. The results of their untiring efforts are as follows:

Orders for our subscription books	\$34,348.03
Orders for Bibles	1,570.47
Total	\$35,918.50
Books delivered of above amount	\$22,768.81
Bibles " " " "	971.24
Total	\$23,740.05
Magazine Sales	3,035.65
Grand total of books delivered	\$33,116.98

Our deliveries for the two years amounted to 66½% of the orders taken. In 1914 we delivered only 60%, while in 1915 our delivery was 72% of orders taken. We are indeed glad that so many of our books and papers have been placed in the hands of the people throughout our conference. Eternity alone will reveal what has been accomplished in souls saved.

The Sabbath school work has prospered in our conference. The offerings show a large increase over the previous two years. A good number have accepted the truth through this department of the church.

The missionary volunteer work has been quite fully organized and we are glad that it was possible for our young people to meet each item of the goal set by the general department for the year 1915.

The home missionary societies throughout the conference have done good work, and as our church members have sought God to increase our membership one soul for each member, they have worked to that end by putting out the literature filled with present truth.

Our church school work has made some advancement. We have

conducted on an average of five schools during the past two years. We hope to see more done along this line in the future.

Our ministers and Bible workers, both white and colored, have done faithful work in the field, and God has crowned their efforts with success. The united efforts put forth by all the departments of the conference have brought good results. During the biennial period six church buildings have been erected. Nine churches have been organized with a membership of 192; 352 persons have been baptized and received into the church, making a total net gain of 288 members. To the Lord belongs all the praise for what has been accomplished, and we pledge ourselves to more earnest efforts for the year to come.

Tennessee River Conference Biennial Report

To report the progress of the work in the Tennessee River Conference for the two years past is but to recount the providences and manifold blessings of God. In every department of the work in this field he has blessed us and his Spirit has guided in all. In the two years covered by this report the work has passed through varying degrees of prosperity and success. We have not always succeeded in accomplishing all that we desired, but in every instance there has been a reasonable degree of success and we have only words of courage and cheer for the delegates here assembled.

The Lord has been graciously near the workers in this field, and all report their courage good and their faith in the message never stronger than now. In our evangelical work the Lord has given us a reasonable degree of success, and we are glad this morning to be able to tell you that during the two years past the Lord added to our membership 120 souls. Our membership is now 819. While this is not as large as we wish it were, nor as large a gain as others in the field are able to show, still it is encouraging to know that our labors have not been in vain, but that God has blessed us with all these souls called out of darkness into the wonderful light of this message.

The tithe for the two years shows a slight falling off. In the year 1913 the tithe was \$13,719.23, and this was increased to \$13,788.70 in 1914. In 1915 the tithe amounted to \$12,901.52, showing a loss over the previous year of \$887.18. This loss is due in part at least to conditions brought on by the great European war. These figures give us a tithe per capita in this conference for the two years of \$19.73 and \$18.45 respectively. We hope this year to be able to recover this loss, and the past two months indicate that we will.

The Sabbath school work in this field has made very substantial gains, both in membership and the amount of donations. The membership has for some years been larger than that of the conference. In 1913 it was 913, and this has grown until at the end of 1915 it had increased to 993, a membership greater by 174 than that of the conference. In the year 1913 the do-

nations were \$1,949.17, and in 1914 this had increased to \$2,117.80. In 1915 this was still further increased to \$2,968.77, or a gain over the previous year of \$850.97, which is very encouraging indeed.

We have never yet been able to raise for missions the amount of twenty cents per week per member. Last year we raised \$4,945.89, and the year before the amount was \$5,654.20. We hope this year to be able to raise our full quota of this fund. We have some pledges in hand, and these with the usual flow of funds will we hope bring us out.

In the year 1914 there was raised in this field in the Harvest Ingathering campaign the sum of \$340.28. This was a loss over the previous year of about \$200. In 1915 we raised \$871.02, a gain of \$530.74 over 1914. However, even at this figure, we failed by about \$75 of raising our quota. Yet we feel that if we organize as we should and all do our part that we can raise it this year, and shall endeavor to do so.

Just here I will stop to speak of the total amount of all funds raised in this conference during the year 1915. With a membership at the beginning of the year of 699, there was raised the sum of \$21,582.59, or \$30.87 per capita.

The Lord has blessed the school at Hazel the past two years. The number of students attending there for the last few years has averaged about thirty, and it is about that at this time. Most of the students attending the school this year have a definite aim in life and are there to prepare themselves for reaching it. The student body for the most part is made up of very earnest young men and women, and boys and girls, who are seeking an education that will fit them to do the most efficient work in the great harvest field to which they feel the Lord is calling them. Professor and Mrs. Clark are doing good work there this year. The graduating class will number about twelve.

The church school work in this conference has made some progress the past two years. Church schools have been taught in Nashville, Memphis, Springville, and Cedar Grove. About one hundred of our children and young people are attending these schools. There is at least one other church in the conference that should have a church school, and an effort will be made to start one there the coming year. Nine rural schools are being conducted in this conference and two hundred and one children and young people are attending them. Some of these are children of Adventists, but most of them come from the world. Quite a number of these students are preparing themselves to teach in the rural districts. Thus the work spreads, and more and still more is being accomplished each year in this branch of the Lord's work.

The outlook for the colporteur work in this field for this year is good, though it has gone hard for some time. Many books have been sold in this field in past years, and it is hard to find a section where there are not some of our message-filled books; but it has been demonstrated over and over that this is no hindrance to the book work, for where the colporteurs put their prayers and earnest effort into the work, they enjoy a good degree of success. While the work has gone hard and there have been many discouragements, yet under the blessing of God it has prospered, as may be seen in the yearly increase of sales. In 1913 the sales were \$5,838.35. This was almost doubled in 1914, the sales amounting to \$10,732.48; and while the year 1915 did not show as large an increase as the previous year, the sales rose to \$11,261.90. We hope to further increase our sales this year. The institute held in January was attended by a company of very earnest men and women whose hearts are in the work, and since their return to the field their reports show that the Lord is blessing them. One sister reports more than two dollars' worth of orders for every hour she has worked since the institute.

Believing that the time is rapidly approaching when the work in this field must be finished, and remembering that the Lord

has told us in the Testimonies that to finish the work will require the united effort of all, we are endeavoring to organize all our churches and companies into working bands. So far, we have been only partially successful in this. All the churches are reporting some work done, but while many have taken hold of the work with enthusiasm and are doing what they can to speed the message, others are doing little or nothing in the line of missionary effort. Some of the churches report their full membership at work, while others report not more than ten to twenty per cent doing any work at all. Personal visits to these churches, however, show that many of them are at work, but it is hard to get them in the habit of reporting the work they do. We hope in the future to be able to get more complete reports of work done than we have in the past.

Two new churches were organized in the conference in 1915, one at Paducah with a membership of nineteen, and another at Ashland City with a membership of nine. In the spring of 1915 Brethren Lowry and Pound pitched a tent in the city of Paducah and began a series of meetings. From the first the attendance was good and the meetings were continued through the summer and fall. A number accepted the truth through their labors and near the close of the season a church of nineteen members was organized there. Soon after, Brother Lowry was called to Memphis to take charge of the work there and Brother Pound remained to look after the interest in Paducah. He reports quite an interest there and says that four others are about ready for membership.

The membership of the Ashland City church is made up of brethren who moved in from Ohio because of their interest in the work in the south. They are teaching a school in their neighborhood, and members of the church are holding meetings with the neighbors. I am told there is quite an interest with some prospects that a number will accept the truth.

One new church building has been erected at Jackson, Tenn., at a cost of about \$1,200. There is still some indebtedness on the building, but an effort is being made to pay this off, and we hope it will not be long until this church can be dedicated free of debt.

We have in the conference at the present time two ordained ministers, four licentiates, and four Bible workers. This may seem a small force of workers for this field, but owing to the falling off in the tithe, together with the fact that we have had to face a deficit in the treasury for the past three or four years, the committee thought it best to economize in every way possible until the indebtedness could be wiped out. At present we are just about out of debt, and if we can increase the tithe to meet the added expense, we plan for aggressive work in the conference this year.

At Fountain Head, Big Sandy, Trezevant, Atwood, and other places in the field there are interests that need attention, and we plan as far as possible to care for these interests. We plan to put four tent companies in the field this summer: one in Nashville, one in Memphis for the white people, and one for the colored people, and probably one at Big Sandy, with an effort after camp-meeting at Paducah, Ky.

The colored work in this field has prospered, and quite a number have been added to the church during the two years covered by this report. In 1914, Elder Scott conducted an effort in the city of Nashville, and as a result the work was considerably strengthened. Soon after that a church was purchased for them at a cost of \$3,000 in a very desirable colored residence section of the city, not far from Fisk University. This property was sold at a figure considerably below its real value by a white congregation desiring to move into a white section of the city. Brother Randall Johnson is pastor of this church and the work is prospering under his labors. As already mentioned, it is planned to conduct an effort in Memphis for the colored people this summer. Elder Sydney Scott will conduct this effort

and we hope the Lord will greatly bless his efforts there. The brethren there have struggled under many difficulties for several years, and not the least of these has been the lack of a suitable place of worship to which they could invite their friends to hear the message. Some earnest work has been done by the congregation to raise the money for the purchase or erection of a suitable building for this purpose, and we are just concluding the purchase of a nice lot in a very desirable part of the city upon which they plan to erect a house of worship just as soon as they can raise the money for this purpose. The brethren are all poor, however, and while they are more than willing to do all they can, and in fact are doing all they can, to get the money for the building, they are very much in need of help. There is a large colored field there to be worked. There are between 60,000 and 65,000 colored people in the city, and if something could be done to assist them to secure a neat building, one that would properly represent the truth, it would be a great help in building up a strong constituency in that city, the largest city in our field.

Through the labors of Sister Julia Lowe a company has been raised up in the city of Jackson to witness for the truth. Because of failing health she was compelled to give up her work, and Brother Alston, who was then in Memphis, was asked to take up her work. Since that time two or three others have begun to observe the Sabbath, and now there is a company of nine who are walking in the light. These brethren will soon be ready for church membership, so there is a good prospect that we will soon have a church of colored Adventists to represent us there.

Last year five of our brethren, members of the Haran church, were indicted for Sunday labor and bound over to the circuit court at Gallatin. These prosecutions were largely the result of prejudice aroused among the neighbors by the missionary activity of the church. The trials were first set for January but later were put off till the May term. We do not know just what will be the outcome, but we are sure that enemies "can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth," so we confidently expect that God will bring good out of it and in some way glorify his name. It may be that he has some people in Gallatin who would hear the truth in no other way. The brethren feel that the battle is the Lord's and that he will direct in it all so that his name will be glorified and the cause advanced; so they have left it in his hands, and are willing to trust him, no matter what experience it may bring to them.

In conclusion I will say that we feel very grateful to God for the blessings that have come to the work in this field since we last met together in Union Conference. As we look back over the experiences of the last two years we can say with David, "Truly God is good to Israel." And now standing amid the gathering perils of the last days, we turn our eyes with confidence to the future, assured that the God of Israel who gave the victory in the years just past, and whose hand has guided us so surely along the way we have come, will be just as skillful to guide us amid the breakers of the farther shore to a safe landing in the port of peace.

Report of the Southern Union Mission for Biennial Period Ending Dec. 31, 1915

The Southern Union Mission in name is in reality the Southern Union Conference. This mission is composed of the following five slave States; namely, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, with an aggregate negro population of three and one-third millions. The term mission, as used, does not indicate a separate organization in reality, nor a separate people, but one body under one administration.

I must not burden you with a long and tiresome recital of almost current history, as to the origin of the negro race in America; nor would it be wise to mention, more than to state, that sixty years ago the colored race was hindered in its pur-

suit of enjoyment of liberty; however, while slavery was providential, its ending was more providential. Appomattox was the American Waterloo which unshackled nearly 3,000,000 Afro-Americans, of whom the larger number were let loose in the States composing the Southern Union Mission.

This mission stands uniquely, and its work is emphasized in the fact that it is the first field in which the Seventh-day Adventist denomination began work for the colored race in America. The servant of the Lord in the years 1891 and 1894 voiced a heavenly message that evangelical work should be done among the "down-trodden race" of the Southland. In 1895 a band of workers went from Michigan to Mississippi and began work in a humble way for the negro race. Vicksburg was the garden in which the first seed was sown from which a visible harvest is seen.

Prior to 1891 the colored people in the Tennessee River Conference attempted to spread the message among themselves. Nov. 9, 1886, marks the real beginning of the work among the colored people, in the organization of the first Seventh-day Adventist church among the negro race in the world. The church was organized with ten members and a Sabbath school of fifteen. The amount received from the first colored Sabbath school was twenty-four cents, according to record. The first church building was erected by this congregation in 1896, at a cost of \$300. I am happy to say the building is standing, although slightly impaired, with a few faithful ones remaining as trophies.

Since 1886 our work has grown and moved on by leaps and bounds. In 1894 there were fifty colored Sabbath-keepers in the States composing what is now held within the boundary lines of three union missions, paying a tithe of \$50, or a per capita of \$1. In 1909 the negro membership was 328, scattered throughout the three union missions; but today the Southern Union Mission has a membership of 939, an increase of 611, twice the number in 1909, covering a field two-thirds smaller than the original size. The tithe in 1894 was \$50, which covered a field two-thirds larger than the Southern Mission; but the tithe for 1914 alone, as represented in the local mission of this union, amounted to \$8,073.66; and for the biennial period, \$14,839.20. The Sabbath school offering in 1886 did not exceed \$2.37; but for 1915 it was \$1,855.47, and for the biennial period is \$3,081.50. The total mission offering from this mission to foreign fields is \$4,964.46, which exceeds that given for missions by the colored members of the following denominations: Baptists, C. M. E. Methodists, and A. M. E. Zion connections. In 1894 there were six baptisms, but in 1915 there were 149, and for the biennial period, 438.

This mission has 31 organizations, and 18 buildings valued at \$29,700. We have three church buildings which came into existence during the last two years and which stand as a credit to our denominational endeavors. While the other buildings are not so palatial, yet they surpass all expectations. We have 39 laborers, of whom 6 are ordained, 8 licensed, and 9 holding missionary papers. I am happy to say a number of our workers are literarily capable of meeting the fourteenth grade requirement.

We are not fully pleased with our educational work, although it could be worse. In our transition period, we were forced to unload the mission schools, and are replacing the church schools instead. In our mission school work, though worthy, much was lost to the world; but in our church schools much is gained in the kingdom of God. In the mission schools the carnal side of life in many instances was emphasized; but in the church schools pupils are trained in the technics of our faith, thereby making them available for recruits for the fields beyond.

The Oakwood Academy has done a commendable work in helping to furnish laborers for the vineyard. Seventy-five per cent of the colored workers in the field are those who have been directly or indirectly under Oakwood's influence. The influence of the school on its students is realized in their loyalty

to the organized work. No student who ever attended the Oakwood School has ever gone off in any disorganized movement. Those of our colored brethren who are seasoned with rebellion, and with a spirit to tear up the organized work, are those who received their education from the world.

I would not have you believe that this progress has been made solely from our own resources. You have guided the wheel with your counsel and means. Over \$100,000 has been spent by the denomination to put the colored work on solid footing, accounted for in salaries of ministers, teachers, founding of enterprises, and other necessities for evangelical work. In this union there is no negro ministry and another white ministry; but one ministry, and we are all brethren. Our colored ministers are loyal, with not the least ripple of disloyalty internally, or externally, as far as I know. Our workers feel that they have been divinely united with the conference laborers to help finish the work in this generation. We pledge our honor and Christian integrity to stand by the organized work, matter not how hard the devil may attempt to drive a wedge of separation. We feel that this message demands our strength and means without reserve, in supporting the foreign work. We are working with you on the spiritual temple, being bound by an everlasting tie of Christian brotherhood. By the grace of God we are determined to drink with you of the same cup of sorrow and joy, and bitter and sweet until time bids farewell to eternity.

SYDNEY SCOTT.

Hillcrest School Farm

Training schools belong to one of two classes,—either they emphasize the classical courses, or the arts and sciences that prepare for the common duties of life. Hillcrest belongs to the latter class. Our specific object is to train teachers, nurses, and general Christian missionary workers.

Hillcrest stands for a home on the land. No matter how small the beginning, let every man learn to support himself from the soil; let him learn to handle tools, to care well for cattle and poultry, and he has laid the foundation for useful citizenship. Let every woman learn to assist in the home getting, let her learn to care wisely and economically for it, teach her to gather a group of children around her who need this same training, and you have a nucleus for a school on the land, which will be a permanent help in giving the message for this time. This is Hillcrest's purpose.

Work is popular at Hillcrest. It is a part of the education. Everybody works. Emphasis is laid on agriculture, gardening, fruit raising, dairying, care of stock, carpentry, black-smithing, housekeeping, and simple treatments.

God has blessed us especially during the past year with consecrated teachers and students. We have felt that instead of endeavoring to encourage a large number to come to the school it was better that we have a limited number of those of mature years, and be able to provide them sufficient work to cover their expenses and thus not allow them to run behind with their accounts. While we have not had as many students during the past year as for a few years previous, having averaged only about twelve (eleven with us at present), yet the ones who have been with us have done faithful work, both in the school-room and on the farm, and have kept ahead with their accounts.

While our school year begins in October, and is divided into four terms of twelve weeks each, the first nine weeks of each term being devoted to regular school work and the last three of each term to one or more industries, such as cooking, plain sewing, black-smithing, dairying; yet we encourage students to enter the school in the spring, for in this way they are able to get credit ahead to help them through the winter months when the work hours are shorter and the school work heavier.

We have been able to do very little in the way of permanent improvements and building during the last two years. We have,

however, cleaned out a good number of fence rows, have rebuilt rail fences, and installed a water system which is a great saving to us. The past summer we erected two silos so as to more economically save feed for our small dairy, have put about one and one-fourth acres under overhead irrigation for nursery and garden work; have just recently roofed an old cabin on the place; and, through the kindness of a friend, have been able to purchase thirty dollars' worth of blacksmith tools, and in this old cabin with these tools, are doing our own shoeing and repair work, and teaching it to our boys.

The orchard of which we have told you in the past is now bearing, and we have put out quite a few more raspberries, strawberries, and grapes, and are putting out some additional fruit trees.

Among the students who have gone from the school and are doing successful work we mention Brethren Cook, Bracy, and Goodman, and their wives, in Alabama, and Brother Fred Keith and wife in the Kentucky Mission.

For a number of years there has been an urgent demand for us to send some of our young people to a locality in southern Alabama to begin school work where an old brother and his wife had accepted the truth purely as a result of reading two of the books sold them by our colored canvassers. Two years ago Professor Bralliar visited the place. Later Elder Miller and Brother Godsmark visited it; but the way was not opened to do anything until a few weeks ago. Through the assistance of a sister in the East and the cooperation of our conference brethren the purchase of a small farm was made possible; and Elder Wight requested that we go there, look over the suggested property and the community and its needs, and, if we deemed best, buy the land. After a careful survey of the situation, we were able to purchase for five hundred dollars cash eighty acres four miles to the north of Consul, Ala., which is about thirty-five miles south of Selma. The deed to this property is to be held in trust by the Alabama Conference Association; and we have already sent there a young man and his wife who hope to be able to get in crops and earn a living, and open school work in a small way the coming fall.

We are grateful to be privileged to labor in this field, and assure you that our only desire is to cooperate with you in helping to train those who will go into needy communities and do their utmost in hastening the completion of the work God has given us to do.

O. R. STAINES.

Kentucky Conference

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6:02

Friday, April 14

West 6:33

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Notes

Glyna Harris and Lillian Allman, of the Ford Church, each nine years old, were the first ones in our conference to complete the junior reading course.

Ada Jacobs, of Stanford, Ky., has sent in her review questions on the reading course books, and says she enjoyed reading them very much.

Raymond Harp, of Kenton, Ky., formerly from the Ford young people's society, has also received a junior reading course certificate.

We are glad to know that one of our isolated members, Miss Lettie Coble, of Millerstown, Ky., has stuck to the senior reading course until she has completed it and received her certificate. What she has done others can do.

Brother Hershel Ethington, of Moreland, writes that he is ready to take the Standard of Attainment examinations. We hope to be able to send him a certificate soon. He also asked for the review questions on the senior reading course No. 8.

Our Bible Year list is still growing. We now have 348 names on record. If there are any of our isolated members who have not sent in their names and who are reading the Bible through we would be glad to hear from you. Address Lena A. Brown, 119 12th St., Bowling Green, Ky.

Brother M. L. Howard, of Irvington, has succeeded in getting a number of his friends to sign the Bible Year enrolment blanks. Why cannot each of our members put forth an effort to get at least one person interested in reading the Bible? If each will do his part we will see our number increased very rapidly.

Miss Audra Reichenbach, of Louisville, has passed the Standard of Attainment examinations. Miss Clara Spire, from the same society, has completed Bible Doctrines and will take the examination in Denominational History in a few days.

The members of the Louisville society are of good courage. They have sold fifty *Temperance Instructors*, and plan to sell some of the Anti-tobacco number of the *Youths Instructor*.

The young people at Henderson are distributing 100 Present Truth Series each month.

Let us all work and pray that we may double our young people's goal.

As yet we have not raised enough money to buy our new young people's tent to be used at camp-meeting. An offering from any of our members would be greatly appreciated.

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 26

Friday, April 14

West 6: 48

News Items

Mrs. J. W. Swimm sends for a supply of *Review and Herald* Extras, a copy of which she plans to place in every home in Rayville.

A good letter from Brother R. R. Coble, accompanied by his weekly report and remittance for tract society account, says, "I made a 100% delivery this time." This certainly is encouraging, and indicates the working of the Lord with those who will fully cooperate with him in spreading the printed page.

Brother and Sister Paul report that they are having a very enjoyable time with their relatives in Michigan, but will soon be back with us again to continue their duties in this State.

Mrs. W. H. Sellers, of the Alexandria church, has recently undergone an operation, and is improving nicely.

Elder and Sister C. N. Sanders are now nicely located in the Mission building in New Orleans, and he finds his time fully occupied with official duties.

Assurance of Success

"The workman is worthy of his meat." Matt. 10: 10, last part.

Faith in the above quoted text has led many God-fearing men and women to leave lucrative positions in the affairs of this world in order to enter the service of the Lord, trusting his promises to provide according to their service. They have felt that if the world can sustain them in their labor for it, how much more the God to whom all things belong!

To the diligent, faithful laborers, Jesus said, "When I sent you without purse, and script, and shoes, lacked you anything? And they said, Nothing." Luke 22: 35. And we find precious promises to the faithful colporteurs in the *Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 340. "The humble, efficient worker who obediently responds to the call of God, may be sure of receiving divine assistance."

I feel that the dear Lord has been fulfilling these promises to me during this present week. I have been able to spend twenty-eight hours in the canvassing field this week, besides my attending to correspondence work, and for the two nights' lodging and three dinners for myself and my horse the people would not take pay. I feel that this is an evidence that God will provide the way for us, although we may not have plenty of money with which to meet our daily expenses. The people seemed to be glad to receive me into their homes. The Lord also blessed me with twenty-four orders for \$83 worth of "Bible Readings" (old edition), and a Bible order for \$4.85 in twenty-eight hours work. And this is a section where corn and cotton are the crops. These are principally for May delivery.

Surely the Lord is putting his hand to the work to rapidly finish it, and we must be diligent that we may keep apace with the onward march of this great closing work. So let us give ourselves and all we have to the Master for service, improving every God-given talent so that at his appearing we may hear the welcome words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

G. B. BOSWELL.

Mississippi Conference

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 19

Friday, April 14

West 6: 39

News Items

Elder Wiest left Saturday night to be in attendance at the Southeastern Union Conference which was in session at Atlanta, Ga.

Elder Burke spoke here in Jackson Sunday night, April 2, the subject being, "The Last Night of Babylon's Glory."

All our workers have now arrived home, with the exception of Sister Balsbaugh, who stopped for a visit with relatives in Jackson, Tenn. She is expected home within a few days.

Since the colored institute closed our workers have all gone to their fields of labor. We have already received some very encouraging reports from most of these. Some of our colored girls are taking over \$100 worth of orders a week. One boy sends a report of \$112 worth of orders for his first experience in this work.

It certainly looks as though 1916 is going to be a banner year for the book work in Mississippi. All we need now is more consecrated workers, and we are glad to state that these are being added each week. Brother Virgil Smith entered the work last week and is meeting with good success. We believe it will not be long until Mississippi's reports will reach \$1,000 a week.

Brother J. L. Waller sends in a very encouraging report again for the past week, the amount of which is \$145.40. This year is Brother Waller's first experience in the canvassing work. In the six weeks that he has worked he has put in 259 hours and taken \$836.90 worth of orders. Of course this is an average of \$139.50 a week, or still better, \$3.23 per hour. There is one feature of this report of which I hope that all our workers will take note and that is, Brother Waller has not failed to put in more than forty hours each week. This is where many of our canvassers fail. They do not see the importance of putting in full time.

We have several other workers that are doing almost as well as Brother Waller, but as this is Brother Waller's first experience we thought it worthy of mention.

Missionary Work at Pontotoc

The work is onward in this place. There are many interested souls who are seeking after every ray of light which shines from the dear old *Review*, the *Signs Weekly*, and our every-day lives. Pray for us, brethren, that we may let our light shine brightly.

We are giving Bible readings, and praying with people. They come a great way to get our literature. We seldom get to read the papers we are taking, for they are learning when each copy arrives and come over after it. One lady became so deeply interested in the *Signs Weekly*, that she would send after it every week if we didn't take it to her. On Sunday afternoon she called on us and as soon as she had taken her seat began to glance through different books in the library. I went to the file and took down the last *Reviews* and handed them to her, telling her they were late copies; she looked them over. I handed her the tracts entitled "Signs of the Times" and "Is Sunday the Sabbath"? She rolled papers, tracts and all up and put them in her pocket saying, "You must give these to me, for I want to read them every one." I told her I had given the *Signs* to her doctor and she said she must have them, so I told her he was going to bring them to her as soon as he was through with them. She is reading the "Story of Daniel."

We have a lot of books loaned out and are teaching the ladies how to make bread, also giving hydrotherapy treatments, dressing cancers, hernias, etc. We believe some will take their stand for the truth.

We could use six copies of the *Signs* each week, and would also like to have the *Watchman*, *Liberty*, *Life and Health*, *Youths Instructor*, *Signs Monthly*, and the *Review Extras*, especially No. 4. Any numbers of the above periodicals sent for missionary work would be appreciated.

Those who read these lines will understand that the writer brought her husband into the truth, prior to their marriage, also his brother who is now in Hazel Academy.

Pray for the work here. MRS. L. V. BOWEN.

The students at Hazel will remember Mrs. Bowen as Lizzie Lavona Harp.

An Old Story

"A dear friend of mine sent in my name to your paper (*Signs*) about two months ago. I wish to tell you I never read a religious paper in my life that did me so much good. I hope I will never have to be deprived of it and I am going to try to get it into other homes I know of. I really think this is the religion I have been looking for all my life, and hope I can join your little band before long."

Yes, "the *Signs* does bring people into the truth."

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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East 6:09

Friday, April 14

West 6:27

News Items

Brother D. A. Fisher, of Borden Springs, writes, "Find enclosed a small order for tracts and quarterlies and you may put in the shipment about a half dozen Catalogs of Publications, as there are a number here that want them for use in selecting tracts." This is a good idea, and we will be glad to send catalogs to others.

Six copies of the new book "Armageddon" were mailed to Brother O. A. Prieger, of Summerdale, just as soon as the new stock arrived. This book is now ready and should have a wide circulation.

An additional order of fifty copies of the April *Watchman* were sent to Brother S. D. Miller, of Mobile. These reorders show that the *Watchman* is making an impression upon hearts.

Sister Caroline Barnwell, of Flomaton, has placed application for membership in the Alabama Conference church, presenting a letter from the Tampa, Fla., S. D. A. church, stating that she is in good and regular standing. We are pleased to welcome Sister Barnwell to this conference.

Sister M. A. Pybus, located at Headland, is isolated from those of like precious faith. A very cheering letter comes from Sister Pybus and she orders seven Sabbath School Quarterlies for use in a home Sabbath school.

From Boaz comes the request for a supply of Present Truth Extras, and the tract "Who Changed the Sabbath?" An interest is being awakened in the locality through the judicious use of literature.

Sister C. E. Kelly orders ten Sabbath School Quarterlies and ten sets of the memory verse cards and states that their Sabbath school in Anniston is growing.

The *Watchman* is steadily working its way into the hearts and homes of the people in Mobile. Sister Nancy Jones requests a few sample copies to use there.

Sister C. H. Crabtree, of Long Island, orders several copies of the April *Watchman* for her neighborhood.

W. G. Ringgold, of Red Level, asks that his name be enrolled in the Bible Year for 1916. He states that his family is getting books from the Southern Union Circulating Library. He also sends in a renewal for the *Review and Herald* and a supply of missionary ammunition.

A new Sabbath school is reported in South Port, Fla., with Brother N. F. Nelson as superintendent and Wilmer Nelson as secretary. Brother O. P. Bolinger writes that this new school has been organized and that an interest is springing up in that locality.

In some way a copy of our book catalog fell into the hands of Rev. J. L. Robinson, of New Decatur, and in return he placed an order for "Bible Footlights for the Pilgrims Path." These catalogs are valuable, although free.

Brother R. J. Franklin, of Jasper, will receive the *Watchman* for the coming year.

Sister M. L. Matthews disposed of fifty April number of the *Watchman* in Montgomery.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference, Week Ending April 1, 1916

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	ALABAMA CONFERENCE		Total	Deliv.
			Value	Helps		
Robert J Cook HM	60	14	\$27 00	\$ 3 25	\$30 25	\$
B D Crawford BR	33	11	33 00		33 00	
H L Edwards BR	31	6	18 00	75	18 75	
Thos Goodman HM	36	11	25 00	3 00	28 00	
SS Guilford HM	51	23	48 00	1 00	49 00	2 00
M L Ivory HH	50	10	30 00		30 00	
Q Tew BR	42	3	9 00		9 00	
M E Whatley†D&R	91	19	65 00		65 00	
Bibles			3 00		3 00	
Totals (Agts. 8)	394	97	\$258 00	\$8 00	\$266 00	\$2 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
W B Wilson BR	72	46	\$140 00	\$	\$140 00	\$
Hatton Ford BR	35	23	72 00		72 00	40 00
JB Reichenbach BR	38	11	36 00	75	36 75	
Luther Bowles BR	38	3	11 00	1 50	12 50	
R W Harris BR	11					33 00
Raymond Harp	8			11 55	11 55	
Florence Overstreet	11			55	55	
Misc.						48 00
Bibles			3 00		3 00	
Totals (Agts. 7)	213	83	\$262 00	\$14 35	\$276 35	\$121 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
R H Hazelton GC	40	17	\$38 00	\$	\$38 00	\$
W J Keele D&R	43	5	21 00	5 25	26 25	4 00
DEH Lindsey BR&PG	44	16	48 00	3 25	51 25	21 50
B E Wagner BR&PG	29	15	45 00	2 00	47 00	
Totals (Agts. 4)	156	53	\$152 00	\$10 50	\$162 50	\$25 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE†						
Emily Billups HM	33	26	\$55 00	\$	\$55 00	\$
Elmer Chastain BR	71	61	191 00	11 55	202 55	
Lamar Cooper BR	68	27	83 00	2 80	85 80	
Walter Edmonds†BR	44	15	51 00	1 20	52 20	

Annie May Finley PPF	67	70	143 00		143 00	
Hattie Jacobs* CK	21	33	51 00	35	51 35	2 00
A A Johnson* HM	37	39	86 00	4 05	90 05	
Ella Johnson* HM	29	25	50 00	1 05	51 05	
Mattie Lee HM	30	13	28 00		28 00	
Lou J McElroy* HM	28	18	37 00		37 00	
Virgil Smith* BR&D&R	30	21	57 00	1 90	58 90	
E A Taylor BR	91	81	247 00	11 70	258 70	
J W Weatherington HM	75	82	183 00		183 00	
Annie Watts PPF	71	87	193 00	3 15	196 15	
J L Waller D&R	84	78	249 00	4 80	253 80	
Bibles					11 50	

Totals (Agts. 15) 779 676 \$1704 00 \$42 55 \$1758 05 \$ 2 00

G'd Totals (A. 34) 1542 909 \$2376 00 \$75 40 \$2462 90 \$150 50

Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference	\$1096 00	\$ 30 90	\$130 85
Kentucky Conference	2929 65	112 60	1285 70
Mississippi Conference	4278 00	140 95	272 50
Louisiana Conference	349 55	4 55	197 00
Tenn. River Conference	1645 25	121 90	313 42
Totals	\$10298 45	\$410 90	\$2199 47

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending April 1, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
Clara Eggleston	25	\$ 2 50	
B. D. Crawford	9	90	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE			
Mrs. A. H. Kelly	597	59 70	
Totals	631	\$63 10	

Good as a Help

In writing of "The Vatican and the War," a field agent in the Northwest states:

"In my work I find there is quite an interest in the workings of the Catholic Church, and am sure our canvassers can use this little book to good advantage as a help. It ought to be a better seller than 'The World's Crisis.'"

Many of our people who do not sell the book will want from ten to fifty copies to give to their friends and neighbors, or to mail to relatives and others. Hence, in lots of ten or more, the price of the paper is but 12½ cents each; cloth, 25 cents; plus the transportation. Order of your tract society.

The "Signs Magazine" for May

Forty per cent of 500 editors whose opinions were sought, favored a navy second only to that of Great Britain. Sixty per cent thought it should be as large as any in the world. This is one of the 300 or more enlightening thoughts expressed in the columns of the May *Signs Magazine*.

Sabbath, May 6, is Missionary Volunteer Day. Every church interested in young people should observe the day. The program is in the *Review and Herald* of April 20.

Among the Mountaineers

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

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

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

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

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

* One week. † Week ending March 18. ‡ Two weeks.

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An Encouraging Report

The following extracts, taken from a personal letter received from Brother D. E. H. Lindsey, one of our successful colporteurs, show some of the good experiences our boys at the front are having.

"Although we could not be in Nashville to enjoy the Union Conference meetings, we have had some excellent experiences in working among the descendants of the Scotch-Covenanters who came into this country in the latter part of the eighteenth century. Last Thursday night we stayed with the elder of the Presbyterian Church South, which church is considered the oldest Presbyterian church in the Southern States. After finding out that we were Adventists, and learning the aim of our work, he and his wife (who is a trained nurse) were both very much pleased. We had worship with them, and before we left the next morning they purchased a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation," also a good Bible. The man is one of the most earnest and zealous Christian workers we have ever met, and he wishes us to stop over night with him any time we are in that part of the country. We have reasons to believe that he and his wife may be the first to accept the truth in this country through our efforts.

"Last Wednesday, while canvassing seven miles out from Columbia, we met a sister and family, who had moved from Nashville last May. They are all Adventists except the husband, and you can imagine how we felt when we found them, and how pleased they were to know that we were Adventists. We had dinner with them and sold them two large books. They seem to be very earnest, and we have invited them to meet with us whenever it is possible for Sabbath school and other services.

"About two weeks ago we drove up in front of a fine farm house and the farmer, a young man, was busy painting the fence which enclosed his front yard. I stepped out of the buggy, talked with him a few minutes concerning "Bible Readings," and soon found him to be very much interested concerning the state of the dead, also the books of Daniel and Revelation in the Bible. He has read Russell's works, and wanted something to straighten out the contradictions he had read in Rus-

sell's books. For some reason he did not seem to like "Bible Readings," that is, the old edition which we were handling. Remembering we had a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation" in the buggy with us, I got it and showed it to him, and he immediately purchased it, being very much pleased. Thus it is, we have to be prepared for all occasions, being ready to take orders or deliver at once for cash. Otherwise this man might never have received the truth, for he did not believe in ordering anything whatever from agents. We will not write more concerning these experiences at this time, but hope to have more and better experiences from day to day."

FOR SALE: 52 acres of land situated eight miles from Paducah, Tenn., near Gallatin Pike, 30 acres cleared, seven-room house occupied but not yet completed, concrete cellar, good 30 x 40 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.

FOR SALE: A farm of 112 acres at Springville, Tenn., one mile from the Seventh-day Adventist church and school; about 85 acres under cultivation, most of fences new, two orchards with grapes and other small fruits, one seven-room house, one three-room house and new barn with new concrete foundation. Will give possession at once. For particulars write to W. D. Wade, Springville, Tenn.

Low prices on very best cooking oil; \$8.50 for ten gallons. Best quality kokofat \$11.50 for ten gallons. We make a full line of health foods and our prices are very low. Send for price list. Address Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory, Madison, Tenn.

New Studies by Correspondence

The Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C., desires to announce lessons in the following new subjects: Logic, Geology, Reporting and Punctuation, and Bible for grades four to seven. Those interested should write to the foregoing address for further information and for our booklet entitled "The Fireside Correspondence School in a Nutshell."

C. C. LEWIS, Principal.

What about our kitchens and their present drudgery and unnecessary burden? Cornforth's "Kitchen and its Equipment" in the May *Life and Health* may be of great service to our mothers and daughters who are burdened with the duties of the kitchen. With little expense to all ill-arranged kitchens, he converts them into palaces of ease and comfort, and renders the ordinary kitchen drudgery desirable and pleasant. The May number of *Life and Health* ought to be read by all mothers and daughters who are required to serve in our kitchens.

Are all your friends supplied with Morning Watch Calendars? It is not too late to place the little daily reminder to prayer and Bible study in the hands of those who do not have it. Get all you need from your tract society. Price five cents each.