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The North American Division Conference Committee and Others in Attendance at its Spring Council Held April 12-19 at the Oakwood Manual Training School, Huntsville, Ala.



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Have you ever led a soul to Christ?

Heckman, President Florida Conference; Mr. J. A. Tucker, Educational Secretary Southeastern Union; Elder B. M. Heald, Home Missionary Secretary, Southeastern Union; (Just behind B. M. Heald) Mr. J. J. Ireland, acting Secretary N. A. D.; Mr. D. W. Dillen, Field Secretary, Southeastern Union; Prof. M. E. Kern, Secretary Missionary Volunteer Department, N. A. D.; Elder A. N. Allen, President South Carolina; Elder F. M. Wilcox, Editor *Review and Herald*; Elder C. W. Flaiz, President North Pacific Union; Elder A. V. Olson, President Eastern Canadian Union; Elder D. U. Hale, President Missouri; Prof. J. I. Beardsley, of Nebraska; Mr. Virle Neal, stenographer; Mr. H. E. Rogers, Statistical Secretary, N. A. D.; Mr. G. H. Curtis, Secretary-Treasurer Southern Union; Mr. L. D. Randall, Manager of Atlanta Branch of S. P. A.; Elder J. E. Jaynee, President Greater New York Conference.

The Visit of the N. A. D. Committee

The holding of this important meeting at Huntsville, Ala., has been a great honor to the work in the South, as it is the first time in the history of the denomination that a general meeting has been held in the Southern field. Coming at a time of such great importance to us and our work in this country and in the present national crisis, this meeting proved to be one of the most important ever held by the Division Conference Committee. The brethren were brought in close touch with the needs of the South, and during their stay were able to see quite a little of what has been accomplished here, and their interest in and sympathy for the work in the South was aroused as never before. Important plans were laid for the development of the work here in this field, and more will be said regarding this later.

It was desired by those in charge of the work in this field that the brethren should see as much of the territory here as possible, and so it was arranged for a trip to several places of interest. A large party left Huntsville Wednesday, the eighteenth, by special car, arriving in Chattanooga the morning of the nineteenth. Arrangements had been made for stopping the fast train going to Atlanta at Collegedale, Tenn., the site of the Southern Junior College, so the party could make quick connections. Considerable interest was manifested by the people on the train when a party of over forty alighted at the little flag station near the school buildings, known as Collegedale.

We were cordially welcomed by the faculty and students, and about two hours were spent in going over the farm and building sites. The members of the committee seemed to be well pleased with the new location and the prospects for the up-building of the work. At ten o'clock the committee met in the chapel and held a session considering the needs of the school. Following this, dinner was served at eleven o'clock, during which time the students provided music and other entertainment.

The party left for Chattanooga at noon, spending the afternoon in the city. Arriving at Nashville Friday morning, the delegation was met by a reception committee with a number of autos, and were given a ride for several hours over the city, visiting the Hermitage, the home of Andrew Jackson; the various universities and schools of Nashville, including a stop of about thirty minutes at Fisk, where the entire delegation was seated on the platform and had the privilege of hearing over 350 voices sing the famous jubilee songs for which the school is noted. Following this, a stop was made at the colored church in Nashville, where the church school gave a short entertainment and a few words were spoken by Elder I. H. Evans, Prof. W. E. Howell, and Mrs. L. Flora Plummer.

The next stop was the Publishing House, where refreshments

were served and a short entertainment given, after the delegates had had the opportunity of visiting the different departments.

From here the whole party were taken in autos to the Madison School, fifteen miles away, where dinner was served, and a meeting held in the chapel of the school so that the students might have the opportunity of seeing the visitors and hearing from them.

The Spring Council at Huntsville, Ala.

The Spring Council of the North American Division Conference Committee convened at Huntsville April 12, 1917. The church school building, sanitarium, and garage were used for sleeping quarters, also there were a few tents pitched to accommodate some of the home delegates. Professor and Mrs. Boyd very kindly opened their home to care for the guests at meal time. The meetings were held in the large new parlor. There has never been a meeting when there seemed to prevail such a spirit of earnestness and prayer as at this one. Every morning there was an hour given to Bible study, and several days this was turned into a testimony meeting which seemed hard to close. Every one present seemed to realize the responsibility of the hour, and the Lord wonderfully blessed in the consideration of topics vital to the hour. There was a wonderful unanimity in all the meetings, as problems pertaining to the interests of not only the South, but of the entire field, were considered.

Our people will be glad to know that it was voted to raise the standard of the work at the Huntsville School from twelve to fourteen grades. The old mansion will be moved back, and a new school building will be placed in its position on the campus. A new boys' dormitory will be built, and the girls' dormitory will be enlarged so that the school can have a capacity of from two hundred to two hundred fifty.

On Wednesday night, April 18, the committee left Huntsville and arrived in Ooltewah on the school farm Thursday morning about 7:30. After inspecting the farm, a meeting of the committee was called, and consideration was given to the needs of the Southern Junior College. Elders Branson and Wight each made short speeches, showing how God had wonderfully blessed us during the past twelve months and what an opening there was in this field for efficiently trained workers. Men from all over the field expressed themselves as being very much pleased with the location and the start that has been made on the farm, and felt that now is the time to assist in providing means for rapidly accomplishing the work God has given us to do in this field. It was voted that \$5,000 be given the college to assist in its operating expenses this coming year, that the Southern field be asked to complete the building it had started and to put up such auxiliary buildings as the dining hall, barn, and industrial buildings, as well as to install the water and light systems; that the various union conferences donate \$20,000 for the erection of the other dormitory, and that the Division Conference assist in finding individuals who would donate the main building. It is planned that the entire plant shall be completely equipped inside of two years from this fall.

Thursday noon the committee returned to Chattanooga and in the evening took the train for Nashville. Here they visited the Publishing House and the school at Madison.

Every member of the committee as he left for his own field felt that the meeting had been a very profitable one, and those left with the work in the South felt to thank God for the spirit of consecration that has come into our midst and for the assistance given in this hour of need by our brethren throughout the field. With hearts full of courage we press forward to the work before us. It will be strenuous, but God will surely go before us. Let none of our people feel that now is the time to

Christ's command.—"Follow me and I will make

rest on our oars, but let us with all the more vigor press the battle to the very gates of the enemy, until we shall hear a cry of victory arise from the Southland that will declare what great things God can do. Surely this is an hour when his promises concerning this field are being literally fulfilled. Let every one reconsecrate himself for service, and pray that as the work is carried forward no mistakes will be made, but that God's cause will be advanced at every turn.

LYNN H. WOOD.

With the Men Behind the Books

Student Colporteurs

It will be time for our student colporteurs to enter the field. There are quite a number who will enter the work this summer from Ooltewah and Oakwood. Brother Shidler assisted in recent institutes at both of these places, and then went to the Hazel (Ky.) Academy for the same purpose. Writing from Hazel, he says:

"It gives me pleasure to pass on another encouraging word to you regarding the prospects for the colporteur work in the Southern Union. I was surprised upon reaching here to find such a strong colporteur sentiment. It seems as though nearly every one is interested in this work in a definite way. Six have already decided to take up the work, and others are in the balance. The colporteurs' band they have had here in the school has been doing good work."

There is probably no quicker or more profitable way for our young people to earn their way through school than by canvassing during the summer months. The scholarship plan not only provides the necessary means, but it gives the student a training, an experience in meeting people, and a confidence in himself, which it would be difficult for him to secure in any other way. Besides, he is doing a great and far-reaching work by placing the message in the homes of the people. We therefore extend a most cordial welcome to our young student friends to join the ranks as soon as their schools close.

Southwestern Union

Some very encouraging reports are reaching us of the progress of the work in the Southwest. In a recent letter from S. J. Abegg, manager of our Fort Worth Branch, he states:

"The work is moving along nicely over here, and indications look very favorable indeed. Some time was spent at Keene in the institute, and it was interesting to see the students set their goal. There were fifty who set goals, thirty-four on books and sixteen on magazines. The book goal totalled \$29,550, and the sixteen *Watchman Magazine* workers set their goal at 37,500 magazines. This brings our individual goals up to about \$152,000. Everything is pointing to a most prosperous season, and our workers seem determined to take advantage of the present situation."

Brother Harrison's canvassing summary for the month of March for the Southwestern Union showed an increase of nearly \$4,000 over March of last year. We are also informed that "Arkansas not only led the Southwestern Union in the sale of books for March, but led the whole North American Division."

That Quarter Million Goal

The prospect of reaching that quarter million goal grows brighter every day. The sales of the Home Office for the first three months of this year showed a gain of 74 per cent over the first quarter of last year. If every colporteur will be faithful in putting in his time, our goal will be reached.

Encouraging reports are being received from all parts of the

field. Never before have the people seemed so anxious so purchase our books. In a recent letter from Brother Godsmark, secretary of the Alabama Tract Society, he states that one of our veteran workers, Brother Woodruff, reported \$123.50 worth of orders as a result of three days' work, or thirty-two hours. Surely the Lord's spirit is going before our faithful workers and preparing the way for them.

In a recent letter Brother Caldwell, of Louisiana, writes: "One of our men, Brother Hubbell, has already passed the \$1,000 mark, with seven weeks' work. His goal is \$3,000. With the report just sent in, we lack only \$70 of having orders to cover a third of our \$12,000 goal."

The Publishing House is getting a large stock of books on hand, and has recently finished printing large editions of "Bible Readings" and "Practical Guide," also a number of the smaller books. It is therefore expected that all orders will be filled promptly, although it is important that every colporteur should be careful to report his orders regularly every week.

R. L. PIERCE.

Southern Junior College

News Notes from Collegedale

Miss Adeline McNett, of Graysville, Tenn., visited at the Southern Junior College Tuesday and Wednesday. As Miss McNett formerly taught in the family of Brother Fountain, her visit was very much appreciated by them.

Mrs. J. P. Brooke, of Alphretta, Ga., visited her son, John, Thursday of this week.

Miss Emma Schwartz, of Bee Spring, Ky., and Miss Walburga Whitehead, of Stonewall, Ga., are recent arrivals at Collegedale.

School has settled down and the routine of regular work is now being carried on at Collegedale. Every one, both teachers and students, were very glad for the privilege of entertaining the members of the North American Division Conference Committee last Thursday.

The evening after the visitors were here, the students of Professor Adams and the chorus gave a recital in the high school building at Ooltewah. There was a large crowd present, which seemed to enjoy the program very much.

Elder F. W. Field missed school part of last week because of illness. He is better now and is meeting his classes as usual.

Mr. P. C. Ennis is expecting to leave Friday to enter the canvassing field in Florida.

Mr. Royal Hubbell and Miss Helen Curtis visited the Southern Junior College last Thursday. Mr. Hubbell returned to Atlanta Friday. Miss Curtis remained and will stay until the end of school.

Mr. B. J. Fountain and family are comfortably located in the big house on the Pulliam Farm.

Professor Adams with his corps of workers is busy crowding the work in the garden department. The garden is doing very well. Last Sunday Professor Adams had a number of the girls from the home setting out tomato and cabbage plants.

Mrs. J. P. McGee left Wednesday night for an extended visit with relatives and friends in Memphis, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky. Mrs. McGee expects to be gone a month or six weeks.

Brother Gorich and his boys unloaded the second car of lumber for the new dormitory last Monday. The store building is about ready for occupancy. It is attracting a great deal of favorable comment.

Kentucky Conference

A Parting Word

As I have been asked to take the presidency of the Georgia Conference, I take this opportunity to say a few words to the believers in Kentucky.

I have enjoyed my work in this field and will ever remember the pleasant association with the churches and brethren throughout the conference. I have watched the work grow from a small beginning to a conference of believers scattered in all parts of the State, with a membership of more than seven hundred. God has blessed the efforts put forth by our workers. Your prayers and money have assisted in accomplishing what has been done.

Since coming to this conference, fourteen churches have been organized and six hundred eighty-one persons baptized. Ten church buildings have been dedicated to the service of God. Our book sales have amounted to \$72,428.58. There has been a gradual increase in our sales year by year. The records show that our first year's sales were \$5,581.12, with \$18,766.77 as our highest record since that time. We are indeed thankful for what has been done along this line.

There has been a good increase in our tithe and offerings. Our educational work has been developed to some extent, and

I am glad to report that nine church schools have been conducted during the past winter.

Elder Dow and wife, also Elder Lawrence, have been connected with the work in this conference during my stay here, and I have appreciated the untiring efforts put forth by them. Elder Dow has gone out in the hills and labored for months at a time, and as a result he has been able to organize several churches. Elder Lawrence has labored to build up the work among the colored people, and God has blessed his efforts. He has seen the work in Louisville grow year by year, and at present there are two churches with a total membership of one hundred and seventy-five.

Other workers have done faithful work. Our colporteurs, with Brother Hickman as their leader, have helped to bring the results that have been obtained. At the present time the prospect for the coming year is bright along all lines, and as I lay down the work, I trust that each member of the conference will give the new president the same support that you have so nobly given to me. I will always remember your kindness as I have associated with you in your homes during the past years, and my prayer will ascend to God that he will keep each of you faithful so that at the coming of the Lord we may all meet in the new earth.

As I go to my new field, I will appreciate your prayers. My address will be 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

B. W. BROWN.

Alabama Conference

News Items

One day recently good sized shipments of books were sent to U. Bracy, in Bessemer; J. E. Foley, in Pensacola; and F. M. Reiber, of Rock Run. These shipments were all sent from our tract society office.

Brother S. D. Miller believes that the Mobile church should not be left behind in the distribution of the *May Watchman*. His advance order reads: "Please send to my address 100 copies of the *May Watchman* as soon as they are on hand."

Brother G. W. Powers is canvassing in Decatur, but he orders the *Present Truth* sent to a friend located in Bessemer. Our workers believe in using the truth-filled literature, for they know that it is worth while.

Brother C. L. Trawick, of Stapleton, subscribes for the *Review and Herald* and *Church Officers' Gazette* for the year. No church officer can feel that he is capable of doing his full duty unless he has these two papers regularly.

Elder Buckner, telling of the work being done by the Montgomery church on their fifteen-cent-a-week fund, states that they took in about fifteen dollars one day, which brings the total to a little over twenty-three dollars which that church has raised for missions in one month. They are selling the *Present Truth*, thus making these little papers do double duty.

Sister M. F. Dillard explains that she has been sick for some time and it is for this reason she has not been reporting work done in Mobile. We shall look for some good reports from Sister Dillard in the near future.

Sister Sarah Ferrell, of Anniston, is well informed regarding our new literature, and as soon as the notice came out telling of the publication of the new book, "Soul Winning," by Elder Thompson; and the "World War," by Elder Daniells, she placed an order for the same, also for a supply of the excellent Bible Facts Cards. We highly recommend both of these books and

have a supply of them at the office to fill orders. "Soul Winning" is 75 cents net. "The World War" is 25 cents. In quantity orders 50 per cent discount is given.

"The World War" is selling rapidly. One thousand copies will be placed within the confines of the Alabama Conference during the month of May. Advance orders have been received from many different churches. Even the younger members are becoming interested. Harold Boyd, the son of Prof. C. J. Boyd, of Oakwood, asked that ten copies be sent to him immediately. Who will be next?

Some of the experiences which come to our colporteurs seem to be amusing after they are past, but are serious at the time. Not long ago we mentioned that Brother Widgery, a thoroughbred Englishman, had been taken for a German spy. Whether or not this had anything to do with the matter, we do not know, but Brother Widgery has decided to leave the sunny South and go to the cold and frigid North and will labor this summer in Canada. Brother Etheredge says that some of the younger single men in his territory are taking him for a conscription officer. We trust that he will enlist a goodly number of these young men under the banner of Prince Emmanuel as a result of his colporteur work in that vicinity. Our good Brother Woodruff, who is making such splendid reports, and surprising some of the younger colporteurs, tells of being threatened with arrest several times as a German spy, but when he informed the good people that he had been raised in their vicinity and that his brother was an honored and respected citizen of that county, of course that changed the situation. That the Lord may bless these earnest men who are going from door to door, should be the prayer of each of God's children.

Word has come to us that Brother O. P. Bolinger's wife, of Lynn Haven, has recently undergone an operation, and word from him April 17 says she seems to be getting along very well. We are pleased to hear that she is doing nicely and hope she will speedily recover.

Christ's question.—"Why call ye me Lord, Lord,

Mississippi Conference

News Items

Elder C. J. Buhalts returned home Thursday, the nineteenth, after having spent a week at Huntsville, Ala., attending the Spring Council. He stopped off a day and visited the Southern Junior College at Ooltewah.

Brother J. R. Staton is spending this week assisting Brother J. L. Waller in Leake County.

We quote the following from a letter received from Brother A. H. Friberg. "'The World War' came and I got them last night after the Sabbath. They are all sold already, so please send me one hundred more right away." Those who have not placed their order for a number of these books should do so at once, and see how easily they sell.

We have lately received several orders from the Greenwood church for the *Present Truth*. The church seems to be awake to the value of these papers, and the members are using them to advance the truth in that city.

We trust that the people throughout the State are noting the reports of our faithful colporteurs from week to week. We have a faithful corps of workers this year, and amid trials and difficulties they are putting the printed page into many homes. They are certainly worthy of our prayers.

Louisiana Conference

News Items

The program for the Dormitory Fund for the Southern Junior College was taken up by Elder Sanders in both of the churches in New Orleans, and those in attendance responded nicely to the call.

A letter just received from Elder Frank, at De Quincy, states that the interest there is continuing, and that some have already decided for the truth. He is expecting others to take their stand in a short time.

Elder McLennan reports that he has a good interest in his Bible work and that his time is completely occupied. He recently baptized two new members, and one was rebaptized.

Brother Bell, of Hammond, reports that eleven have already taken their stand for the truth, and the interest is exceptionally good. He and Sister McDonald, the Bible worker, have all the visiting and Bible work they can do.

Following the meetings conducted in New Orleans by Elder I. M. Martin, our union evangelist, the interest was of such a nature it was thought advisable for Elder Morrow to continue the Sunday-night services.

The home missionary workers of the New Orleans church No. 1 report a most excellent and profitable time in the distribution of the *Present Truth*. It is planned to work the city systematically with this series, four thousand copies of which have already been ordered.

The Lord's richest blessing is resting upon the colporteur work in this State as is evidenced by the following experiences as given in recent letters received from the field.

In fifteen hours last week, Brother Schmehl, of Minden, took \$66 worth of orders. Owing to sickness, he was not able to put in full time, but he sent this report: "The Lord is ever near me. Last week I was looked upon as a German spy, and they soon had a report in Minden that the Bible man was a German spy and that he was arrested, but I felt that the Lord would help me, and he did. My nearest neighbor came to me

on the street and said to me, 'Do you know they are about to arrest you as a German spy? Now you go and get an American flag and wear it on your coat and show them your colors.' Well, I did so at once, and you ought to have seen the faces turn and look, and they did not arrest me. That beautiful text came to my mind, 'The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.' Yes, the Lord always prepares a way of escape."

Brother M. S. Hubbell writes: "Enclosed you will find my report for the week, which I am glad to say more than covers the first \$1,000 of my \$3,000 goal, and I still have four weeks to canvass before making my first general delivery. I expect to average \$200 per week during the time left, but the most of my orders from now on will be for September. I now have 267 orders for the seven weeks' work, valued at \$1,022.50. In all, I have worked 307 hours, and my orders show a return of more than \$3.30 an hour. . . . I have many rich experiences where the hand of God is visible in my behalf. Pray for me that I may keep health and courage."

Tennessee River Conference

May 12-26

In laying plans for the erection of the buildings at Ooltewah it was decided to ask all our people to sell two copies of "Christ's Object Lessons," and ten *Watchman*, giving the entire amount received from them to the school to be used in the erection of these buildings.

May 12-26 is the time set for this campaign, and it is hoped that every one will enter into it willingly and do his best to sell the books and magazines. If all will take hold and do their part, it will be easy; but if we neglect to do our duty and leave the work to be done by a few faithful ones, it will be done, but another will receive the crown we might have had.

Some one has been kind enough to donate several hundred volumes of "Christ's Object Lessons" to this school. Now will you not, brethren and sisters, take hold at once and assist us in selling these books? The whole price of the books goes to the school; no one gets a penny out of it.

The girls' dormitory must be erected and ready for occupancy by the time school opens in September. Twenty thousand dollars are needed for this, and there should be no delay on the part of any in helping to raise it, for there is no time to lose. Will you not send your order for the books and magazines right now? Remember, two books and ten *Watchman* for every church member in our field. Who will be the first to send their order? Send today. Do not delay.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

Better than Human Friendship

We may be disappointed in earthly friends; but there is a fellowship more enduring, more intimate, and more satisfying than any human companionship. The communion of the soul with the Infinite, the uplifting of the heart in earnest prayer, and the yielding of all to Him who is above all, is the acme of fellowship below, for it is the human connected with the divine. It gives one a firm step, a joyful countenance, and a peaceful frame of mind.

The sweetest fellowship below
Is that with Christ the Lord.
It lifts the soul above all pain,
Connecting it with God.

—Eliza H. Morton.

and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46

Encouraging Omens

On Friday, the sixth of April, it was my privilege to visit the church at Hustburg, and to spend a little more than a week with them visiting and holding meetings. The first meeting was held on Friday night, and the meetings continued till the next Sunday night. The attendance was good from the beginning and increased through the week until the last night, when there were fully three hundred present. Some were anxious to know more of the truth, and I was sorry that business made it necessary for me to close the meetings. I hope it will be possible for me to visit them again in the near future, for I believe the Lord has some precious ones there who have not yet seen the light.

Reports coming in from the field make it very evident that the Lord is greatly blessing us in our offerings for missions. Several of the churches succeeded in raising their quota of the twenty-cent-a-week fund for the first quarter of this year. Among these are Hazel and Memphis.

The Sabbath school offerings for the first quarter of this year show a splendid increase over those of any previous quarter in our history. The offerings amounted to \$911, with one Sabbath school not heard from, an increase over the best previous quarter of \$219. The Memphis Sabbath school made a gain of \$117.61 over the first quarter of 1916. The Nashville colored Sabbath school, however, has made the best showing of any Sabbath school in the entire field, having quadrupled their offering for the first quarter of 1916. Their offering for the quarter was \$92.25. Several other Sabbath schools show a very substantial gain over their records for last year.

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Are we not living in the day of his power, and should we not ask for and expect large things?

W. R. ELLIOTT.

An Interesting Series of Visits

March 29 I visited the believers in Humboldt, Tenn. Sister Browning has been living here for two or three years, and just recently Brother and Sister Keele and Brother Hixson have moved to Humboldt to take up canvassing work. This is an encouragement to Sister Browning and makes it possible to have a nice little Sabbath school, which I suppose was organized two weeks ago.

My next visit was with the Trezevant church. Rain and sickness hindered here, but we had some good meetings. On the Sabbath the quarterly services were conducted, and the Lord came very near to all present.

From Trezevant I went to Leach, where I remained seven days. At this place we enjoyed some excellent meetings, and the Lord seemed very near in every service. Friday morning, about eight o'clock, Grandmother Susan Fry passed away and was laid to rest in the Leach Cemetery Sabbath morning. Sister Fry was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for over twenty years, was faithful unto death, and awaits the call of the Life-giver.

Sabbath afternoon the ordinance of humility and the Lord's supper were celebrated. Nearly every member of the church was present and enjoyed the blessings of the Lord. In all, about six meetings were given to the study of home missionary work. The Leach church has been doing some faithful work, and at the close of the quarter had a good large report to hand in. At the last meeting a club of ten weekly *Signs* was subscribed for to be used in home missionary work. We would like to see every church take a club of the *Signs*.

Sabbath, the fourteenth, I was with the Jackson church. At the close of our missionary meeting, a club of ten weekly *Signs* was subscribed for and twenty copies of Elder Daniells' book

on the war were ordered. The Jackson church is alive and working to give the light to as many as possible.

I am now at Lane, Tenn., holding some meetings. There are only four Sabbath-keepers here. We are having some good meetings.

JAMES BELLINGER.

Report of the Sabbath Schools for the First Quarter of This Year Compared with the Corresponding Quarter of Last Year

S. S.	Year	Mem.	Att.	13th Sab.	Total	Per Mem.	Gain	
Ashland City	1916	20	17	\$ 3 66	\$17 55	\$ 87	\$	
	1917	25	18	3 18	16 83	70	*72	
Chestnut Hill	1916	8	7		4 25	53		
	1917	9	8		3 80	42	*45	
Goodlettsville	1916	No Report						
	1917	19	15	5 28	9 47	50		
Hazel	1916	50	41	12 15	30 61	61		
	1917	30	29	22 77	44 90	1 18	14 29	
Hustburg	1916	11	9		5 86	54		
	1917	11	9		5 96	54	10	
Jackson	1916	30	26	1 45	38 72	1 32		
	1917	No Report						
Jackson No. 2	1916	28	13	1 00	2 44	12		
	1917	18	13	4 00	8 22	46	5 78	
Trezevant	1916	13	12	75	3 05	23		
	1917	17	12	1 10	3 03	18	* 02	
Leach	1916	45	32	1 37	5 06	11		
	1917	44	31	2 62	14 00	30	8 94	
Lawrenceburg	1916	15	13		5 69	40		
	1917	13	11	1 92	5 32	44	* 37	
Memphis	1916	114	89	37 50	122 34	1 06		
	1917	119	78	66 01	239 95	2 00	117 61	
Memphis No. 2	1916	22	13	1 16	15 56	71		
	1917	48	37	4 04	23 17	48	7 61	
Madison	1916	71	58	4 35	20 22	30		
	1917	No Report						
Nails Creek	1916	19	15		1 55	08		
	1917	No Report						
Nashville	1916	170	156	\$113 04	\$254 84	\$1 50	\$	
	1917	153	122	93 66	262 90	1 71	8 06	
North Nashville	1916	45	39	7 57	26 87	59		
	1917	54	45	17 12	44 64	83	17 77	
Nashville No. 2	1916	74	68	12 02	22 58	30		
	1917	100	88	50 00	92 25	92	69 67	
Paducah	1916	18	15	2 59	16 56	92		
	1917	25	23	16 00	35 33	1 41	18 77	
Bon Aqua	1916	14	9		3 20	23		
	1917	11	9		2 82	26	* 38	
Cedar Grove	1916	28	17		14 25	51		
	1917	No Report						
Fountain Head	1916	35	32	6 40	16 34	47		
	1917	40	37	7 60	18 25	46	1 91	
Lane	1916	13	10		6 69	51		
	1917	13	7	36	3 30	25	*3 39	
Portland	1916	11	10		1 03	10		
	1917	18	9	2 16	4 13	34	3 10	
Springville	1916	No Report						
	1917	41	20	3 19	18 19	44		
Home Dept.	1916	No Report						
	1917	6	6	46	2 53	42		
Total for Con-ference		1916	880	730	\$212 01	\$668 87	\$ 76	\$
		1917	816	627	301 41	858 99	1 05	190 12

Through an oversight only part of the above report was published last week. This week we publish it entire.

*Loss.

Christ's test.—"Ye are my friends, if ye do

Colporteurs' Report

For Week Ending April 21, 1917

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
T R Battle .HM,BF	57	54	\$101 50	\$3 45	\$104 95	\$
U Bracy .GC,BF	24	19	44 00		44 00	
R L Etheredge .BF	20	9	15 50	3 00	18 50	2 00
Hugh Jones .HM	56	9	22 50		70 23 20	
G W Powers .BF	42	29	52 00	2 45	54 45	
C A Stewart* .D&R	26	25	90 00	1 30	91 30	
T M Woodruff .BR	40	17	61 50		61 50	
Bibles .			19 30		19 30	

Totals (Agts. 7). 265 162 \$406 30 \$10 90 \$417 20 \$2 00

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

F W Schmehl .BR	15	16	\$66 00	\$	\$66 00	\$
M S Hubbell .BR	49	56	215 00		215 00	
T S Sligh .BR,PG	26	13	48 50		48 50	7 00
J B Hardy .BR	26	16	65 00		65 00	10 00
E P Campbell .BR	36	2	7 00	4 15	11 15	3 00
M B Wilson .BR	42	21	81 50		81 50	
A B Cheek* .BR	84	29	107 50	3 00	110 50	
G B Boswell .BR	42	21	83 50		83 50	
Bibles .			8 75		8 75	

Totals (Agts. 8). 320 174 \$682 75 \$7 15 \$689 90 \$20 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Georgia Anderson*CK	50	26	\$61 00	\$	50	\$61 50	\$
Emily BillupsPG,HM	34	43	184 50	4 70	189 20		
Susie Beasley .HM	34	45	113 00	9 10	122 10		
Perthia HamptonBF	45	7	18 00	3 65	21 65	11 00	
A L Hamm .D&R	25	33	170 00	1 50	171 50	9 00	
AA JohnsonD&R,PPF	54	40	120 50	85	121 35		
Mattie Lee* .HM	50	59	154 50	2 50	157 00		
L J McElroy .D&R	34	52	234 50	4 80	239 30		

Special Notice

The eighteenth annual special prisoners' *Life Boat* is now ready for mailing. Notice a few of its leading attractions:

"Corrective Home Gymnastics" by Mary W. Paulson, M. D. This article contains valuable instruction on the relation of exercise and correct positions to health. Should be in every home.

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* Two weeks. † Eight days

E B Stowall .PPF	26	26	67 00	2 50	69 50	
Annie Watts* .HM	73	42	122 50	6 60	129 10	91 50

Totals (Agts. 10) 385 373 \$1245 50 \$36 70 \$1282 20 \$111 50

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

F L Harrison .BR	47	19	\$70 50	\$1 25	\$71 75	\$5 75
Lee Page .CK	40	36	67 00		67 00	
Andy Schroader BR	45	18	63 00		63 00	3 50
Bibles .			3 75		3 75	3 20

Totals (Agts. 3). 132 73 \$204 25 \$1 25 \$205 50 \$12 45

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Barnes Broiles .BR	44	5	\$19 50	\$4 40	\$23 90	\$
M Hixson .BR	37	11	38 50	4 25	42 75	
Mr&Mrs Howard†BR	27	23	75 50		75 50	
Wm J Keele .D&R	38	5	19 50	4 50	24 00	
Mrs H Miller .BR	25	4	16 00	2 00	18 00	
Mrs Jones .BF	9	14	24 00		25 24 25	
Mrs Philpott .BF	21	1	1 50	12 50	14 00	
W E Templeton BR	38	29	108 50	2 80	111 30	
G P Tripp .BR	18	5	16 50	7 65	24 15	
J N Womack .BF	30			9 00	9 00	49 00

Totals (Agts. 10) 287 97 \$319 50 \$47 35 \$366 85 \$49 00

G'dTotals(A. 38)1389 879\$2858 30 \$103 35\$2961 65 \$184 95

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference .	2825	\$3358 25	\$190 65	\$3548 90
Kentucky Conference .	3193	4483 25	210 11	4693 36
Louisiana Conference .	1644	3889 25	43 25	3932 50
Mississippi Conference.	3397	7768 00	366 10	8134 10
Tenn. River Conference	1776	1567 05	204 85	1771 90

Totals 12835 \$21065 80 \$1014 96 \$22080 76

miss it. Send twenty-five cents for five copies to hand out to your friends.

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"Is the World Plunging into Bankruptcy?"

An address by one of our leading city evangelists at a "peace" banquet in New York, which was attended by such prominent men as Mr. Hamilton Holt (editor), Mr. Henry Clews (banker), and Dr. Cornelius Woelfkin (Rockefeller's pastor). He must have made quite an impression, for among other things he said, "If this world goes into bankruptcy, the God of heaven will have to take it over." Such texts as Luke 21: 25, 26 were alluded to in his speech, which by request has been reproduced in the *May Signs Magazine*. This is one of about ten good reasons why your neighbor should have a chance to buy a copy.

"The Christian is to accept hardness patiently. He is not to watch the clock lest he may work a few minutes overtime. He is not to keep account of all he does for others lest he may do more than he is required to do. Rather, when he is serving, he is to do more than strict duty demands. He is to go two instead of one."

whatsoever I command you." John 15:14

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News Items

Elder J. T. Boettcher, who has for nine years had charge of the work in Russia, spoke to the young people's society on Friday night, giving an intensely interesting description of the conditions in that country. This was made all the more interesting by the recitation of his own personal experience in being banished to Siberia, and later sent back to this country. He expects to return to Russia as soon as the war is over, or conditions permit.

Elder R. D. Quinn, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, spoke at the Memorial Church Sabbath. Seated on the rostrum with him were Elders J. T. Boettcher, superintendent of the work in Russia; Elder G. F. Haffner, superintendent of the German work in the United States west of the Mississippi; Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference; Elder A. V. Olson, president of the Eastern Canadian Union, and Elder H. W. Carr, president of the Maine Conference.

Elder C. F. McVagh, formerly of this city, and now president of the Western Canadian Union Conference, spoke to the company in North Nashville. The people of Nashville were greatly pleased to see Elder McVagh again and welcome him to his former home.

The colored church here was much pleased to have the services of Elder R. A. Underwood, Sabbath, the twenty-first, at their regular 11 o'clock service.

Sabbath afternoon a trip was made to Goodlettsville, and a meeting held at the Oakgrove Rural School.

Mr. M. W. Shidler left the city Friday afternoon for Hazel, Ky., where an institute is now being held with the academy students.

Elder R. I. Keate returned to finish his home missionary institutes in the Louisiana Conference, and expects to be in Shreveport this week and in Lake Charles next week.

Elder S. E. Wight and Brother G. H. Curtis left for Louisville, Ky., Friday, the twenty-seventh.

**A period to be remembered and planned for
—May 12 to 26.**

Have You Enlisted in the Special Campaign

in the interest of the

DORMITORY FUND

of the

SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

COLTEWAH, TENN.

To immediately provide facilities to give our young people a speedy preparation, to hasten them into the field for the finishing of the work, this dormitory is needed, and in order to help raise the necessary funds it has been decided to ask every member to sell at least

TWO "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS"
and
TEN JUNE "WATCHMAN."

The proceeds to be turned into this fund.
The special date of this campaign

MAY 12 to 26

THE PREMIUM

Every one that raises \$24 is offered FREE

One Set of the "Testimonies for the Church."

Every one that raises \$12 is offered a copy of Sister White's last book,

"The Captivity and Restoration of Israel."
Bound in Red Leather.

To win these premiums the amount must be the work of one individual, and a report of this work must be sent in immediately at the close of the campaign period.

To help raise this money a dime coin card has been provided. On one side will be a picture of the school and on the other spaces for twenty dimes.

You can go to work immediately soliciting funds and selling "Christ's Object Lessons."

The fact that this money is being raised for an industrial school where boys and girls not able to pay their way can get an education is a strong point in getting funds and should make it comparatively easy for every member to reach the goal set.

Their Opinion of It

A conference president says: "A copy of the May number of the *Signs Magazine* just came to my desk, and I have taken time to peruse it carefully. It was so interesting that I could not lay it down. It seems it is the best yet. How I wish it could be placed in every home in my State."

From a former worker: "I take this opportunity of thanking you for the splendid numbers you are putting forth of the *Signs Magazine* for the last five months especially. Yesterday as I entered a tailor shop and showed the April number, some men said, 'That is just what we have been looking for.' They took it eagerly to look for a certain article that had been announced in the last issue."

An academy president writes: "I have looked over the May issue and feel to commend most highly those who can put out such a beautiful paper. I think it is a wonderful issue. I am sure we do not fully appreciate the efforts made to produce it. I assure you I shall be pleased to 'boost' it before my students."

June — a "one better" number. It presents an opportunity. How will you relate yourself to it?