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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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Southern Union Conference Session

The Southern Training School

For some time the moving of the Southern Training School from its present location to a rural district has been under consideration. At the conference held in Nashville the latter part of March, it was considered and certain propositions were made, which, if carried out, would really bind the Southern Union Conference to allow the school to remain in the present place. But one part of the consideration was that should the Southeastern Union vote to move, the Southern Union would be in harmony with it. It was in reality the hope of a large majority of the delegates that the school would be moved. At a meeting of the Southeastern Union held in Atlanta, Sunday, April 2, where there were present the president of the Southern Union, the educational secretary, and Brother Curtis, the auditor for the union, it was decided to move the school to a new location.

The location has not yet been definitely decided upon, but it is expected that within the next two weeks a selection will be made, and we hope by the time the next issue reaches the readers of this paper, we will be able to announce the place. The one great reason for moving is to place the students in our central training school in a position where they can either partly or wholly earn their way through school, and also to remove them from the influence of village and city life. The spirit of prophecy is very definite and we need not wander in darkness as to what our duty is.

The school board is committed to the no-debt policy. One thousand "Home and Health" books have been given to this school. These sell for \$3 each. If all our people in the Southern Union will take hold and sell these books, we will soon have a nice little sum of money with which to begin. The farm must be paid for before the school is moved. It is safe to figure on a sum of \$14,000 or \$15,000 before the move is made. This is only an estimate. We make this estimate now and when the farm is secured we will give you exact figures. One individual has donated \$1,500, and the cash is in the treasury to apply on the purchase price of the farm when secured.

All money for this school should be sent through the regular channels to your conference office and from the conference offices it will be sent to the union conference office. The treasurer of the union is the treasurer for this school fund. We earnestly solicit the cooperation and the efforts of all our people to help us raise this money. More will be said later, but begin to plan, and God will prosper this effort we know.

S. E. WIGHT.

Conference Proceedings

In this report we will give only an outline of the proceedings of the different sessions of the conference. The report of the first meeting was published in the paper last week.

The second meeting was given over largely to the consideration of the colored work. At this meeting Elder Sydney Scott, our union evangelist, presented his report, in which he stated that the foreign mission offerings of the Seventh-day Adventist colored people have exceeded the offerings of several other denominations representing a much larger constituency of colored people.

Elder C. M. Kinney, one of the pioneer workers in the Southland was present and expressed his appreciation of the great work being done for the colored people. Elder Kinney has been in the work thirty-seven years and has seen the growth from a small beginning.

Professor C. J. Boyd, of the Oakwood School, presented a very interesting report covering the work of the school for the past year.

Elder C. B. Stephenson, secretary of the North American Negro Department, spoke of the good work that had been accomplished through the work of Elder Scott and his collaborators in the large cities of the South in the last two years, also the good work being done in Huntsville.

The third meeting of the Union Conference was held Sunday at 9:30 A. M. The principal work of the session was the discussion of the Southern Training School and plans for the future of the school. Professor Frederick Griggs and Elder W. T. Knox, of the General Conference, were present at this meeting, and we were also favored with the presence during the day of a number of the brethren from the Southeastern Union as follows: L. A. Hoopes, S. M. Jacobs, A. N. Atteberry, Leo Thiel, D. W. Dillen, N. V. Willis, R. W. Parmele, R. L. Williams, J. B. Locken, J. L. Shuler, W. E. Abernathy, and W. H. Heckman.

The meeting on March 27 was also largely given over to the educational work. The report of Prof. Lynn H. Wood, our educational secretary, the report of the Madison School by Dr. E. A. Sutherland, and of the Fountain Head Industrial School by Prof. B. N. Mulford were all given and were enjoyed by those present.

The sessions from this time on until the eighth meeting, held Tuesday afternoon, were used in considering the report of the Committee on Plans, and receiving the reports of the different conferences, also the report of the field missionary secretary, Brother J. W. Davis. All these reports will be printed in this and succeeding issues of the WORKER, and we are sure will be found of great interest to all our people.

In the final meeting the constitution, which had been revised by a committee for this purpose, was presented and adopted. This will be printed in a later issue.

OUR time belongs to God. Every moment is his, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to his glory. Of no talent he has given will he require a more strict account than of our time.—"Object Lessons."

During the closing moments of the conference session Elder Wight spoke to the conference on the matter of our mission offerings during the coming year, and it was the sentiment of those who were present that we should redouble our efforts along this line during the present year. In closing, Elder Wight said:

"I want to thank you for your steady work and for the good spirit that has prevailed in this meeting. I believe we will go out to our fields better fitted for the work, and I am sure that the most of you will go with courage. I have never felt of better courage in my life than at the present time. The problems that we have wrestled with here it seems to me have been gotten out of the way, at least some of them. Some of these things that have looked so hard have vanished. Some way I feel as though the old train is moving on. As we begin to see things move we can begin to take courage."

After a motion to adjourn *sine die*, the congregation joined heartily in singing, "Life Time Is Working Time," the chief theme of which is "Work." Elder I. H. Evans pronounced the benediction, and the seventh biennial session of the Southern Union Conference was at an end. G. H. CURTIS, *Secretary*.

Mississippi Biennial Report

Many are the trying and perplexing problems that have confronted the Mississippi Conference the past two years. So, likewise, many are the joys and pleasures as we permit our minds to reflect on the experiences of the past. It is disastrous to become dismayed and disheartened on account of catastrophes and disappointments which are common to man in this world of sin. It is not wise to meditate upon the seemingly impossible, but it is well to undertake great things for God and to expect great things from him. Faith has no bridge to build. The sea of Galilee is no obstacle to him who knows his duty and seeks heaven for grace to perform that duty. The Mississippi Conference had occasion to test some of these principles in undertaking a heavy task the last eighteen months, but we look back with a degree of satisfaction for what God has wrought.

We think it would be most unjust to attribute our success to the wisdom of any one or more persons, but we feel very deeply the hand of God in all our work.

At our conference meeting held July 28, 1914, it was felt that the third angel's message should be better represented in our State, and especially at its headquarters in the city of Jackson.

Accordingly it was voted to erect a church and office building combined. As an expression of support, for immediate action the sum of \$1,300 was raised in cash and pledges. However, before our conference closed a message flashed across the waters that all Europe was involved in a desperate conflict. For more than six months we waited to know the mind of God, but finally believed that there was enough money in America to erect a good church and conference memorial in the city of Jackson, which would give evidence to the people of the State that we were permanently established. It is needless for me to speak of the effect this war had upon the cotton States, but under these perilous times we began the building of this temple. Today we rejoice to see it completed and furnished with pews, carpet, electric lights, etc. Our Sunday-night meetings have a wholesome effect upon the city. Among the hearers have been doctors, ministers, representatives, and other prominent persons of the city.

On account of the financial undertaking of building the Jackson church we felt it rather difficult to meet the full obligation resting upon us by virtue of the organized work. To many of our conferences the building of a church would not affect the conference, but in our case, where the membership in 1914 was only 143, to erect a church costing \$8,200 was no small undertaking. But the heavier the load, the greater the relief when the load is removed. This has been our joy.

From August, 1914, to October, 1915, conditions in Mississippi were very abnormal. A gloom of despondency overshadowed the people. Though this financial crisis was prevalent I am more than pleased that Mississippi shows no decrease in any line for this period, except in the book work.

The tithe for 1914 amounted to	\$2600 99
The tithe for 1915 amounted to	3112 79

Gain of 1915 over 1914	\$ 511 80
Total for Biennial term	\$5713 78
Tithe for 1912	\$2394 27
Tithe for 1913	2669 26
Total	\$5063 53

Gain over the previous two years	\$ 650 25
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The tithe in the mission also shows a gain over the last biennial period.

The tithe for 1914 amounted to	\$1211 89
The tithe for 1915 amounted to	1290 61

Total	\$2502 50
The tithe for 1912 amounted to	\$ 906 10
The tithe for 1913 amounted to	1373 03

Total	2279 13
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A gain over the previous two years of	\$ 223 37
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We were also among the conferences who had the distinction of being on the honor roll in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Our quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund has also been reached for the last two years, but the mission has not yet been able to raise this obligation. We, however, have some hope that by Dec. 31, 1916, Mississippi will have raised every dollar, both in the mission and conference, on this fund.

Our book sales for the last biennial period have fallen short \$1,963.90. On account of the misdemeanor of the European nations we are forced to surrender the banner which Mississippi held for the last four years, to our sister conference. When the war broke out we had over \$30,000 worth of fall orders, but delivered only \$9,223.30 worth, and we all felt satisfied in accomplishing this much. This depression caused some of our best workers to leave the field. However, this year we are entering the field with a good force of workers and are watching with interest the results.

One hundred fourteen souls have been added to our churches the past two years. A goodly number are awaiting further development and baptism.

I feel deeply burdened concerning our educational work among the colored people. I fear that in our transition from the mission to the church schools, we have failed to give the necessary financial aid, and therefore the educational work among the colored people is practically at a standstill. We have no colored church that is able to support a teacher. The fostering care of the educational work in Mississippi will not be successful until we give it financial support. Testimonies, Vol. VI and IX, have much to say about the school work among the colored people. My heart is moved to condemnation that not more is being done for our colored people along this line. I appeal to this body that some plan be devised that will revive the educational work among this people. I am in perfect harmony with the church school system; for our work is at that stage where the mission schools are not as profitable to proclaim present truth as the minister and Bible worker, but I do believe to perfect the church school system we dare not withdraw financial aid.

Sabbath, March 11, our hearts were made very sad by the destruction of our conference building by fire. The three families and a visitor on the second floor were all at home when the alarm of fire was given by one of the children. But it seemed the building was doomed, for at this first alarm the whole roof burst out in flames. The fire company was on hand in a very short time, but was unable to save anything on the second floor, while the things on the first floor were practically all saved.

We had all our tent and camp-meeting equipment stored in a room on the second floor. This is in total ruins. About \$1,500 worth of tents were so badly destroyed that I had difficulty in disposing of what remained. There is little, or nothing, that can be used again. The dishes are in such a shape that we can hardly make use of them. Brother and Sister Marshall escaped with but their lives. All of their household goods, wearing apparel, and personal belongings were destroyed, without any insurance. Brother Kier, who was also on this floor, had to escape the flames through the second story window. The loss to Brother Balsbaugh has been nothing to speak of. Our school teacher, Medea Peterson, had a room with us, and her loss amounted to about \$15. The president's loss amounted to \$350, which was covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is not known, but it must have started in the storage room. The building was insured for \$2,000 and the tract society held an insurance of \$500, but how much of the loss this policy will cover is not yet determined.

While we do not know how this loss will be replaced, we have perfect confidence in our God that this calamity and seeming disaster will be turned into a blessing. We already have some evidences that God will do this for us.

On Monday morning, when we expected the insurance adjuster to come, the workers gathered amid the debris and sought God to allow us full insurance on the building and also to give what was right for the tract society and personal loss. The Lord has fully answered our petition. Last Friday I was informed that the full \$2,000 would be allowed on the building, and on my personal loss more than was at first expected. The tract society claim for the full insurance was submitted to the company for approval. How this will develop we are anxiously awaiting, but should we get the \$500, we still need \$1,500 to replace the loss of tents and other equipment needed for our evangelistic and camp-meeting work.

We are not discouraged, but we pray for God to lead us to know his way and to keep us in his humble path.

C. S. WREST.

Alabama Biennial Report

The territory of the Alabama Conference comprises the State of Alabama and that part of Florida lying west of the Apalachicola River. A population of about 2,500,000 is within the confines of the territory, almost 40 per cent of which is colored. The principal part of the rural colored portion belts the central part of the State east and west for about fifty miles on either side of Montgomery. Thus our white farming sections are mainly in the northern and southern parts of our territory. Such conditions place the conference work at a disadvantage and make expensive traveling as naturally our conference churches are in the northern and southern portions of the conference.

We have 17 churches in the conference with a membership of 375; in the mission we have 9 churches with a membership of 265, making a total membership of 640. In 1912 when we came to the conference the white membership was 169. The new converts for 1913 added to the church were 55, bringing the membership to 224. For 1914 the additions were 72, and in 1915, 88 were added, making 160 for the biennial period. Deducting our loss by deaths and apostasies the conference membership now is 375. In 1912 the mission membership was about 140. The additions for 1913 were 45, and for the biennial period

1914 and 1915 the additions were 35 and 55, respectively, 90 for the two years, making our present mission membership 265.

Four churches have been received into the conference and one dropped, making a gain of three. In the mission two churches were added and one dropped, making a gain of one. As to church buildings, two were built in the conference, one at Elkwood and one at Montgomery; and in the mission, one building has been erected, the one at Huntsville.

Our laborers for the conference are four ministers, two licentiates, and four missionary licentiates, making ten conference laborers. In the mission we have six laborers, one minister, two licentiates, and three missionary licentiates.

We are very thankful for what has been done, but realize had we all sensed the times in which we live, felt the value of souls, and comprehended our ambassadorship, much more might have been done.

FINANCIAL

We believe a conference should have a sufficient working capital so as not to be hampered in its operations. This does not mean that a conference of our size should have a \$2,000 or \$3,000 surplus, but it should have at least an advance month's pay on hand aside from its trust funds. With such a capital a conference can improve opportunities and work to a great advantage with a limited corps of laborers. We are not yet so fortunate financially, but hope to be in the near future.

Our tithe for the past two years has made a good substantial increase. For the two year period ending Dec. 31, 1913, the tithe was \$8,614.79. For the two years ending Dec. 31, 1915, it was \$12,026.69, a gain of \$3,411.90. While this is a good gain, the tithe for 1915 was \$141.49 less than for the year 1914, that is, the tithe for 1914 was \$6,084.09 and for 1915, \$5,942.60. The mission tithe for the two years ending Dec. 31, 1913, was \$3,065.82, while for the two years ending Dec. 31, 1915, it was \$4,306.65, making a gain of \$1,240.83.

For foreign missions we are pleased to report \$4,594.52 for the biennial period, \$2,062.40 for 1914, and \$2,532.12 for 1915. The conference for the same period paid her quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. The mission, however, did not succeed in making her quota, but during the two years it paid \$1,568.15 for missions.

What is true of the conference is also true of the tract society in that it should have a substantial working capital to do the best work. While we are, at present, in debt, last year we reduced our indebtedness \$1,000. The prospects are good for a splendid reduction this year, and we hope soon to be free from debt, and to have a good working capital.

Our colporteur work has passed through some trying experiences of late, especially 1914. But last year brought courage to many. It was not a year of large orders, but one of better deliveries. With but one or two exceptions, not a colporteur ran behind in his account last year. This has brought courage to all. We fully expect this year to be the banner year thus far in the colporteur work. The deliveries for the past few years will give some idea as to the progress of the work: for 1912, \$3,452; 1913, \$4,648; 1914, \$4,753; 1915, \$5,829. Each year shows an increase over the preceding one. During the year 1915, thirty-four engaged more or less in the work, but only about half this number were regular workers. For every hour of work, for the year, the average receipts were 42 cents, or 21 cents an hour to the colporteur. Full time is the solution of the colporteur work.

We are pleased to see the awakening in the home missionary work. More missionary work has been done by the laity during 1914 and 1915 than for any four previous years. The fruit of this missionary work will soon be seen in revived churches and many souls converted.

The Sabbath School Department is in a growing condition as the following will show. For 1912 and 1913 there were 19

schools in the conference and 10 in the mission. The contributions for the two years were \$1,989.87 for the conference, and \$506.25 for the mission, a total of \$2,496.12. The mission offering is for the year 1913 only. For the past two years, 1914 and 1915, there were 31 schools, 21 in the conference and 10 in the mission. The offerings for the conference were \$2,715.65, for the mission \$1,107.06, a gain in schools of 2, in offerings a gain of \$822.34, that is, if we count the 1912 mission offering the same as 1913, \$506.25.

We are glad for this numerical gain. But the real gain is in the spiritual uplift resultant from the study of the Word.

A Christian education is the only full and true education. During the biennial period ending Dec. 31, 1915, we have conducted 17 schools, 12 in the conference and 5 in the mission. Four of the conference schools are what are known as hill schools. The number of scholars was 160, about equally divided between conference and mission. We hope for more schools this coming school year.

With but few exceptions the youth of our churches are organized into young people's societies. Where these societies exist the young people are obtaining a better knowledge of the truth and a more firm hold upon God.

While advances have been made in all departments, we are fully aware that much more might have been done. Advances in the work should not be our sole aim, but the finishing of the work is what should claim our attention. With this end in view we ask you to remember the Alabama field at the throne of grace.

A. L. MILLER.

Brief Outline of the Report of the Madison School

I have been asked to say something of our work, and I am very glad for the opportunity, although I have prepared no written report. I am glad that the schools which are doing the kind of work that Madison is trying to encourage, can be reported in the regular reports. I think that this is the way it should be. That is the one way to make all feel that these schools are a part of the regular work, and so I am in favor of these schools being reported with the other schools.

Our attendance during the past two years has averaged seventy. I think our enrolment runs about one hundred, but many of our students have been of the younger class. This is especially noticeable the last five or six years. When we first came down here we only had a limited amount of room and we would not take any younger students. Only those came to the school who desired to get a brief preparation for the hill school work, and so we opened up a good many schools during those first six years.

You are, of course, aware that Professor Magan and I spent four years in the medical school and that took us out of the school for some time, but since we have finished we have spent considerable time in bringing our work up to as near as possible where it should have been, but we have not been permitted to go out into the field very much.

The idea has gone out that the school gives an opportunity for students to earn their way through. We have been begged by parents and students who were poor to allow them to come and earn their way through the school, and we have felt it a very unfortunate situation that many of these students have been so young. We have just about decided not to take any more students who are so young, for they really need work in other schools first, as Madison is not equipped for this line of work.

In the last two years we have erected five new cottages. These cottages contain eighteen rooms and take care of thirty-six students. The reason for building these cottages is because the old plantation house got into such shape we could not use it for a dormitory. We have also put up a new building since

the last conference that is intended to provide facilities for the students for bath and toilet. The other part of this building is fitted up for a sanitarium to be used by the students in treating each other and for those who cannot afford to pay for care in the regular sanitarium. Every student who comes to Madison receives a physical examination before he is accepted, and sometimes they have some serious troubles that have to be attended to. (Dr. Sutherland here gave some examples.)

During the past two years the sanitarium has had very good patronage. In the summer time we are crowded and have more than we can take care of, besides always having a waiting list.

We have not done very much canvassing work down here. We are in favor of it, but we have been short-handed. Last year there was an institute held at the school and eight or ten of the students went out in the field during the summer, and it left us in pretty hard shape because we have not been able to get students as we ought during the last two years. All the students who are planning on working here in the South are anxious to go out and canvass. We, practically stripped ourselves last year. We understood that the brethren would send students to take their places, but this they could not do. For every good student you put into the school we will give you one good young person to enter the canvassing field. We want to cooperate with you in this work. They should know how to put this literature out, for if they do not do this, when they go out to carry on the work in the rural districts they will fail in a very important part of this work. A student who will spend six months canvassing here will learn many things about the work and the people that will help him very much, for there are many lessons that must be learned, and this training will keep him from making many mistakes in his work, as he will know the people better, and will also know how to approach them.

We believe we are entering into a new era and we are going to see better days ahead of us. We will be glad to cooperate with the conference. When you find a place that needs a rural teacher and where the work should be started, you can come and pick out the young person whom you think would be best suited to the place. Of course they are not perfect any more than other people, and they need encouragement and help, for they have more to do than other missionary workers. Besides the missionary work and school work, they have to make a living, and at times things go very hard indeed. If we will stand by these young people and help them get started in different places, it will be one of the ways to help strengthen the work in the South. If the people who come from the North could be placed around these schools, they would be kept from making many of the mistakes that a person is likely to make who has had no experience here in the South, and no real training for this work. I believe you will find us ready to cooperate with you in every way we can to help build up this southern work, and I feel very thankful that the work is in such shape now that we can expect the educational secretaries of the local conferences to go and visit these little schools and encourage them. We are very glad for the help Professor Wood has rendered in visiting these schools, but they need help from the local conferences as well as the union.

We must not criticize the rural workers for being slow in gaining converts. It takes time to really change these people. We must let them get used to us and we must live among them, and there will be less trouble when they do take hold. It means more to be an Adventist than for a Methodist to simply keep the Sabbath. Their whole life is to be changed. If they are taken into the church too soon, they are likely by some indiscretion to cause more enemies to our work, and the others will blame us with it, whereas if they are out of the church till they fully understand all points, this would not be the case. These workers should live among them and work for them, and then later will come the harvest. E. A. SUTHERLAND.

Louisiana Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6:30

Friday, April 21

West 6:53

News Items

Elder J. A. Morrow spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Hope Villa church-members, holding the quarterly meeting with them. He reports having had a very enjoyable and profitable time.

Sabbath, April 1, Elder Sanders spoke in the New Orleans church No. 1, and Sunday night at the church No. 2, where some good orders were given for the special Booker T. Washington issue of *The Watchman*.

The following members of the primary grades in the New Orleans Sabbath school were prepared to repeat the memory verses at the close of the first quarter of the present year: John Speyer, William Speyer, John Jansen, Gerald Wilson, Sanford Ulmer, and Harold Mangin.

Brother F. W. Schmehl, of Alexandria, was welcomed into the colporteur ranks last week. His first report appears in the regular report, and is indeed encouraging.

The Hope Villa church will hereafter be known as the Hobart church, as an action was taken at their recent business meeting to that effect, the name being much more appropriate to its location, corresponding also with the name by which the Sabbath school is known.

Mrs. F. T. Sevier, now located in New Orleans, is meeting with good results in her magazine work. Forty-five magazines sold in four hours, twenty-five in two and a half, etc., is the way her work has run during the past week, from which she realizes something over sixty cents an hour for her work.

Brother and Sister Paul write from Michigan, where they have been visiting friends and relatives, that Brother Burgenson, of Berrien Springs, has donated a nice 12x21 foot tent for the Louisiana young people's tent. Money has also been donated for furnishing the same.

Brother Clifford Field, of Arcadia, is now on the colporteur firing line, working with Brother Coble.

Mississippi Conference

Conference Directory

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6:23

Friday, April 21

West 6:45

News Items

Elder Burke has been on the sick list the past week, but at this writing he is some better and we hope it will not be long until he is again back to his usual good health.

Last Sabbath there were six baptized in the Jackson colored church. Elder Wiest spoke to them that day.

In the May number of *The Watchman* there is a diagram showing how the property of the Nashville church was miraculously saved from being destroyed by fire.

Brother E. A. Taylor has been on the sick list the past week.

He writes, "I have no report to send this week. I am still feeling bad but am going out to work this morning." We trust that he will soon be restored to good health and the Lord will continue to bless his efforts.

The lectures given by Elder A. G. Daniells at Portland, Me., are now appearing in the *Weekly Signs*, copies of which can be secured by addressing the office.

Elder N. B. King has been holding a series of meetings in Yazoo City since the union conference.

Roscoe Watkins is now holding meetings in Sibley and reports a very good interest.

Brother Percy Stewart, one of our youngest colporteurs, sends in a report for the past week of \$197.20 in forty-one hours. After giving his report he writes, "But I hope to do a greater work for the Lord when I get my wheel fixed."

Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund. Amount Received for First Quarter of 1916

CONFERENCE CHURCHES	Paid	Per week per mem.
Cedar Creek	\$ 6 59	02
Conference Church	49 69	16
Hatley	6 85	02
Jackson	61 34	11
Meridian	63 12	20
Pine Grove	15 89	15
Hattiesburg Company	4 00	02
Stampley Company	10 80	06
MISSION CHURCHES		
Brookhaven	8 99	03
Ellisville	17 25	11
Greenville	11 40	03
Hattiesburg	9 15	06
Jackson	10 80	02½
Meridian	10 04	06
Mission Church	11 75	07
Natchez	4 30	02
Vicksburg	6 96	01½
Yazoo City	19 35	07
Columbus	4 90	13
Individuals	17 19	
Greenwood Company	8 45	03½
Hazlehurst Company	1 80	02

Total amount received for first quarter \$ 360 61
 Total to be raised during this year...\$3122 60

Amount yet to be raised this year\$2761 99

The above is the amount of mission funds received at our office for the first quarter of 1916. You will notice that with one exception no church has reached its goal. This exception is Meridian, white. This church has set an excellent example for the others, and I do believe that what Meridian has done, the rest of us can do if we only pull together and keep our eyes on the goal.

We have raised, as you will see, \$360.61. To meet our goal we should have raised \$780.65 the first quarter. Now for the first quarter we are in the arrears \$420.04. We will therefore necessarily have to put forth an earnest effort to make up this amount.

Watch next week's *WORKER* and see the article by Elder C. S. Wiest, our president. He will tell us of a plan whereby if we will all do our part we will not come up short at the close of the year on our mission quota.

BEN. C. MARSHALL, Treasurer.

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 06

Friday, April 21

West 6: 43

News Items

Brother Wheeler left Nashville Sunday morning, April 8, for Springville, Tenn., where he expects to assist two or three of the church-members to enter the colporteur work. We are always glad to welcome new workers into our midst.

Brother Womack reports that Sister Womack is improving slowly, and that he is hopeful that she will soon be able to leave the hospital. We unite in extending our sympathy to Brother Womack and family in the illness of his wife.

Brother J. T. Eastlack writes that through reading our good books and tracts he has begun the observance of the Sabbath, and has now sent in an order for a large supply of tracts to give the truth to others. This is the true spirit which should prompt every church-member, and were this so, our membership would soon be doubled and even trebled.

Brother Bishop expects to take up the work again in a few days, although probably in new territory. We will be glad to see his name signed to the reports which he will send in.

The remittances from the church treasurers have been received the past ten days. We are glad for such a faithful company of treasurers. Promptness, accuracy, and a desire to build up the work characterize their work.

The tract society office was quite a busy place last week, as a number of shipments were made to the different colporteurs. Brethren Keele, Wade, and Hazelton will make deliveries in the next few days.

A number of calls for evangelistic work have been reaching the office of late. But our working force and limited means make it impossible to answer all of these calls. They will be attended to as fast as our ministers can get to them. Certainly these calls are a sign that the work is soon to close up.

For Our Colored People

Over in Missouri, especially in St. Louis, there seems to be quite a stir over a series of lectures and a play exhibiting sketches of the life of Booker T. Washington and other race leaders, and there is a call for something which will take up the life of this man and his work at Tuskegee, also his successor, and the work of Hampton Institute.

The publishers have planned to make use of an early number of *The Watchman* as a special, to take up these lines. The Outlook Department will be omitted, and instead, several pages of matter will be inserted taking up the life and work of Booker T. Washington, etc. The front page will contain his picture, and the frontispiece will be a picture of his successor, Major R. R. Moton. This will give an attractive magazine for our colored people and one that also contains a number of interesting articles dealing with the message.

This will furnish a good opportunity for our colored workers to get *The Watchman* before their people, and we confidently expect to receive orders for several hundred copies, if not a thousand. As the publishers are planning to print only a limited supply, it would be well to send the orders in at once. Address the Tennessee River Tract Society, 2014 23rd Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

The Coming Tent Season

The Lord has blessed the work in this field the past year, and we praise him for what has been done in the effort to give the message to the people of our territory. Through the efforts put forth many souls have been won to the truth, and are now walking in the light of the last message. He has also blessed us in our tithe and offerings, for while the tithe shows a slight falling off, due no doubt to the unsettled conditions brought on by the great war, the Sabbath school offerings and the Harvest Ingathering fund shows a very encouraging increase. For these things we are deeply grateful to God. Still with all that has been accomplished, the results for the year were not all that they might have been had all our people entered as heartily into the work as they should have done. If every Seventh-day Adventist in the Tennessee River Conference had done his duty, how many more souls might have been won to Christ. Reader, how many did you lead to him last year? How many opportunities to lead some one to the Saviour did you let pass unimproved last year? How many such opportunities will you let pass unimproved this year? If every one should lead one soul to Jesus this year it would double our membership. Is it too much to hope for, to pray for, to work for? In this year 1916 let us all resolve to do our very best for the Master.

The committee has laid plans for the most aggressive, and, it is to be hoped, the most fruitful campaign that we have had in this field for several years. It is planned to put five tents in the field at the opening of the season, which is about the middle of May. Two of these are for the colored people. One of them will be pitched in the city of Memphis, and the other in Jackson. The other three will be used in laboring for our own people in the cities of Nashville, Memphis, and some town in west Tennessee. In addition to all this, it is planned to leave one minister free to visit the churches and labor wherever there is a call for meetings.

Such a campaign as this will mean a very large increase in our expenses and will require the most careful economy to prevent a large deficit this year. In fact, the present flow of tithe is not sufficient to meet the increased expense incident to the carrying forward of such a campaign. However, we are sure that our people will rally to the support of the work, and we pray God that where there has been unfaithfulness our people will resolve no longer to rob God of his tithe, but faithfully render it to him for the prosecution of the work in our own needy home field. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Brethren, let us prove the Lord with our tithe, and get the blessing he is so anxious to bestow. Let us enter into a covenant with the Lord to give him the tithe of our wages, our poultry, our stock, our cotton, our corn, and our wheat. If we enter into this covenant, and every member of every church in the field deals faithfully with the Lord in this matter, there will be no lack of means to meet the increased expense involved in the proposed campaign. Now, my dear brethren, we also desire your help and cooperation in prayers for the success of the work this year. Our success will be just in proportion to the number of souls led to Christ, so let us pray for souls. There is power in prayer, and if we will remember the work and workers at the throne of grace, at the same time doing all we can to get others to attend the meetings, and in every way we can cooperating with the workers to make the meetings a success, there is no doubt we will gather a great harvest of souls into the fold this year. Let us hope for it, pray for it, and work for it, and our God will not disappoint us.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

If you believe God, you can rest in God.—S. N. Haskell.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference, Week Ending April 8, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
RobtJCook BF&HM	40	15	\$29 00	\$ 1 20	\$30 20	\$
B D Crawford .BR	25	4	12 00		12 00	
H L Edwards .BR	17	7	25 00		25 00	
J E Foley .BR	45	18	57 00		57 00	
ThosGoodman HM	51	3	9 00	50	9 50	
M L Ivory .HH	48	15	45 00		45 00	
M E Whatley D&R	33	18	60 00	2 10	62 10	
Bibles			13 00		13 00	
Totals (Agts. 7) 261 80 \$250 00 \$ 3 80 \$253 80 \$						

JWeathington .HM	42	58	128 00		128 00	
J L Waller .D&R	44	38	122 00	3 15	125 15	
Bibles			3 00		3 00	
Totals (Agts.15) 590 572 \$1540 50 \$31 15 \$1571 65 \$						

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Felia Pierce .BR	78	80	\$250 00	\$	\$250 00	\$19 00
AndySchroader BR	88	42	133 00		133 00	
Hatton Ford .BR	34	24	77 00		77 00	
JBReichenbach BR	32	10	31 00		31 00	3 00
E Harp .BR	60	12	48 00		48 00	
R W Harris .BR	18	14	65 00		65 00	
J H Clark .BF	24	24	38 00		38 00	
Raymond Harp .		14		1 85	1 85	
Jeff Hickman .BR	42					110 30
Totals (Agts. 9) 390 206 \$642 00 \$ 1 85 \$643 85 \$132 30						

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
R H Hazelton .GC	40	17	\$41 00	\$	\$41 00	\$
Wm J Keele .D&R	41	8	22 00	6 75	28 75	
DEHLindsey BR&PG	32	13	43 00	3 00	46 00	
BEWagner BR&PG	30	12	36 00	4 00	40 00	27 58
FEWagner GC&CK	24	9	23 00	4 30	27 30	
Totals (Agts. 5) 167 59 \$165 00 \$18 05 \$183 05 \$27 58						

Summary from January 1 to Date			
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference..	\$1846 00	\$ 33 70	\$ 130 85
Kentucky Conference.	3671 65	114 45	1418 00
Louisiana Conference.	349 55	4 55	197 00
Mississippi Conference	5818 50	172 10	272 50
Tenn.River Conference	1810 25	139 95	341 00
Totals	\$12995 95	\$ 464 75	\$2359 35

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Emily Billups .HM	30	20	\$54 00	\$	\$54 00	\$
ElmerChastain BR	14	8	24 00	1 55	25 55	
Lamar Cooper .BR	43	33	102 00	70	102 70	
WalterEdmonds†BR	127	70	227 00	6 10	233 10	
AnnieMFinleyPP&F	20	22	46 00		46 00	
A A Johnson .HM	45	58	129 00	1 05	130 05	
Ella Johnson .HM	27	27	54 00	65	54 65	
Hattie Jacobs .CK	10	24	46 50	35	46 85	
LJMcElroy .HM	24	24	48 00	35	48 35	
V Smith BR, .D&R	30	41	127 00	5 80	132 80	
Percy Stewart*.BR	83	97	297 00	3 60	300 60	
E A Taylor .BR	28	31	93 00	6 45	99 45	
AnnieWatts .PP&F	23	21	40 00	1 40	41 40	

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending April 8, 1916

Agent	ALABAMA CONFERENCE	No.	Value
B D Crawford		6	\$ 60
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE			
J B Reichenbach		15	1 50
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE			
Miss Sadie Klendt		95	9 50
Mrs A H Kelly		511	51 10
Totals		627	\$ 62 70

Selling the "Signs Magazine"

From a letter just received from Sister Matt Swanson, of Pine City, Minn., I quote the following:

"I had just gotten home from my trip when I received a letter from a school teacher containing ten cents in stamps with the request that I send her the January issue of the Signs. I sold a copy of the December Signs to her while on my trip and now she wants more. She also asks for some of our tracts. I found several such people while on the last trip and I am so glad for the opportunity of thus carrying on missionary correspondence with them. I sold all the magazines and could have sold more."

Sister Swanson sold 1,500 copies of the December Signs in three weeks while the snow made walking hard and the weather man reported 40° below. This proves again that magazines can be sold in winter as well as summer. As we have found so many times in the past, we again find that people like the Signs Magazine, and call for more.

This mother, by spending five or six weeks selling the Signs, makes a scholarship for her daughter who attends the Hutchinson Seminary. That is not all — she helps warn the world and prepare a people to meet their God. What others have done, you can do. Sell magazines, earn scholarships, enjoy good experiences, win souls for Christ, increase your own spirituality, be a working member, hear the "Well done" said to you when the work is finished. S. A. RUSKJER, Missionary Secretary.

"There is a beautiful legend of Fra Bernardo. The monastery had vowed to set a carved altar to the Christ at Christmastide. Every monk had to do his own part. All the other monks had finished their work. On Christmas eve Fra Bernardo knelt and told his Lord of his failure. He had tried with his poor skill to carve something for the altar, for Christ's dear sake, but somehow he could not make anything worthy. So he prayed that his fingers might have skill, and that he might be able that very night to carve the dream of beauty that was in his heart. In the morning the monks sought Bernardo's cell and found him there —

"Dead, smiling, and prostrate as in prayer;
While at his side a wondrous carving lay,
A face of Christ sublimely tender, sweet:
The work of Fra Bernardo was complete."

So it will be with those who seem to fail but who continue striving faithfully, doing their lowly work as well as they can. When the end comes, it will be seen that what to them seemed failure was beautiful with the beauty of Christ. God finishes the work that his lowly ones try to do for him.—"A Heart Garden."

"Men are born with two eyes, but only one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they say."

* Two Weeks. † Three Weeks.

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Another Standard of Attainment test comes next September.
Are you getting ready for it?

Every junior and senior missionary volunteer should plan
to buy his Reading Course books at camp-meeting. Begin
now to save money for them.

Have you seen the new anti-cigarette pledge? Its just what
you need in your temperance work among young people. Price
one-half cent each. Order from your tract society.

WANTED: A Sabbath-keeping man not over fifty, or a
boy not under fifteen years of age, to work on a farm. Wages
for the man, \$15; for the boy, \$10. A good home for the right
parties. Their services will be required till January, 1917,
and possibly longer; also transportation will be refunded at
the close of year for any distance under three hundred (300)
miles. Answer promptly.

M. S. Hubbell, Plain Dealing, La.,
Route 1, Box 80.

How about the aged in our midst — those between sixty
and eighty, who are now reckoning upon their decline in effi-
ciency and their life-work practically ended?

All such should by all means read the May number of *Life
and Health*, which gives unerring truths relative to people
being successful and efficient from forty to eighty, and gives
general encouragement and new hope for those in advanced
years.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY

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they are wholesome, very nutritious, and easy of digestion. Send
for price list and descriptive circular.

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"The Watchman"

Lately large sections of Augusta, Ga.; Nashville, Tenn.;
Paris, Tex., were destroyed by fire. Two towns in Kansas
are reported to have been wiped out by prairie fire. One town
in North Carolina reported to be burning. There are rumors
of trouble with Mexico. What do these things mean? The
May Watchman will contain a full account of the destruction
of thirty-two blocks in Nashville, with illustrations. Article
on Mexico. Order a large supply immediately.

J. L. McCONAUGHEY.

Kentucky Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6:09

Friday, April 21

West 6:40

News Items

Miss Minnie Scott, who has been in Indianapolis for some
time, has now returned to her sister's home in Lexington.

Brother Ford, who is selling "Bible Readings" in Pike County,
reports that his courage is good and that he will soon make
another delivery.

Sister Trulock has recently ordered a supply of our literature
and expects to do home missionary work.

Brother James Hickman, our field secretary, is now working
with Brother Perry in Breathitt County.

Professor Wood, of the Southern Union Conference, is in our
State at this writing. He attended the convention in Lexington
and then went to Grove, where he has held a few meetings.

Elder Brown attended the conference of the Southeastern
Union, which was held in Atlanta, Ga. He is now visiting the
churches out in the eastern part of the State.

Sister Ewald, of Louisville, is doing a good work selling
magazines. She takes a good club every month. Many others
should do the same.

Miss Brown, our Sabbath school and young people's secre-
tary, has attended the convention at the colored church in Lex-
ington, and at this writing is spending a few days at the Ford
church.

Brother and Sister Leet, of Buechel, are of good courage
and are anxious to have their children in one of our schools.

Brother Fred Keitts, of Bowling Green, reports his wife very
sick. We hope she may soon recover.

Delia Wilson, who has been doing Bible work in Lexington,
reports her work growing. Several are deeply interested in the
truth.

Brother William Winston, of Louisville, writes that the work
at the Shelby Street church is very encouraging, and that two
persons have been added the past month.

Brother Jacob White is now in the field selling the printed
page. We welcome him to this line of work and hope that he
may continue throughout the year.

Have you read the *May Signs Monthly*? If not, you have
missed a treat. Why not place your order for this good
magazine?

The Kentucky Tract Society has a few books on hand that it
will sell at a discount: Tent meeting edition of "Christ in
Song" 10 cents; "From Eden to Eden," a Sabbath pamphlet,
regular price 10 cents, our price 2 cents; "In Memorium Mrs.
E. G. White" 4 cents; "Past, Present and Future," \$3 book,
now \$1.40; a few full morocco "Daniel and the Revelation,"
formerly \$5, now \$2; "Practical Guide to Health," formerly
\$3, now \$1.40; full leather "United States in Prophecy," regu-
larly \$3, now \$1.40; full morocco "Great Controversy," regular
price \$5, now \$2.

Postage must be added, as we do not pay postage.