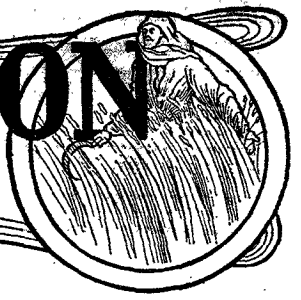


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NOTICE

There will be no paper issued next week. The next paper will bear date of January 4, 1917.

Look Pleasant

We cannot, of course, all be handsome,
And it's hard for us all to be good,
We are sure now and then to be lonely,
And we don't always do as we should.
To be patient is not always easy,
To be cheerful is much harder still,
But at least we can always be pleasant,
If we make up our minds that we will.

And it pays every time to be kindly,
Although we feel worried and blue;
If you smile at the world and look cheerful,
The world will soon smile back at you.
So try to brace up and look pleasant,
No matter how long you are down,
Good humor is always contagious,
You banish your friends when you frown.

—Selected.

Week of Prayer at Collegedale

It is the opinion of both the students and the teachers of the Southern Junior College that the week of prayer just ended has been one of the best seasons in the spiritual experience of all. The daily plan for the week of prayer made provision for two services daily. It was the plan to have the readings for the week of prayer given in the chapel, which were to be followed by another service. To give time for this, one class period each day was dropped, thus giving one hour and a half to the chapel services. The first part of the week all the services were conducted by the faculty. On Wednesday, however, Elder W. H. Branson, of Atlanta, came and remained the rest of the week. His stirring sermons on "Consecration," and "Victory in the Daily Life," and "Prayer" were especially appreciated. On Thursday Elder A. N. Allen, who has just recently come to the Cumberland Conference, had charge of the services. In the afternoon he talked to us of the practical training that is necessary for strong missionary workers. His long experience in the North Latin Union gave him opportunity to know just what he was talking about. He related many interesting incidents of his work in Cuba and the islands. Several calls were made during the week of prayer for those who wished to renew their consecration and also for those who had not been enjoying the Christian experience to make a start. There were encouraging responses to both.

One interesting feature of the week of prayer was the energetic work that is being done by the leaders of the prayer bands. The young men and the young women have banded themselves together for prayer and personal work. The leaders and assistant leaders have taken a very active interest in the success of the

religious services. Each day they have met and have prayed earnestly for the unconverted and for the success of our religious meetings.

The services on Sabbath were closed with the organization of the Collegedale church. After a stirring sermon on "Prayer," in which the principles of organization and unity were mentioned as Christ mentioned them to his Father in his prayer for unity of his disciples, a call was made for those who wished to join the Collegedale church. Immediately fifty students and teachers manifested their desire to do so. A committee was appointed to bring nominations, which reported at the close of young people's meeting. Election immediately took place, and the following officers were elected: Elders, Elder F. W. Field, Leo Thiel; deacons, A. N. Atteberry, J. P. Magee; deaconesses, Mrs. F. W. Field and Mrs. A. N. Atteberry; clerk, F. L. Adams; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Thorne; missionary secretary, Mrs. J. P. Magee; and musical director, Prof. F. L. Adams.

The Sabbath school officers are: Superintendent, Mrs. M. B. Marshall; assistant superintendent, Miss Sadie Rogers; secretary, Miss Ruth Hale; and assistant secretary, Miss Orelia Woolbridge.

Missionary Volunteer officers are: Leader, Mr. Claud Terry; assistant leader, Mr. Frank Currier; secretary, Ralph Raymond; assistant secretary, Mr. Edward Parker; and chairman of executive committee, Prof. J. S. Marshall.

News Notes from Collegedale

Professor Atteberry, Charles Bozarth, and Raymond Carlyle returned from Nashville Thursday night.

Three cars of machinery, live stock, etc., from the Hillcrest School Farm have arrived at the Southern Junior College. Our stock has been increased by a team of mules, a team of horses, and a two-year-old colt. The dairy department received ten cows and a calf. We also received quite an assortment of miscellaneous farm tools and school equipment.

Prof. M. H. Johnson, of Hildebrand, N. C., who is principal of the Baker Mountain School, spent Friday at Collegedale.

Mission Board Items

All will be interested in the minutes of a recent session of the Asiatic Division Committee. After carefully considering the needs of their field, the following appointments were made:

"Voted: That C. E. Weeks be secretary of the Publishing Department.

"Voted: That S. L. Frost act as secretary of the Educational and Young People's Department.

"Voted: That we concur in the appointment of W. W. Fletcher, of Australia, as president of the India Union Mission.

"Voted: That Dr. J. N. Andrews and C. E. Blandford labor

in West China, and that they proceed to their field for the study of the language.

"Voted: That I. A. Steinel and O. F. Sevrens labor in the Philippines.

"Voted: That S. G. Jacques labor in Japan.

"Voted: That C. Morris and H. B. Parker be assigned to South China, Brother Parker to act as treasurer of Kwangsi Province.

"Voted: That Nathan Brewer be assigned to East China as field missionary secretary.

"Voted: That M. G. Conger and R. D. Loveland be asked to connect with the work in North China.

"Voted: That C. N. Woodward be recommended to the Philippines to take the work of secretary and treasurer of that mission.

"Voted: That in harmony with the expressed wish of W. E. Gillis, former manager of the Shanghai Press, on his return from his furlough, we advise that he take up work in the field rather than in the Press. That he be invited to act as secretary and treasurer of Central China.

Voted: That S. G. White, of Hunan, be recommended to take up work in Gospel Village, Shensi.

"Voted: That F. A. Allum be asked to take the position of principal of the Chinese Training School.

"Voted: That R. J. Brown be asked to take the position in Hunan made vacant by the removal of S. G. White.

"Voted: That J. G. White be recommended to Hunan as superintendent.

"Voted: That R. J. Brines take up the work in East China, and that H. O. Swartout be recommended to Central China.

"Voted: That W. J. Hillard be recommended to East China.

"Voted: That E. J. Urquhart labor in southern Korea.

"Voted: That C. E. Weak, in addition to his other duties, carry the Missionary and Home Missionary Departments.

"Voted: That M. C. Warren act as superintendent of West China.

"Voted: That C. E. Blandford act as secretary and treasurer of the West China Mission.

"Voted: That Dr. J. N. Andrews be medical secretary of the West China Mission.

"Voted: That Mrs. J. N. Andrews be secretary of the Young People's Department of the West China Mission.

"Voted: That S. L. Frost be appointed as chairman of the Text Book Committee, made vacant by the resignation of J. E. Shultz.

"Voted: That W. P. Barto take charge of the work in Battakland.

"Voted: That M. G. Conger be secretary and treasurer for the North China Mission.

"Voted: That Lyman Bowers be treasurer of the Shanghai Press.

"Voted: That Dr. O. B. Kuhn be asked to take the directorship of Kiangsi after the usual term in the language school."

Trouble has been on for some time in the Shandung Province, East China, between the revolutionists and the government. Two of our native brethren from Anhui Province, lying to the south, were sent over into Shandung to canvass. Being from the south they were taken for spies by the government. One escaped with his life. He was robbed of his money, his things broken, his Chinese passport torn up, as well as his canvasser's credentials, and then he was thrown into prison. The place was taken by Revolutionists three weeks later, and our brother was released. His companion, however, was not so fortunate. He was at a certain town when fighting commenced. He was shot dead at the inn where he was staying, by whom, it is not certain. He received a burial, however, instead of being thrown out to the dogs, as most usually is the case. He died a martyr to the book work.

F. C. Varney, who recently went out to Lima, Peru, to carry on the office work of the Inca Union Mission, sends an excerpt from a letter just received from Brother J. M. Howell, of the Titicaca Mission. He said:

"The Cura [priest] Aragon, who is also the alcalde [governor, or mayor] of that part, closed our school at Ccolloni, but the alcalde of Puno sent a telegram immediately telling him to give order for the opening of that school, and from now onward keep his hands entirely off. That was pretty straight talk, and it made the old priest a bit warm under the collar, but of course there is nothing for him to do but to do as he is told by his superiors. The alcalde of Puno has done much good for the mission during his term of office. He likes our schools very much. The time he was out here he had the director of all the Puno schools with him. The director was completely taken to see how many there were in the school, and the discipline maintained. He said in town afterward that in all Peru he had not seen a school so well disciplined as was the one in La Plateria. Our pupils realize now that it is detrimental to study aloud. They also realize that they are not sure of coming to the school another year, and so they are putting forth their best efforts to gain all possible. These two things contribute largely to the discipline."

T. E. BOWEN.

Washington D. C.

Harvest Ingathering Campaign

We call special attention to the report appearing in the WORKER this week of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, showing each conference goal, the amount that has been paid to date, and the balance yet due. We feel confident that every conference will be able to more than raise its quota in this campaign, but there is only a short time in which to work, and we must be prompt in our efforts and in sending the money in to the offices by January 1.

There was raised during the month of November \$1,125.91, and December should bring in a larger amount. The total receipts on the twenty-cent-a-week fund for the month of November were \$1,787.85, leaving a balance due for the union on this fund of \$7,150.92. Tennessee River Conference lacks only \$974.63, and we have every reason to expect that they will pay their full amount before the close of the year.

G. H. CURTIS.

This message is from one who has been out of the truth for about four years: "I accepted this glorious truth under the earnest labors of Eld. W. S. Lowry and lived the truth for some two or three years, then gave it up through outside influences. However, during all this time I still believed it to be the only way. But I thank the Lord that I am now enjoying the blessings that always come from true obedience to God's holy commandments.

"About five months ago I renewed my covenant relationship with God, and in my humble way I have been keeping the commandments. I am the only one in this part of the country that is an Adventist. I am at the present time teaching a public school. After the school is out, however, I am planning on beginning the canvassing work. I love this truth with all my heart, and the Lord is blessing me in every way. I am trying to lead others into this great message, and have several interested that I believe will soon take their stand for the truth. I would like to hear from any that knew me when I was in the message before.

"Yours in the closing message, E. M. Blount, Sulligent, Ala."

"It is always easier to feel that you love your neighbor across the ocean than to show you love the one across the street."

Alabama Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time

East 4:33

Friday, December 22

West 5:00

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

GOAL \$5.00 PER MEMBER

CONFERENCE

Birmingham

Elder R. I. Keate	Mrs. H. M. Keate
Mrs. H. M. Newsome	Mrs. Elford
Mrs. W. McClure	Mrs. T. J. Hoskins
Miss Vinnie Goodner	Mrs. W. B. Garrigan
M. L. Wilson	Mrs. Joiner
Mrs. Hawkinson	Elder A. L. Miller
Mrs. E. E. Spencer	Mattie Goodner
Mrs. A. C. Helms	Sarah V. Parker
Mrs. P. G. White	Mrs. J. L. Kelly

Borden Springs

Hugh W. Jones

Montgomery

Elder J. F. Wright	J. F. Dennis
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Sheffield

Mrs. Mollie Miller	H. G. Miller
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Long Island

Mrs. W. R. Tolman	Mrs. E. W. Graves
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Anniston

Mrs. C. E. Kelly	J. H. Reams
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Mobile

Mrs. Sarah Fowler	C. P. Odell
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C. G. Meyer

Gadsden

C. B. Norell]

Conference

Mrs. O. P. Ivie	R. E. Chapman
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Mrs. C. E. Kelly	J. H. Reams
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MISSION

Huntsville

Classie Powers	Bessie Powers
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C. A. Powers	Mary Townsend
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Pensacola

C. A. Wilson

Mobile

Eliza Gardiner

Montgomery

Mrs. Fred Mills	L. Frazier
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Oakwood

Prof. C. J. Boyd	Elder Bird
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Recruits for 1917

Brother M. L. Wilson and the writer recently made a tour in the southwestern part of the conference in the interest of the book work. We had a pleasant trip and I believe a profitable one.

We visited the churches of Mobile, Nos. 1 and 2, Citronelle, Stapleton, Pensacola No. 2, and Montgomery, besides some companies and isolated members of the conference church.

Although this section of the conference was hard hit by storm and boll weevil, the word from all was hope, faith, and courage. These judgments in the land are to the faithful only omens of the soon coming greater storms, and are additional evidences of the near end of all things. But before the end a great work is to be done, the greatest work ever committed to mortals — the finishing of God's work in the earth.

What work is so important as saving souls for eternity? what work so delicate as deciding a soul for heaven or hell? What calling is so noble, so grand, so exalted, as to be workers together with God?

We are thankful that we met a number who were so impressed with the importance and needs of the work as to decide to do more for the Master than they are now doing, and join the ranks of the colporteurs. We have the promise of one, or possibly two, from Citronelle; two, or possibly four, from Mobile, one from Silverhill; one prospective worker from Stapleton; and probably two from Pensacola.

We trust these noble decisions to enter the book work will encourage others to do likewise. If the Lord is impressing you to enter the colporteur work during 1917, write the field agent, M. L. Wilson, and begin to plan to attend the colporteur institute to be held February 16 to 26. A. L. MILLER.

To Home Missionary and Missionary Secretaries

The end of the fourth quarter is nearly here. Do not fail to get all the weekly reports in your hands within the next few days, so that you can report to us promptly Jan. 5, 1917. We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation in this matter.

J. F. WRIGHT.

Special to Isolated Members

Knowing that many of you have been doing excellent missionary work during 1916, of which we doubtless do not have a full report, we take this opportunity of asking you to kindly send us a full report of all missionary work done during the last quarter of this year. If you have never reported, we would thank you for a full report of the year's work. You may send it to the conference office before Jan. 5, 1917. We hope this will receive your kind and prompt attention.

J. F. WRIGHT.

Harvest Ingathering

Only a few days are now left us in this year to reach our goal. Remember it is five dollars per member. Many have already reached the mark and feel that they have received a rich blessing besides gathering means for the cause of God in the hour of need.

Have you reached the mark yet? If not, please do not delay. Time speeds on. Do not put off until tomorrow what you can do today. Earnest work and fervent prayer bring results. Let every one put a shoulder to the wheel and all lift together, and we shall yet succeed in reaching the goal. Remember we have only a short time left, but we can do it if we will. May the Lord help each one. J. F. WRIGHT.

The school at Borden Springs is progressing nicely. Over \$30 have been spent for our books, and now the students under the excellent care of Miss Rogers are getting down to business and are doing good work.

We hope to open school at Elkwood December 19. This will bring our number of schools up to eleven. For this we feel thankful, and we are pleased to say that the different schools report the work onward.

Elder J. F. Wright spent the week of prayer with the churches at Borden Springs and Gadsden. The Lord drew near, and all seemed to profit much as a result of these services.

A Call to Prayer

The perilous times in which we live, the fast fulfilling signs of the times, the great work before us to be accomplished in the few remaining days of the world's history, and the high and holy standard set for God's people call us to greater devotion and a deeper consecration. We must make progress on our knees. One has truly said, "We need less theology and more knee-ology."

To help stimulate this prayer life, the Morning Watch Calendar has been brought into existence. This has not had as wide a circulation as we desire. It is now ready. This year we are to study that wonderful devotional book, the Psalms. This little calendar is not only good for us, but will make an excellent gift for our friends. The Morning Watch will help both young and old, both workers and laymen, to a deeper and broader Christian experience. Rush your order at once to the tract society, 316 Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. The price is only five cents.

J. F. WRIGHT, Y. P. M. V. Secretary.

Kentucky Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 4:16

Friday, December 22

West 4:47

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

GOAL \$5.00 PER MEMBER

CONFERENCE CHURCH

J. P. Salmon

HENDERSON

Mrs. A. T. Bom

BEE SPRINGS

W. H. White

FORD

Genevieve Robert R. W. Harris

BOWLING GREEN

B. W. Brown Mrs. B. W. Brown

T. L. Bryant

DAVISVILLE

Mary Ramey Lytha Ramey

Halal Ramey

LOUISVILLE

Mrs. M. A. Ewald Mrs. C. Heinig

Mrs. S. D. Bossing Miss Anna Hornung

Mrs. Caroline Hornung Mrs. Anna Todd

LEXINGTON

Mrs. R. Eason Mrs. H. Steele

TRI CITY

W. H. White

News Items

Brother S. G. Sharp writes that he and family are of good courage.

Brother F. F. Harrison reports a new Sabbath-keeper in Covington. We are glad for this information.

Elder W. H. White spent the last half of the week of prayer with the Grove church. He reports good meetings.

Brother R. Eason writes that the Lord blessed the Lexington church during the week of prayer, and that the offering amounted to one dollar per member.

Brother D. R. Allman writes from Richmond and orders a supply of Harvest Ingathering papers.

We still have papers at the office. Please rush your order at once and get five dollars for missions before the first of the year.

Brother Hoover, of Irvine, writes that the Lord is blessing him in a special way, and that he expects to see a company of believers in that place soon.

Word has come to us that a young lady in eastern Kentucky has given her heart to the Lord and is keeping the Sabbath.

Brother C. L. Hornung writes a very encouraging letter and sends in \$10 for Harvest Ingathering. We are glad for this remittance.

Sister Frogue, of Campbellsville, sends in her tithe and offerings for missions and adds that she is of good courage and hopes to do more in God's work as the days go by.

Miss Grace Holt, teacher of the Irvington school, writes that she is of good courage and that the school is progressing nicely.

Have you noticed the names on the Honor Roll for the Harvest Ingathering? Does your name appear there? If not, please raise your five dollars at once and send in your name.

Elders Dow and White hold the lead in the Harvest Ingathering work, as each of them has received more than \$35.

Those who complete the reading of the Bible through before January first should send their names in to Sister Rose Lindsey and receive a William Miller Bible card.

Elder B. W. Brown spent the last half of the week of prayer with the Henderson and Hartford churches.

Brother Wm. Winston informs us that they plan to raise \$30 in Owensboro for Harvest Ingathering.

Elder A. C. Chatman has now located at Henderson and will do pioneer work.

Brother W. H. Shoemaker reports that they are of good courage and expect to raise a good sum for missions yet this year at Paint Lick.

The reports from all our church schools are encouraging. We are glad to learn of the children giving their hearts to the Lord.

If you desire to get the SOUTHERN UNION WORKER for twenty-five cents for the year 1917, order at once, as the price will be higher later.

The good old *Review* should be in every home! If you order before January first you will get the paper all of 1917 for \$2. After January first the price will be \$2.25 a year.

The Morning Watch Calendars for 1917 are splendid indeed, and every church in the conference as well as the isolated brethren should send in their orders at once so as to get them distributed before the first of the year. Don't neglect this, but start the new year right by observing the Morning Watch.

Brother F. L. Harrison began delivering last week and reported a delivery averaging over 80 per cent. We are glad indeed to see such good deliveries.

Brother J. H. Clark in his delivery last week delivered forty-eight books out of the fifty which he carried with him. This is nothing unusual for Brother Clark, however, as he always makes splendid deliveries.

Brother B. E. Wagner has just finished a very successful delivery.

Brother Lindsey Cooper has just completed his delivery and has sent in a check to cover his account in full. Brother Cooper states that he hopes to be actively engaged in the work in the near future.

Brother Harry Jacobs, of Stanford, reports the work at the Grove church progressing nicely, and that they enjoyed the week of prayer very much.

Elder O. A. Dow, who has been at the bedside of his mother for some days, reports her condition unchanged, and he will return to his field of labor this week. Sister Dow is still in Lexington in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work and reports the work progressing nicely.

Sister G. D. Rutherford, of Russellville, sends in an order for periodicals for the coming year. I am sure that many throughout the conference should do likewise before the advance in prices takes effect January first.

Brother W. P. Ethington has just finished up a very successful delivery.

Brother Howard, of Irvington, sends in a remittance for tithe and offerings.

Sister D. E. Lindsey is doing splendid work at Hopkinsville and reports the Sabbath school and young people's work moving along nicely. She also reports many people at that place inter-

ested in the message. She is looking forward in the very near future to many taking their stand for the truth.

Don't forget that the Harvest Ingathering season will soon be over. When it is passed it will be too late for us to make amends for our negligence in helping to push this worthy cause. Many of the brethren throughout the State have reached their five dollar goal, and we would be glad if all who have done so would send in their names to the office that they may be put on the Honor Roll. As the time is so short, let each and every one work as they have never worked before, for we may never again have the great opportunity of carrying on this campaign without opposition.

Louisiana Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.
East 4:56 Friday, December 22 West 5:24

News Items

Elder Sanders is again back at the office, having made an extended trip among the churches and visited such isolated members as his time would permit. The Hobart church was the last one visited.

The active interest being taken in the Harvest Ingathering work is clearly shown by the names added to the five dollar Honor Roll each week, thirteen new names being added in this issue. Many on the list, however, have gone far beyond the five dollar mark, but instead of feeling that they have done their share, we find these the most active in pushing the work forward and gaining other talents for the Lord's work. While our reports show but one having passed the fifty dollar mark, a number have set that figure for their goal, and by the spirit manifested we have no doubt but they will reach it before the new year is ushered in.

A recent letter from Elder Frank says, "Our week of prayer meetings are being well attended, and during the day I am doing my part in the Harvest Ingathering work. I have worked two half days and have secured over twelve dollars from about twenty papers. You see if I can keep on at that rate, by the time I have given my fifty-five papers I will have a nice little sum to help out the missions." A day or two later the following word was received, "I am having good success in the Harvest Ingathering work. Please send me fifty more papers. I have now secured about thirty dollars from three days' work. Let me know by return mail when I can expect them to come."

A letter received from Brother L. B. Spear, who is canvassing for "Bible Readings" in the vicinity of Baton Rouge, says, "I have had a very pleasant experience. Most of my orders are from a good class of people, among which was one from Mrs. R. G. Pleasant, our governor's wife."

At Sugartown the brethren and sisters are of good courage, and on the last Sabbath Elder Sanders spent with them while on his trip two who were in a backslidden condition renewed their contract with God and promised by his grace to remain faithful. They are busy with their Harvest Ingathering work.

Elder Sanders visited one isolated member, at whose home a meeting was held, which was well attended. This sister has nearly reached her fifty dollar Harvest Ingathering goal, and says she will reach it and more.

Elder Sanders found the interest at the Hobart church school increasing. Nothing but words of praise were heard from the parents.

December 13 Brother and Sister L. J. Borrowdale, of Ohio, sailed from New Orleans for their new field of labor. They go to the Lake Titicaca Indian Mission.

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

GOAL \$5.00 PER MEMBER

CONFERENCE

Mrs. Roy Clevenger (Baton Rouge)

Mrs. J. W. Swimm (Rayville)

LAKE CHARLES

Mrs. J. T. Ezell Elder O. F. Frank

NEW ORLEANS

Elder J. A. Morrow Mrs. V. Ordieres
Mrs. Emma L. Morrow Elder C. N. Sanders
Mrs. J. B. Collie Mrs. C. N. Sanders
Dr. A. K. Brown C. B. Caldwell
O. R. Grantham Mrs. Fred Cain
Mrs. J. P. Ulmer Mrs. C. L. Ulmer
Mrs. M. E. Perry

HAMMOND

Mrs. Elma B. Hewitt

NEW ORLEANS No. 2

A. F. Schemell E. Z. Schemell
Lucile C. Williams Bonnett Nealy
Alene Harrell Lou Ellen Smith
Elder C. G. Manns Fanny Leary
Lola Washington John Leary

SHREVEPORT

Elder W. P. McLennan T. S. Sligh
Mrs. Winnie Miller Mrs. W. P. McLennan.
Mrs. Ruth Mann Viola Mann
Mrs. Bethel Mann-Lewis Mrs. A. H. Kelly
Mrs. J. V. Coston Sadie Klindt

SHREVEPORT No. 2

Lacotte Greene Lucy McDonald
A. R. Bell Mary R. Roberts
R. Roberts

WELSH

T. S. Stegal Mrs. T. S. Stegal
Mrs. C. A. Lantz

"Beautiful thoughts make a beautiful soul, and a beautiful soul makes a beautiful face."

Mississippi Conference

Sunset Table. Standard Time.

East 4: 45

Friday, December 22

West 5: 13

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

\$25 GOAL

JACKSON

Henry Balsbaugh

CONFERENCE

Mrs. J. N. McLeod

\$5 GOAL

JACKSON

Mrs. Ida Harrell

Mrs. Henry Balsbaugh

MERIDIAN

A. H. Friberg

Mrs. A. H. Friberg

CONFERENCE

Marietta Menees

Mrs. C. R. Welch

HATTIESBURG (Colored)

H. M. V. Holloway

M. Miller

News Items

Elder Burke spent the first part of the week of prayer in Vicksburg, going from there to Stampley and Natchez. He expects to be in Jackson on his return this week.

Elder Henry Balsbaugh was in Meridian last week and reports very good meetings during the week of prayer. He spent Sabbath night with the church at Quitman.

Brother Staton left Monday to assist Brother Waller in his delivery. Brother Waller has several hundred dollars' worth of books to deliver yet before the first of the year. Brother Staton expects to visit Brother Taylor before he returns home.

We are glad to report that sister Balsbaugh is much improved in health and was able to be taken to her home last week.

Colporteurs' Institute

By the time this article is read it will be only a few days until our institute will be in session. We have the promise of several new workers that they will be present at this important meeting, and I know all those that have been out doing faithful work will be ready when the meeting first opens.

I hope those in the conference will pray much for this meeting. Our colporteurs have done most excellent work this year. The Lord has gone before and blessed in a remarkable way. I am glad that we can have the privilege of all meeting together and studying how we can do a greater work.

There are a great many in this conference that should be in this work. Many have told me that they felt impressed to take up the book work.

Now brethren, I feel it is a dangerous thing to trample upon the Spirit of God. How shall we stand in the judgment if we fail to do our duty? Let those whom the Lord has long been calling come to this meeting, and you will never regret going into a work that will tell for eternity.

I read these words from the Testimonies, "God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books."

I will be glad to hear from those who are planning to come. We are going to take good care of you. We will give you plenty

to eat and a good place to sleep. Come, but come praying, and bring a good supply of the Holy Spirit, and I am sure you will receive a blessing. Remember the date, January 1 to 10.

J. R. STATON.

Tennessee River Conference

Sunset Table, Standard Time

East 4: 13

Friday, December 22

West 4: 55

Harvest Ingathering Honor Roll

GOAL \$5 PER MEMBER

NASHVILLE

W. A. Harvey

M. F. Knox

R. L. Pierce

F. C. Bruce

F. E. Pfeiffer

Mrs. F. E. Pfeiffer

J. L. McConaughey

H. A. Varney

Paul N. Pearce

Mrs. Bessie McAlexander

Virginia Ritchey

Clarence Staggs

L. H. Wood

G. H. Curtis

Mrs. R. C. Gray

Lenna Simkin

Mrs. L. H. Wood

Mrs. J. G. Haggard

Elder W. R. Elliott

Mrs. Chas. P. Johnson

Mary M. Day

Alice Beard

O. L. Denslow

W. R. Elliott

Mrs. B. A. Knox

Mrs. W. F. Alexander

Mrs. Mamie Jones

Annie Adams

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News Items

At the young people's meeting held in Nashville Friday evening, December 8, reports were given by the two sides which were recently chosen to solicit mission funds. The reports showed that over two hundred and forty dollars had been raised by the young people's society for Harvest Ingathering. There is a difference of only eight cents between the amounts raised by the sides. There is a splendid spirit manifested by the

young people taking part in the work, and the society hopes to pass the three hundred dollar mark before the end of the year. Prof. L. H. Wood is taking a very active interest in the work of the local society, and it is due to his efforts that such good work is being done.

Remittance has been made to the union conference for all funds received from the churches for November. The amount short in the conference on the twenty-cent-a-week fund is \$974.63, and a strong effort must be made if this amount is realized. Letters are being sent out to all our churches calling attention to the amount short in each church. We hope that our church officers will get behind this matter and see that each church raises the amount due. It has been some years since the Tennessee River Conference has been able to reach its quota on mission funds, and with only a small amount due as reported above, it does seem that our people should make a struggle to make this year one in which the mission funds have been raised.

Report has just been received from the field secretary of the union, showing that during the month of November our noble colporteurs delivered \$2,684.50 worth of our books. This is indeed a splendid record, and one of which each worker should be proud. To make such a good report as this possible, however, meant much hard work. Our colporteurs do not take any praise for themselves, but attribute their success to the Lord.

Elder W. R. Elliott is visiting his mother in southern Alabama and will remain with her for one week. From there he expects to go to Hazel, Ky., where he will take part in the church elders' meeting, which has been called to meet December 21 to 28.

Brother M. Wheeler, field agent, reached Nashville December 11, and reports a very successful trip to the churches in the western part of the conference in securing recruits for the colporteur work. Prospects are good for twenty new workers in the field for 1917. An institute will be held in February, and it is hoped that a large number of these will be present. Further details of the time and place of this meeting will be published in the WORKER later on.

Brother R. H. Hazelton has just completed a successful delivery in Williamson County and reports that he has finished his territory. He will remain in Nashville for a few days and will then take up work in a new field.

Mr. Orlo Butler, of Pennsylvania; and Mr. Harold Stephens, of New York, are in the city for a few days working for scholarships for South Lancaster. From here they expect to pass on to other States in the South. They are traveling in an automobile and expect to be in the field until spring.

After January 1 the office of the tract society will be at 322 Jackson Building, which will give us a down-town location. A nice room has been secured which will be very convenient for the office work. Please take note of this change.

Nashville Church No. 2

The week of prayer which has just closed was the best I have ever attended. The readings were both interesting and instructive, and the church members and friends who assembled each night listened to them with rapt attention. Despite the heavy rains and sleet of last Friday just about meeting time, a goodly number went to the church to listen to the words of encouragement and appeal sent us from those in foreign lands through Elder W. A. Spicer. The last Sabbath of the week of prayer will be long remembered by our people in Nashville. It was a day of consecration, and as the call was made for those who would consecrate their service to the Lord, nearly the whole congregation, including a few of the interested visitors, arose and pressed in before the rostrum, while we sang, "Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord." A few earnest prayers then followed. The Holy Spirit was in our midst, and we were blessed. It was a very impressive meeting.

J. G. DASENT.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Dec. 9, 1916

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
T R BattleBF	43	39	\$48 50	\$ 2 15	\$50 65	\$
U BracyBF	33	1	1 50	6 60	8 10	
Robt J CookBF				4 90	4 90	7 50
B D CrawfordBR	8	2				6 00
H L EdwardsBR	38	4	12 00		12 00	
J E FoleyBR	30	10	31 00	1 05	32 05	6 00
Mrs D J FosterCK	3	3	3 00	25	3 25	1 50
Q TewBR	61	9	34 00		34 00	37 00
Bibles			3 00		3 00	
Totals (Agts. 8).	217	68	\$133 00	\$14 95	\$147 95	\$58 00

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

D E LindseyBR	30	13	\$13 00	\$	\$41 00	\$
CooperD&R	12					22 00
WagnerBR	43	2	6 00	3 00	9 00	201 00
WheelerBF	24	9	14 00	75	14 75	
FordBF	30	47	56 50	6 30	62 80	72 00
HarrisonBR	74	19	59 00	50	59 50	198 25
PierceBR	30	6	18 00		18 00	
SchroaderBR	33	9	27 00		27 00	
GrishamBF						79 50
CarmichaelBR						60 00
HickmanBR				7 25	7 25	30 00
Martin						13 10
Bibles			3 25		3 25	16 80
Totals (Agts. 12)	276	105	\$224 75	\$17 80	\$242 55	\$692 65

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

J B HardyBR	37		\$	\$	\$	\$84 00
T S SlighBR	18	1	3 00	3 75	6 75	
L. B. SpearBR	22	14	45 00		45 00	
M S HubbellBR	13	9	33 50		33 50	
A B CheekBR	20	9	31 00		31 00	
E P CampbellHM	9	9	18 00		18 00	
Louise RatcliffHM	6	10	20 00		20 00	
Totals (Agts. 7).	125	48	\$150 50	\$3 75	\$154 25	\$84 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

A A JohnsonHM	37			\$	\$	\$22 00
L McElroy PPF,D&R	28			4 55	4 55	41 00
J WeathingtonHM	22					33 00
Fannie WestPPF	19			2 80	2 80	14 00
J L WallerD&R	40			1 80	1 80	69 00
Totals (Agts. 5).	146			\$9 15	\$9 15	\$179 00

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

John AllenBR			\$	\$	\$	\$106 00
W J KeeleD&R	36	10	33 00	6 75	39 75	
R H HazeltonBR	27	7	24 50		24 50	
M HixsonBR						6 00
H C HålversonBR	25			2 75	2 75	
P StuyvesantBR	60					334 00
W D Wade*D&R	72	18	59 00	21 80	80 80	18 00
Bibles						143 50
Totals (Agts. 7).	220	35	\$116 50	\$31 30	\$147 80	\$607 50
G'dTotals (A. 39)	934	256	\$624 75	\$76 95	\$701 70	\$1621 15

* Two weeks.

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News Items

Elder S. E. Wight left Nashville Monday morning, the eleventh, for a trip through the southern part of the union, visiting Birmingham, Ala.; Pensacola, Fla.; New Orleans, La.; and other points.

Brother G. H. Curtis began the annual audit of the books of the Southern Publishing Association the tenth.

Brother Davis has just returned from an extended trip in the western part of the conference, having visited Memphis and other points in the Tennessee River Conference.

Prof. Lynn H. Wood left Nashville Sunday, December 17, for a visit to the Lawrenceburg school.

Harvest Ingathering Report to Date

Conference	Goal	Paid	To Raise	Nov. Rec
Alabama	\$600.00	\$435.37	\$164.63	\$213.66
Kentucky	525.00	342.71	182.29	226.23
Louisiana	505.50	464.03	41.47	191.88
Mississippi	384.00	193.97	190.03	84.15
Tennessee River	1084.50	670.49	414.01	409.99
Totals	\$3099.00	\$2106.57	\$992.43	\$1125.91

Report of the Colporteur Work in the Southern Union Conference for November, 1917

Conference	Agts.	Hours	Value	Delivered	Del. Last Nov.	Gain	Loss
Mississippi	19	1645	\$ 157 60	\$2938 50	\$1945 20	\$ 993 30	
Kentucky	13	1560	1656 80	713 53	939 45		\$225 92
Alabama	10	921	454 60	266 90	231 35	35 55	
Tennessee River	12	808	408 15	2684 50	992 80	1691 70	
Louisiana	9	503	324 20	628 15	12 15	616 00	
Totals	63	5437	\$3001 35	\$7231 58	\$4120 95	\$3336 55	\$225 92
Magazines sold			538 10	538 10	Less Loss	225 92	
Totals			\$3539 45	\$7769 68	Net gain	\$3110 63	

MAGAZINES

Conference	Number	Value
Kentucky	1275	\$127 50
Louisiana	2492	249 20
Tennessee River	950	95 00
Alabama	700	66 40
Totals	5417	\$538 10

Our Colporteur Work

We are glad to be able to give the report for the month of November, which is very encouraging and shows the faithfulness of the colporteurs in their work. Throughout the union our deliveries have been good, partly because of the high price of farm produce.

If our people could realize the great privilege they have of distributing literature in 1917, I feel that many would avail themselves of this opportunity and many more books and periodicals would be circulated than ever before. It is quite possible we are going to reach the highest mark this year that has ever been reached in this union conference. Our sales would have been more if this period of prosperity had existed through the entire year of 1916, but it has only been the last few months of the year.

Brother Wheeler and I have made a short trip campaigning for the colporteur work and have the promise of about twenty new recruits for our institutes to be held December 21 to 31 and February 6 to 15. There are yet many more who could

respond to this call I am sure. The Lord is ready to do a great work; the people are ready for the truth; and why should not you and I get ready by reconsecrating ourselves to the work of soul-saving?

The following clipped from a letter just received from Elder N. Z. Town, secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, is proof of the way the people are ready for the good books and papers which contain the truth.

"Pastor W. H. Pascoe, the president of the North New Zealand Conference tells us an interesting story of how he and his family came into the truth. In the year 1905 he picked up on the street a torn piece of paper, 'The Bible Echo,' in which he saw a challenge from a Jewish rabbi to Christians to prove that Sunday is the sabbath. This started him to studying the Sabbath question. The same year one of our canvassers sold a copy of 'Daniel and Revelation' to a neighbor, and Brother Pascoe borrowed it. He and others in his father's family studied it, and as a result in 1907 eight out of ten in the family began to keep the Sabbath, before they had ever heard of a Seventh-day Adventist."

One of Mississippi's faithful colporteurs has yet to deliver \$1,800 worth of books. One of the colored sisters sent to the office at one time \$444, which paid her account in full and gave her a credit in the office of a few dollars. A number of students are in school at the present time because of the success they had selling books the past summer.

If the Lord says to you, "Go forward," do not disobey, but answer, "Here am I; send me."

J. W. DAVIS, Union Field Missionary Secretary.