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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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A Laugh

A laugh is just like sunshine,
It freshens all the day,
It tips the peak of life with light,
And drives the clouds away;
The soul grows glad that hears it,
And feels its courage strong —
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along.

A laugh is just like music,
It lingers in the heart,
And where its melody is heard,
The ills of life depart;
The happy thoughts come crowding
Its joyful notes to greet —
A laugh is just like music,
For making all life sweet.

— Selected.

Elders' Reading Course

Almost every department in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination today has a line of study for the purpose of better fitting each in his particular sphere of usefulness. The young people are reading books, also the ministers. Those who take part in these reading courses find them very beneficial, and the result of their reading is seen in their work.

It seems that the elders upon whom such great responsibilities rest should be studying methodically some books that will be of special help. This is not saying that the elders do not study, any more than it is saying that ministers do not study. There were those in days gone by who argued that Sabbath school lessons should not be the same all over the country, and it seemed at first it was a feasible argument, but after studying along this line we are sure that all will say that the plan of having the same lessons studied each Sabbath all over the world is highly beneficial to this people. Hours of prayer have been appointed at the same time of day, and all for this reason are moving in a solid body. Such moves lend inspiration.

We are sure the elders will be pleased to take part in the reading course, and we would suggest that books be secured at once, provided you have not the books already on your shelves. It has been decided to ask the elders to read one chapter each week from the book, "Steps to Christ," by Mrs. E. G. White, to begin with the first week in May. In case some of you have not heard of this reading course, you can easily read these chapters in a few minutes, and not be behind in the course. When this book has been read through, the course will be continued by reading Sister White's book entitled "Christ's Object Lessons." The conference presidents will write personally to each church elder and give further reasons for the reading course. If any do not receive a letter calling their attention to it, it is because of the failure of the letter to reach you.

Your hearty cooperation in this work will certainly bring good results, and we are praying that God's blessing will rest upon every elder.

S. E. WIGHT.

"It is only as God sees his professed people eager to be laborers together with him, that he can impart to them light and grace; for then they will make every interest secondary to the interest of his work and cause."

The Men Behind the Books

Revival of the Work

A number of years ago the statement was made by the Spirit of prophecy that our book work would be revived; and, a little later, our brethren were also greatly cheered by the statement that this work is to be carried forward with increasing success. At that time the outlook was anything but hopeful. However, as time goes on, the truthfulness of these statements becomes more and more apparent, and what we had to take then by *faith*, we are now *seeing* with our own eyes. But the end has not been reached. We believe there are still greater victories and accomplishments in store for those who will take the Lord at his word and work as he directs. There is no limit to God's power, and he can and will do for his faithful, consecrated workers what they are unable to do for themselves. It is through him that success is obtained in this work, even in the face of the most discouraging conditions oftentimes from a human point of view. As has so often been expressed, this is one great difference in working for the Lord and working for the world.

From nearly all parts of the North American Division reports are being received of remarkable advances in our colporteur work. The canvassing summary for March sent out by the Publishing Department shows a gain of \$20,000 as compared with March of 1915, while the report for the first three months of this year shows a gain of more than \$36,000 as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Southern Union

The reports in this union are now increasing very encouragingly. For week ending April 22, which appeared in last week's WORKER, the sales amounted to \$3,348.80. It is expected that for April the Southern Union will show a splendid gain over April of last year. Brother Davis states that the "boys" are working for a \$10,000 report for May, and \$15,000 for June. One of the field secretaries has written in that he has so many new men entering the work, that he is unable to get to them as fast as he should in order to give them a proper training.

Another secretary writes, "Our boy colporteur, who is about seventeen years of age, has worked 117 hours and taken orders to the value of \$308. . . . At one exhibition he took

two orders for the best binding, amounting to \$10, while during five consecutive exhibitions he took five orders for the full morocco, valued at \$25." This same letter contains several other very interesting experiences, showing how the Lord is blessing the work in that conference.

For the past few weeks, Mississippi has been running a thousand dollars a week or over, while two or three of the other conferences are well on the road to the thousand dollar mark. We trust it will not be long until they will reach it.

Thus from all parts of the Southern Union we are now receiving most encouraging reports, both of work actually being done, and also of new recruits being added to the ranks.

Notes

The first copies of C. B. Haynes' new book, "The Other Side of Death," were received from the bindery last week. At that time we had orders waiting for more than 10,000 copies. The prices of this little book are 50 cents for the cloth, and 25 cents for the paper covers, less subscription book discount in quantities. Order from your tract society as usual.

In response to urgent requests, a *Watchman* Extra, or "Special," will soon be issued for the benefit of our colored people. It will be called the Booker T. Washington Special. In a number of cities in the South and elsewhere there is at the present time quite an interest in regard to the work accomplished at Tuskegee, and our colored workers desire to take advantage of this opportunity for placing the truth before their race. This Special will contain interesting articles on the life and work of Booker T. Washington, also of his successor, Major R. R. Moton, and other appropriate matter, together with proper illustrations. This will be the same size as the regular issues, and will sell at the same prices; viz., in quantities of 50 or more, 4 cents per copy. In addition to the special matter referred to above, it will contain articles on the message, current events, etc. It is hoped that it will enjoy a large circulation and accomplish much good. One city has already ordered 5,000 copies.

The sale of the regular issues of *The Watchman* is steadily increasing, and of the May number it was necessary to print three editions. At this writing the prospect is that we are going to run short. The June *Watchman* is the first of our special summer numbers. Our magazine workers will make no mistake in ordering large quantities. It is now ready.

Last week, the publishing house family was called upon to mourn because of the death of the wife of Brother S. L. Jones. Brother Jones is the foreman of our stock room, while Sister Jones had endeared herself to a large circle of friends and neighbors by her willingness and ability to help in time of sickness or trouble. Being a trained nurse, she was able to do this very effectively, and it has been said that there are but few families in this vicinity whom she has not helped. Her sudden and seemingly untimely death is being keenly felt. It is hardly necessary to state that the publishing house closed down, and that every employee with the exception of the watchman on duty, attended the funeral. Brother Jones, together with his two small children, has gone to Bowling Green, Ky., for a short time, after which he expects to return to his work here in the publishing house. A more complete notice appears elsewhere.

In harmony with the instruction received through the Spirit of prophecy, many of the publishing house employees are going out on Sundays and engaging in active missionary work. Some give Bible readings, some hold cottage meetings, one teaches a class in the Sunday school at the State Penitentiary, others distribute literature, while a company goes out each Sunday afternoon to the Poor House where they hold a meeting. This is greatly appreciated by the inmates. In these various ways a great deal of good is being accomplished. It also helps to keep alive a real missionary spirit in the hearts of our workers. We realize the need of having the work done in the publishing house

by devoted, consecrated workers in order that the same ministry of angels may attend the books and other literature sent out by this office, as attends the work of the colporteur and the gospel minister. It is only by having this living connection with God that we can hope for genuine success in the work which he has committed to our care.

R. L. PIERCE.

The Southern Work

(The following is taken from a personal letter to Elder S. N. Haskell.—ED.)

Yesterday I visited the Southern Publishing Association, and the Southern Union Conference, which has recently located in a new building about three blocks away from the publishing house and close to the end of the Buena Vista Street car line.

At the publishing house there was an atmosphere of courage. The last year has given them a gain of \$7,000. This is small compared with some former years, but it is more than good considering the conditions which have prevailed in the South.

At the Madison school the work seems to be going forward about as usual, although the faculty has been somewhat broken. Dr. Magan is still in the East. Miss DeGraw is in the hospital, having undergone a serious operation for appendicitis. This morning Misses Florence and Francis Dittes are leaving to spend six months or longer with their parents in Minnesota. Their parents are growing old, and feel that their daughters should be with them.

Sister Druillard is enjoying good health. She renews her strength like the eagles, and is about her work at the sanitarium and the school with her accustomed energy and efficiency. Yesterday, Brother Rooke, the outside manager, with a company of boys was crushing rock and mending road. At the carpenter shop Brother Wallace was leading a company of cabinet workers in building tables and chiffoniers. In the blacksmith shop Brother Ainsworth had six boys and was building a new wagon and mending an old one.

In the sewing department Miss Owen was teaching dress-making to a company of six girls. She was not putting them through any class drill, but giving them individual instruction in the making of clothing for themselves. In the kitchen Mrs. Sutherland was teaching an enthusiastic class of twelve in cooking and baking.

At the printing office Brother Smith, who recently came from South Lancaster to manage the printing department, was working on small jobs.

The sanitarium is full of patients. Last week four who desired to enter the sanitarium were refused admittance because there was no room.

The membership of the school is about seventy. All their rooms have been full except one. The ground floor of the new hospital is being used. The upper story is waiting for the carpenters to complete the inside work. The material is all waiting, and we are hoping that the carpenter gang will get at the work soon.

The farm and dairy seem to be in a prosperous condition. Their twelve-acre alfalfa field is doing well. And this year they are breaking up twenty acres south of the main road which will be put into alfalfa when the land is properly prepared.

W. C. WHITE.

New Studies by Correspondence

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

C. C. LEWIS, *Principal*.

Resolutions Adopted at the Southern Union Conference Session, March 22-28, 1916

1. WHEREAS, Our heavenly Father has prospered the work of the Southern Union Conference during the biennial term just closed, by a larger increase in our membership than during any previous term, and

WHEREAS, In spite of financial depressions, God's people have been blessed in sustaining the work at home and abroad,

Resolved: That we hereby express our sincere gratitude to God for all these blessings, and pledge ourselves to a fuller consecration to his service in these important times.

2. WHEREAS, The salvation of our youth is one of the greatest opportunities presenting itself to this people, and

WHEREAS, Intelligent leadership and helpful cooperation demand a thorough acquaintance with every line of work,

We Recommend: That all our workers inform themselves on missionary volunteer plans and methods, and seek in every possible way to cooperate with the conference missionary volunteer secretaries in this work.

3. WHEREAS, The spiritual life of our young people is dependent upon their knowledge of God and personal acquaintance with him, and the observance of the Morning Watch is very effective in bringing them spiritual help,

We Recommend: That all our workers observe the Morning Watch and make a special effort to distribute the Morning Watch Calendar to new converts and others; and that our tract societies furnish the calendar in quantities of ten or more to the workers at four cents each to enable them not to lose money in their efforts to give it a wide circulation.

4. *We Recommend:*

(a) That the young people's work on the camp ground be left in charge of the conference missionary volunteer secretary who may associate with him or her the union conference secretary and other suitable helpers, and that those who have the responsibility of the work remain throughout the meeting, and enter earnestly into the daily services and organized plans for prayer and personal work.

(b) That in planning for lessons for the morning devotional meetings, provision be made for brief, practical talks, that will help in the daily Christian life, and that have some continuity of thought from day to day, and that the afternoon lessons be devoted generally to the leading lines of missionary volunteer and educational work.

(c) That a suitable place, under proper supervision, be arranged where our young people may have access to our missionary volunteer literature.

5. WHEREAS, All our people need to be able to give a reason for the hope within them and to become thoroughly acquainted with the history and work of our organization,

Resolved: That we as workers set an example by taking the Bible Year, and reaching the Standard of Attainment.

6. REALIZING, (a) That our young people need to be guarded against the unwholesome and useless literature found everywhere; and (b) that they should be encouraged in the reading of helpful books,

We Recommend: That all our workers put forth diligent effort to get our young people to enroll in, and complete the reading courses.

7. WHEREAS, The spiritual life of the missionary volunteer society depends a great deal upon the missionary activity of its members,

We Recommend: (a) That a systematic campaign be undertaken for the extension of the King's Pocket League plan, and for increasing the circulation of our literature through the mails, reading racks, circulating libraries, and other means which have proved successful.

(b) That we encourage more frequent observance of missionary field days, in which a church, the employees of an institution,

or students of a school go out in a body to circulate special issues of our papers or other missionary literature.

8. WHEREAS, Our young people need some stimulus to constantly keep the financial goal before them, therefore,

Resolved: That we ask the Young Peoples' Department to get out some scheme by which this can be done.

9. WHEREAS, The colporteur or evangelistic canvassing work is ordained of God as a means of reaching thousands of people who otherwise would not be reached with this message, and

WHEREAS, The scarcity of funds in the Southern Union Conference makes it impossible to employ a large number of salaried laborers, thus emphasizing the need of self-supporting workers, therefore,

Resolved: That a strong, continuous effort be put forth by the officers and laborers of the union and local conferences in cooperation with those who are chosen as leaders in this work, (a) in the selection and training of earnest God-fearing men and women who shall devote their entire time to this work, (b) that when faithful they be regarded highly for their work's sake, and (c) that they be encouraged in every consistent way to continue on in the service to which they are called.

10. WHEREAS, There has been no uniform system of paying the railroad fare of student colporteurs to and from their fields; therefore

We Recommend: That the maximum inducement offered to accepted student colporteurs who return to their home conferences, be:

(a) Their fare to the field on condition of agreement to put in eleven weeks of faithful work during the season, including delivery, the fare not to be allowed in case the colporteur fails to carry out the agreement.

(b) That where paragraph "a" is complied with a scholarship is earned during this time, and settlement made for all books received, his return fare to the school be paid.

(c) That where conditions are such that it seems advisable for a student to work in a field other than his home conference, arrangements be made for such transfer with a committee consisting of the principal of the school, the union president, the union field and home missionary secretaries of the fields concerned, and the presidents of the conferences concerned; in which case the courtesies mentioned in above paragraphs "a" and "b" shall apply.

(d) That the detailed working out of the above be left in each field to the executive committee of each local conference.

11. WHEREAS, When the study of the Testimonies is taken up by the members of a church, there is manifested by them a fuller consecration to the Lord, and a deeper personal spiritual experience which leads to active labor in winning souls,

We Recommend: That in every conference an effort be made to place the Testimonies, especially volumes 6 to 9, in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family, and that the members be urged to read these volumes during 1916.

12. WHEREAS, The times in which we are living, when important issues are rapidly developing, and the signs that show the end to be near are multiplying on every hand, make it an urgent necessity to enlist every Sabbath-keeper in the finishing of the work,

We Recommend: That the Home Missionary Department be given its definite place among the conference departments, with the same representation as the other departments.

That each local conference elect a home missionary secretary as soon as a suitable individual can be found.

That the union and local home missionary secretaries organize a permanent campaign in all their companies and churches, devoting themselves to teaching the people in a practical way how to work for souls.

(To be continued next week)

Tennessee River Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 21

Friday, May 12

West 7: 00

Notice

The missionary society of the Memphis church No. 2 desires a continuous supply of any of our denominational papers, tracts, and magazines to be used in missionary work. Please send to Mrs. Emma R. Jones, 867 Florida St., Memphis, Tenn.

News Items

Brother Wheeler left Nashville Sunday morning, April 30, for Humboldt, Tenn., accompanied by Brother Earnest Templeton, of the Goodlettsville church. The following day they were happily surprised to meet Brethren Bishop and Stuyvesant, who have also gone to West Tennessee to engage in the work. Brethren Stuyvesant and Templeton are new recruits, and we wish for them abundant success and the blessings of the Lord. Brother Bishop formerly was located in Robertson County. Brother M. Hixon, of Springville, is also located at Humboldt, he having gone a week before Brother Wheeler left Nashville.

Brother Edwards, of Fountain Head, plans to enter the colporteur work. He will work in the neighborhood of his home. We are glad for these new workers.

Elder Elliott made a very pleasant visit to Fountain Head and Portland the past week and spoke several times to a large and appreciative audience. The meetings were held in the Fountain Head Industrial School. He reports quite an interest in that locality, and it is hoped that a number will soon unite with the company of believers in that place.

Brother C. F. Lowry, who has for some time been connected with the Memphis church as pastor, has accepted a call to Burma, India. He will leave our field some time in June. We regret very much that we shall lose his services, but the mission fields need his help, and we are sure it must be the call of the Lord. Brother Lowry has done faithful work in the past, and we wish for him many years of fruitful labor in the Master's vineyard, and much of the Lord's blessing. He will no doubt write for the WORKER before taking final leave.

We received an encouraging letter from I. C. Pound in charge of the work at Paducah. He reports the baptism of three souls last week. We are glad for the progress being made in Paducah. The present membership of the church is seventeen.

Elder James Bellinger, formerly of Mobile, Ala., has connected with our conference, and is now located at Jackson, Tenn. He will have charge of the Home Missionary Department of the conference work, and will also visit a number of the churches in the western part of the field. We wish Elder Bellinger much success in his work.

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

Obituary

JONES.—Miss Alice Roberta Anderson was born October 9 in the year 1880 at Lebanon, Tenn. She was the oldest of seven children, two boys and five girls.

At the age of fifteen, the responsibility of the home was thrown

upon her by the death of her mother. She did well the work, which prepared her for the experiences of later years. She was a good mother to the family, and during those years of bearing heavy responsibilities she formed the desire to help others which followed her through life. In order to better fit herself to be of service to the world, she took a training and became a nurse. This line of work brought to her many friends.

Feb. 14, 1904, she united her life with Mr. S. L. Jones, with whom she lived until the day of her death, Apr. 29, 1916. About twelve years ago she became a Christian and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church of which she continued a consistent and faithful member. Her life was one of devotion not only to her family, but to those in need, even to the impairing of her own health. She was an exemplary wife and mother.

Her last sickness was of seven weeks duration. She suffered much, but endured it patiently, and expressed herself as being face to face with the Desire of Ages.

She leaves a husband, two children, Samuel and Elizabeth, two brothers, four sisters, and a whole neighborhood of friends to mourn their loss.

The services were conducted at the house by the writer, prayer being offered by Elder O. L. Denslow. The publishing house closed during the services and a large number of the employees also went to Spring Hill Cemetery where she was laid to rest. S. E. WIGHT.

The Work at Lawrenceburg

The rural school at Lawrenceburg closed for the summer on the nineteenth of April. Sister Reese has worked hard during the year, and from the reports received from the patrons of the school her work has been a big success.

A large number of friends assembled on the night of the nineteenth to listen to the closing program. Among those who attended were the county superintendent of education, the county truant officer, and the agriculturist. The school had an enrolment of twenty, and closed with an attendance of eighteen. Five or six were children of Adventist parents and thirteen came from the homes of the neighborhood.

Among the different exercises was one given by the children's nurses class. Ten or twelve of the children were dressed in full nurses' uniform, caps, gowns, and aprons, and gave a demonstration in bandaging. The gowns had been made by either the parents or the children. While some were giving the demonstration, the others sat near by rolling up their bandages with as professional an air as you could see in any hospital. They bandaged the head, the jaw, the hand, the finger, and the arm with great dexterity. Two of the boys came and showed how to make an improvised stretcher. They took off their coats, turned the sleeves wrong side out and thrust two young saplings through them, then buttoning the coats around the poles, they were ready to carry the bandaged boy out of the room.

One young man very creditably recited "Grandma's Cake." Standing before the audience he slowly devoured a large piece of delicious looking cake, while he told us how good it was, and that if he had just a little more, he would be glad to divide with us, little realizing that our mouths were watering while he was enjoying the feast.

Exhibitions of the students' work in carpentry, blacksmithing, broom making, sewing, and sloyd work were on the tables. Too much cannot be said in praise of the work this school has done during the past year. The patrons are anxious for Sister Reese to take the public school next year, but she tells them if they want to send their children to our school and pay her she will be glad to teach them. She does not feel free, however, to go to the public school and take charge of the work in that way.

All the county officers were given a chance to speak, and they were loud in their praise of the work that had been done for this

school, telling the people that our school was way ahead of any other they had in the county.

This is just what the Lord would have us do, and may the good work go on! Surely this is missionary work of the highest type. The children have very much enjoyed their Bible work this year, and a large number of Bibles have gone into the homes as the result of the instruction the children have received from Sister Reese. One of the parents was heard to remark that she had had to study her Bible this year as never before to be able to answer the children's questions when they returned at night.

Let us continue to pray for the work in Lawrenceburg, that God may greatly bless it.

LYNN H. WOOD.

Paducah

While as in all new fields we have difficulties to encounter, yet we are glad for the progress being made. April 26 three precious souls who have found joy in carrying the cross under the banner of present truth were baptized. We regret that one candidate was unable to attend the service, being dangerously ill at the time.

The interest in the message is increasing, and we expect others to take the same step in the near future. Considering our present inducements, our Sabbath services are well attended by interested persons. We look forward to the summer's work with hope and courage.

I. C. POUND.

Mississippi Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 37

Friday, May 12

West 7: 02

News Items

Word has been received from Elder Burke that he was ill for a few days and was obliged to go to the hospital, but we are glad to learn that he has fully recovered and is able to go about his work.

Brother Elmer Chastain was called to Jackson to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, who died Sunday afternoon.

On Monday, May 1, we mailed out forty-six subscriptions for *The Watchman*, forty-five for the *Signs of the Times*, and four for *Life and Health*, reported for the previous week by Miss Sadie Klint. Also the same day we sent in nineteen subscriptions to *The Watchman*, twenty-one to the *Signs of the Times*, one to *Life and Health* and one to the *Signs of the Times Weekly* for Mrs. A. H. Kelly, this being her report for the previous week. These are in addition to the single copies which these ladies sell, reports of which are shown each week in the WORKER.

A few weeks ago Laura Harp, of Amory, Miss., asked for the *Watchman* magazines that she might sell them to assist us in the tent fund. Since then she has received them and she writes that she has sold 25 in one hour and a half. She has never sold any magazines before, but she seems very much pleased with her success. What this young girl has done others can do.

Elder Wiest has visited the effort that is being conducted by Roscoe Watkins at Sibly, and reports that he is having an excellent interest and doubtless there will be a goodly number that will accept the message through this effort. On account of this interest it has been thought best to send Elder Chatman from Jackson to assist Brother Watkins for two weeks.

Brother Staton, our field missionary secretary, was with Lamar Cooper last week. He also visited with Alex Taylor and found them both of good courage and doing well.

Walter Edmonds, who has been with Alex Taylor, has gone home for a conveyance that he might be better prepared to do more effective canvassing.

G. H. Curtis has been with us for about a week auditing the books of the conference, tract society, mission, and association.

There are several new Sabbath-keepers as a result of the Sunday-night meetings that are being conducted at Jackson.

The missionary society of the Hatley church at Amory are mailing out the *Signs of the Times* and other papers every week to different ones, and we received a letter from their secretary the other day enclosing a letter that was written to her by one of these persons to whom the *Signs of the Times* had been sent. This letter is filled with appreciation for what is being done by the Hatley missionary society. The letter states that "it is an excellent paper and uplifting to all who will read and study it carefully." This is an excellent work that the Hatley church is doing, and it may be a suggestion to other missionary societies that they may do the same thing.

Another person has brought to our notice that she has been sending various papers to a minister, and one night he made mention of the Sabbath question that was being discussed in the papers that have been sent him. So in this way attention will be drawn to these different individuals through the mail who are more likely to read the papers than if asked to buy. And yet we do not want to discourage the selling of our magazines, for surely it has been proven that our literature can be sold.

Kentucky Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 27

Friday, May 12

West 6: 58

News Items

Elder O. A. Dow writes that the interest in Louisville is good and four persons have taken their stand for the message. They plan to have baptism there soon.

Brother Fred Keitts reports several new believers among the colored people in Bowling Green.

Elder White writes that the work in Covington moves along slowly, but they have a good prospect of sending out some canvassers soon.

Brother Harry Jacobs writes that they are anxious to have a meeting held in their town this summer.

Miss Pearl Kitchens, who has been visiting her parents at Henderson, has returned to her work at the Hinsdale Sanitarium.

Brother J. B. Reichenbach writes that he is of good courage. He thinks that if we will stand in the place that God desires there will be a great work done this year.

Elder Brown has been holding meetings in the Sand Hill church, and he reports a good interest on the part of outsiders to hear the message. The church would not accommodate the people on Sunday night.

Elder J. H. Lawrence is spending a few days in Lexington. He hopes to have baptism soon.

Brother James Hickman is now in Pike County, assisting Brethren Pierce and Schroader.

Word has reached us that there is a real live interest at East Point and a desire to have meetings held there. A doctor's wife has been reading our books, and that is the reason they call for a minister.

Brother F. F. Harrison writes that he is of good courage. He rejoices to know that one whom he recently brought into the truth is now connected with the work as a musician.

We are glad to learn that at the present time there are 420 persons reading the Bible through in our conference.

There are several who are behind on their WORKER subscriptions, and it will be necessary for you to remit soon or your name will be taken off the list. Those who send twenty-five cents will have their subscription extended to Jan. 1, 1917. Send your money at once if you want the paper continued.

Alabama Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 25

Friday, May 12

West 6: 49

News Items

Sister U. Bracy is using the *Watchman* in Bessemer. She plans to engage in the magazine work while her husband takes up the regular book work.

Many hundred copies of the special Booker T. Washington edition of the May *Watchman* were ordered by members of the mission churches in Alabama. When it was decided that the issuance of this special edition would be delayed one month, so as to improve its contents, these orders were referred back to the ones giving them. With but few exceptions each one has placed a like order for the special Booker T. Washington June *Watchman*. There is yet opportunity for orders to be placed.

S. D. Miller, of Mobile, orders seventy-five of the May *Watchman*—fifty of the Special, and twenty-five of the regular. Sister Miller has regular customers who take the *Watchman* every month.

In making preparation for the tent effort which is to be held in Dothan, C. A. Blackwood orders a supply of Present Truth Series No. 1 for distribution.

The report of home missionary work for the first quarter of 1916 as given by the State secretary, Elder J. F. Wright, is very interesting and we trust will receive careful reading.

Brother N. F. Nelson, of South Port, Fla., orders a supply of the Temperance number of the *Little Friend*, also a supply of the *Watchman*.

Among the Churches

On our way home from the union conference meeting, we had the pleasure of stopping with the following churches: Elkwood, Huntsville, Gadsden, and Borden Springs. The home missionary work and the educational work were among some of the things considered.

Though the little church at Elkwood were made to feel sad in the loss of their beloved elder, Brother Greentree, yet we found them of good courage and desirous of pressing onward. Meetings were conducted at night, which were well attended. On Sabbath one dear soul followed his Lord in baptism, and united with the church. The next day the home missionary work received attention, and a goodly number of the little book "Armageddon" were ordered. We feel sure that a good work will be done at this place.

Then the church school question was taken up, and the church will unite in making a strong effort in behalf of the school for the coming winter. The brethren plan to put in some cotton for the school so as to have some means with which to carry on the school, and this will assist the church in a material way.

Only one meeting was held with the church at Huntsville, yet the spirit of the Lord was with us in a marked manner, and as the missionary work was held up before them, all were ready to rededicate their lives to this work. This church also placed an order for a number of the book "Armageddon." The members have been very active during the past few months.

The brethren at Gadsden, having no church building of their own, secured the use of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church. The Lord especially blessed at the quarterly meeting. On Sunday afternoon we spoke from Joel 3: 9-14, calling attention to the question of "Preparedness." Many from the outside were present.

Brother Giles, who lives at Attalla, and who is the elder of the Gadsden church, has been doing some missionary work

among his friends and neighbors, so upon request we held a service at his home Sunday night. The room and hall were both packed, and many stated that they wished the meetings might be continued. Brother and Sister Giles feel very much encouraged.

Our next stop was at Borden Springs. Much time was spent in seeking God for his blessing and Holy Spirit during these meetings. On Sabbath at 11:00 o'clock the Lord came very near, hearts were made tender, and there was hardly a dry eye in the house. All, both young and old, came forward rededicating their lives and placing themselves upon the altar a willing sacrifice to spend and be spent in God's service as he should direct.

The next day when the school work was considered the people responded readily, and in a short time over \$200 was made up to help carry on the school the coming winter. Every member expects to have a part in this good work. We look forward to seeing one of the best schools in the conference at this place. They had a good school this year, and feel encouraged to "go forward."

We give all the praise to God for his blessings, and feel of good courage. Surely 1916 must be our banner year in the missionary endeavor and educational work. Let us work earnestly, and seek God as never before for his Spirit to help us.

J. F. WRIGHT.

Louisiana Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 42

Friday, May 12

West 7: 09

News Items

WANTED: Ten earnest, Christian colporteurs to work one of the best States in the union; namely, Louisiana.

Brother Bennie Wood, of Hammond, expects to enter the canvassing work as soon as school closes, about the middle of the month.

We were glad to be favored with a recent visit from Brother G. H. Curtis, our union auditor. While here he audited the conference books. We hope to see him some time later when he will not have to audit.

Elder Morrow spoke at the New Orleans Church No. 2 Sabbath, April 30, and reports a good attendance.

Our last 300 Harvest Ingathering papers were taken by the New Orleans churches, and at the last report the greater portion of them had been disposed of and the returns were coming in.

Brother F. T. Sparks, of Provencial, has just ordered a good supply of home workers' books to sell. He is a cripple, going about by means of a chair, but is determined to help spread the message in every way possible.

A letter just received at the office from Elder Frank states that his meetings are starting off with a good attendance and good prospects for a harvest being reaped.

The magazine work has prospered during the past month, one sister having sold over 600 copies.

In a recent letter from Brother Boswell, he reports that all of the canvassers are being blessed of God in securing orders.

An excellent report is in from Brother J. P. Hardy, of Wisner, La., for his first week's work in the colporteur work. In 39 hours he took 50 orders, valued at \$142.

The New Orleans church No. 1 pledged to pay for 174 camp chairs for use in the tent efforts this summer, and the church No. 2, 61 chairs. Two hundred fifty chairs were ordered, and the greater portion of the pledges have been paid. The Hammond church gave \$5 toward this purchase.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference, Week Ending April 29, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE						
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
J E Foley BR	21	16	\$52 00	\$	\$52 00	\$
S S Guilford* HM	22	6	12 00		12 00	
M L Ivory HH	43	15	45 00		45 00	
H A Lynd BR	35	18	58 00	70	58 70	
Q Tew BR	57	27	96 00		96 00	
M E Whatley D&R	9	3	9 00	1 05	10 05	26 00
E C Widgery*D&R	70	11	33 00	70	33 70	6 00
Totals (Agts. 7)	257	96	\$305 00	\$2 45	\$307 45	\$32 00

J Weathington HM	22	14	30 00	1 05	31 05	
Sadie Klindt WC	37			19 00	19 00	
Bibles			9 30		9 30	10 00
Totals (Agts.14)	505	325	\$776 30	\$36 90	\$813 20	\$217 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE						
Andy Schroader BR	29	24	\$76 00	\$	\$76 00	\$
Felia Pierce BR	31	16	49 00		49 00	
Hatton Ford BR	12	11	37 00		37 00	
J B Reichenbach BR	33	9	27 00		27 00	
E Harp BR	21	7	21 00		21 00	
Luther Bowles BR	23	6	18 00	50	18 50	
W B Wilson BR	17	6	18 00		18 00	8 00
R W Harris BR	3	2	6 00		6 00	
Bibles			13 50		13 50	
Totals (Agts. 8)	169	81	\$265 50	50	\$266 00	\$8 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE						
Jesse R Allen BR	50	6	\$18 00	\$	75	\$18 75
R H Hazelton GC	45	17	45 00		45 00	
Wm J Keele D&R	47	21	63 00	2 25	65 25	
Mrs Mae Keele BR	8			3 00	3 00	12 00
DEHLindsey BR, PG	32	14	48 00	7 00	55 00	
Emelia Roberson GC	21	5	16 00	1 45	17 45	
B E Wagner BR, PG	32	20	60 00		60 00	
F E Wagner* GC, CK	46	34	79 50	55	80 05	3 00
Bibles			7 00		7 00	
Totals (Agts. 8)	281	117	\$336 50	\$15 00	\$351 50	\$18 00

G'd Totals (A. 42) 1426 807 \$2270 30 \$54 85 \$2325 15 \$303 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE						
R R Coble BR	50	35	\$114 00		\$114 00	\$
Cliff Field BR	45	45	139 00		139 00	
John Harzman PPF	41	26	52 00		52 00	28 00
F W Schmehl* BR	39	40	140 00		140 00	
J B Hardy BR	39	42	142 00		142 00	
Totals (Agts. 5)	214	188	\$587 00		\$587 00	\$28 00

Summary from January 1 to Date			
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference	\$2330 10	\$ 46 10	\$ 217 85
Kentucky Conference	5020 25	151 70	1681 00
Louisiana Conference	1709 05	27 75	323 00
Mississippi Conference	8859 95	372 25	489 50
Tenn. River Conference	2630 75	246 80	615 00
Totals	\$20550 10	\$844 60	\$3326 35

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE						
Georgia Anderson CK	27	39	\$68 00	\$	\$68 00	\$
Walter Edmonds BR	7			60	60	26 00
Annie Finley* PPF	64				26 50	
AA Johnson D&R, HM	27	41	93 00	1 40	94 40	
Emily Billups HM	46	21	46 00		46 00	
Elmer Chastain BR	32	19	59 00	4 70	63 70	
Hattie Jacobs HM	14	25	55 00	35	55 35	1 50
M A Murphy D&R, PPF	28	61	96 00		96 00	
Virgil Smith D&R, BR	27	14	39 00		39 00	
E A Taylor* BR	57	48	146 00	8 75	154 75	121 00
J L Waller BR	49	43	135 00	70	135 70	
Annie Watts PPF	68			35	35	32 00

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending April 29, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE		
Agent	No.	Value
Mrs. Clara Miller	52	\$5 20
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE		
Mildred Reichenbach	15	1 50
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE		
Mrs. F. T. Sevier	50	5 00
Lura Reed*	143	14 30
Miscellaneous	300	30 00
MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE		
Mrs. A. H. Kelly	972	97 20
Totals	1532	\$153 20

Why the Roman Catholics Issued an English Version

One Roman Catholic writer, Mgr. Benard Ward, president of St. Edmund's College, Ware, England, gives us a brief history of the early English translations of the Bible in which he incidentally tells why the Roman Catholic Church issued an English version of the Bible. The following extract is from his article:

"During the progress of the Reformation a number of English versions appeared, translated for the most part not from the Vulgate, but from the original Hebrew and Greek. Of these the most famous was Tyndale's Bible (1523); Coverdale's Bible (1535); Matthew's Bible (1537); Cromwell's or the 'great Bible' (1539), the second and subsequent editions of which were known as Cranmer's Bible; the Geneva Bible (1557-60); and the Bishop's Bible (1568). The art of printing being by this time known, copies of all these circulated freely among the people. That there was much good and patient work in them, none will deny; but they were marred by the perversion of many passages, due to the theological bias of the translators; and they were used on all sides to serve the cause of Protestantism.

"In order to counteract the evil effects of these versions the Catholics determined to produce one of their own. . . . The result was the Reims New Testament (1582) and the Douay Bible (1609-10). The translation was made from the Vulgate, and although accurate, was sadly deficient in literary form, and so full of Latinisms as to be in places hardly intelligible."—"The Catholic Encyclopedia," Vol. II, art. "Authorized Version," pp. 141, 142.

Conductor is Impressed

Alighting from his train a conductor was attracted by a pretty picture lying on the ground. Upon picking it up he found it to be a portion of a Signs Magazine cover. An interest was aroused at once and he lost but little time in looking up our tract society in his city, where he arranged to get the magazine regularly. He and others will look at the June cover at least twice before laying it aside.

* Two weeks.

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News Items

Elder S. E. Wight and Prof. Lynn H. Wood gave a stereopticon lecture on the new training school, at the north side church in Nashville Wednesday night, May 3. They are now on a campaign in the interests of the educational work, visiting first our schools at Madison and Hazel.

Brother G. H. Curtis returned to the office Thursday morning, May 4, from his extended trip to New Orleans and Jackson, Miss.

The Missionary Volunteer Department has established a junior Standard of Attainment. A Bible Doctrines examination based on the second half of "McKibbin Bible Lessons No. 4" has been prepared. Church school teachers or junior leaders, or parents who have children desiring to take this examination, should write to the conference missionary volunteer secretary. In September, examinations will be sent out in both Bible Doctrines and Denominational History. Those who desire to pass in Denominational History should read "The Great Second Advent Movement."

Special Notice

The *May Life Boat* is the seventeenth annual special prisoners' number. The article, *The Great American Curse*, by the editor will be valuable campaign literature against the cigarette. "Success through Blasted Ambitions" by Dr. Magan, "The Most Fortunate Imprisonment in the World," "A Light in the Shadow," "Fire-Swept Nashville," "Comforting Sad Hearts," "Experiences in Africa," and "The Flat Rock School," are a few titles of articles in this number. It is profusely illustrated. Send ten cents for a sample copy.
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Children's Missionary Story-Sermons. Hugh T. Kerr ..	.90
The First Book of Birds. Olive Thorne Miller.....	.60

Total	\$2.50
Club Price	\$2.15

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Advance Guard of Missions. C. G. Howell75
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Total	\$2.50
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You will like the new reading course plan, and will wish to explain it to your society members. So nearly as we can learn, the consensus of opinion favors having the regular test questions that appear in the *Instructor* each week, printed in leaflet form. A leaflet of test questions will be inserted in each reading course book. We shall be able to supply lost or missing leaflets. Doubtless all will appreciate this more convenient way of testing the memory as they read. For "History of the Waldenses," the questions are printed in the book.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT.

The *May Watchman* has had the largest sale of any issue so far this year. The publishers report having printed three editions, the last of which is just about exhausted. The June number is unusually attractive and contains many good articles. Now is the time of the year to scatter our magazines far and wide. Order a bundle of the June *Watchman* from your tract society and see how easily they sell.