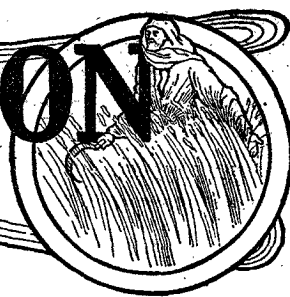


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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## Filled His Place

It wasn't much of a place he filled,  
But he tilled and ploughed, and he ploughed and tilled,  
While the greatest cause for his soul's unrest  
Was a fear that he wouldn't do his best.  
So he smiled at his work and went ahead  
With a tuneful heart and a Christian grace.  
It wasn't much of a place he filled,  
But he filled his place.

The hands that they folded yesterday  
On his breast were rough and hard — but say,  
What does it matter, let me ask,  
If they did get rough at a humble task?  
For when a life gets to the very end,  
And death looks up from the palid face,  
What does it matter the place you filled,  
If you filled your place?

I fancy the joys of paradise,  
When they're given out, will cause some surprise,  
For the greatest will fall, or I'm no seer,  
To those that did simple duties here;  
To the man who smiles and goes ahead  
With a tuneful heart and a Christian grace,  
Though it wasn't much of a place he filled,  
If he filled his place.

— Selected.

## The Men Behind the Books

### Southern Union

In the WORKER of June 22, there appeared the canvassing summary of the Southern Union for May, which amounted to \$11,282.54, exclusive of magazines. This was a gain of \$3,238.16 over May, 1915, and is indeed a most encouraging increase. The weekly reports that have been coming in from the different conferences for June, have nearly all been considerably larger than the reports were for the corresponding weeks of last year. Our colporteur work is on the upward grade, and is making splendid progress. And it is high time that this is so, for the events that are now transpiring so rapidly that we know not what a day may bring forth, should inspire greater earnestness, activity, and longer hours in the field than at any time in the past.

### Mississippi

From a personal letter from Elder C. S. Wiest, president of the Mississippi Conference, we quote:

"Of course I am glad that Mississippi has made such a substantial gain in book sales. I am sure that Mississippi will break all records this year along this line. We have every prospect of making an unusual record. I am sure that some of our workers will deliver close to \$1,500 worth, and that our deliveries

in general will be much better than at any time heretofore.

"I agree with you that we ought to put forth every effort in pushing the larger books, for they contain so much more truth to place in the homes of the people than do the small ones. The transportation cost for the small books is nearly as much as for the large, and it also takes practically as long to handle the small books as it does the large ones. So for the people, the colporteurs, the tract society, and the publishing house, it is much more profitable to handle the larger books."

There is much truth in what Elder Wiest writes about the large books being preferable for our regular colporteurs to handle. It has been demonstrated over and over that an experienced colporteur can take an order for a large book just about as easily as he can for a dollar or dollar and a half book. Only the other day, Brother Wheeler, of the Tennessee River Conference, was in our office and stated that he could sell more "Bible Readings," or "Daniel and the Revelation," at the present prices than he could when the cloth style could be bought for \$2 and \$2.25. There is something about our large books that appeals to most people, even though all do not buy.

### It Happened in Kentucky

Upon returning a few days ago from a short trip to Kentucky, Brother Davis told us of a rather unique experience which Brother Hickman had one day while assisting one of Kentucky's faithful colporteurs. It seems that they were canvassing for "Bible Readings"—notice it was a *large* book—when they came to a swollen stream that they were unable to cross. There were a number of men working on the opposite side of the stream, and Brother Hickman and his companion called for them to come up to the edge of it. The men responded, and listened to a canvass across the flowing waters, with the result that Brother Hickman and his coworker took three orders for "Bible Readings." In twenty-six hours they secured \$108 worth of orders. It is evident that in Kentucky they believe in overcoming their obstacles and difficulties and in pushing ahead.

### Louisiana

Brother Boswell writes as follows:

"I must tell you a little about our oldest colporteur, Brother Hardy. The week before I visited him he worked 41 hours and just lacked \$1.95 of getting \$200 in orders for books and Bibles. I was with him delivering for 19 hours and we delivered twenty-five books valued at \$83. He is sixty-eight years of age."

Should not such a record as this inspire many of our younger members to engage in this work? The Lord is indeed blessing our colporteur work in a wonderful manner, and the people are now more interested in our books than they ever have been in the past.

### The Southeast

From the Carolinas come some encouraging reports. In writing of the work in South Carolina, Brother Pavey, tract society secretary, states, "I believe this year will be one of the best in our history. We are receiving good reports from the colporteurs every week. Week before last Brother George

Case, a new recruit to the canvassing field, took \$227 worth of orders. This young man is working for a scholarship, and we are sure that he will succeed in making it. I am doing all I can to advance the work in this conference."

The work in North Carolina is onward. We are assured that the brethren in that conference are very much "alive," and that we may expect to see some big things happen before the year is out. We are informed that they have just closed a very successful camp-meeting, and that the workers have returned to their fields full of courage and determination.

The field secretary of Florida, Brother J. W. Siler, reports that in *five* months of this year, Florida took \$5,428.10 worth of orders, or \$500.45 more than in *six* months in 1915, and in the same time delivered \$3,912 worth, or \$1,001.43 more than during the first six months of last year. These last figures do not exactly correspond with the sales of the Atlanta Branch to the tract society, but the difference is no doubt accounted for by the large stock which the tract society carried over from the previous year.

### The Southwest

In a personal letter Brother C. L. Collison writes as follows of the work in North Texas:

"I am just in from the field and am glad to tell you that we

have reached the thousand dollar mark per week, and with the fine rains that we had last week and the prospects as good as they are at present, we hope with the help of the Lord to keep our reports on the increase for many weeks to come. Many of the students had not yet sent in a report when we reached the thousand dollar mark, and for this reason we feel encouraged to believe that our work will keep on growing. We have not made any spasmodic leaps this year in North Texas, but have made a steady growth. We are encouraged to believe that with the help of the Lord this will continue. We surely have a fine class of workers in this field at the present time and several of them are year-round men."

The last report received from Oklahoma amounted to \$1,200 for one week, so the work in that conference is also making encouraging progress. Arkansas has been sending in some splendid reports, and stood second on the list for the month of May. For that month the Southwestern Union reported something over \$12,000, or a gain of \$5,000 over May of 1915. The prospects are that all three unions will have good reports for June. Thus the work is onward, and the Lord is going before our faithful workers and preparing the way for the reception of the message as contained in our books and magazines.

R. L. PRIEGER.

## Principal's Report of the Oakwood Manual Training School, March, 1916

(Concluded)

The work of our graduates is too well known to here receive extended attention, but I would like to mention the work of Randall Johnson, pastor of our colored church in Nashville, to whom hundreds of interested friends gather for instruction; of R. Roberts and the converts he has been instrumental in making for this cause at Birmingham; of C. A. Blackwood, who left our school only a short time ago, who, by the Lord's help added a good company of believers to our church at Dothan; of R. T. Newball and his wife who came from far-away Old Providence Isle off the coast of South America, spent two years at our school, returned, and are now instrumental in doing most earnest work for needy souls in the West Caribbean Conference. I make mention of the splendid Bible work that is being done by Maude Gauntlette in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., and Mary Jones in Macon, Ga. The efficiency of Oakwood students can also be seen in the work of such men as J. S. Green, of Florida; H. Gemon, of Knoxville, Tenn.; and W. E. Strother, of South Carolina.

Mary Belle Winston, my former stenographer, is having splendid success with her church school at Louisville. In passing I would not fail to mention the splendid services, too, that are being rendered at the present at our own institution by those who were former students. I refer to my collaborators, T. J. Buckner, Emma Addison, and Isabella Cartwright. Sister Cartwright, our matron, like the Yankee woman, knows just where to look for dirt. Her students in their domestic duties must dig out the corners.

The doors at Oakwood are being sought by young men and women from a very much scattered constituency. Our matriculation cards contain the names of students from every State in the South, from a number of the northern States, from the West India Islands, and a few from South America.

Mery Abel came to us from Hayti. He had finished a course of study given by a French high school in that island, but came to us to learn the truth and prepare to bear the message to his friends and fellow men in Hayti. When he appeared in my office he could not speak one word of English. There was a young man in our school who could understand Creole, and by this means I was able to communicate with him. He came with a definite aim, and planned to stay three years. His three years are now drawing to a close. He will graduate from our min-

isterial course this spring. He has studied tent-making. There has never been a tent pitched in Hayti. Elder Prieger, superintendent of that field, writes that he is expecting him to come back to that island and take the lead in their tent effort, but would like for him to have some experience in such an effort this summer here in the States before returning. What conference will give him an opportunity?

While our work is prospering, and we have many things to be thankful for, yet the school is not without its needs. We believe that where we have one student who is earnestly striving for a preparation to qualify for work, there should be two. Can we not lay the burden upon our readers, to interest some worthy young person of quiet habits and good morals who is at least seventeen years of age, ready for the sixth grade, or better yet, the eighth or ninth grade, to come and be a learner with us? Will you accept this responsibility? I sometimes fear that our denomination is hardly appreciating the merits of the work that is being done at Oakwood. We feel that it is high time to study into its worthy motives, and as a people, exercise our most diligent influence in crowding its class rooms with the best that there is. Our rates are reasonable, the tuition is free, and the board is on the European plan, varying from \$6 to \$8 per month. The room rent, including light, fuel, and plain laundry, is \$3 a month.

Oakwood is not a place of luxuries, yet we enjoy the simple comforts of life. In selecting students, if possible give us those who have honest hearts and a good moral stamina.

Dr. Washington, the recently fallen great leader of the colored race, has ably said, "I believe that any man's life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragements, if he makes up his mind to do his level best each day, that is, tries to make each day as nearly as possible reach the high-water mark of pure, unselfish, and useful living." We want young people with high aims, those who are disposed to do their best.

From a special testimony to the Huntsville School, bearing date of 1908, I read, "In carrying forward the work among the colored people, it is not highly educated, eloquent men who are most needed, but humble men who in the school of Christ have learned to be meek and lowly and who go forth into the highways and hedges to give the invitation 'come; for all things are now ready.' Those who beg at midnight for loaves for hungry

souls will be greatly blessed." Friends, if meek and humble men were needed in 1908, isn't it all the more important with the crying needs and demands of this late day gathering thickly about us, that we seek earnestly for these dispositions in the young people, and have them come to school to prepare to give this invitation?  
C. J. BOYD.

## Mississippi Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 57

Friday, July 7

West 7: 24

### Work in Hattiesburg

As it has been some time since a report of the work in Hattiesburg was given, it may be of interest to all to know that the work is onward here.

After the camp-meeting here in 1913 quite an interest was aroused which was followed by two tent efforts, with seemingly very little results; however, we are glad to say that four took their stand definitely for the truth and three others who had allowed the cares of life to cause them to become indifferent renewed their consecration to God. The interest thus awakened has continued to grow until many inquiries have come to us, asking why we do not build a church, and in response to these inquiries we have decided to raise funds with which to accomplish the work of rearing a church building here. We have begun this work in the fear of God and feel sure that it can be realized.

We are using some of our literature and expect to use more ere this task is completed. Quite a number of the people of the town have assured us of their help in a substantial way.

We would be glad, if any of the brethren and sisters in the union feel like helping in this worthy enterprise, to receive donations, either large or small. Address J. L. Cooper, Hattiesburg, Miss. Route 3.

Remember the work in Hattiesburg.

J. L. COOPER.

### News Items

So far we have received very good reports from our colporteurs this week, several of them going over \$100. Brother Taylor put in an extra good week, working 52 hours and making a total report of \$124. Brother Waller also put in extra good time and has a large report, the total amount of which is \$175. Sister McElroy's report is \$141. Brother Drue Bowen's report is also worthy of mention. For his first week alone he took \$82 worth of orders. I think this is an excellent report for his first week's work.

The following letter was received by a member of the Hatley Missionary Society:

Dear Miss ———:

For some time I have been receiving *The Signs of the Times*, but did not know to whom to give credit for sending me this most excellent periodical. I have enjoyed reading it very much, and will, I am sure, continue to do so.

Enclosed please find my check for \$1, a contribution to the missionary society at Hatley, Miss., which I know you will put to some good use.

Wishing you success in your line of endeavor, I am

Very cordially yours,

G. M. Holmes, Atty. at Law.

This certainly ought to be an encouragement to our societies to do missionary work, and I am sure that there are many more people that would enjoy this good paper if they only had a chance to read it.

Brother Staton left Sunday morning for Scott County to meet Brother Tinsley. They intend to work in that county.

## Kentucky Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 51

Friday, July 7

West 7: 22

### Important Notice

You are invited to attend the annual camp-meeting and conference which will be held in Bowling Green August 17 to 27. A beautiful ground has been secured with plenty of shade and water. Come and enjoy the ten days' feast with us.

### The Camp-Meeting

The time draws near for our annual camp-meeting and conference. It is none too early for you to lay plans to be present. I trust that each family in the State will be represented at the meeting to be held in Bowling Green from August 17 to 27. I wish to quote a few statements from "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI: "The camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work." "God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction that we may be fitted to perform this work."

#### ATTENDANCE OF CHURCH-MEMBERS

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth." "Strengthen the meeting all you can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people. Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you." "Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you."

"At these gatherings we must ever remember that two forces are at work: If all would put on the whole armor of God and fight manfully the battles of the Lord, victories would be gained that would cause the kingdom of darkness to tremble."

We are glad to tell you that the Lord has opened the way for us to secure a beautiful ground where there is an abundance of shade and water. The location is in the best part of the city only one-half square from the street-car line, which runs direct to the railroad station. The city officials and business men have shown a deep interest in our securing a good location, and by their help we get the ground and water free.

I am very anxious that all our people throughout the conference put forth an earnest effort to attend this meeting. Stormy times are before us, and we do not know how soon trouble will break upon us and our last camp-meeting be held, but I am convinced that we are living in a solemn time. Therefore as a people we need to get ready for the Lord's coming.

B. W. BROWN.

### News Items

Elder and Sister Dow have pitched their tent in Irvington and will conduct a series of meetings there. We are sure Brother Howard will enjoy this meeting, as he has been waiting for it a long time.

Word just received at our office brings the encouraging news that Brother Irving Tait, who was severely hurt a few weeks ago, is greatly improved, and hopes are now entertained that he will recover.

Brother F. L. Harrison and wife are now in Henderson. Sister Harrison is doing Bible work in that city. Brother Harrison had a good experience the past week. In twenty-one hours

He and Brother Hickman secured orders for \$106 worth of "Bible Readings."

Elder Lawrence sends word that the attendance at the Chestnut Street church on Sunday nights is increasing each week.

Brother L. Cooper, of Pine Knot, Ky., writes an encouraging letter and states that he hopes to take up the canvassing work soon.

Brother Cleveland, of Geneva, writes that he has put out all the tracts that he secured a few weeks ago, and many are anxious to learn more of the truth. He is calling for a colored minister to help him.

Brethren Lindsay and Wagner have located in Hopkinsville, where they will open up the work. We welcome them to our conference and pray that God will direct them each day.

Brother Allen writes from Louisville that he finds many people who are anxious to have him visit their homes and show them the way of truth more perfectly.

Elder Brown was with the Bowling Green church for their quarterly meeting. There was a good attendance and all enjoyed the service.

Brother Hickman is in the western part of the State at this writing assisting some new workers. Don't forget to pray for the canvassing work.

### Church School

Is your church planning to hold one this coming school year? Remember the admonition given us as a people reads as follows: "Where there are six children in the church a school should be held." It is none too early to begin to lay your plans for a school and secure your teacher. Don't delay this important work, but get your school board elected and start the work going.

## Alabama Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.  
East 6:44 Friday, July 7 West 7:11

### News Items

Sister S. A. Fowler, of Mobile, writes that she has been sick for over a month and although still weak, yet is improving. Sister Fowler has been one of our most faithful *Watchman* agents, and during the year 1915 disposed of six hundred copies, an average of fifty a month. This month Sister Fowler asks for fifty copies of *Life and Health* and fifty copies of *The Watchman*. Surely the earnestness and faithfulness of Sister Fowler at her age should put our younger members to shame. May the Lord bless Sister Fowler in her missionary endeavors.

Brother G. W. Powers, of Huntsville, has placed a standing order for a club of the *Signs of the Times Weekly* to be used in working up a subscription route in that city.

Brother I. Henderson, of Gadsden, is doing a little work with "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." Two copies of this excellent book were sent him recently.

Again we call attention to the fact that inasmuch as there are fourteen Sabbaths in the third quarter of this year, the cards for the eighth lesson will be omitted. So do not form the opinion that the memory verse card for that Sabbath was lost, as such is not the case.

Words of encouragement come from Luther Miller, who is working in Evergreen. He writes, "I am of good courage and feel by the help of the Lord that I will succeed in the colporteur work. Thursday I gave one canvass and took two orders. I know that 'Bible Readings' is the book the people want and will buy."

In the recent campaign for enlarging the circulation of the

SOUTHERN UNION WORKER it has been found that the believers in Alabama highly appreciate its pages, and a few extracts from some of the many letters received regarding the WORKER are as follows:

"We all read it with interest and appreciate it very much."  
— D. W. Dobbs, Red Level.

"I like the WORKER very much, for by reading it I keep in touch with the other believers in the Lord's work. May the Lord bless the mission of the WORKER."—Caroline Barnwell, Flomaton.

"I am pleased with the WORKER and am always anxious to get it and hear from the workers in the field."—J. A. Whisenant, Perdue Hill.

"I don't think I could get along without the WORKER. Reading it is like having a talk with the brethren and sisters."—C. S. Carlisle, New Market.

"I am pleased to get the Worker and learn of the work and workers. I read it through each week almost without stopping."  
— Mrs. Beulah Fogg, Elkmont, Ala.

"Indeed I am pleased with the WORKER. I do not know how it could be improved, for I certainly like it."—C. L. Trawick, Stapleton.

"I am well pleased with the WORKER. I have never let my subscription expire since it was first started with the old name and will not be without it now."—Mrs. M. A. Pybus, Headland.

"I always look forward with pleasure to the arrival of my WORKER. It brings me joy, and the various things appearing on the front page are very encouraging. I do not see how I could get along without it."—Mrs. Annie L. Allen, New Decatur.

## Louisiana Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.  
East 7:02 Friday, July 7 West 7:32

Baptismal services were held at the New Orleans No. 1 church Sabbath, June 17, when three were buried with their Lord in baptism. Others expect soon to follow.

Brother Paul writes from Lake Charles, "We are having a good attendance, and some are beginning to express their desire to obey the truth."

Mrs. W. H. Sawers and family, of the Vicksburg church (Mississippi), made a recent visit to New Orleans.

Five were baptized at the New Orleans church No. 2 Sabbath, June 24.

Brother J. L. Holder, of Ohio, who has been attending Mt. Vernon Academy, recently passed through New Orleans on his way to the West Caribbean Conference, where he is to have charge of the book work.

According to present plans, Dr. A. J. Hetherington, formerly of New Orleans, who has been for several years past in Central America, will make a short visit to New Orleans during the early part of July.

Brother A. R. Bell, who has been doing some excellent missionary work in Natalbany, has recently gone to Shreveport to assist Brother R. R. Roberts with the tent work there. Brother Roberts reports a good attendance at the Sunday night meetings. The interest is growing there.

Another good report comes from Brother Hardy. He is at present working some very rough, swampy country, but says, "I have had some good experiences during the week, and feel that the Lord has fully vindicated his word that he would be with me to bless." His report for the week is fifty orders for "Bible Readings," valued at \$169, and \$10.20 worth of Bibles. Monday was his best day—\$51 worth of orders in eight hours.

## Tennessee River Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 6: 44

Friday, July 7

West 7: 26

### Visit to Fountain Head

It was my privilege to spend Sabbath, June 24, with the church at Fountain Head, Tenn. Services were held in the schoolhouse Friday night, but owing to bad weather the congregation was not large. On Sabbath the services were attended by the representatives of the Chestnut Hill and Spring Branch schools. The meeting was quite long, owing to the various interests to be considered. After a discourse on baptism and its privileges, fifteen candidates came forward for examination. Eight of these were from the Fountain Head School and vicinity, two from the Chestnut Hill School, and five from the Spring Branch School. The ordinances were celebrated, and then we repaired to a small stream where the candidates were baptized. Let us pray that the good work already begun by these rural schools may continue until all of that part of Tennessee is thoroughly warned.

S. E. WIGHT.

### News Items

Brother W. D. Wade, one of our faithful colporteurs, was obliged to leave the field for his home on account of the serious illness of his little boy, Macon. The child suffered from an attack of typhoid fever and was seriously ill for a time. He reports, however, that the boy is much improved now, and he thinks it will be but a short time until he is out of danger. We regret very much that Brother Wade has had to drop his work for a time and hope that Macon will soon be well again.

Brother W. R. Robertson, who has been engaged the past four years in selling our magazines, passed away Friday, June 9. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jennie Robertson, and a little daughter about ten years of age. We extend to the family our sincere sympathy in this time of sorrow. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Lowry. An obituary notice will appear later.

Elder C. F. Lowry left Memphis Tuesday night, June 20, for points in Texas, where he will visit relatives before taking the journey to India as a missionary. The brethren and sisters of the Memphis church regretted very much to see him go. Elder D. T. Wood, of the Michigan Conference, will take up the work in Memphis about the middle of August. Services were held Tuesday evening before Elder Lowry's departure, and seven young people and adults were baptized.

Brother M. Wheeler reached Nashville June 25 after an extended visit to Brownsville, Humboldt, and other points. He reports the boys in the field of good courage and each determined to work for a hundred dollars a week and devote his full time to the colporteur work. From the way the reports have been coming in each week, it appears that the boys are really working hard and that success is attending their efforts. Let every one watch the reports that appear in this paper. There is something doing in the ranks of the Tennessee colporteurs.

Brother M. C. Snow, a member of our Nashville church for years, has gone to Michigan, where he will spend the summer. He was accompanied by his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jones, of Memphis, Tenn., have gone to England where they will make their residence. Sister Jones for some time has acted as superintendent of the Sabbath school there, and the pupils of the Sabbath school regret very much to have her go. At this time of writing they are on steamer en route. Sister Jones is a sister-in-law of Miss Maud Jones who is doing Bible work in Nashville.

Elder Elliott writes that the tent effort in Big Sandy is pro-

gressing nicely. When the meetings began the church in that place held special services asking that the Lord would bless their efforts. The Lord will finish this work and cut it short in righteousness.

Elder J. W. Norwood, formerly president of the Tennessee River Conference, is now in Washington taking treatments. He writes that the doctors say it will be but a short time until he can be restored to former health. We know that his friends will be glad to hear this good news.

Elder Denslow is conducting a tent effort at Bordeaux, just across the river from the publishing house, and reports good attendance at the meetings each night. The publishing house band has been assisting, and this has materially increased the crowds each night. The Bible studies that are conducted each evening are very interesting, and it is hoped that a large number will step out and make a decision for the truth.

Elder S. E. Wight, president of the union conference, visited the Fountain Head church on Sabbath, June 24. He reports the baptism of fifteen young people and adults. We are glad that our brethren at Fountain Head have been able to do such much good work in the community in which they reside. There are schools at this place and Portland conducted by Brethren Mulford, Matthews, King, Hansen, and Walen.

**FOR SALE:** A nice residence at Hazel, Ky. The lot contains two acres of land, a good well of water, and out buildings. There is a good six-room house on the place also. This is next door to the Seventh-day Adventist church and about one-fourth of a mile from the post office. Price \$700. Address the Tennessee River Conference, 2014 23rd Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

### Church Elders, Attention!

It is but a few weeks until camp-meeting, and our churches should elect their delegates to the conference at once and send in the list to the conference office. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its membership and one additional delegate for every ten members or major fraction thereof. This matter should be attended to at once so that each church will be properly represented when the first meeting is called. The first meeting of the conference will be at 9 A. M. Friday, August 4. Let all the delegates be present at that time.

F. C. BRUCE.

### Home Missionary Work

We have been in this new field but a short time, but have found plenty to do and are enjoying our work very much. The first month I was at Jackson, our headquarters. Here we enjoyed some good meetings with the church and became acquainted with our dear people in this place. The work I have been called to take up in this conference demands that a great many letters be written. I have spent some time in this way, trying to get acquainted with all our church elders, home missionary leaders, and secretaries. We hope to see good reports from all our home missionary societies in the conference.

On May 28, accompanied by Mrs. Bellinger, I left Jackson to visit among the churches. Trezevant was the first place we visited. Here we have a few faithful souls who are striving to hold up the truth. We had some splendid meetings here. The church was strengthened and a few who were not members of the church also attended the meetings and seemed to be interested. We hope others will take hold of the truth.

June the ninth we came to the Leach church. This is an old church, and God has some faithful souls here. There are a large number of young people in this church, the greater number of which seem determined to live for Jesus. A church school is badly needed, and it seems to be the mind of the church to have one this fall and winter. Let us pray that they may. There are

twenty or more young people and children here who ought to have church school privileges now. We have had some splendid meetings at this place also. The church has been revived. Last Sabbath we had one of the best services I have ever attended. The holy Spirit came and took charge of the meeting and a mighty shout of victory over sin went up from this church. I feel that we have been drawn closer to God, and the desire of all is to press on to higher ground. The church has been pretty well filled every night, and on one Sunday night the church was filled and a good number outside could not get in.

We have lived with the people up here, spending a night and a day in nearly every home. In this way we have been able to get well acquainted with them and have been better able to help where help was needed. There are a few interested ones here whom we hope to see take their stand for the truth. We ask the prayers of the WORKER family that God may use us to his glory and the salvation of dear souls.

Jackson, Tenn.

JAMES BELLINGER.

### Tennessee River Conference

The thirteenth annual session of the Tennessee River Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Nashville, Tenn., August three to thirteen, for the purpose of electing officers and of transacting such other business as may properly come before the conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each ten members. The first meeting of the conference will convene at 9 A. M. Friday, August 4.

W. R. ELLIOTT, *President*,

F. C. BRUCE, *Sec. and Treas.*

### Tennessee River Conference Association

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Tennessee River Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the conference and camp-meeting, August 3-13 at Nashville, Tenn., for the purpose of electing a board of trustees, changing the by-laws to provide for the election of officers for a term of two years instead of one, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the constituency. All properly accredited delegates to the Tennessee River Conference are delegates to the Tennessee River Conference Association. The first meeting will be held at 10 A. M. Monday, August 7.

W. R. ELLIOTT, *President*,

F. C. BRUCE, *Secretary*.

### "Liberty"

The third quarter of the *Liberty Magazine* is now off the press and stock has been received at this office. This is one of the best numbers of this magazine that the publishers have ever put out, and should be read by our people everywhere.

The article by Hon. W. H. Coleman, congressman from Pennsylvania, shows very clearly his sentiments on religious liberty, and our churches should place this copy in the hands of every public official and attorney in their cities. It will surely do much to allay the religious prejudice which may prevail in the minds of some.

Elder Longacre has written a very interesting article on the court trial of the brethren of Goodlettsville, which was held at Gallatin on May 24. The speeches of the attorney-general and the attorney for the defense are quoted. Every lover of religious liberty should have a copy of this paper. Many other articles make this an excellent number. Our churches should circulate hundreds of copies of this paper.

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

### Scripture Post Cards

Like Bible studies on Baptism, the Sabbath, Second Coming of Christ, Mortality, etc. Eighteen different kinds. Price 1 cent each; 125 for \$1.

Order of your tract society, or address S. H. Logan, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 214 Underwood Block.

The matter appearing on one of these cards is given below:

### "A Home for You"

There will soon be a land, a wonderful land, Amos 9: 14, 15  
A home for the poor, by the King it was planned; Isa. 65: 16, 17  
There will not be a weed, a thistle, or thorn, Isa. 55: 13  
But shade trees and flowers will the greensward adorn.

Isa. 41: 18-20

Every tree bearing food will be found to grow well. Eze. 47: 12  
And all kinds of vines too numerous to tell; Jer. 31: 5  
Of flowers and roses every color and hue, Isa. 35: 1, 2.  
And thousands of things that to us will be new. Isa. 27: 6

There will be no mildew or bugs to destroy, Mal. 3: 11  
No flies or mosquitos will ever annoy, Ps. 91: 10  
No poisonous spiders or snakes that will bite, Isa. 11: 6-9  
No dangerous beasts to prowl in the night. Isa. 35: 9

The government there will be different from here, Rev. 21: 1-3  
Absolute prohibition, no drunkard to fear: 1 Cor. 9: 9, 10  
There will be no liars or thieves in the land, Rev. 21: 27  
But for righteousness true all the people will stand.

2 Pet. 3: 11-13

They'll not borrow or lend in that land I am told, Eze. 48: 14  
Then their homes for debts can never be sold; Ps. 37: 18, 19  
The houses they build they will know are their own. Isa. 60: 21  
They will eat and enjoy the fruit they have sown. Isa. 65: 21, 22

If you care for a home in that land of delight Rev. 22: 1-3, 17  
Apply to the King, better do it tonight: Isa. 55: 6, 7  
Just carefully listen and take earnest heed, Ps. 37: 22, 27  
I'll tell you in general how to proceed. 1 John 1: 9

You must go to the Father and tell him with tears Jer. 14: 20  
How you have served self and Satan for years; Jer. 3: 25  
Just say, "I am sorry for all I have done, Lam. 1: 18, 20  
I ask for forgiveness in the name of thy Son." 2 Chron. 7: 14

You completely renounce your allegiance to sin, Isa. 26: 1-4  
A change in your life from that hour will begin, Phil. 3: 9-14  
You then will serve Christ by thought, word, and deed, Ps. 37: 8-11  
And if you are Christ's you are Abraham's seed. Gal. 3: 29

And if Abraham's seed you're truly his heir, Gal. 3: 7-9  
And in that new land will be given a share: Gen. 17: 8  
Although not a Jew, but a Gentile by birth, Eph. 2: 11-14  
You can be grafted in and share the new earth. Rom. 11: 17

Now please go at once, before the time slip, Eph. 3: 6  
And change to that land your citizenship: Eph. 2: 19, 20  
All that enter that land must be naturalized here. Heb. 11: 13-16  
No aliens or strangers will ever come near. 1 Pet. 2: 9, 10

Yes you must even here abide in the vine, John 15: 4-10  
So test yourself often. I'll give you the sign: Exodus 31: 16, 17  
The commandments God gave will be the great test. Rev. 22: 14  
The Sabbath the sign you have entered his rest. Heb. 4: 3, 4, 11  
S. H. L.

The *Watchman* for July is a good one and should be read by each Seventh-day Adventist in our union.

## Southern Union Conference Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending June 24, 1916

## ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
U Bracy . . . . .BF	33	33	\$49 50	\$ 6 50	\$56 00	\$
Rob't Cook HM&BF	31	26	37 00	2 65	39 65	
H L Edwards* .BR	46	10	30 00		30 00	
J E Foley . . . . .BR	1	2	6 00	35	6 35	3 00
Carl Holland . .BR	53	28	86 00	70	86 70	3 00
H A Lynd . . . . .BR	16	1	3 00	70	3 70	59 00
R M McAllister BR	4	2	7 00		7 00	
Clara Miller . . . .				1 30	1 30	
Norman WatersBF	50	48	77 00	1 80	78 80	1 50
M E Whatley D&R	35	5	16 00		16 00	24 00
E C Widgery .D&R	23	5	15 00		15 00	

Totals (Agts. 11) 292 160 \$326 50 \$14 00 \$340 50 \$90 50

## KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

J H Clark . . . . .BF	69		\$	\$	\$	\$171 00
JB Reichenbach BR	34	2	6 00		6 00	52 00
F L Harrison . .BR	26	33	109 00	1 00	110 00	
F. Pierce . . . . .BR	10					38 00
A Schroeder . .BR	6					9 00
E Harp . . . . .BF	32	19	28 50		28 50	
E Kuebel . . . . .CK	14	1	2 50		2 50	
E Tatman . . . . .CK	32	13	21 50	1 00	22 50	
Bibles . . . . .			7 50		7 50	

Totals (Agts. 8) 223 68 \$175 00 \$ 2 00 \$177 00 \$270 00

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

F W Schmehl . .BR	38	33	\$110 00	\$	\$110 00	\$ 3 00
J B Hardy . . . . .BR	33	50	169 00		169 00	
R R Coble . . . . .BR	34	20	62 00		62 00	
Bibles . . . . .			10 20		10 20	

Totals (Agts. 3) 105 103 \$351 20 \$ \$351 20 \$ 3 00

## MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Georgia AndersonCK	28	27	\$40 50	\$ 1 50	\$42 00	\$
Drue Bowen . . . . .BR	42	27	81 00	1 05	82 05	
J L Cooper . . . . .BR	33	29	97 00	2 10	99 10	
Hattie Jacobs .HM	27	1	2 00	1 05	3 05	46 00
L J McElroy PP&F, HM	36	72	141 00	9 10	150 10	
W F Nance . . . . .CK	34	22	32 70	60	33 30	
E A Taylor* . . . . .BR	80	56	178 00	10 80	188 80	3 00
J Weatherington*HM	49	36	76 00	2 35	78 35	
J L Waller . . . . .D&R	50	54	175 00	95	175 95	
Bibles . . . . .			6 00		6 00	

Totals (Agts. 9) 379 324 \$829 20 \$29 50 \$858 70 \$49 00

## TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

H C Halvorsen BR	15		\$	\$	50	\$	50	\$
M Hixon . . . . .BR	40	35	92 00	3 25	95 25			
R H Hazelton* .GC	70	29	65 00	3 35	68 35			
DEHLindseyBR&PG	50							54 50
Mrs. Lindsey . .BR	26	2	6 00	75	6 75	30	75	
Wm J Keele . .D&R	46	26	88 00	5 25	93 25			
W McEachern . .BR	43	18	68 00	2 25	70 25			
P Stuyvesant . .BR	47	33	124 00	4 20	128 20			
W E Templeton BR	42	27	96 00	3 25	99 25			
BEWagner .PG&BR	48			5 00	5 00	60	00	
Mrs Wagner . .BR	6	2	6 00	1 75	7 75	23	25	
Bibles . . . . .			34 00		34 00			

Totals (Agts. 11) 433 172 \$579 00 \$29 55 \$608 55 \$168 50

G'd Totals (A. 41) 1432 827 \$2260 90 \$75 05 \$2335 95 \$581 00

## Summary from January 1 to Date

Conference	Orders	Helps	Deliveries
Alabama Conference..	\$5067 00	\$ 93 40	\$ 856 50
Kentucky Conference..	7913 70	236 94	3719 50
Louisiana Conference..	4322 40	34 10	708 60
Mississippi Conference	15404 60	669 30	995 45
Tenn. River Conference	5988 75	452 30	1156 51

Totals . . . . . \$38696 45 \$1486 04 \$7436 56

Magazine Agents' Report for Week Ending  
June 24, 1916

## ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Agent	No.	Value
U Bracy . . . . .	3	\$ 30
R M McAllister . . . . .	12	1 20
Clara Miller . . . . .	50	5 00
M E Whatley . . . . .	2	20

## KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

D E H Lindsey . . . . .	50	5 00
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## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Sadie KJindt . . . . .	133	13 30
Lura Reed . . . . .	94	9 40
Miscellaneous . . . . .	150	15 00

## MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Mrs A H Kelly . . . . .	1662	166 20
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Totals . . . . . 2156 \$ 215 60

## "Advance Guard" Reduced

The officers of the Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers have selected "Advance Guard" as one of the books to be used in the Reading Course for the year beginning October, 1916. No doubt there are hundreds of people both young and old, even though they do not belong to the society, who would be glad to read this series of missionary biographies. Therefore we are making the same price to all during the year, which is seventy-five cents for the regular one dollar cloth bound book.

In the engraved heading of nearly every chapter appears the portrait of the subject of the sketch. This gives a feeling of acquaintance with the person described that will be greatly appreciated by the reader. The author, Prof. C. G. Howell, has been particularly fortunate in selecting such incidents in the lives of these men and women as combine the deepest interest with the greatest profit.

A special \$1 edition of "Acts of the Apostles" has been printed for those desiring cheaper bindings than the \$1.50 and the \$2 editions, the latter being bound in full leather. This book should be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist, as it is the main help on the Sabbath school studies for the coming year, beginning July, 1916.

"The way to get your share of this world's joy is to do your share of this world's work — selling *The Watchman*." Seemingly it is providential that the July *Watchman* should be ready at the time preparations are being made throughout this country for what may be war. Every State is sending its young men to our Southern border upon order of the President. The cover of the July *Watchman*, "Old Glory" floating through the breeze, will appeal to the people at this time. Are you doing your share in circulating it?

\* Two Weeks.



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## Pertaining to the Union

### Union Conference Directory

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### Camp-Meeting Dates

Louisiana, Alexandria.....	July 20-30
Mississippi, Meridian.....	July 27-Aug. 6
Tennessee River, Nashville.....	Aug. 3-13
Alabama, Montgomery.....	Aug. 10-20
Kentucky, Bowling Green.....	Aug. 17-27
Mississippi (Colored) Hattiesburg.....	Aug. 24-Sept. 3
Rural School Institute, Madison, Tenn.....	Aug. 31-Sept. 4

### News Items

Elder S. E. Wight met with the Mississippi Conference Committee at Meridian, Wednesday, the twenty-eighth, on his way to Atlanta, Ga., to counsel with Elder W. H. Branson.

Brother G. H. Curtis has been busy for the past few days in the adjoining office, auditing the books of the Tennessee River Conference and Tract Society.

Brother J. W. Davis met with the Henderson, Ky., church on Sabbath, the twenty-fourth, and reports a splendid meeting. He left Nashville Friday, June 30, for Birmingham, Ala., where he will spend two or three days en route to Louisiana. He will also stop at Jackson, Miss.

Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell are spending a few days at their home in Nashville, Tenn. We were glad to have Elder Haskell speak to us at the Fatherland Street church Sabbath, the twenty-fourth.

All mail for Elder A. C. Chatman should in the future be addressed to 162 Georgetown St., Lexington, Ky., instead of his old address in Mississippi, as he has now taken up work in the Kentucky Conference.

### Mississippi Conference

The fifteenth annual session of the Mississippi Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in connection with the camp-meeting to be held in Meridian, July 27 to August 6, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may properly come before the conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each ten members. The first meeting of the conference will be called at 3 P. M. Thursday, July 27.

C. S. WIEST, President,  
BEN C. MARSHALL, Secretary.

### Mississippi Conference Association

The sixth annual session of the Mississippi Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at Meridian in connection with the camp-meeting at 10 A. M. Monday, July 31, to elect officers, change the by-laws, and transact such other business as may be deemed necessary. All accredited delegates to the camp-meeting are regarded voters to the association meeting.

C. S. WIEST, President,  
BEN C. MARSHALL, Secretary.

### Alabama Conference

The fourteenth session of the Alabama Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Montgomery, Ala., in connection with the camp-meeting August 10-20. At this meeting officers for the ensuing two years are to be elected, and such other business as may properly come before the conference is to be transacted. The first meeting of the conference will be at 11 A. M. Friday, August 11. The churches should elect their delegates and send a list of them to O. R. Godsmark, 316 Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

A. L. MILLER, President,  
O. R. GODSMARK, Secretary.

### Alabama Conference Association

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the constituency of the Alabama Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists (incorporated) will be held on the camp ground at Montgomery, Ala., in connection with the camp-meeting, August 10-20, to elect officers, make a change in the by-laws, elect trustees for two years, instead of one, and to transact what other business may be deemed necessary. The first meeting will be held at 11 A. M. Monday, August 14.

A. L. MILLER, President,  
O. R. GODSMARK, Secretary.

### 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,  
C. B. CALDWELL, Secretary.

### 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 the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the association.

C. N. SANDERS, President,  
C. B. CALDWELL, Secretary.

### What Is to Be Done With Books

Bacon is quoted as saying: "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested."—In "Practical Authorship," by J. K. Reeve, p. 15.