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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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Small Things

A little word in kindness spoken,
A motion, or a tear,
Has often healed the heart that's broken,
And made a friend sincere.

A word, a look, has crushed to earth
Full many a budding flower,
Which, had smile but owned its birth,
Would bless life's darkest hour.

Then deem it not an idle thing
A pleasant word to speak;
The face you wear, the thought you bring,
A heart may heal or break.

— *Selected.*

The Removal of the Southern Training School

Ever since the girls' dormitory of the Southern Training School at Graysville, Tenn., burned, about a year ago, the matter of the future location of the school has been under consideration. Many have felt that the school could carry on its work to better advantage if it were in a place more remote from a village than at present.

The Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences form the constituency of this school, and in the personnel of its board of management the presidents of the conferences of these unions are included.

The Southern Union Conference, at its meeting recently held in Nashville, Tenn., gave consideration to the question of rebuilding the dormitory at Graysville, or seeking a location elsewhere. Members of the Graysville church and citizens of the place presented very liberal inducements for the school to remain in Graysville. However, final action was deferred until the Southeastern Union Conference meeting at Atlanta. At this meeting the members of the board from the Southern Union were present. After a careful consideration of all features, it was decided to seek a new location in the country. It was felt that in so doing, better opportunities for industrial work could be offered. In the removal of the school it is explicitly understood that the debts now resting upon it shall be met, and all land and buildings paid for before occupancy, so that no debt shall in any way be incurred.

Very naturally the Graysville church and the citizens of the place were anxious that the school should remain, and made liberal inducements for it to do so, but when it was thought best to remove, their representatives assured the constituency that the church would unite with their brethren in making the school a success in a new location.

These two unions have assumed a heavy burden in this new move. It is one in which all the members of the conferences must unite if it succeeds. But when we consider what has been accomplished by some of the other school constituencies, it appears in no way an impossible task. The Pacific Union has recently raised a fund of \$150,000 for its school interests, Union College about \$75,000, and Emmanuel Missionary College \$70,000. It is not yet known how much in a financial way is

involved for the Southern Training School constituency in this contemplated move; but if all unite, it can undoubtedly be accomplished.

The education of our young people is of prime importance in the development of our cause in any portion of the country, and a strong central training school is indispensable to the rapid advance of the third angel's message in the Southland. The Southern Training School has not discontinued; it is only being transferred to another place where the instruction given by the Spirit of prophecy concerning our schools can be more fully carried out. This school during its twenty-two years in Graysville has accomplished great good for the Southern field. Besides the hundred or more who have been graduated from its different departments, many who have not completed courses have gone forth to gospel service. The constituency believes that this change will increase its efficiency.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

Fountain Head

During the meeting of the Southern Union Conference at Nashville, I was requested by Brother Mulford to accompany Prof. M. E. Kern and Prof. Leo Thiel on their visit to Fountain Head, Tenn., where three companies of our people were to join in a union meeting Sabbath, March 25.

It was a rainy day, but notwithstanding the showers and muddy roads there was a good attendance of the Fountain Head congregation, and representatives from two other rural schools seven and eight miles away.

I was glad to meet again the teachers of the Fountain Head school. Their family of students has changed much since my last visit. At present there are nearly a score of boarding students, and a dozen or more attending from neighboring homes.

We were very glad to see Sister Walen, who with the aid of her husband opened the Chestnut Hill school several years ago. At the present time this school is taught by her daughter and son-in-law, Brother and Sister Ard.

Brother and Sister King, of the Spring Branch school, were also present and several others from some distance away. The

doors that separate the two rooms of the schoolhouse were opened, and the building was nearly full.

After Sabbath school Professor Kern gave a very earnest, practical discourse on family relationships and duties. It was appreciated by young and old. In the afternoon Professor Thiel and I spoke ten minutes each, and then Professor Kern addressed the young people. The thoughts presented were eagerly received by both young and old. After Brother Kern's short address there was a testimony meeting in which nearly all took part. It was very evident that the spirit of the Lord was working in a special manner on the hearts of the young people.

The leaders of the meeting seeing this made an earnest appeal for those who had not made a public profession of religion to take their stand for Jesus. In response to this appeal three arose, and then three more, and then another and another, until there were twelve who came forward and made public profession. The large part of the group were students in the Fountain Head school, lambs of the flock, who loved the Lord but had never made a public stand for Christ. Others by taking this step pledged themselves to a decided reform. Surely God's blessing will attend their consecration.

Slowly but steadily the workers at Fountain Head have pressed forward with their work. For three or four years they have felt the need of a small rural sanitarium. The neighborhood needed a place where the sick could go for treatments, and the nurses who would care for the occasional cases of the neighborhood needed the more steady work and remuneration that would come from the overworked people of the cities who find health by fleeing for a time to the country.

Since our visit in December, 1914, they have moved their schoolhouse to a less beautiful and more sightly location overlooking the public road, and have given to the sick people the most beautiful place on the edge of the forest. Here they have just built a two-story, twelve-room cottage, with bathrooms in the basement, for the care of the sick. With this equipment they will be able to care for five or six boarding patients, and to do whatever work is needed by the neighbors. Already some overworked clerks and convalescent patients who came out from Nashville are singing the praises of the place to nerve-worn workers who need for a time to get away from the noise and stress of city life.

W. C. WHITE.

Louisiana Conference Biennial Report

To the delegates assembled in the Southern Union Conference at Nashville, Tenn., greeting!

Having been connected with this conference only about three months, I can therefore only report the things as I find them.

Louisiana contains 45,966 square miles of land, and 2,328 square miles of land lock bays, lagoons, and rivers. It is composed of 28,000,000 acres of land, of which only about 5,500,000 acres are cultivated, and on these there are yearly produced crops valued at \$100,000,000.

Its products make up an imposing total, including one million bales of cotton annually, ninety-five per cent of all cane sugar raised in the United States, and more rice than any other State of the Union. The forests are magnificent, and it is now the second lumber-producing State of the Union.

With all the wealth of the State it certainly is an ideal field for our Christian colporteurs. They can spend the entire year in the field.

Louisiana contains sixty-four parishes, or counties, the greater portion of which have never had a single sermon upon the third angel's message preached within their borders. Certainly here is a missionary field which needs to be worked, and it is not only a home missionary field but a foreign field as well.

The population in 1910 was 1,656,388, composed of 941,086

white and 713,874 colored. There are 164,499 foreigners within the State comprising the following nationalities — French, Germans, Italians, Russians, Austrians, and Turks.

BOOK SALES

We are not in possession of the amount of book sales for the biennial period of 1912 and 1913, so we are unable to say whether the past biennial period excelled the sales of the previous period.

We find that during 1914 we had a monthly average of ten colporteurs in the field. These worked 5,751 hours, securing 3,275 orders valued at \$7,491.45, with helps sold amounting to \$392.55, making a total of \$7,982.90. There were delivered during the year 1,800 books valued at \$3,848.40, or only about 50 per cent of the orders secured were delivered. The average sales per hour for the year was \$1.39, and making an allowance for the poor delivery, we have an average of practically 70 cents per hour, or a daily wage of \$5.60 for an eight hour day, or \$28 per week for five days' labor.

The banner month was July, when 558 orders were obtained, valued at \$1,596.00, with helps amounting to \$65.05, making a grand total of \$1,660.55, or an average of \$1.87 per hour, or \$7.52 a day for eight hours, or \$37.60 per week of five days.

In 1915 there was a monthly average of seven colporteurs in the field. These worked 5,991 hours, securing 2,560 orders valued at \$6,143.30, with helps sold to the value of \$234.85, making a total of \$6,430.35. There were delivered during the year 1,133 books valued at \$3,052.55. This was about the same per cent as during the preceding year. The average per hour during the year was \$1.07, or \$8.56 per day of eight hours, or \$42.80 per week of five days. Making an allowance for the poor delivery, we have an average of 54 cents per hour, or \$4.32 per day of eight hours, or \$21.60 a week of five days.

The banner month for orders was July, when 467 orders were obtained, valued at \$1,027.15, with helps amounting to \$24.15, making a total of \$1,051.30, or \$1.34 per hour, or \$10.72 per day of eight hours, or \$53.63 a week of five days.

The average sales of each colporteur during 1915 was \$886.94. While in 1914 the average sales were \$659.74, or a gain of \$227.20 in 1915, which gives an average gain for each colporteur of \$31.34. The gain in hours was 240, yet we find a loss in number of orders of 715, which shows a loss in value of orders amounting to \$1,348.15, a loss in helps of \$157.70, and in deliveries of \$795.85.

The magazine sales show that \$1,027.40 were sold in 1914, while only \$455.20 were sold in 1915 — a loss of \$572.20 for the year 1915. This shows that our actual loss during the year 1915 was \$2,078.05. In presenting these figures we do not do so to cast reflection upon any one. We are certain that the former administration pushed the book work, and the field missionary secretary has labored untiringly for its success.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

This department has shown a substantial growth during the biennial period. We find at the close of 1914 a membership of 501. The total offerings to missions during 1914 were \$1,252.01; the thirteenth Sabbath offerings during the year were \$296.99.

At the close of 1915 there were 21 schools with a membership of 556. Total offerings to missions were \$1,463.70. The thirteenth Sabbath offerings were \$311.11. This gives us an increase of the total offerings to missions of \$211.69 over 1914, and an increase of the thirteenth Sabbath offerings of \$14.12 over 1914. We are certain that 1916 will show a still greater increase not only in membership, but in offerings as well.

EDUCATIONAL AND Y. P. M. V. WORK

There were four schools conducted during 1914 with an enrolment of 66, and an annual expenditure of \$520. In 1915 we had two schools with an enrolment of 40, and an annual expenditure of \$250.

The number of young people's missionary volunteer societies during the year 1914 was five, with a membership of 71. Their offerings to foreign missions were \$90.94, while they gave \$18.91 to the home missionary work, and contributed for the local society work \$8.33, making a total contribution of \$118.18.

The number of societies in 1915 was four, with a membership of 69. Their offerings to foreign missions were \$100.20, while they gave \$89.72 to the home missionary work, and contributed for the local society work \$6.84, making a total of all contributions of \$192.76. Thus while they dropped one society and the membership decreased two, their offerings increased \$78.58 over 1914.

The Standard of Attainment membership in 1915 was five. The reading course certificates issued in 1914 were three, and in 1915 were 16.

TRACT SOCIETY WORK

The tract society work shows a small gain in 1915 over the previous year. The retail value of book sales in 1914 was \$5,932, while in 1915 it amounted to \$6,050.77, an increase of \$118.77.

FINANCIAL

During the biennial period the total of all funds raised from various sources was: book sales \$11,982.77, Sabbath School offerings \$2,882.55, mission offerings \$2,071.76, tithes \$10,835.74, church schools \$770, and missionary volunteer societies \$310.94—a total of \$28,853.76.

The Mission Department raised during the same time: tithes \$1,949.63; Sabbath school, Harvest Ingathering, and other offerings \$581.34; building fund \$759; money donated from other funds \$855; church expense, including home missionary work, \$354.13; making a total of \$4,647.34, or a grand total of all funds raised during the biennial period of \$33,501.10.

The tithe has fallen off to an alarming degree, and calls for an earnest effort on the part of every church elder and minister to do his utmost in an endeavor to not only bring the tithe where it was in 1914, but to see that our people pay an honest tithe. The tithe in 1914 was \$7,037.49, while in 1915 it fell to \$5,657.93, or a decrease of \$1,379.56.

EVANGELICAL

The laborers have been blessed during this biennial period, and there were added to the conference membership one hundred and twenty-two.

We have at present four ordained ministers and one licentiate. One church paid during the year an average in tithes and offerings of \$28.91 per member. There was a church building erected at Shreveport which is nearly completed and which will seat two hundred besides having a nice church school room in connection with the building. The building when completed will be worth about \$3,000 and it will take about one hundred dollars to complete it. All the money with the exception of \$500 has been secured from the outside. There is a building which has been secured at Mansfield, moved onto a lot, and placed in good condition with a debt of approximately \$100.

LOUISIANA MISSION

The work in the mission has shown a healthy growth, and we are certain that we shall see it increase in membership during the quadrennial period in which we have entered.

We have in the mission three organized churches, and two unorganized companies. They have but one church building which is located in the city of New Orleans. This building is worth \$3,000. The church school is conducted in the nice light airy basement of the church. The members added to the New Orleans church in 1914 were twenty-three. Their tithe was \$837.42, Sabbath school offerings \$52.89, Harvest Ingathering \$123, other offerings \$71.16, building fund \$652, and church expense fund \$85.78, making a total of \$1,822.25. The tithe for the year 1915 was \$981.88, Sabbath school offerings

\$126.97, Harvest Ingathering \$104.22, other offerings for missions \$59.81, building fund raised \$107.55, church expense \$42.85, and money raised for an organ \$119. The total members added to the church during the biennial period was forty-eight. All funds raised by the New Orleans church for the period amount to \$3,364.53.

The tithes and offerings of the Newellton church with a membership of thirteen were \$78.79 for the biennial period.

The Shreveport church was organized in September, 1915, and at present has a membership of thirty. Their tithe has amounted to \$67.23, Sabbath school offerings to \$24.02, and Harvest Ingathering \$12.55, and annual offerings to \$3.45, making a total of \$107.25.

The total membership of the Louisiana Mission is one hundred and fifty-eight. Tithe for the biennial period \$1,949.63; Sabbath school offerings, Harvest Ingathering, and other offerings \$581.34; pledges collected on building fund \$759; money donated to mission building fund from other sources \$855; collected for church expense, including home mission work, \$354.13. Total of all funds, \$4,647.63.

OUR NEEDS

What is needed is a ministry Spirit-filled, and a goal to which all may earnestly work, and to this end we suggest that we labor for not less than one hundred souls won for Christ during 1916. Then we are certain that there can be in the Mission Department not less than fifty souls added to the church during the year 1916. In fact in looking over the field we have arrived at the conclusion that the great need of Louisiana is placing in the field a sufficient number of laborers, so that the constituency can be greatly increased, and we believe then it can be made self-supporting. Then again, while the needs of our conference are many, we will endeavor to be modest in our requests. We need two laborers for the French field, as this language is the mother tongue of the State; two ministers to work among the English; one for the Germans; one for the Italians; one for the Russians; and one for the Austrians. We also need four Bible workers, as we have none at present. Then we need ten colporteurs. We need two additional ministers for the Mission Department, also two Bible workers, and eight colporteurs. But more than all the other needs is the need of all our people in the conference daily living victorious lives, and being true to this message and to God.

C. N. SANDERS.

To Mothers

Speak gently to the children nor wound the tender heart,
The time may not be distant when you and they must part;
So just forget the worries and battles you've to fight,
And in the quiet evening kiss them a warm "good night."
They too are swiftly nearing the battlefield of life;
And lest they should be worsted in the fight of sin and strife,
Oh, gird them with the armor of a mother's perfect love,—
A shining pure example of faith in God above.
Ah! then the recollection of a mother's tender care,
May smooth life's rugged pathway, may save from many
a snare,
And in the hush of even, as in the days of yore,
In fond imagination they'll feel your kiss once more.
'Twill cool the burning forehead, 'twill raise their thoughts
to God,
When the loving lips that gave it are cold beneath the sod;
The hardest heart will soften, the tear-dimmed eyes grow
bright,
At childhood's happy memories, and a mother's sweet "good
night."

— Selected.

"Some can go; most can give; all can pray."

Alabama Conference

Conference Directory

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 17

Friday, May 5

West 6: 44

News Items

E. M. Blout, who is located in Vernon, which is almost on the State line directly west of Birmingham, orders fifty copies of the *May Watchman*.

Brother E. C. Widgery writes that the previous week's work was interesting. The people were ready and willing to receive their books. Strange ideas take hold of the people sometimes. Brother Widgery states that they suspicioned his being a German spy at first.

Brother J. H. Reams, a member of the Carbon Hill church, who is now living in Anniston, sends in payment of tithe, also subscription to the *Review and Herald*.

In the past, agents have been allowed forty per cent discount on subscriptions to *Liberty*. Subscriptions have been accepted in clubs at twenty cents each to be sent to different addresses. It is now found impossible to continue this and at the close of the year 1915 the price was changed to twenty-five cents as the minimum price for *Liberty* in single subscriptions. However, the twenty cent rate still holds good when there is a club sent to one address. Without doubt more effort should be put forth to circulate *Liberty* magazine, now that the *Protestant* has been discontinued.

Brother S. D. Miller, of Mobile, renews his subscription to the *Review and Herald* and states that other renewals will soon come in from the Mobile church No. 2.

Brother R. E. Chapman, of Troy, asks for a Morning Watch Calendar to be sent to a young man who wishes to join in reading the Bible through this year.

Sister Belle Collins, treasurer of the Montgomery church, orders 500 each of Present Truth Series, numbers 10 and 11, for use in the capital of the State.

Sister S. A. Fowler orders fifty copies of *The Watchman* and fifty copies of *Life and Health* for use in Mobile.

Sister Mildred A. Rock orders a supply of tracts and pamphlets for use in Santa Rosa, Fla.

Opportunities

On returning from the meeting at Nashville we entered the field to be with the colporteurs, our first visit being with Brother Whately, who is located at Blocton Bibb County. In a special way the Lord helped us in getting located and started in the work here. From here we were called to Anniston where we spent Sabbath, April 15, and then went on to the southeastern part of the State to be with Brother Edwards. Our visit here was very pleasant and profitable, and marks a new era in the colporteur work in Alabama.

Brother John L. Smith, elder of the Ashford church, for the instruction in the art of book-selling kindly took Brother Edwards and myself from place to place in his automobile. This was a new experience in the book work for us. We are glad that Brother Smith was so enthusiastic over our success that he plans

to enter the work soon. In twenty-one hours we were blessed with \$72 worth of orders from the best class of people. We are very grateful indeed for this experience. But this is nothing more than we might expect. I read from "Christ's Object Lessons," pages 363 and 333: "When we give ourselves wholly to God, and in our work follow his directions, he makes himself responsible for its accomplishment. *Not once should we ever think of failure.*" "As the will of man cooperates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at his command, may be accomplished in his strength. All his biddings are enablings."

We are glad for what is being done and for the good institute and corps of workers, but we feel there are others whom God is calling to this great work. Now, just now, is the time to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. What we fail to do now under favorable conditions will have to be done under adversity. May God help us to discern the signs of the times. What part will you have in giving the message?

M. L. WILSON.

Kentucky Conference

Conference Directory

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 21

Friday, May 5

West 6: 52

News Items

Brother Alex Perry reports a new Sabbath-keeper in Clay County as a result of his work there last year with "Bible Readings."

Elder S. E. Wight spent Sabbath, April 22, with the church at Bowling Green. All appreciated the stirring talk he gave us.

Elder O. A. Dow is planning to pitch a gospel tent next month. It will probably be located at Irvington. Let all pray that God will give a good harvest of souls.

Brother James Hickman has returned home after being out in the field with the boys for three weeks. He is of good courage and reports prospects good for reaching our goal.

Brother J. H. Clark has enlisted with the canvassing band, and God blessed him in two weeks with more than \$160 worth of orders.

Sister Diggs has been working with "Coming King" near Berea. She reports some good experiences.

Brother Jacob White writes us a good letter and says the Lord has been blessing him in a marked way. We rejoice with him to learn that in five days the past week he secured \$204 in orders. This is the largest report we have ever received in our office for the same length of time.

Miss Lena Brown has been spending a few days the past week with her sister at the Hazel Academy.

Brother Howard writes us that the Lord has heard their prayers and given them two new Sabbath-keepers. We are glad to hear this. Each church member should work and pray to the end of doubling our membership this year. It can be done.

Are you praying for the colporteurs each day, and in a special way on Friday nights. If not, let us get under the burden and ask God to give these dear workers success in placing the truth in many homes.

Brethren Andy Schroader and Felia Pierce both report good deliveries the past week. They are of good courage.

Brother W. B. Wilson has gone home for a few days, but will be out in the field soon again.

At this writing Elder Brown is at the office. He reports a very successful trip on his tour among the churches. His next appointment is with the Sand Hill church.

Brother H. M. Shoemaker writes that they are anxious for a week's meeting at the Grove church.

Brother M. Jones writes that his magazine work is much better than it has been. He finds many people who desire to know what the things mean that are taking place in the world today.

Brother Bowles writes a good letter from Owen County where he is selling "Bible Readings." He plans to have a large delivery for July.

Miss Bessie Mount, one of our teachers, plans to engage in the work this summer and will sell some of our literature.

Have you ordered a club of the *Signs Weekly* at your church? If not, please do so at once. Keep an account of all the missionary work you do for this quarter and report to your church or to Elder Brown before the first of July. Don't fail to do this.

The *May Watchman* is full of good things. If you are not a subscriber for this paper we will be glad to enter your name on the list. Just send one dollar and your address, and the magazine will reach you each month for a year.

Miss Mildred Reichenbach just sent an order for a supply of the *May Watchman*. She is one of our magazine hustlers.

All of our people throughout the conference should do all in their power to raise the twenty-cent-a-week fund. We are behind and must get busy to catch up.

Brother C. B. Sherer has ordered a prospectus and will soon be out selling the printed page.

Word has reached us that there are three colored people keeping the Sabbath in Richmond. They are calling for a minister to preach the message in their city.

Have you made that missionary garden yet? Don't forget that we can raise our mission funds by setting a hen and raising the chickens for that purpose. We might set aside some fruit trees and give the proceeds of the fruit to the Lord's work. Some of the children are selling old rags and raising mission money.

What are you doing to get that \$10.40 which we have promised to give to missions this year? Set your goal to raise the above amount and then pray God to assist you in some way to get the amount.

Brother Bossing, of the Louisville church, sends us word that there is a move started to close up all business places on Sunday. We can see by what is taking place that the dragon's voice will soon be heard.

We are glad to see our canvassers working so earnestly to place twenty thousand dollars worth of our good books in the homes of our conference this year. Let all the brethren pray for these faithful men who have dedicated their lives to God for service. You may not be able to go out to work for others, but you can hold up the hands of those who are in the field by your prayers.

Sister Hammond, of Salyersville, writes that a young man and his wife have begun to keep the Sabbath and attend the Sabbath school. We are glad for this report. Let all of our lay members work to save souls. You can win one or more this year if you will begin now and not delay longer.

Among the Churches

It has been some time since I sent a report to the *WORKER*, but I have been busy. The first of April I started out for a tour among the churches. I first stopped at Louisville and held counsel with Brother Dow. From there I went to Lexington where we held a convention and formal opening services of the memorial colored church in that city. The Lord was near us in the meeting. Brother Wood and my daughter Lena were

present to assist with the convention. Brother and Sister Tyrer kindly opened their doors and entertained us while there. They are doing good work with their treatment rooms in the Phoenix Hotel. Some of the best people of the city are taking treatments each week.

In company with my daughter, I next went to Ford, where I found our brethren anxious for a few meetings. The members all took a special interest in the instruction given to the young people, and we feel sure that the young were encouraged to do more to reach their goal than ever before. A good spirit was manifested by all and new resolutions were formed, so that we expect to see better work done in that church from now on.

We next went to Nicholasville and were pleased to meet with the believers in that place. We found Brother Bowles full of courage and planning to go to his field in a few days. Brother Wheeler has had sickness in his family for several months. It will be a glad day when the people will no more say they are sick. Brother Evans is not physically strong, yet his faith in God grows stronger all the time.

We met with the church at Louisville in their business meeting, and I was pleased to see the good spirit of brotherly love manifested throughout the meeting. Professor Wood joined us and we went together to Irvington, where we were pleased to have a visit with Brother Howard's family. We also held one meeting, and there was a real interest on the part of those present to learn the truth.

We next went to Henderson. Sister Flossie Callender met us at the station and took us to her home in the country. The meeting appointed for that night was well attended, and Professor Wood spoke on the importance of being ready for the Lord's coming. A spirit of consecration took hold of the people and all through our stay at that place we had a real feast of good things. One person was buried with his Lord in baptism, and we left the church of good courage. Professor Wood returned to Nashville, and we went to Hartford where we held a convention with that church, also a few days' meeting. They are doing good work putting out literature, and plan to have a ten days' meeting in May.

I find a good spirit among our churches, and I feel encouraged to believe that God will do great things for us. Let us all work and pray to double our membership this year.

B. W. BROWN.

Henderson Convention

Sabbath, April 15, the members of the Henderson church assembled for a convention. The morning session was devoted to the Sabbath school work. The three papers: "The Importance of the Sabbath School," "The Duty of Sabbath School Officers and Teachers, and the Importance of Their Training," and "The Three Sabbath School Goals" were well prepared and proved to contain many helpful thoughts and suggestions for this line of work. Each paper was discussed at length, especially "The Three Sabbath School Goals." Almost every one present promised to study the Sabbath school lesson daily. Professor Wood gave a talk on ways of raising missionary money, which was much enjoyed by all.

The members set a definite goal for this quarter, which if reached will more than treble the amount given into the Sabbath school last quarter. I think this is a splendid idea, and all of our schools would profit by doing this.

The afternoon session was on the missionary volunteer work. The young people became very enthusiastic, expressing a determination to do more than ever before. The children, by their recitations and songs, helped to make this meeting very interesting.

On Sunday afternoon I met with the young people and we laid some definite plans to follow during the summer. They have a large supply of *Temperance Instructors* which they plan to

sell at once. They are going to use one hundred *Signs* magazines each month.

All are planning to raise a large offering for foreign missions by raising missionary chickens and gardens, and fruit from trees set apart for that purpose. With such a determination as these workers have, I am sure the Lord will use them in doing a great work. Two prayer bands were organized, and the members are beginning to pray for definite things.

A splendid spirit was manifested throughout the meeting. Those who were in attendance from outside the church were Prof. Lynn H. Wood, Elder Brown, and the writer.

LENA A. BROWN.

Tennessee River Conference

Conference Directory

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6:16

Friday, May 5

West 6:55

The Work at Goodlettsville

I have just returned from a visit with the Haran church where I found the brethren rejoicing in the truth and anxious to give the message to their neighbors and friends. Some faithful work is being done there by Sister Ashton and others in an effort to lead the people into the light. There are some in the neighborhood who are keeping the Sabbath, though not members of the church. Others are interested, and I feel that if we could hold an effort there some time this summer or fall it would be productive of much good. I hope very much that it will be possible to so arrange the work for this fall that this can be done.

It will be remembered that it was the brethren of this church who were indicted for Sunday labor and whose trials were set for the January term of court. Their trials were put off till the May term which convenes the fourth Monday in May, the twenty-second. I trust all will remember these brethren in their prayers that God may work in their behalf and save them the trouble and expense that must come to them and their families if they are convicted, and that he will also work to glorify his name and advance the truth through the things which the brethren suffer.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

The Reading Course Books

We beg to announce to the readers of the WORKER and our young people's leaders and others that the reading course books for the season of 1916-1917 have been arranged for and will be as follows:

SENIOR COURSE

History of the Waldenses	\$.50
Advance Guard of Missions75
Getting Acquainted with the Trees50
Steps to Christ75

JUNIOR COURSE

First Book of Birds60
Children's Missionary Story Sermons90
Places Young Americans Want to Know	1.00

When ordered at one time either set will be sent postpaid for \$2.15. These books will be sold at camp-meeting for \$1.90. Every young people's missionary volunteer member should have the books and begin to read them at once.

Order of the Tennessee River Tract Society, 2014 23rd Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

Goodlettsville, Tenn.

It was the privilege of the writer to make a short visit to the church at Goodlettsville, Tenn., Sabbath, April 22, in the interests of the book and Sabbath school work.

Brother Ernest Templeton, one of their younger members, plans to enter the colporteur work and will have taken up his work before this paper reaches its readers.

The Sabbath school is progressing nicely, and the members expect to receive the Perfect Attendance Cards for attending Sabbath school thirteen Sabbaths without missing. The donations continue to come in nicely. The Sabbath school work in this place is under the personal supervision of Prof. C. F. Alden, who is superintendent.

It has been extremely hard for the church to raise its portion of the twenty-cent-a-week fund because some of the members live in other cities and States and have not reported to the regular organization. It is to be hoped that this matter may be attended to at once, as the brethren are anxious to pay in full their twenty cents a week to missions.

The matter of supporting the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER by donations was considered, and the brethren report that the conference can depend upon them to do their part. We are always glad for the liberality of the church members.

The young people's society has its meetings at three o'clock each Sabbath afternoon and is doing good work under the efficient leadership of Miss Beulah Robertson and assistants.

Brother Scott Alden is elder of the church.

F. C. BRUCE.

Mrs. E. R. Jones, 867 Florida St., Memphis, Tenn., desires late clean copies of our literature sent postpaid, for use in missionary work.

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Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6:32

Friday, May 5

West 6:57

News Items

Brother Walter Edmonds called at the office Monday, the twenty-fourth, on his way to his home in Shuqualak. He has been canvassing in Amite County and expects to return to that place just as soon as he gets his horse.

Brother Percy Stewart was again able to be in the field last week and sends in his report of over \$100.

Sister Hattie Jacobs writes that last week was her best week in the field in the three years that she has been working. Her total orders reach \$105.

Elder Wiest reports a very interesting meeting Sabbath afternoon with the company at Stampley.

The Jackson church, white, have put in their order for forty of the *Weekly Signs* for six months. This is a good example for others to follow. The *Signs* is certainly a good paper, and Elder Daniells' articles are just starting which alone are worth the price of the paper. It will cost you only five cents per week to have two copies come.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference, Week Ending April 22, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Robt J Cook BF&HM	46	16	\$41 60	\$ 1 35	\$42 95	\$
H L Edwards .BR	20	23	72 00	25	72 25	
J E Foley .BR	40	31	91 00		91 00	
Thos Goodman*BF	85	26	28 50	2 20	30 70	
M L Ivory* .HH	92	31	93 00		93 00	1 00
Q Tew .BR	45	7	24 00		24 00	
E C Widgery* D&R	45	6	19 00	35	19 35	3 00
M E Whatley D&R	39	13	46 00	1 05	47 05	28 00
B D Crawford .D	48	10	30 00		30 00	
Bibles						3 00
Totals (Agts. 9) 460 163 \$445 10 \$ 5 20 \$450 30 \$35 00						

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Jacob White .BR	96	93	\$249 00	\$35 00	\$284 00	\$
J B Reichenbach BR	108	18	57 00		57 00	82 00
Felia Pierce .BR	32					97 00
J H Clark .BF	42	46	71 00		71 00	
R W Harris .BR	22	14	54 50		54 50	
Luther Bowles .BR	37	18	54 00	1 75	55 75	
W B Wilson .BR	25	20	62 00		62 00	8 00
Hatton Ford .BR	37	13	39 00		39 00	
Alex Perry .BR	34	13	45 00		45 00	
Andy Schroader BR	33	5	15 00		15 00	68 00
Bibles			27 06		27 60	
Totals (Agts.10) 466 204 \$674 10 \$36 75 \$710 85 \$255 00						

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
R R Coble† .BR	118	52	\$175 00	\$ 2 50	\$177 50	\$
Cliff Field† .BR	117	86	308 00	3 50	311 50	
G B Boswell .BR	29	37	136 00	50	136 50	
Mrs F T Sevier . . .	3			5 00	5 00	
E W Radeke .D&R	5					6 00
Bibles			2 50		2 50	
Totals (Agts. 5) 272 175 \$621 50 \$11 50 \$633 00 \$ 6 00						

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Susie Beasley .HM	52	26	\$52 00	\$ 2 25	\$54 45	\$
Emily Billups .HM	48	29	62 00		62 00	
Lamar Cooper .BR	28	6	19 00	1 75	20 75	
Elmer Chastain BR	78	68	213 00	9 45	222 45	
P Hampton .BF	49	39	93 00	1 40	94 40	
A Johnson HM,D&R	39	47	105 00	3 50	108 50	
Hattie Jacobs .HM	18	40	105 00	35	105 35	
Mattie Lee .HM	10	5	10 00		10 00	
L J McElroy .HM	35	43	86 00	1 05	87 05	
E B Stowall .HM	25	6	18 00	1 85	19 85	
Helen Seard .HM	5	3	6 00		6 00	
V Smith .BR,D&R	34	24	70 00		70 00	

Percy Stewart .BR	34	30	99 00	2 10	101 10	
J WeatheringtonHM	40	22	52 00	2 25	54 25	
J L Waller .D&R	39	48	148 00		148 00	
Bibles			14 30		14 30	

Totals (Agts.15) 534 436 \$1152 30 \$26 15 \$1178 45 \$

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
Jesse Allen .BR	36	5	\$15 00	\$	\$15 00	\$
R H Hazelton .GC	45	18	40 00		40 00	
Wm J Keele .D&R	30	2	8 00	39 00	47 00	73 00
Mrs Mae Keele BR	12			10 50	10 50	22 00
DEH Lindsey BR&PG	35	20	69 00	1 50	70 50	
Mrs Lindsey† .BR	33	15	46 00	6 75	52 75	
Emelia RobersonGC	12	3	10 00		10 00	
W D Wade .GC	13			1 10	1 10	32 00
BE Wagner BR&PG	35	28	84 00	4 00	88 00	
Mrs Wagner† .BR	25	11	33 00	8 25	41 25	

Totals (Agts.10) 276 102 \$305 00 \$71 10 \$376 10 \$127 00

G'd Totals (A. 49) 2008 1080 \$3198 10 \$150 70 \$3048 70 \$423 00

Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference . .	\$2015 10	\$2068 75	\$ 185 85
Kentucky Conference . .	4754 75	151 20	1673 00
Louisiana Conference . .	971 05	26 05	203 00
Mississippi Conference . .	8083 65	335 35	272 50
Tenn. River Conference . .	2294 25	231 80	597 00

Totals \$18118 80 \$2813 15 \$2931 35

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending April 12, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
Clara Egleston	101	\$ 10 10	
Clara Miller	39	3 90	
Ruby Worley	121	12 10	
B. D. Crawford	10	1 00	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
Mrs. F. T. Sevier	191	19 10	
Lura Reed	65	6 50	
F. T. Sevier	252	25 20	

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE			
Mrs. Mae Keele	40	4 00	
Emelia Roberson	8	80	

Totals 827 \$ 82 70

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* Two Weeks. † Three Weeks. ‡ Four Weeks.

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Kentucky.....	Aug. 17-27

"Esteem Nothing More Advantageous than the Gift of Prophecy"

And as what things were foretold should happen to Ahab, by the two prophets, came to pass, we ought thence to have high notions of God, and everywhere to honor and worship him, and never to suppose that what is pleasant and agreeable is worthy of belief before what is true, and to esteem nothing more advantageous than the gift of prophecy and that foreknowledge of future events which is derived from it, since God shows men thereby what we ought to avoid.—*Josephus, Antiquities, Book 8, ch. 15, par. 6.*

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The subjects of the Sabbath, the nature of man, and the testimony of Jesus, are the great and important truths to be understood; these will prove as an anchor to hold God's people in these perilous times.—*Testimonies, Vol. I, p. 300.*

The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty; for it is the point of truth especially controverted.—*G. C., p. 605.*

See 1 Tim. 2: 15; 1 Pet. 3: 15.

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