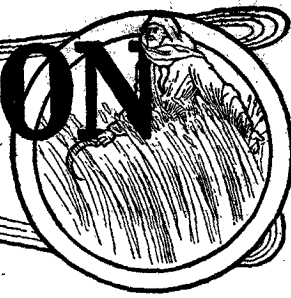


SOUTHERN UNION WORKER



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

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A Blessing

Wrestling alone with the Angel,
I plead for a blessing today.
The trials of life are before me,
And the enemy's on the way.

No earthly friend to assist me,
And the foe I soon must meet.
When on the morrow I face him,
Will it mean vict'ry or defeat?

Wrestling alone with the Angel,
I'm weak and unworthy, I know.
But, Lord, except thou bless me —
Oh! how can I let thee go?

Clinging, I plead for the blessing,
That I may help others to see,
That wrestling alone with the Angel,
They may prevail with thee.

Jackson, Miss.

MRS. CORA H. SMITH.

A Work That Pays

Here is an extract from a recent letter from one of our missionary volunteer secretaries, which gives in concrete form some of the good results of some of our missionary volunteer work:

"I had a Reading Course review paper recently from a fine young person, on the book 'Things as They Are.' One question is, 'Mention a way in which the book has helped you.' She said, 'It has helped me not only to realize the great need in that benighted land, but has made me willing to go if God calls me.' I know that she meant it. And to think that our Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses can have such an influence on our young people's hearts! It certainly shows us that they are worth while.

"I visited a society two or three weeks ago where I was especially struck with the earnest, well-expressed prayers of the young people, several of whom led in prayer. All of the girls had accepted the truth only last fall, and it seemed so unusual to hear them offer such good prayers. One of my girls who attended camp-meeting last year said to me, 'I am so glad that you prevailed upon me to take part in prayer band at camp-meeting, even though I did dread it so every time; if I hadn't become accustomed to it then I don't know what I should have done, for all these new girls looked to me to teach them how to pray to the Lord right, when they came into the truth last fall. And I couldn't have helped them at all if I hadn't gotten a start at camp-meeting.' It seemed wonderful to me that so timid a girl had been the means of encouraging all these young folks to take part in the meeting in this way."

M. E. KERN.

Southern Training School

In days of old we read that the children of Israel who were in Babylon desired to go back to the land of their forefathers that once flowed with milk and honey. The desire to reach this land that looked so beautiful to them through the vision of the past led them to endure hardship and travel many miles. They had no Pullman or vestibule trains to take them across the country. It was no small task to accomplish this journey, but weary at night with the day's journey, they lay them down to sleep thinking about the future and the prosperity of the cause they loved. And so it is today with the people who believe in this movement. They are strangers in this world as the children of Israel were in the land of Babylon, looking forward to the time when the real temple of God will be in their midst and their Saviour who is now their high priest will be their king. They are journeying to the promised land enduring hardships, and daily expecting something to take place that will give them another landmark to assure them of their nearness to that better land.

When those good people reached old Jerusalem they found the work of their fathers in ruins, but these strong-hearted workmen began to build the walls and erect the city, and the time came after years of hard labor that the temple was finished and the people enjoyed once more comparative freedom and the blessings they had looked forward to so long.

Today an enterprise has been started in this Southland to create a school in a new location on a farm. It is taking hard work and much sacrifice, and there are today some discouraging features, but the move is the following out of the testimonies that have come from heaven to this people, and it will mean the preparation of many young people to lead out in this cause to prepare the way as we journey to the kingdom. If we are faithful in this enterprise, the school farm will be paid for, and the buildings will be erected. Our young people will be educated, and the Lord Jesus will come to this earth, and we will see the joy manifested by the faithful people of earth who have gone through the trials and given their lives to the upbuilding of the work.

This is the time when the cooperation of every member is needed. The school board requests the help of the willing hearted.

S. E. WIGHT.

The Closing of the Work in the South

We often hear the expression, "The work will close first in the South," and the question usually comes, Where can this be found? Word comes from the workers in the St. Helena office that on page 482 of the General Conference Bulletin of 1901 is to be found the only approximate statement, which we quote as follows:

"The time is coming when the Southern field will be closed, locked up. But this is not yet the case. One place where the work was commenced was closed against the workers; and because of this the word went forth, The Southern field is closed.

No more money will be needed for that work. But is this the way in which the Saviour worked? When one city was closed against him, did he say that his work on earth was done? Had he done this, what would have become of us? When he was driven from one place, he went to another, and he has left us the direction, 'When they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another.' When your life is in danger, go to another city, and when they persecute you there, go to yet another place; 'For verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.' Shall we not take this advice?"

It will also serve as an illustration of the incorrectness of many of our quotations. Carefulness should always be used in getting the exact wording. S. E. WIGHT.

Louisiana Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6:59

Friday, June 16

West 7:30

Lake Charles Tent Effort

Our first tent meeting in Lake Charles this summer has closed, and the tent is pitched and all ready for the next meeting which will begin on Friday, the second of June, and continue until near camp-meeting time. We have pitched in the northern part of town on a very good site, and everything goes to show that we will have a good interest.

Our meetings that have just closed were held in the southern part of town. We began them April 21 and continued them until May 28. During the forepart of the meetings the attendance was very good, but during the latter part it fell off more than usual, so much so that it was quite disappointing. But the few interested persons prevailed upon us to continue the meetings till we had given the prominent parts of our message. Several claim to be greatly helped by the meetings, and a few took their stand to keep all the commandments of God. We have reason to believe that much good was done by the meetings. We cannot judge altogether from the outward appearance. Sometimes that which seems good is really not so, and that which seems of no consequence is of the greatest importance. The work of getting one person to see clearly the truth for these times and to become fully obedient thereto is infinitely better than to get one satisfied with a message that does not save from sin.

We are planning on a baptismal service soon in which several will follow their Lord in this solemn rite.

We ask the prayers of God's people that good success may attend our efforts in this next series. O. F. FRANK.

Obituary

REEDER.—Samuel Ferguson Reeder was born June 2, 1855, at Columbus, Ohio. He accepted this message in 1882 from reading literature sent him by Hannah Sawyer Hopkins. He worked under N. P. Dixon, who was the first field missionary agent appointed. He was himself field missionary agent in West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, and Louisiana. He leaves to mourn him a wife, six children, Carl, Etta, Roy, Frank, Neva, and Dwight; also a mother now ninety years old, one brother, and three sisters. Brother Reeder died Sabbath morning, May 20, while sitting up preparing for morning worship. His last thought was concerning the needy mission fields, and he wanted to say something regarding them at the Sabbath service that day. He sleeps in hope of a part in the first resurrection. The writer officiated at the funeral, assisted by the Methodist minister of Tioga, where Brother Reeder lived. W. P. McLENNAN.

Sabbath School Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 1916

	Mem	Av	Att	13th	Sab	Total	Miss	Av	per	Mem
Alexandria	17	14	\$ 6	89	\$20	27	\$ 1	19		
Arcadia	22	16		20		4	80			22
DeRidder	20	15				8	83			44
Evangeline	15	13	1	00		3	13			21
Hammond	27	20	3	45		19	94			74
Hobart	18	15	1	82		14	29			80
Lake Charles	25	15	2	65		17	17			69
Lena Station	11	10	2	00		3	97			36
Mansfield	20	16	1	05		18	24			91
Natalbany	9	9		27		1	83			20
Natalbany No. 2	11	9				1	51			14
Newellton No. 2	11	11		25		1	30			13
Ringgold	14	12	1	30		4	60			23
New Orleans	79	59	33	37	130	63				1 78
New Orleans No. 2	113	70	6	47	32	88				29
Sugartown	23	17		77		6	81			30
Shreveport	56	32	8	23	40	45				72
Shreveport No. 2	42	28	3	83	20	55				49
Welsh	29	17	3	53	18	53				64
Home Department	46	46	10	90	32	63				71

Totals 608 444 \$89 97 \$404 35 \$ 66

EMMA L. MORROW, Secretary.

Natalbany Meeting

On May 28 a company of twelve of the New Orleans church No. 2 members met with the little company of believers, friends, and interested ones at Natalbany, with whom A. R. Bell, of New Orleans, has been laboring for the past few weeks. Both morning and afternoon services were held. A. F. Schemell, J. H. Williams, and W. H. Anderson were among those present from New Orleans. They assisted with the services.

A baptismal service was also held, and four were buried with their Lord in baptism and rose to follow their Master along the narrow road that leads to life eternal.

Prohibition Special of "The Signs of the Times" Weekly

The *Signs of the Times Weekly* of July 4 will be a special number, devoted exclusively to the discussion of the liquor question. It will be filled with striking facts. Sound and convincing arguments characterize every article. It will be well illustrated with a special cover design. Some of the writers are as follows: Prof. B. G. Wilkinson, Prof. M. E. Olsen, Dr. W. B. Holden, and C. S. Longacre. There are also brief articles and paragraphs from leading authors and speakers of the world. The matter will be divided into the following sections:

1. The Despoiler of Childhood.
2. The Wrecker of Brain and Brawn.
3. The Anarchist of Law and Society.
4. The Robber of the Public Treasury.
5. The Certificate of Partnership.
6. Weighed and Wanting.
7. Prohibition's Onward March.

This number will be one of the strongest documents on the prohibition question ever produced. The prices are as follows: Less than five copies, 5 cents each; five to ten copies, 3 cents each; 10 or more to one address, 2½ cents each.

"We may gather the roses and pinks and lilies from our experiences, or we may be bruised and torn by the thorns and briars."

Kentucky Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 49

Friday, June 16

West 7: 20

News Items

Elder O. A. Dow was the first one to send in remittance to cover in full his pledge for the young people's tent fund.

Elder White reports good interest in the tent effort which he is conducting at Brooklyn, Ky.

We have just received an order for a pamphlet, "The Lord's Day," from a man who says he is a Christian minister. He also requests us to send him some tracts on the Sabbath question, stating that he has been in the "Sabbathlight for some time." It is wonderful to watch the workings of the Lord upon the hearts of the honest.

Brethren Felia Pierce and Andy Schroader are going hand in hand in the book work, and it is evident that the angels are going before them.

Brother Hickman has been assisting Brother White the past week in delivering at Jenkins, Ky.

Sister F. E. Nelson paid the tract society office a pleasant visit last week. Sister Nelson is making a trip through the State selling *The Watchman*. She reports good sales.

Sister Bessie Shoemaker sends in Sabbath school offerings for the month of May. This is good, for the Sabbath school work should never be neglected.

Sister Mary F. Coble, of Millerstown, sends in full amount to cover her twenty-cent-a-week fund for the first quarter, stating she has sent in some, but not remembering the exact amount she will just send in the full amount now so as to be sure. If all the brethren would do likewise, the twenty-cent-a-week fund would stand square on the ledger. So, brethren, lets be sure not to overlook this matter.

Sister R. W. Harris sends in a good report for the Ford church for the month of May.

We have also received good reports from the Grove, Powder Mills, and Davisville churches. These reports should be sent to the conference office by all the church treasurers immediately on the first of each month. Those who do not do this please take notice.

Word has been received at our office telling of four new Sabbath-keepers in Wayne County as a result of reading one of our books sold them by Brother Jeff Hickman.

Sister Reinke, of Nicholasville, died May 31 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Wheeler. She has been a sufferer for several months.

Sister H. U. Jacobs has been visiting her mother at the Henderson church.

Sister Tyrer, of the Lexington church, sends in her church remittance and also orders some of our good books.

Sister Curtis Pound, of Paducah, has been visiting her home folks in Lexington. She attended services there last Sabbath.

Dr. Mary Britton, of Lexington, sent in a remittance to our office the past week. The Doctor is doing what she can to advance the message.

Elder Dow is holding a series of meetings with the Hartford church, while Sister Dow remains in Louisville to carry on her Bible work.

Sister Pound, of Boston, visited at the home of Brother James Hickman the past week. She was on her way to visit her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Beck, of Sand Hill.

The Bowling Green church has ordered a good club of that missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times Weekly*. This is a step in the right direction.

Brother Wayne Howard, of Irvington, attended the Louisville church for Sabbath School Rally Day.

Sister Lula Schafer has returned to her home in Louisville after spending the past year in college at Kirksville, Mo.

Sister Schomburg, superintendent of the kindergarten room in the Louisville church, had a picnic for the children June 8. The children enjoyed the outing very much.

Sister Ethlyn Bossing has been very sick. We are glad to have word from the sanitarium stating that she is improving.

Brother Young, of Louisville, sends us word that the Rally Day in the Chestnut Street church was a real success and all enjoyed the program.

Elder Brown was called to Nicholasville the past week to conduct the funeral of Sister Reinke. From there he went to Louisville, where he will remain for some days.

Brother Doram, of the Lexington memorial church, writes that the church is of good courage. They plan for aggressive work this summer.

Sister Boyd, of the Chestnut Street church in Louisville, states that the church school in that place has been a great blessing. The school board are already planning for school to open again in September.

Brother Colman Kindred, reports a new Sabbath-keeper where he sold a "Bible Footlights" last year.

We have just received a splendid remittance from Sister Maggie Schomburg for the Louisville church for May. Her personal efforts and keeping in touch with the whole membership are surely bringing results. In doing this she is greatly assisting in the Master's work.

A Colporteur's Experience

My experience in the canvassing field for the past few months has led me to appreciate more fully the importance of the work, and I must say that I am thankful for having a part in it.

We have the Word of God to show that the end is near, and as never before we should be laborers together with him in searching for those in darkness.

We read from "Manual for Canvassers," page 7, "The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place, and the work that should be done for them is being neglected. From the light given me, I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred."

Let us heed the pleadings of the Spirit, to make up the deficiency of workers in this line.

As I see the eagerness of the people to buy our truth-filled books, it makes my heart yearn to see more workers in the field.

The past week Brother F. Pierce and I worked together, taking house about, and in 42 hours we took orders to the amount of \$174. Thursday, the eighteenth, we sold a "Bible Readings" in a cabin home, and ate dinner with the family. After dinner we started to work, and in about thirty minutes we had five more orders. We went on our way rejoicing. The next morning we worked five hours and received ten orders for thirteen exhibitions. To God be the glory.

It is a blessed privilege that we have of cooperating with the angels in this work, and I would urge others to take part. Let us arise and finish the work. Then we can go to that blessed eternal home.

ANDY SCHROADER.

Visit to Lockport

The past week I visited Lockport, arriving the nineteenth and staying over the Sabbath.

They have a good country church building and there should be a large church attendance in this place. There was some outside interest manifested at the services. The church members are talking of having a church school there this winter, and are anxious that a teacher be furnished them. They are also desirous that Sabbath-keeping families locate with them, to help build up the work in that place.

O. A. Dow.

Obituary

REINKE:— Sister Marie Foote Reinke was born in Germany Sept. 10, 1840. She came to America in 1866, and united in marriage to Fred Reinke in 1870. To this union were born six children. Sister Reinke accepted present truth twelve years ago and has been a faithful member of the church. The last years of her life she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Wheeler, in Nicholasville, Ky. She peacefully fell asleep in Jesus on May 31, 1916. During all her sickness her faith was in the second coming of Christ which strengthened her. Words of encouragement were spoken by the writer.

B. W. BROWN.

Alabama Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 43

Friday, June 16

West 7: 11

News Items

Brother Norman Waters in reporting his first week's work writes very encouragingly. He left Birmingham Monday morning and started to work that afternoon, obtaining \$4.50 worth of orders in four hours. Tuesday, in twelve hours, he received orders valued at \$22.50; Wednesday, in ten hours, orders valued at \$14; Thursday, in 11 hours, orders valued at \$26; Friday, in eight hours, orders valued at \$14.50; making a total of 45 hours, and 51 orders valued at \$81.50 for his first week's work. This shows what can be done when determination, enthusiasm, and prayer are mixed.

The large tent is now pitched in Birmingham at the corner of 19th St. and 14th Ave. Elders R. I. Keate and J. F. Wright opened their meetings Sunday night, June 4, with the tent full of attentive listeners. Many, not of our faith, have expressed themselves as being pleased to have the tent again pitched in Birmingham. Those who attended the meetings last year promised to attend regularly this year. We look for a harvest of souls as a result of this meeting.

Elder J. F. Wright has just received word from Sister O. S. Cain stating that Brother Oscar Cain, who has been confined to his bed for three months, is very low at present. An operation was performed two weeks ago, and he has been unconscious for about three weeks. We are sorry to learn of this affliction which has come to our brother, and as Sister Cain has asked that prayer be offered for his recovery, we trust that the WORKER family will remember him at the throne of grace.

Many renewals for the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER have been received the past few weeks at this office. The great majority of those renewing express themselves as well pleased with the WORKER. As one sister said, "I would not be without the WORKER under any consideration. I prize its weekly visits and believe that it should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home in the State. God bless the WORKER." Those who have not yet renewed should do so at once and avoid missing a single copy. There are two plans by which the WORKER may be obtained. Which plan will you take advantage of?

The Oakwood Manual Training School is especially favoring its home State of Alabama this year in the matter of student colporteurs. We are glad to report the following with their new location for the summer: Frank McRae will work for "Bible Readings" in Etowah County; Kate Chapman, Talladega County and vicinity for "Home and Health"; Mary Miles, Birmingham and Montgomery with "Bible Readings"; Bessie Rich will work with Sister Miles in Birmingham and Montgomery for "Bible Readings." The Lord has blessed our student workers in the past, and we expect each one to succeed this summer. Remember these workers at the throne of grace that they may earn their scholarships quickly.

Remarkable Progress

A steady growth is pleasing in any line of effort; especially is this true when the increase is shown in some department of the Lord's work upon earth. Throughout the State of Alabama and the seven counties of Florida west of the Apalachicola River, a marked increase in interest is being shown in the distribution of the *Watchman* magazine.

From the total sales of 200 copies of the January, 1915, issue, to over 1,500 copies of the June, 1916, issued before June 1, is the record shown by the following table which gives the sales by months in this territory:

WATCHMAN SALES IN ALABAMA BY MONTHS

	1915	1916
January	200	350
February	550	400
March	400	633
April	400	850
May	350	1060
June	650	1610
July	530	
August	465	
September	305	
October	755	
November	425	
December	580	
Totals	5610	4903

The efforts made during 1915 seem to have been of a spasmodic nature, improvement for the months of February, June, and October, but each high mark followed by a loss. This feature is not shown thus far for 1916, for a satisfactory increase is shown in each succeeding month's report.

During the past eighteen months much time has been spent endeavoring to secure one or more regular magazine workers. Several have expressed a desire to take up this line of work, but no one has, as yet, devoted any length of time to this branch of evangelistic canvassing. Almost all the magazine work has been done by our home workers who are members of local churches. This is borne out by the following compilation showing *The Watchman* sales by churches.

WATCHMAN SALES IN ALABAMA BY CHURCHES

	1915	1916
Ashford	175	
Bessemer	100	300
Birmingham colored	370	250
Birmingham white	495	480
Borden Springs		100
Carbon Hill	50	
Citronelle	10	
Conference Church and Isolated	952	433
Dothan	125	90
Gadsden	100	
Huntsville	307	100
Long Island		10
Marlow	105	350
Mobile colored	320	505
Mobile white	600	250
Montgomery colored	300	200
Montgomery white	380	890
Oakwood	250	275
Pensacola	680	325
Santa Rosa	200	
Sheffield	60	
Stapleton		10
Sylacauga	31	125
Totals	5610	4903
In Stock		210

The missionary reports from these churches should by all means show at least the above number of magazines sold. Even though the magazines were distributed in other localities, the members are expected to report to the home church, and missionary secretaries finding their reports falling below the figures given, can by careful inquiry bring the total up to the correct figure. This report is only for the *Watchman* magazine, however. The sales of the other magazines being small they are not recorded in the above table.

The important question is, Shall we allow this splendid record to show a loss for July? Shall we feel satisfied with the results attained thus far? No, surely no one believes that this is a time to slacken our efforts. The *Watchman* is winning its way in the hearts of our home missionary workers month by month. The announcements of the July issue show a splendid list of articles full of truth for the present time. It is regular work that brings results, meeting the same people each month, and we trust that each believer having a part in disposing of the June number will enthusiastically work with the July issue. Tell the people you will visit them again next month and they will gladly welcome you. Let the good work continue, for it is by each church member actively engaging in missionary work that the third angel's message will be given.

O. R. GODSMARK.

Putting In Time

The busiest seasons of the year for the farmer are spring and fall, the time of sowing and of reaping. Each is important, for each is a time of much work and anxiety. The hired man, and often the farmer himself, works from daylight till dark in the fields, putting in from twelve to fourteen hours per day. Time is his capital. The diligent do not even regard the clouds, for he that regardeth the clouds shall reap sparingly.

The hired men are not allowed to put in time as they please; the man who holds his job must be punctual, always on time and never lagging behind. He generally gets one dollar for his day's work. He is docked in his wages if he is a few minutes late, but if he happens to work an hour over time he gets only one dollar just the same, and perhaps has to trade it out in the commissary store. But how about those who are working for the Lord in his harvest fields here below? The colporteur should be able to answer this. Speaking from my own experience, I find the Lord doubly repays us for our time and labor. As workers for him we have everything to induce us to do our very best, utilizing every available moment.

True we are often obliged to lose time on account of weather conditions, sickness, or some other things, still God is gracious, merciful, and longsuffering, and instead of discharging us then and there for moments which are often wasted in sleeping late or idle talking, he still surrounds us with blessings.

Speaking of weather conditions reminds me of an experience I had a few weeks ago which shows how richly God will reward a little extra effort. I had canvassed all day but did not get many orders. About night it began to rain, so I thought I had better go on home, as I was working in a mill town near where I lived. In such places the canvasser gets more orders after six o'clock in the evening than during any other time, on account of the men being at home. Besides, the delivery is more certain. I decided to work another hour, and in that time the Lord blessed me with seven dollars' worth of orders. Another time I received seven dollars' worth of orders in thirty minutes while waiting for breakfast and rode one mile on a wheel to do it.

I could cite many more instances of this kind from my short experience in the work, but this is sufficient to show that the Lord will bless us when we make a little extra effort for him. We are told through the Spirit of prophecy that we cannot overestimate the value of the canvassing work. This being the case, we cannot overestimate the value of our time.

If any one will be blessed for constant, diligent, and prayerful work, using to the best advantage every moment of time, I believe it will be the faithful colporteur. J. E. FOLEY.

Missionary Volunteer Report

All will be glad to see the improvement made in our young people's missionary work over last year. The following is a comparative report of the first quarter for 1915 and for 1916.

	1915	1916
Letters written	98	248
Letters received	59	141
Missionary visits (personal work)...	217	713
Bible readings or cottage meetings...	50	264
Subscriptions taken for periodicals...	47	20
Papers sold	274	875
Papers mailed, lent, or given away...	1078	765
Books sold	52	47
Books lent or given away	34	72
Tracts sold	35	38
Tracts lent or given away	246	414
Hours of Christian help work	299	1092
Articles of clothing given away	66	111
Number of meals provided	62	248
Bouquets given		12
Scripture cards given		62
Treatments given		90
Signers obtained to temperance pledge	10	12
Offerings for foreign missions through the church	\$ 20 54	\$ 1 46
Offerings for foreign missions through the M. V. Society		8 19
Offerings for foreign missions through the Sabbath school		48 69
Offerings for home missions through the church	1 68	18 90
Offerings for home missions through the M. V. Society		7 35
What part of home mission offerings was raised for local society work?...	2 56	4 14
Tithe paid to church treasurer		86 49
Number of young people added to the church		15

J. F. WRIGHT, Secretary.

To Another Field of Labor

My dear brethren and sisters:

Knowing that I would not be able to say these words to you in person, I am writing them. No words will express my thoughts to you better than those the Lord chose for his servants of old (Num. 6: 24-26): "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

I go to another part of the vineyard to labor. My heart is grateful to God for his keeping power, his blessings, for his Holy Spirit which has led me in faithful, humble service among you, and caused me each day to say a kind word, do a good deed, lead some wandering soul to Christ, or dispense in some way the blessing I received.

I also thank him for the privilege of associating with you in Alabama, for the rich experiences we have had together, for a preparation for service at the Oakwood School, and for the days of canvassing. These will enable me to render efficient service to God and my fellow men. In a few days I shall be among other brethren of like faith, yet before the throne of grace I shall remember you. With deeper consecration and more earnest efforts, supported by your prayers, I hope to do even more for Jesus. R. ROBERTS.

Mississippi Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 54

Friday, June 16

West 7: 23

News Items

Mrs. L. V. Bowen sends in another report of the work she is doing at her home near Pontotoc. She and her husband are giving away many papers, loaning books, and arousing quite an interest in the truth.

Elder C. S. Wiest left Monday, the fifth, for Meridian, where he is to assist in the effort that started there last Sunday night.

Word from Brother E. A. Taylor says that he will have to move this week, as the people with whom he is living are very prejudiced against the truth and have asked him to secure another place to live. He also stated that he had secured a nice house in another part of Liberty and would move Monday, the fifth. Brother Staton is with him this week and intends to spend a few days in the field with him.

Brother Virgil Smith, who is working in Simpson County, reports that he encountered a great deal of prejudice the past week. He sends in a very good report however.

Sister Ella Johnson writes that she has her mark set at \$1,000 worth of orders by the last of June. She has over \$300 worth at present, and this will mean nearly \$700 for this month. However, we are satisfied that if Sister Johnson's health will permit her to put in full time she will more than reach her mark.

The Storm in Mississippi

The following letter has just reached our office from Brother C. R. Canada:

We feel thankful to God that our lives were spared last night through the storm. Our house was blown down and practically everything we have is ruined. We had a large trunk of clothes that was blown away. My buggy was torn all to pieces. This morning we are made very sad when we look and see our things scattered over the pasture and woods, but we are grateful to God that our lives and little ones have been spared. Several have been killed near us. Some have broken limbs, others have gashes in their heads. It is hard for us to understand these things now. It shows us that the day is not far distant when all buildings will tumble down at the presence of the Lord and by his fierce anger. Those that saw where we were say that they don't see why we were not all killed. We will appreciate any assistance.

Success with "Bible Readings"

I am writing these few lines to show how God has greatly blessed my feeble efforts in this work. I worked in the little town of Liberty, taking orders for about \$120 worth of "Bible Readings." The Baptist preacher went about telling my subscribers that I was a Seventh-day Adventist and my book was of that doctrine. He did me but very little harm, for I delivered almost every book, the Lord using the things that he said the book taught to deliver a great many books.

When I first came to this county I felt a little afraid that I had made a mistake, for the county had been looked over by one worker and said to be thinly settled. My wife and I talked it over, saying the people had to be warned and why not we do the work. So I will give you just a brief report of what God is doing for me in regard to orders and helps. In 527 hours I have taken 438 orders valued at \$1,361, sold \$71.05 worth of helps, and delivered \$162 worth of "Bible Readings." Now this is a great blessing to me for God to use me in this way. Pray for me that I may continue faithful in this book work and make a good delivery this fall.

E. A. TAYLOR.

What Is Your Goal ?

Some time ago there appeared an article in the WORKER in reference to pledging ourselves for a definite amount for missions to be paid between now and December 31, 1916. These pledges when paid will apply on the twenty-cent-a-week fund, or if a member of the mission, it will apply on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund.

We are soliciting our believers everywhere to set for ourselves a goal to reach in giving to missions. Pledge cards have been provided for this and can be secured from the office or from a minister.

These pledges will include every offering except the Sabbath school offering. If you set your goal at \$25, you can make it up by paying part as midsummer and part as annual offering, and then you have opportunity to make up the remainder during the Harvest Ingathering campaign with the Harvest Ingathering papers.

When this matter was presented at Jackson, even the children responded. Following is the present list:

C. S. Wiest and wife	\$25 00
A. H. Fribert and wife	25 00
Mrs. B. W. Watson	25 00
Henry Balsbaugh and wife	25 00
B. C. Marshall and wife	25 00
Ethel Warren	10 00
Mrs. G. W. Brannon	10 00
Mrs. Ella Cameron	10 00
Mrs. Fannie Richardson	10 00
Medea Peterson	5 00
Mrs. Amanda Hawk	5 00
Mrs. V. C. Griggs	5 00
Mrs. Clara Kelly	5 00
Mrs. L. B. Ellis	5 00
Mrs. R. A. Kaler	5 00
J. R. Brannon	1 00
Susie Marguerite Richardson	1 00
Beuford Slaton	1 60

Total \$198 60

Who will add his or her name to this list? C. S. WIEST.

Tennessee River Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 42

Friday, June 16

West 7: 24

Report of the Nashville Colored Work

Just as I am changing my field of labor from Nashville to Jackson, Tenn., I think it both proper and profitable that I submit, at least in a general way, a report of the work here among the colored people.

When I came to Nashville, June 9, 1913, I found Elder A. Barry, who is now dead, in charge of the work. I immediately began an aggressive house-to-house campaign, which was kept up day and night for seven months without seeing a single soul accept the truth. But in January, 1914, I had the joy of seeing many of those for whom I had labored give their hearts to God. During the summer of this year (1914) Elder Sydney Scott conducted a tent effort here which gave our work such an impetus that today our attendance is as good as the average colored churches of the city.

A few comparisons will serve to give some idea of the growth and development of the work from June 9, 1913, to June 1, 1916. Checks to the conference for 1913 were \$273.61, of which \$197 was tithes, and \$76.61 Sabbath school and other offerings. The amount raised for church expense was \$13.88, making a total of \$287.49 raised for the entire year.

For 1914 checks to the conference were \$775.74, of which \$699.85 was tithed, and \$98.47 Sabbath school offerings. The amount raised for church expense was \$141.87. To this should be added money raised to apply on our church building, which was purchased Oct. 1, 1914.

The amount paid to the conference in 1915 was \$811.01, of which \$694.29 was tithed, and \$116.72 offerings. The amount raised for church expense, not including more than \$220 raised to apply on our church, was \$224.02.

There has been paid during 1916 up to May 20, \$494.97, of which \$461.07 was tithed, and \$33.90 offerings. The amount raised for church expense was \$31.18, for building fund \$57.49. Beginning with March 10 we were asked to raise \$10 per month to apply on our church debt of \$406.80, which we are doing. At present we have paid up to September 10.

The membership in May, 1913, was 16; the membership May, 1916, is 60. The tithe for May, 1913, was \$9.25; the tithe for May, 1916, is \$172.82. The tithe for the entire year 1913 averaged \$16.06 a month. During the first five months of 1916 it averaged \$92.01. The total amount of money raised by the church during the entire time of my labors here is more

than \$3,224, exclusive of outside donations. We have a well organized home missionary and young people's society, operating under the wise management of Sister Francis Martin as leader of the home missionary society, and Sister Hattie Hyde as leader of the young people's society. The society has fitted up the left wing of the building to be used as a meeting place for its sewing circle. In addition to our other work, we are conducting a church school in the right wing of our church building. Our school room is thoroughly modern throughout, being equipped with the latest improved adjustable single desks, fine quality black board, and teacher's outfit. The school has excellent enrolment with fair prospect for a better one next year.

While, of course, I cannot say that I am glad to leave this part of the field in which God has so signally blessed my feeble efforts, yet I move on in humble obedience to the wishes of those whom God has placed in authority, trusting not only that he is guiding through them, but that he will also direct me in wisdom that I might in his hand be an instrument with which he can pull down the "strong holds" of error among my poor, blinded, helpless, and seemingly "undone people."

RANDALL JOHNSON.

Colporteurs' Report Southern Union Conference, Week Ending June 3, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE							
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	
R Cook* . . . BF&HM	86	52	\$94 00	\$ 30	\$94 30	\$ 3 50	
H L Edwards . . . BR	23	3	9 00	75	9 75	33 00	
J E Foley* BR	43	18	34 00	85	34 85	24 00	
Thos Goodman HM	43					5 00	
Carl Holland v&w	6		50		50	4 00	
M L Ivory* . . . H&H	81	3	9 00		9 00	1 05	
Clara Miller . v&w			1 25		1 25		
Luther Miller v&w	4					5 25	
Q Tew BR	25	4	15 00	75	15 75	54 00	
Norman Waters BF	45	51	81 50	95	82 45	2 50	
M E Whatley* D&R	71	25	79 00	2 10	81 10	42 00	
Bibles			5 70		5 70		

Totals (Agts. 11) 274 156 \$328 95 \$ 5 70 \$334 65 \$174 30

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE							
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	
Felia Pierce . . . BR	72	42	\$128 00	\$	\$128 00	\$	
Andy Schroader BR	72	32	100 00		100 00		
J B Reichenbach BR	37	11	35 00		35 00		
Alonzo Ramey . BR	58	20	61 00		61 00		
Luther Bowles . BR	57	18	54 00	5 65	59 65		
Alex Perry BR						133 00	
Jeff Hickman . . BR	20	13	45 00		45 00		
M Reichenbach . .				1 00	1 00		
Bibles			16 70		16 70	14 50	

Totals (Agts. 8) 316 136 \$439 70 \$ 6 65 \$446 35 \$147 50

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE							
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	
Elmer Chastain BR	47	27	\$100 00	\$ 5 60	\$105 60	\$	
A A Johnson . . . HM	9	8	16 00	35	16 35		
Ella Johnson . . . HM	25	41	82 00	5 25	87 25		
L J McElroy PP&F, HM	19	28	56 00	2 80	58 80		
W F Nance CK	33	28	43 80	4 90	48 70		
Virgil Smith BR, D&R	45	21	62 00	1 75	63 75		
E A Taylor BR	33	34	109 00	6 00	115 00		
J L Waller D&R	42	45	154 00	35	154 35		
Bibles						3 50	

Totals (Agts. 8) 253 232 \$622 80 \$27 00 \$649 80 \$ 3 50

* Two Weeks.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE							
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	
R R Coble BR	29	22	\$69 00	\$	\$69 00	\$	
Cliff Field BR	31	18	57 00		57 00		
J B Hardy BR	23	7	23 00		23 00	83 00	
J Harzman . . . PP&F	39	18	36 00		36 00	16 00	
Bibles			11 80		11 80		

Totals (Agts. 4) 122 65 \$196 80 \$ \$196 80 \$99 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE							
Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.	
Jessie Allen . . . BR	45	47	\$161 00	\$ 3 25	\$164 25	\$ 3 00	
R H Hazelton . GC	45	19	42 00	1 20	43 20		
H C Halvorsen . PP	49			4 50	4 50	3 75	
W J Keele . D&R, COS	40	19	59 00		5 50	64 50	
W E Templeton BR	34	23	75 00		1 00	76 00	
Mrs B E Wagner BR	17	8	24 00		1 50	25 50	18 25
B E Wagner . . . BR	30				4 00	4 00	4 00
DEH Lindsey . . BR	31				4 50	4 50	4 50
Mrs D Lindsey BR	17	8	21 00		75	21 75	15 25
Bibles			115 50		115 50		

Totals (Agts. 9) 308 124 \$497 50 \$26 20 \$523 70 \$48 75

G'd Totals (A. 40) 1426 713 \$2085 75 \$65 55 \$2151 30 \$473 05

Summary from January 1 to Date			
Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference . .	\$3779 20	\$ 65 45	\$ 531 25
Kentucky Conference . .	7126 50	212 05	2589 00
Louisiana Conference . .	3317 55	34 10	618 60
Mississippi Conference .	13045 80	530 05	538 75
Tenn. River Conference .	4214 25	357 65	964 75
Totals	\$31483 30	\$1199 30	\$5242 35

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending June 3, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE			
Agent	No.	Value	
Clara Miller	82	\$ 8 20	
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE			
Milton Jones	25	2 50	
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE			
Lura Reed*	145	14 50	
Sadie Klindt*	376	37 60	
Totals	628	\$ 62 80	

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Mississippi (Colored) Hattiesburg.....	Aug. 24-Sept. 3

News Items

Brother G. H. Curtis left Thursday, June 8, for Birmingham, Ala., where he will audit the books of the conference and departments for the past year.

Prof. and Mrs. Lynn H. Wood left Nashville Monday, June 5, for Huntsville, Ala., where they will be until July 19. They will assist in the colored teachers' institute and summer school held there this summer.

The following are a few titles gleaned from the excellent contents of the July *Watchman*:

The Far East and the Far West.

Germany, Mexico, Japan, and America.

"Wake Up the Mighty Men."

The Right of Free Speech.

Armageddon and the Bible.

This is a most interesting number of *The Watchman*, and we would urge all our people to secure a supply and sell to their neighbors and friends.

Blue-Penciling the Bible

Don't miss reading the deserved rebuke to the following statement by a theologian of prominence: "Apply the blue pencil liberally to the Bible and we shall not only have a Christianized version, but also one that will more effectually show the power of Jesus to affect human society." You will find it in the July number of the *Signs Magazine*. There are about fifteen other good reasons why our people should get back of this superlatively strong, message-filled issue.

"THE pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the greatest art in life is to have as many of them as possible."

Louisiana Conference

The fifteenth annual conference and camp-meeting of the Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Alexandria, La., July 20-30, 1916. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the ensuing two years, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the conference session. The first meeting of the conference will be held at 11 A. M., Friday, July 21. Let the churches elect delegates, and forward credentials to C. B. Caldwell, 810 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.

C. N. SANDERS, *President*,

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Louisiana Conference Association

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the constituency of the Louisiana Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists (incorporated) will be held on the camp ground in Alexandria, La., Tuesday, July 25, 1916. The first meeting will be held at 11 A. M. on the above date, for the election of officers, and such other business as may properly come before the association.

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Now Ready

The July *Life and Health* is now being mailed to subscribers. The cover page of this number is most attractive. It is a scene of a man in a boat, pulling an oar. Any person who is at all a lover of water — or who is not — will certainly desire a copy of this particular number. The magazine is brimful of timely articles on how to keep our health in the hot summer months. It should have a wide circulation. Twenty-five copies cost \$1.25; 50 or more, 4 cents each. Send orders through your tract society.

Foreign "Signs of the Times"

Our Missionary Societies and magazine agents will be glad to learn that the German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish *Signs of the Times* magazine for the third quarter will be ready June 10. Some disappointments have come because the magazines for the second quarter had to be omitted on account of the burning of the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association at College View. With the third number the name of the Danish-Norwegian is changed from *Lys over Landet* (Light over Land) to *Tidens Tegn* (Signs of the Times). This will meet with the hearty approval of our workers, many of whom have expressed themselves in favor of making the magazine more distinct in its character. This gives uniformity in name and character of our German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish *Signs of the Times* magazines — *Zeichen der Zeit*, *Tidens Tegn*, *Tidens Tecken*, respectively. Will not our people help in giving this a large circulation? The coming numbers are filled with timely articles and are strikingly illustrated. Yearly subscription price to each is 40 cents a year (50 cents to Canada and foreign countries); in quantities of 5 to 40 copies, 5 cents each; 50 and over, 4 cents each. Orders should be sent to your tract society.

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