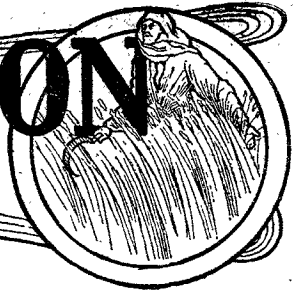


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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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Every Year

The Saviour's advent draweth nearer,
Every year.
Fulfilling signs are growing clearer,
Every year.
And pilgrims through earth's shadows peering,
Lift up their heads, for heaven is nearing,
Every year.
Creation groans with hands uplifted,
Every year.
O'er earth's bosom snows have drifted,
Every year.
Upward toward heaven our way advancing,
And all earth's snares are less entrancing,
Every year.
O, there's so much of sin and weeping,
Every year,
Sad, bitter tears for loved ones sleeping,
Every year.
The land is full of pain and dying,
Of "Rachels," for her children crying,
Every year.
We walk by faith with eyes uplifted,
Every year.
Soon shall we see when clouds are rifted,
Christ appear.
Welcome the home where friends ne'er sever,
Welcome the life that lasts forever,
Every year.

—L. D. Santee.

Address, 1917

Though we have no conference session in connection with our camp-meeting this year, we think it well to make a report of the work for the past year, as all are interested in the progress of the message.

The laboring force of the conference has undergone some change. We all miss Brother and Sister Keate, of Kentucky, who were with us last year. Elder Keate severed his connection with the conference the first of the year, being called by the union to the secretaryship of the Home Missionary Department. About the first of June he was called to the presidency of the Kentucky Conference, his present field of labor. His wife, Sister Keate, continued her work with us as Sabbath school secretary until Elder Keate was called to Kentucky. Brother and Sister Keate have labored acceptably in this field for a number of years, and we wish them every degree of success in their new field. Brother F. J. Rowland, of East Michigan, connected with the Alabama Conference the nineteenth of July. Sister J. F. Wright was called to the secretaryship of the Sabbath School Department made vacant by the transfer of Sister Keate.

The great world war is still on, and if anything more perplexing than a year ago. Our own nation is now in the struggle,

and others may be ere the end. The fact that our country is calling into service the strength of its manhood should deeply impress us with the Master's call to his service. Events are following one another in rapid succession, indicating the soon ending of all things earthly. How necessary it is that we live day by day as in the visible presence of our Lord.

THE WORK

We are pleased to report progress in almost every line of the work. While there has been no phenomenal growth in any one department, yet progress is made on a substantial basis. The aim of every department is the salvation of souls. The Lord has greatly blessed the laborers during the past year. Almost every church has had some additions. Every minister, Bible worker, and some of the laity have had a part in bringing these souls into the fold. Elder and Sister Keate labored principally in Birmingham until their transfer. Elder Wright during the latter part of 1916 visited many of the churches in the interest of the home missionary work. This summer he has been connected with the tent effort at Mobile. Mrs. M. L. Wilson has been doing Bible work in Birmingham, Bessemer, and Cardiff. During the year two tent efforts, one for the white, and one for the colored, have been conducted. Beside the tent efforts, twelve other meetings have been held.

In February we held an elders' meeting in Birmingham. We had hoped to have every local elder present, but sickness and other causes prevented a full attendance. We believe the meeting was quite helpful to the elders and has contributed much to the success of the work thus far this year. As a result of all the efforts for 1916, there were 152 additions to the churches as compared with 117 the year before. Of these 152 additions 79 were white and 73 colored.

This year the white tent effort is being held in Mobile, that of the mission in Talladega. We connected with these efforts a good corps of workers, having one minister take the burden of all the preaching. This plan has met with success in both meetings. The Mobile effort reports at this writing fifty-eight keeping the Sabbath. Elder I. M. Martin and Elder J. F. Wright headed this effort. They had two Bible workers and a tent master and his wife to assist them. The mission effort was headed by Elder T. B. Buckner, and associated with him were two Bible workers and a tent master. They report eighteen Sabbath-keepers. We would like to say more regarding these efforts, but space forbids.

FINANCE

For 1916 there was a decided improvement in the financial standing of the conference and mission. "Righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins," is the prophecy concerning the Master. "Well done, good and faithful servant," will be said by the Master to the faithful. If we are not faithful to God in finance, or if we are not faithful in all other duties, the "well done" cannot be said to us. If every believer were faithful in the paying of tithes and offerings there would be no lack of funds to soon finish the work. The tithe for the last three years is as follows: for 1914, \$6,084.09;

for 1915, \$5,942.60, or \$141.49 less than 1914. Last year, 1916, the tithe was \$6,735.24. This is an increase over 1915 of \$792.64. This year bids fair for the tithe not to fall behind that of last year. The mission tithe is as follows: 1914: \$1,716.33; 1915, \$2,590.22; 1916, \$2,523.33. Had there not been such an exodus of our colored brethren north, there would have been a different tithe report for the mission.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

For the year 1916 Elder J. F. Wright was the home missionary secretary. Excellent work was done in this department under his supervision. Near the first of the year he resigned the secretaryship to give more time to evangelistic work. The president of the conference was selected to fill the vacancy. While many are doing nobly in the home missionary work, many others are doing but little. However, if all would report what they do, it would reveal much more done than the records show.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK

This is a noble work, a work calculated to hold the youth in the message and also give them a fitness for greater responsibilities. For the year 1916 eight societies were in working order — four for the white and four for the colored, with a total membership of 97, white 52, colored 45. We hope every church that has five young people in it will organize a Missionary Volunteer society.

BOOK WORK

The book work is a work whereby many souls are brought to Christ. Many colporteurs will never know the results of their work until they are in the kingdom. Fifty per cent of all who accept the truth do so through reading. Since this is true should not every one who can do so enter the colporteur work and all the others engage in some line of missionary work?

In the colporteur work God promises you a living in this world, and stars in your crown in the earth made new. The work for the year 1916 shows a splendid gain over 1915. We are glad also to tell you that the work this year is surpassing that of any year in the past. This is encouraging and should stimulate others to join the ranks of the colporteurs.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

What would we do without the Sabbath school? To many it is their only Sabbath service. The Sabbath school is the "nursery of the church." It is the place where our children receive much of their instruction in present truth. Here is the place where they decide to obey or not to obey. The Sabbath school is not only one of our best evangelistic agencies, but one of the most fruitful fields in supplying funds for missions. For 1916 we had thirty Sabbath schools with a membership of 779. The total offerings were \$2,285.82. The white schools were 19 and their offerings \$1,495.65; colored schools 11, offerings \$790.17.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Our schools have been established that our children might receive a Christian education. If all saw the importance of educating their children in the message we would have more church schools and many more students in our schools. We are thankful so many among us are supporters of Christian schools. Last year we had thirteen schools with an enrolment of 267 pupils. Seven of these schools were white, one being a home school, with 95 pupils. There were six colored schools with 172 pupils.

While we are educating our children for this truth, are we growing in grace and in the knowledge of the truth? The great Teacher will soon come to claim his own. May he find us all faithful students in the school of Christ, ready to meet him when he comes!
A. L. MILLER.

How Can I Help the Sabbath School?

"We are members one of another." As every one therefore "hath received a gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Eph. 4:25, I Pet. 4:10. Well might it be said of each of us today, "They helped every one his neighbor, and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage." Isa. 41:6. Surely in these trying times we need to stand together and present a united front to the enemy. As members of the Sabbath school, we all should be workers for Christ. It is true we can't all be officers, neither will all be called upon to teach. Nevertheless, each one can do something to help make the Sabbath school a success. If nothing more, we can be faithful members, always there on time, with a good lesson.

Let us not feel that because we can't do some great thing that we can't do anything. The success of every Sabbath school depends upon the interest and support of the individual members. The Sabbath school is composed of members, and the school will be just what the members are. Let each one ask himself the question, "If every member of our school were just like me, what kind of a Sabbath school would our school be?"

I read once of a young man who was always complaining at his lot and wishing that he could do some real work that would count in the world. He fell asleep and dreamed that he was being conducted through a magnificent temple. There were grand pillars and lofty windows and hundreds upon hundreds of niches, each beautifully adorned. Among these niches was only one which was bare and unsightly. In astonishment the young man asked his guide why so ugly a spot had been left to deform so lovely a building, and received the reply: "This is the temple of life. That is your niche, which you have failed to adorn." He took the lesson to heart, and from that day began to fill his place and make his life beautiful by being faithful in the little things of life.

The position of every grain of sand more or less effects the position of every other grain of sand. Every rain-drop that falls into the sea is felt upon the waves. And just so our lives more or less influence every other life with which we come in contact. The great, wide river that affords traffic and travel is considered very useful, while the many little rills that flow into it are unnoticed. But without the continual flow of these little streams the river would soon dry up. So it is with the Sabbath school; its prosperity depends upon the "little rills which flow into it." In other words, it depends upon all the members taking an active interest in it and feeling that they are responsible to a certain extent for the success of the school.

The Sabbath school work is onward, and I have been cheered by the good reports of progress coming in from the different parts of the State. Some are quite a little ahead on their twenty-cent-a-week fund. I am sorry to say, however, that I have not been able to get reports from some, and this makes our report for the quarter less than it really ought to be. I trust that the secretaries will take note of this and remember that a prompt report is one way to help the Sabbath school.

MRS. J. F. WRIGHT.

Retail Value of Book Sales

	1915	1916	1st 6 mo. 1917
Subscription books	\$2612.33	\$5267.80	\$3110.61
Home Workers	38.40	68.95	33.90
Bibles	154.36	111.09	111.79
Tracts	52.90	66.01	18.33
Miscellaneous	765.45	779.86	258.68
Periodicals	1307.64	1493.61	897.41

Totals \$4931.08 \$7787.32 \$4430.72
O. R. GODSMARK, Secretary.

Annual Report of the Field Missionary Secretary, 1917

In 1849 the message came through the spirit of prophecy saying: "You must begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown me to be like a stream of light that went clear round the world." We are seeing this message most marvelously fulfilled in our day. The very small rivulet has become a great river of truth flowing out to the world.

Truly this has been a phenomenal year in the book work. Never have we seen the people so anxious to purchase books and literature giving light on the Bible and explaining the present condition of the world as they are today. God has gone before his workers and prepared the way; the field is white to harvest for all who will go forth in his power.

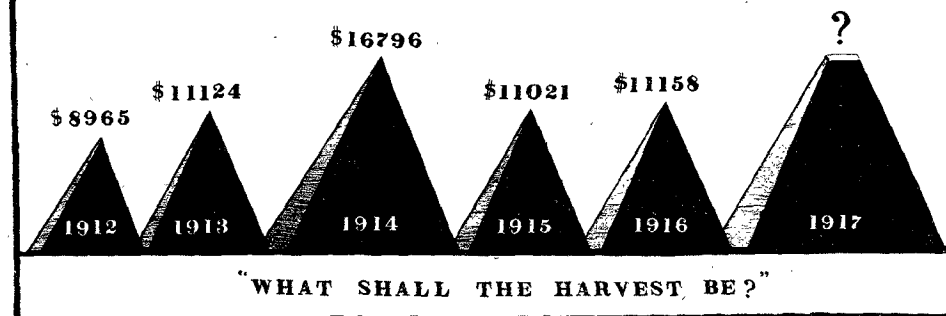
in attendance at this meeting was not so large as we had hoped it would be, but the Lord does not regard numbers, and we enjoyed many rich blessings. Five good strong workers went into the field from this meeting to carry the last message of mercy to the thousands of colored people in our cities and on the rural plantations. Truly God has in a special way blessed their efforts.

STUDENT COLPORTEURS

We feel this report would be incomplete if we did not say something of the good work that has been done by the student colporteurs. We can speak in the highest terms of the work done by the workers that came to our field from the Southern and Oakwood Junior Colleges. These students each have in prospect from one to four scholarships in good book orders to be delivered in October, and we have no doubt but they

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COMPARATIVE BOOK SALES



THE OUTLOOK

Notwithstanding the embarrassment the war conditions have caused in the world, the outlook for the colporteur work is very encouraging. The Spirit of God is moving upon his people to give themselves to him for service, and there has been a hearty response in answer to the calls made. We have had a strong corps of matured, sturdy, consecrated, and tried workers in the field the past year. Our heart wells up in gratitude to God for his blessings and for the faithful band of colporteurs that have gone forth into the highways and hedges with the message of salvation. In the great gathering day, we with these faithful workers look for the fruit of our labors.

INSTITUTES

The general institute for the white workers was held with the Borden Springs church in February. Including some of the members of the local church with those of the regular colporteurs, about twenty took the institute work. It was the united testimony of all that this was one of the best institutes ever held for the colporteurs, and they have returned to their field of labor with renewed courage and determination to finish the work. The workers who went from this meeting have been wonderfully blessed of the Lord during the year, and many honest hearts have been made to rejoice by the message of hope and courage brought to their homes.

COLORED INSTITUTE

The institute for the colored workers was held with the Birmingham No. 2 church the first week in March. The number

will each return to school with their board and tuition for another year—all paid. We would like to emphasize, if possible, the work of the student colporteur and urge you to encourage our young men to enter the colporteur work and make their way through one of our schools. There is no better way for a young man to make his way through one of our colleges than by means of the colporteur work.

PROGRESS MADE

This year's work has not been wrought without its obstacles to encounter in the war time crisis and high price of foods, yet the work has gone forward with increasing success far beyond our greatest expectation. To date we have exceeded the last year's record over eight thousand dollars in orders, and over two thousand dollars in books delivered, or a gain of one hundred per cent. The only reason we can give for this sweeping phenomenal gain is that "it is the Lord's doing" and "it is marvelous in our eyes." We believe that we have come to the fulfilling of the message given us of God, that "the heavenly messengers seen by Ezekiel, like a bright light going among the living creatures with the swiftness of lightning, represent the speed with which the work will finally go forward to completion." *Review and Herald*, Jan. 18, 1917.

M. L. WILSON.

The mark of a saint is not perfection, but consecration. A saint is not a man without faults, but a man who has given himself without reserve to God.—*W. T. Richardson*.

Report of Home Missionary Work Done by Conference for 1916

	Ashford	Birmingham	Borden Springs	Elkwood	Gadsden	Long Island	Lynn Haven	Maclow	Mobile	Montgomery	Sheffield	Silverhill	Stapleton	Red Level	Totals
Number reporting	7	19	12	17	11	8	8	5	13	9	7	7	6	6	135
Letters written	10	503	179	27	24	25	28	18	38	233	14	3	23	10	1135
Letters received	4	313	88	19	14	1	13	4	13	68	11		4	6	558
Missionary visits	96	2168	221	66	152	168	42	23	427	493	70	14	19	22	3981
Bible readings held	19	463	34	14	50	57	25	4	60	118	10		29	6	889
Subscriptions taken		139	112	5	8			1		18	8		4	3	198
Papers sold	31	734	123	6	120	22			115	827	10	35	14	10	2047
Papers given away	352	8149	597	670	640	211	685	41	931	6259	74	51	267	650	19577
Books sold		317	53	11	161		10	28		48	1	5	19	12	665
Books given away	15	593	38	56	47	59	23	20	31	70	26	2	17	15	1012
Tracts sold		47			25		2			17		3	14		108
Tracts lent	145	1719	233	50	266	143	85	155	82	1101	79	13	214	49	4334
Christian help work	396	4095	749	202	102	143	72	113	399	463	87	86	63	95	7065
Articles of clothing given	23	800	50	71	31	206	114	31	58	155	15	8		1	1563
Meals provided	86	1552	129	73	55	25	148	16	71	305	17			5	2482
Treatments given		423	282	28	7	37	38	8	6	22		2		6	859
Signers to temperance pledge		25									11				36
Offerings to missions	\$.50	\$38.59		\$27.85	\$7.60	\$2.00		\$3.44	\$76.65	\$32.46	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$2.91	\$4.85	\$199.85
Conversions	1	3			1	2	8			1	1	2		1	20

J. F. WRIGHT, Secretary.

Report of Missionary Work Done by Mission for 1916

	Birmingham	Dothan	Bessemer	Decatur	Huntsville	Mobile	Montgomery	Pensacola	Sylacauga	Totals
Membership	40	20	15	9	20	20	35	40	25	265
Number reporting	21	12	17	8	17	14	26	16	20	151
Letters written	108	133	85	78	91	403	139	91	70	1199
Letters received	72	90	87	66	50	404	118	78	79	1044
Missionary visits	362	606	605	219	622	714	648	311	293	4378
Bible readings held	356	604	549	145	334	212	383	159	144	2886
Subscriptions taken	67	43	14	63	25	82	15	5		314
Papers sold	612	92	368	80	234	859	403	459	40	3147
Papers given	264	458	201	462	360	565	428	43	273	3054
Books sold	52	54	449	16	100	62	8	58	18	811
Books lent or given away	182	13	132	15	43	47	92	16	28	568
Tracts sold	494	14	36		37	14	50	10	7	662
Tracts lent or given away	513	8	21	70	139	347	156	102	89	4445
Hours of Christian help work	317	340	2246	55	261	670	602	79	437	5007
Articles of clothing given away	199	464	16	38	66	104	58	48	79	1072
Meals provided	185	92	191	27	97	348	109	96	433	1578
Treatments given	103	30	20		25	139	109	22	125	573
Signers obtained to temperance pledge	33	8	1		2	15	8		2	70
Offerings for missions	\$27.08	\$2.95	\$18.87	\$3.32	\$37.56	\$.50	\$37.00	\$1.04	\$.25	\$128.57
Conversions	6				4	3	1	2		16

J. F. WRIGHT, Secretary.

Young People's Work in Alabama

As we look back over the work of the present year and see what has been accomplished by the young people, we feel that we have much for which we can be thankful. While it is true that a number, both white and colored, have moved away, yet those who are still with us are doing nicely. I believe we can say that they are doing more per capita this year than they did at this time last year.

We are pleased to note the interest which has been taken in the Reading Course books, for we are now ahead of what we were one year ago. A goodly number have finished, and others will in a very short time. Then from the way that many are studying and taking hold of the Standard of Attainment, we will also reach the goal on this point.

During the past few months, the hearts of both parents and workers have been made to rejoice to see a number of young people come out from the world and its pleasures and give their

hearts to God. We trust that each one will make a worker in this great cause which we all love so well. To this end we ask that they be remembered by you at the throne of grace, for the Lord has told us that the youth will fill an important place in the closing of the message in the earth.

Today many of our youth are passing through a testing process. Some of our young men will no doubt be called to the colors, so we appeal to workers, parents, and church members to rally to this branch of the Lord's work and pray most earnestly that the Lord will help them to be of good courage and remain true to him until the end. Get acquainted with them and their need and ever stand ready to help them in their work. Let each of us labor and pray to the end, that when the work is finished we may have our young people saved with us in the kingdom.

J. F. WRIGHT.

Conference Home Missionary Report for First Six Months of 1917

	Ashford	Birmingham	Borden Springs	Elkwood	Gadsden	Mobile	Montgomery	Lynn Haven	Long Island	Marlow	Sheffield	Stapleton	Santa Rosa	Conference and Individual	Red Level	Totals
Membership	17	75	56	24	9	29	17	24	22	26	22	9	10	43	7	404
Number reporting	8	20	12	13	4	10	8	10	3	7	14	4	4	8	7	132
Letters written		213	93	20	6	32	52	20	4	8	37			15	2	502
Letters received		160	33	10		12	12	3		5	21			16	1	273
Missionary visits		702	135	22	17	130	57	18	5	4	23	6		13	3	1135
Bible readings held	7	95	33	8	2	21	63	33			18			12	6	298
Subscriptions taken	2	19	11	14			8				15				4	73
Papers sold	32	409	26	6	50		145	43		18	45	7		550		1331
Papers mailed	80	5107	175	300	30	891	869	463	20	158	120	20	2	48	166	8449
Books sold	2	140	6	1	12		18	9	2	4	42	3		75		314
Books lent	3	106	3	29	8	8	15	17	2	6	26	1	1	24	5	254
Tracts sold		582	13													595
Tracts given	4	624	134	29	21		244	40		42	218	12		76	24	1468
Hrs. Christian help Wk.		663	60	62	25	16	23			4	83	1		62	2	1001
Art. Clothing given		603	5	21		25	36	58	94	25	5	1	5			878
No. Meals provided		294	15	32		9	11		6	25	36			18	1	447
Treatments given		95	35	15			68	7	2		3			1		226
Signers to Temp. pledge											1					1
Offerings to missions	\$2.00	\$11.65	\$.82	\$14.12	\$.25	\$20.00	\$5.35	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$1.00		\$5.00		\$68.69
Conversions					2						1					3

Silverhill has twenty-one members but no report has been sent in.

Mission Home Missionary Report for First Six Months of 1917

	Bessemer	Birmingham	Decatur	Dothan	Huntsville	Mobile	Montgomery	Pensacola	Sylacauga	Individual	Totals
Membership	15	55	8	14	23	17	31	36	29		329
Number reporting	8	14	6	8	6	13	24	6	12	3	100
Letters written	8	53	10	81	7	170	25	9	12	4	379
Letters received		12	52		1	216	11	5	11	3	430
Missionary visits		118	168	12	120	133	523	40	42	20	1276
Bible readings held		104	124	12	87	147	71	16	38	1	625
Subscriptions taken			67			3				8	78
Papers sold	42	1275	75	18		465	43	95	19	29	2061
Papers mailed	36	638	25	27	8	367	10	9	9	51	1180
Books sold		115		6		85	8	15		1	229
Books lent	21	36	1	8	16	4	1	4	3	9	103
Tracts sold		55		81		41	6				183
Tracts lent		96		6	12		2	6	12	80	291
Hours Christian help work	92	19	276	302	29	456	5	5	250	2	1436
Articles of clothing given away	39	7	21	1	8	31	10		30	8	155
Number meals provided	120	3	147	25	6	155	20	15	100	3	594
Treatments given		36	3		3	11		1	12		66
Signers to temperance pledge	9							1			10
Offerings to missions	\$120.29	\$2.00	\$10.00	\$4.62	\$1.30	\$5.30	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$2.50	\$6.00	\$167.01
Number of conversions				3			6				9
Number of bouquets given away		3									3

No report from Oakwood. Membership 91.

The Alabama Church Schools

Only those who are acquainted with the work of the church school can fully appreciate its value. It has been ordained of God for a purpose; and that is for the training and saving of our children for God and his blessed cause in the earth. And we are glad that all our people are coming to the place where they see more and more what the church school means to our children.

It is a pleasure to be able to say that this branch of the work is growing in the conference and in the mission. During 1914-1915 we had seven schools, then in 1915-1916 there were ten schools, and during 1916-1917 we had seven schools for the white and six schools for the colored, making a total of thirteen in all. This shows a healthy growth. To the Lord be all the praise for what has been accomplished.

The work in the different schools the past year has been

much stronger than ever before. So far as possible our own books have been used, and this has added much to the success and efficiency of the work. We trust that this coming year will see even greater progress made in this respect, for we are far from reaching the standard set by our educational department.

Many of our students did excellent work, and some finished the eighth grade and have gone to Ooltewah to take up advanced work. This truly is gratifying, and now we need to pray that the Lord will be with them and help them in preparing for his service. And may God anoint our eyes that we may see the possibilities of the church work, and then let us lend our hearty cooperation and support in helping to make our schools during the coming year all that the Lord would have them to be.

J. F. WRIGHT.

SOUTHERN UNION WORKER

Funds Received by the Conference 1916

Church	Mem.	Tithe	Tithe Per Cap.	Annual Offering	Harvest Ing.	Mid. Sum.	Missions & Weekly	Sabbath School	20c-a-wk Funds
Ashford	15	\$ 172 77	\$11 52	\$ 1 95	\$ 25	\$	\$ 65	\$ 13 26	\$.021
Birmingham	72	1938 12	26 93	34 72	225 58	18 36	147 27	587 48	.271
Borden Springs	40	204 23	5 10	10 01	21 08	3 71	1 34	27 86	.031
Carbon Hill	9	99 63	11 07				2 50	19 11	.046
Citronelle	10	79 91	7 99				1 71	10 63	.023
Conference	23	808 60	35 15	11 95	37 35	5 00	29 54	126 06	.175
Elkwood	32	94 18	2 94	7 70	7 80	45	50	48 07	.039
Gadsden	13	104 72	8 05	6 00	10 95		7 25	17 91	.062
Individuals		270 19			8 64		11 38	62 51	
Long Island	18	434 48	24 13	19 13	16 60	9 88	18 81	76 94	.151
Lynn Haven	11	335 46	30 49	2 00	3 00			32 45	.065
Marlow	24	108 48	4 52	1 75				25 80	.022
Mobile	35	883 20	30 95	3 82	46 67		5 00	245 97	.165
Montgomery	21	718 90	34 23	4 91	42 15	5 50	5 00	68 23	.115
Santa Rosa	10	41 56	4 15					3 60	.006
Sheffield	20	127 83	6 39	23 85	30 55	50	82	49 02	.100
Silverhill	15	261 08	16 07	7 00	6 50	1 75	18 75	62 90	.124
Stapleton	7	57 40	8 20	2 40				12 72	.041
Totals	375	\$6740.74	\$17 93	\$137 19	\$457 12	\$45 15	\$250 52	\$1490 52	\$.122

O. R. GODSMARK, *Treasurer.*

Funds Received by the Mission for 1916

Church	Mem.	Tithe	Tithe Per Cap.	Annual Offering	Harvest Ing.	Mid. Sum.	Mission & Weekly	Sabbath School	15c-a-wk Funds
Bessemer	15	\$128 08	\$ 8 53	\$ 71	\$ 3 35	\$ 50	\$ 1 56	\$38 32	\$.057
Birmingham	40	394 60	9 86	12 00	6 10	1 15	30 21	139 02	.096
Decatur	9	58 40	6 49		92			12 79	.029
Dothan	20	160 95	8 05		21 53		1 61	35 75	.056
Huntsville	20	208 73	10 44	30	33 03	95	3 58	79 78	.113
Mission and Individuals		36 99			3 00		8 50	12 62	
Mobile	20	130 13	6 51	1 20	28 76		70	30 79	.058
Montgomery	35	306 50	8 75	2 45	35 10		10 63	97 70	.075
Oakwood	56	844 48	15 08	35 37	114 61	11 19	11 86	307 77	.164
Pensacola	40	204 47	5 11		23 40	1 81	3 54	67 85	.046
Sylacauga	25	50 00	2 00	19	3 25	32	1 12	11 54	.012
Totals	265	\$2523 33	\$9 52	\$52 22	\$273 05	\$15 92	\$73 31	\$833 93	.091

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Colporteur's Individual Report for the First Eight Months of 1917

Name	Hours	Value Orders	Value Delivered	Irregular	Miscellaneous	Bibles	Totals 1917	Totals 1916	Gain 1917
G. W. Powers	586	\$1499.90	\$ 94.10	161	40		10402	8787	1615
J. C. Holland	622	1371 40	139 50	267 05			\$15259 53	7955 80	\$7303 73
A. W. Clark	604	1320 45	270 50	43 95			\$3051 75	1443 05	\$1608 70
T. R. Battle	875	1261 95	671 00						
N. H. Waters	529	1040 30	55 50						
T. M. Woodruff	636	993 30	3 50						
Quinnie Tew	999	990 60	166 25						
J. E. Foley	785	951 20	344 60						
U. Bracy	716	867 73	327 95						
H. L. Edwards	621	799 30	139 50						
F. M. Reiber	719	708 85	211 50						
H. W. Jones	692	564 10	89 00						
Robert Cook	465	531 75	36 95						
R. L. Etheredge	390	366 35	93 50						
J. W. Harrison	171	348 50	90 50						
C. A. Stewart	106	347 95	60 50						
B. D. Crawford	373	214 90	39 25						
M. S. Peppers	42	85 50							
E. F. Waters	110	77 35	33 50						
G. W. Brown	162	64 90	11 95						

In giving the above individual report for the first eight months of the year, we do so that you may see how God has prospered the work and blessed faithful efforts. As we review the wonderful work of God, as manifested in the colporteur work this year, our heart wells up in gratitude beyond the expression of words. We want to thank the faithful workers that have gone out into the whitened harvest field with the message-filled books and made this report possible. To Him who giveth the increase be all the praise and glory.

M. L. WILSON.

The Bible is so written "that they who run may read," and that they who read may run.

Kentucky Conference

News Items

Come to camp-meeting. This is the last invitation for this year. September 6-16 is the date. Bring your baggage checks to the camp ground and we will attend to getting your trunks.

Brother Hatton Ford writes that he is having almost a hundred per cent delivery.

At this time our student colporteurs are making their deliveries. Let us pray for them.

Elder Videto has gone to Sand Hill to hold meetings for a week with the church there. He will return at the time of the opening of the camp-meeting.

Elder O. A. Dow is rapidly improving in health and expects to be able to attend the camp-meeting and help some in preparing the camp.

Brother John Thompson reports that one family has accepted the truth as a result of the tent meeting at Woodrow. Others are deeply interested.

We expect to see several of our people at the camp-meeting

who have sold magazines to raise the necessary money. One sister ordering magazines says: "I want to sell them to get the money to go to camp-meeting, for I feel it would be a great help to me."

A man writes: "I am reading your wonderful book, 'Bible Readings for the Home Circle,' and I see that we have been keeping the wrong day for the Sabbath. I want more information, as I want to be saved when Jesus comes."

We regret that the address of the above inquirer is incomplete. The name of N. T. Hendricks was signed to the letter. Any one reading this who can help us out please do so. Freeman was given as the post-office.

Notice

Those coming to the Louisville camp-meeting over the L. & N. lines from the South should buy their tickets and check their baggage to Highland Park station. The camp ground is one-half mile due east from this station.

Those coming from other places can buy a ticket from Louisville depot to Highland station for ten cents and check their baggage. We will look after the baggage for all coming to the meeting.

Colporteurs' Report

Week Ending August 25

		ALABAMA CONFERENCE		Value		Helps		Total	Deliv.
Book	Hrs.	Ords.							
R J Cook	BF	50	28	\$51 00	\$ 5 00			\$56 00	\$
R L Etheredge	BF	10	2	4 00				4 00	7 00
J W Harrison	BR	34	13	47 50				47 50	
J C Holland	BR	51	29	108 50	3 75			112 25	7 00
M S Peppers	BR	29	12	56 00	5 00			61 00	
G W Powers	BF	24	41	82 00	1 95			83 95	
Q Tew	HM	45	13	35 50				35 50	
N H Waters	BR	52	27	100 50		60		101 10	
Totals (Agts. 8)		295	165	\$485 00	\$16 30	\$501 30		\$14 00	

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Arthur Owens	BR	34	20	\$72 00	\$ 5 50			\$77 50	\$ 1 25
Elsie Tatman	BR	16							75 55
Alex Perry	BR	37	16	72 00				72 00	
Alonzo Ramey	BR	31	11	40 50				40 50	
J H Clark	BF	30	54	130 00				130 00	
R B Rowe	D&R	28	30	101 50				101 50	16 00
C T Schwarz	BF	19	19	30 50				30 50	
W Martain	D&R	31	3	4 70	4 00			8 70	4 65
R J Hyatt	BF	19	4	10 50	4 25			14 75	
Jesse E Miller	D&R	35	8	31 00	10 00			41 00	4 75
Felia Pierce	BR	42							133 50
W H White	BR	37	13	47 50	3 00			50 50	75
Lee Page	BR	18	17	65 50				65 50	
Andy Schroader	BR	40	17	61 50	1 45			62 95	75
Totals (Agts. 14)		417	212	\$667 20	\$28 20	\$695 40		\$237 20	

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

J Harzman	BF	43	28	\$42 50	\$ 3 60			\$46 10	\$58 00
L E Wilson	BR	29	9	35 50				35 50	
J B Hardy	BR	18	13	52 50				52 50	
M B Wilson	BR	33	7	26 50				26 50	
R R Coble	BR	43	31	119 50				119 50	
F W Schmehl	BR	33	16	58 00				58 00	
M S Hubbell		44				44 50		44 50	
Bibles				14 30				14 30	5 50
Totals (Agts. 7)		243	104	\$348 80	\$48 10	\$396 90		\$63 50	

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Emily Billups	D&R	32	24	\$84 00	\$ 5 25			\$89 25	
Drue Bowen	BR	42	36	151 00				7 00	158 00
Henry Balsbaugh	BR	25	11	43 50				75	44 25
L M Campbell	BR	49	19	66 50				5 25	71 75
W E Covington	D&R	61	25	81 50				4 00	85 50
Perthia Hampton	HM	57	17	55 50				6 05	61 55
Lou J McElroy	D&R	32	29	103 00				5 50	108 50
Beauford Staton	BG	39	25	115 50				3 50	119 00
E-A Taylor	BR	32	21	76 50				2 00	78 50
Annie B Watts	PF	28						8 80	8 80
Totals (Agts. 10)		397	207	\$777 00	\$48 10	\$825 10			

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Jesse Allen	BR	41	26	\$106 00	\$10 00			\$116 00	\$ 8 50
Chalmer Chastain	BR	38	19	69 50	3 25			72 75	1 75
Cecil Graves	BR	24	12	45 00				75	45 75
R H Hazelton	BR	32	13	46 50				1 50	48 00
W J Keele	D&R	43	16	62 00	18 00			80 00	12 75
Mrs Mae Keele								7 50	7 50
Cleve Smith	D&R	46	10	38 00				38 00	31 00
H G Miller	D&R	54	10	35 00	7 50			42 50	3 75
Mrs Mollie Miller		9	6		4 50			4 50	5 25
J H Parrott	D&R	8	11	48 50				1 75	50 25
M Wheeler	D&R	55	54	224 00	1 35			225 35	6 85
M Wheeler (Bibles)				13 50				13 50	
Totals (Agts. 12)		350	177	\$688 00	\$56 10	\$744 10		\$77 35	

G'd Totals (A. 51) 1702 865 \$2966 00 \$196 80 \$3162 80 \$392 05

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference	11173	\$14673 10	\$ 702 00	\$15375 10
Kentucky Conference	10961	17744 40	1168 56	18912 96
Louisiana Conference	4756	12023 60	221 30	12244 90
Mississippi Conference	10431	27056 75	1575 67	28632 42
Tenn. River Conference	9051	12362 65	1611 35	13974 00
Totals	36372	\$83860 50	\$5278 88	\$89139 38

* Two weeks.

