



SOUTHERN UNION WORKER

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

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Workers' Meeting

A meeting of the white ministers and Bible workers will be held in Birmingham, Ala., December 18-23. The first meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday evening, the eighteenth, in the church. It may be, however, that all will not be able to be there at the first of the meeting, and should any be unable to reach the city before nine or ten o'clock at night, they should make special arrangements to be met at the train. No one will be considered tardy if the train service is such as to prevent attendance at this first meeting, but it is expected that every worker will be at the meeting the next morning at nine o'clock.

Directions as to how to reach the place of worship, arrangements for entertainment, and other particulars will be given in the next number of this paper.

S. E. WIGHT.

The Higher Law

The young man who had been examining the row of shining instruments that lined the operating room turned abruptly to the surgeon.

"Of course you do not believe in the foolishness called prayer," he said.

"And why not?" the surgeon asked as he held a delicate instrument critically to the light.

"What! A man with your scientific training!" the younger man exclaimed in surprise.

"And why not?" the keen-faced elderly man repeated.

"Oh, come now, doctor," the young man said, smiling. "Surely you cannot believe that God would upset all the laws of nature to grant the request of some one of his creatures. You know how inexorable are the laws of nature."

"That's exactly why I believe so strongly in the efficacy of prayer." The words were spoken quietly but with evident seriousness.

"Explain the riddle, please," the other demanded, and his manner was grave now.

"Why, that's easy enough to do," the surgeon said. "Prayer—or rather faith, which is the motive of prayer—is just as much a force of nature as gravity. The skeptics seem to think that if a prayer were answered all the laws of nature would be smashed to pieces. That is not necessarily the case. Let me illustrate: Why does this instrument that I hold in my hand not fall to the floor?"

"Why, because you are sustaining it?"

"Exactly. And yet the law of gravitation is not wrecked or denied. It is merely superseded for the moment by a higher law—the law of life.

"Now as we ascend in nature we find this—the basic laws of a higher plane have just this power of overruling some of the laws of the lower plane.

"Gravity is the great law of the inorganic world. It is still a law in the organic world, but the great law of the organic world—the law of life—is superior to it. The plant thrusts

its stem upward in the face of gravity; man walks about in defiance of it.

"Then why may there not be a law in the next plane of nature—the spiritual—that, just as naturally, supersedes some of the laws of the organic world? The plant reaches down into the inorganic world, and grasping the dead atoms there, endows them with life and the ability to rise superior to the force of gravity. May not the spiritual world do as much for the material world without outraging a single law of nature?"

"Why—why, I guess it could," the young man stammered. "It not only could—it does!" the surgeon declared emphatically.

"Then there is something in prayer after all?"

"The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," the doctor quoted. "I tell you, my friend, prayer changes things."

And the young man knew from the light on the older man's face that here was one man at least for whom prayer had changed things—many things.—*The Youth's Companion.*

An Experience

After Brother Curtis, the church elder, moved from Centerville to the State of Oregon, the little company left at Centerville became very much discouraged. No one was left to take charge of the meetings. At one time this had been a very prosperous church, but nearly all of the male members had either gone into the colporteur work or were in college. Others had moved away, so that at the time of this story the church was largely composed of women. It is true that Brother Harrison, the deacon, still remained, but he was growing old and infirm, and troubled as he was with rheumatism, he was very often unable to attend the church services at all.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign was being pushed vigorously in most of the churches, and in due time the conference worker in charge of the work in the district where Centerville was located, arrived at that church. His stirring appeals were not without effect. The members of the church were impressed to do something to place the Harvest Ingathering special, so filled with good things, in the homes of the people and solicit means for missions.

After the service was over Sisters Grey and Smith went home with Brother and Sister Harrison. Their manner proved unmistakably how deeply they felt about the matter, but the subject was not broached until dinner had been served. Then Brother Harrison said, "Well, wife, what shall we do?" and she answered, "Well, I don't know." Then Sister Grey said, "Well, I don't see how I can go on Monday morning, for I always do my washing on that day." And Sister Smith said, "Well," and then seemed lost in thought.

Monday came, bright and sunny. The conference worker was on time to meet those who were going out. To his great dismay only two came and little was accomplished. The missionary cause was languishing in Centerville that day.

Weeks passed, and the time came for the week of prayer. When Brother Harrison tried to arrange for meetings every day, excuses were offered by different ones as to why they could not attend regularly. At last Brother Harrison said, "Well, what shall we do?" Then followed the usual "wells" and "whys," and at last one sister said that she did not see how she was going to give an annual offering at any rate. Her garden had been a failure. Others, emboldened by her words, expressed themselves likewise.

At this critical moment a little girl came into the church. Before her mother's death the child had lived in the neighborhood. It was a bitter cold morning. Her face and hands were blue with cold. She put out her thin hands and pleaded, "I want to see my father." "But your father is not here," they told her.

"I know he is not here, he is in the State prison, but can't you take me to him? I must see him. I have something for him." Such pleading could not be refused. Sisters Grey and Auburn decided to go with her to the prison only a few blocks away, while the others would remain until they returned.

The name presented to the warden of the prison was one of a life convict, a notoriously bad man. He took them in and sent for the child's father. The man came, hard, sullen, angry, with no word of welcome for the little child who waited tremblingly in front of him.

Bursting into tears, she cried out, "I—I—came to see you, father. This—this is Johnnie's birthday. I—I—thought maybe you'd be glad to see me today. Ain't you glad, father?"

"Johnnie's birthday!" His head dropped. The hard look was going out of his face, his eyes were moistening.

His little girl went on, "I—I—bring you something, father. It was all I could think of, and all I could get. I live at the poor house now." Unwrapping the bit of soft white paper in her hand, she held out a shining curl of yellow hair, carefully tied with a bit of old ribbon. "I wouldn't give this to anybody but you, father. You used to truly, really love little Johnnie. Mother said you did—and so—"

The man fell on his knees with both hands clasped over his face.

"I did love him," he said, hoarsely. "I love him still, bad as I am, I love him still." "I know it," said the child, going closer: "and I knowed you'd like this, now that Johnnie's dead."

"Dead! dead!" wailed the broken-hearted man, rocking to and fro, still on his knees with his hands over his face. "My little boy!"

"Yes," said the child, "he died in the poor house last week, and there's no one left but me now. But I ain't going to forget you, father; I'm going to stick right by you, spite of what folks say, and some day maybe I can get you out of here. I'm going to try."

Sin, hate, anger, and sullenness were no match for love like that, and the man threw out his arms and gathered the little one to his breast and kissed her again and again as though his lips were hungry for love. All the sullenness of his heart gave way, and with it the hopelessness and the awful bitterness, and the two, clasped in each other's arms, wept and prayed together. And when an hour later the child bade him good-by, there were tears on both faces; but there was a new love in one heart and on one face that smiled back into his daughter's face and sent her away a joyful little girl.

This most touching experience brought conviction to the hearts of Sisters Grey and Auburn. They almost ran back to the little church, so eager were they to tell what they had seen in the prison. It fired the hearts of all present to do something worth while for the Master. The long-neglected papers were brought from their dusty shelves. Eager hands were held out for them as they were divided. Earnest prayers, such as had not been heard at Centerville church for many a day, ascended

as sweet incense to the Father's throne, and success came, as it always comes, to the earnest, consecrated worker. The week of prayer meetings and the Harvest Ingathering campaign were united in that church that year. Experiences were related that brought new life and courage to all. In all, \$55.65 was collected by the twelve members for the papers, and this amount was raised to \$75 when the annual offering was received.

The little child who led them did not return to the poor house, but was given a comfortable home, and during the years that followed the little church at Centerville was united in working and praying to advance God's cause in the earth.

"Thy people shall be willing, in the day of thy power."

M. LUKENS.

Southern Junior College

News Notes from Collegedale

An interesting program was rendered at the Southern Junior College Sunday evening, November 18. Among the musical numbers were selections by the Watchman Quartet, a vocal solo by Miss Gradye Brooke, also a piano duet by Misses Velma Ward and Alsie Gray, and a piano solo by Mr. Albert J. Weaver. Misses Ruth Hale and Eloise Hoskins favored us with several readings. Elder W. H. Branson, president of the Southeastern Union Conference; Elder S. E. Wight, president of the Southern Union Conference; Prof. L. H. Wood, educational secretary of the Southern Union Conference; and Mr. W. A. Harvey, superintendent of the Southern Publishing Association, gave short talks which were much appreciated by the students. The note of courage expressed in their talks was reflected in the enthusiasm of the students.

Elders S. E. Wight and W. H. Branson; Professors L. H. Wood, J. A. Tucker, and Floyd Bralliar; and Brethren G. H. Curtis, W. E. Abernathy, W. A. Harvey, J. L. McConaughy, and H. L. Morphew were visitors at the college this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnson and baby from Reeves, Ga., spent Sabbath with Professor and Mrs. Marshall.

Elder S. E. Wight spoke to the Collegedale church Sabbath, November 17. He also met with the Southern Union Conference students in the afternoon, and gave them words of advice and encouragement.

Mr. Charles Cramer, of Woodlawn, La., is a recent arrival at the Southern Junior College. We are glad to welcome him back to our school.

Mr. Alfred Bolinger was called to his home in Birmingham, Ala., the past week on account of the serious illness of his mother. Mr. V. B. Highsmith has also been called away from the school.

The car of wheat donated to the college by Brother A. D. Hankins, of Loveland, Colo., arrived this week. A small granary has been built in which to store it. We certainly appreciate the substantial way in which Brother Hankins has expressed his interest in our work.

The new *Watchman* will be greatly improved. Prof. Arthur W. Spalding has now been added to the editorial staff of *The Watchman* and will furnish the following series: "The Ship of Doom," a narrative in story form of the days of Noah, emphasizing war and bloodshed; "The Last Night in Sodom," also in story form, with an application to the Capital and Labor problem today; "The Opening of the Two-Leaved Gates," in story form, referring to the capture of ancient Babylon, and emphasizing corrupt religion; and "Monuments of Mammon," the scene of which is laid in a large modern city. The latter will be a climax capping the three previous articles. These articles will carry special illustration features, and should be widely circulated. How many copies have you ordered?

Alabama Conference

Honor Roll

BIRMINGHAM

A. L. Miller	Mrs. Newsome
Mrs. W. R. McLure	Mrs. Clara Miller*****
M. L. Wilson	Mrs. M. L. Wilson
Mrs. C. D. Elford	Mrs. J. L. Kelley
Mrs. J. R. Whitaker	E. E. Spencer
Mrs. Belle Ash	F. J. Rowland

MOBILE

Miss Anna Hornung	Mrs. Walpole
Miss Frida Olson	

HUNTSVILLE

C. A. Powers	Emma Brandon
Classie Powers	Bessie Powers
Emmet McCoy	G. W. Powers

PENSACOLA

C. A. Wilson*

BIRMINGHAM No. 2

Miss Delia Wilson	Miss J. R. Allison
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GADSDEN

Mrs. D. G. Cotton

CONFERENCE

Mrs. D. C. Fuller	
Mrs. Freckhoffer	Mrs. E. E. Spencer
Mrs. T. J. Hoskins*	Mrs. Lovell
Miss Eloise Hoskins****	

BESSEMER

R. J. Cook

DOTHAN

C. A. Blackwood

MONTGOMERY

J. F. Dennis	Mrs. H. O. Williams
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News Items

Brother F. W. Halladay, writing from the Oakwood school, states that they have been very busy beginning their school work, harvesting crops, etc. The school has set its goal for the Harvest Ingathering campaign at \$150. From past experience we are confident that the Oakwood Junior College will reach its goal before the end of the year. Names will soon begin to appear on the Honor Roll from Oakwood.

Brother E. W. Jones living at Demopolis sends substantial payments of tithe, asking that the Mobile church receive credit for the same.

Church school books and supplies were sent to the following this past week: Sister Bertha B. Halladay, of Oakwood Junior College; Sister Ruth Williams, of Elkwood; and Elder T. B. Buckner, of Talladega. The reports from the different church schools are very encouraging and show that real progress is being made.

Brother C. P. Odell, of Fairhope, renews his subscription for the *Signs Weekly*, *Signs Magazine*, and *Liberty Magazine* for the coming year. Brother Odell is taking advantage of the present prices and will not have to pay the increased price which goes into effect the first of the year. Save money by ordering your periodicals immediately.

A note from Brother Q. Tew states that the past week he delivered 100 per cent of his orders. He also states that he feels like giving three cheers for the book work in Alabama.

Brother J. C. Holland completed his delivery, having earned more than a scholarship, and then spent a few days visiting his

parents in Luverne. Brother Holland enjoyed his visit home after having been absent for many months.

It seems that nothing will stop the colporteurs in their work in Alabama. It is not very often that such experiences as Brother R. L. Etheredge relates come our way, but they help to make us appreciate the better times which we are experiencing. Brother Etheredge writes that in making his delivery he broke his buggy, had to ride a mule for several days, and finally had to complete his delivery on foot, over the mountains, but yet his remittances show that his delivery was a successful one.

Kentucky Conference

Sewellton and Correll

When I arrived at Sewellton Elder Dow had been holding meetings there for about a week. The meetings had been well advertised and there was a good interest manifested. During the meeting nine adults took their stand for the truth, and eight were added to the church. There is still a good interest at Sewellton, and I hope it will not be long before we can hold another series of meetings there and add a number to the church.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign was presented to the church, and considerable enthusiasm was manifested. Besides regular soliciting with the paper, the church members were planning to gather chestnuts and walnuts to ship in on this effort. They were also expecting to send in some navy beans.

Before leaving that section I stopped to see Brother C. E. Sherer, at Denmark, and Brother P. D. Compton, at Crocus, some sixty miles from the railroad. I found these brethren of good courage.

Mr. J. B. Bernard took Brother Dow and me to Correll in his machine. We stopped a short time in Monticello to see Sister Maggie Carnes. After a short visit and prayer with her we went on. The last fourteen miles or so of the road were so bad that Mr. Bernard after going a few miles asked to be excused from going farther. So we left our satchels in a house and walked the last seven miles to Brother James New's home at Correll. Most of the men we expected to see were away from home, and some other interested people were sick, so we left next morning. I returned to Louisville, and Brother Dow went to Somerset, where he stopped to see some interested people. From there he expects to make a number of other visits.

R. I. KEATE.

Harvest Ingathering Rally

The Sabbath service of November 17 in the Louisville white church was given to a rally on the Harvest Ingathering campaign. A number spoke. It was an interesting service. The two thousand papers that Brother Davis had ordered were all spoken for, and more were desired. Plans were laid for a party to go into the business section that night to do Harvest Ingathering on the streets. Ten went. A couple of these were children, but in a little over two hours they gathered in \$31.67. A few others were out in the afternoon and they had collected about \$17 more, making a total of about \$50 gathered by thirteen people in a few hours in one day.

Brethren and sisters, there are unlimited possibilities in the campaign, so do let us put our best efforts into it. This is the Lord's work, and the crying need of the world for this message and the grand opportunity we have of answering that need are both demanding that we answer the call of the hour by sacrifice and service.

What excuse will you give the Lord if you fail to do your best?

R. I. KEATE.

Those who live by "every word of God" find every good word and promise fulfilled to them personally.

Honor Roll

LOCKPORT \$18.00

Mrs. Bettie Wallace C. L. Hornung
Mary Aldridge

CONFERENCE CHURCH \$57.91

J. P. Salmon* Mrs. M. E. Cannon
Mrs. E. F. Monohan Mrs. Lee Page
Jesse E. Miller

LEXINGTON (WHITE) \$57.24

Mrs. B. E. Wagner** Mr. B. E. Wagner*
Sister Steele* Sister Tyrer
Brother A. Tyrer Mrs. T. O. Bivins*

LOUISVILLE \$503.07

James Hickman*** Mrs. C. Heinig*
Mrs. McNabb*****
James McNabb John McNabb
R. I. Keate** G. A. Davis*
Miss Woodie Hollis Mrs. M. Ewald*
Mrs. Toops** Mrs. Hornung
Mrs. A. Todd** Chas. McNabb
Mrs. Lizzie Hollis Mrs. S. D. Bossing
Mrs. E. Glenn* Mrs. Burton Castle
Mrs. M. Lucas Mrs. L. Schickli
Miss Anna Hornung Mrs. F. Martin
Mrs. Geo. Young Mrs. John Wilhelm*
Walter Pfund Mrs. Leona Schrader*
Mrs. E. Banks Theodore Kroeger
Miss Gladys Clark Miss Edna Kroeger*
Mrs. C. Meyer John Hornung
Mrs. R. I. Keate Mrs. L. Hess*
Miss Ethel Wascom Burton Castle

DAVISVILLE \$22.88

Mary Ramey* Lytha Ramey*

LOUISVILLE (COLORED) \$121.85

Chestnut St. Church

Julia Williams*** George Slaughter*
Margaret Miles* Mrs. L. Steele
Dora Wages* Wm. Fort*
Mrs. Ada Fort Mrs. Jannie Faris
Elder Campbell

LEXINGTON (COLORED) \$35.00

Dr. Mary Britton Mrs. Ella Brown
Mary Taylor Mrs. Ada Saulter

LOUISVILLE, SHELBY ST. (COLORED) \$4.45

OWENSBORO (COLORED) \$17.50

Mildred Lewis Cora Winston
Wm. Winston

FORD \$46.50

D. R. Allman Mrs. Lucy A. White

TRI CITY \$45

Mrs. Edith Johnson Elder Dow
Mrs. O. A. Dow* Garnett Webster

BOWLING GREEN \$7.00

Mrs. T. A. Potter

SEWELLTON \$8.12

HARTFORD \$6.05

HENDERSON \$1.75

GROVE \$5.45

The following churches have not yet reported anything for the Harvest Ingathering campaign: Locust Branch, Powder Mills, Sand Hill, and Bowling Green (colored).

News Items

One of the students writing from Davisville says, "We are having a fine school here."

Brother Hickman reports two new colporteurs just starting in the field work.

Brother Ramey has just finished a delivery of books and has had excellent success.

Elder Keate was in the city over Sabbath and Sunday. He reports considerable activity along Harvest Ingathering lines.

Brother O. R. Staines, our newly elected home missionary secretary for the Southern Union, spent a day or two at the office. With Elder Keate he is visiting some of the churches in the interests of the work which he represents.

A Bible training class has been started in Louisville under the direction of Sister R. I. Keate. The object of this class is to train those who are anxious to give Bible readings to their friends and neighbors. There seems to be no limit to the number of openings there are in this city for such workers.

Elder J. M. Campbell is giving stereopticon lectures Sunday evenings at the Louisville (Chestnut St.) church. The subject last Sunday evening was "The Law." Quite a number not of our faith are attending regularly.

Brother Keitts writes from Lexington: "Our work is moving along nicely. One person united with the church last Sunday evening. There are others who are interested. . . . We are pushing the Harvest Ingathering work. . . . We shall endeavor to do our part in winning souls for the coming kingdom."

Sister Una Patent says: "I walked four miles, and in three hours sold twenty-five "World War" and solicited \$4.40 Harvest Ingathering money. I hope to raise \$15."

Sister Ellen Graham, of Nicholasville, sends in money for the Harvest Ingathering work and writes: "I surely enjoy working for the Lord. I am praying that the Lord will give me the privilege of leading many souls to the light."

Brother Brownlie sends this cheering report from Davisville: "You will be pleased to know that two of our members have reached their goal. Mary Ramey has secured \$10.13, and Lytha Ramey \$10.10. They went about twenty miles from here to do it, but where there is a will there is usually a way."

Sister Mary Ramey tells of a very encouraging experience in the following words: "We have had some good experiences in the Harvest Ingathering work. I will tell you one that I had. While I was at the depot one night before I had reached my goal I thought of trying to solicit some of the people who were there, as there were quite a number in the depot. But I just felt so tired I decided to keep my seat. Very soon a lady from whom I had received an offering a few years ago came in. I did not know her, but she remembered my coming to her house. She came over and sat down by me and said a few words and then dropped fifty cents into my hand. I was surprised and asked her if she gave the money to me. She said 'yes,' and that she did not know where it was going but felt that it would go for a good purpose somewhere. I thank the Lord for the good experiences I have had while out in this work and for his keeping power."

Brother R. L. Pierce tells us that orders have already been received for over 1,120,000 of the Harvest Ingathering *Watchman*, and orders are still coming in for from two to five thousand copies per day.

BURTON CASTLE

Report of Harvest Ingathering Work for Week Ending Nov. 17, 1917

Total amount to date \$965.35.

Above is the amount raised by churches and a list of those whose names are on the Honor Roll. Each name represents \$5 and each star an additional \$5.

"Politeness is like an air cushion; there may be nothing in it, but it eases the jolts wonderfully."

Magazine and Present Truth Sales

SEPTEMBER 1917

Name	No. Copies	Amount
Jones	150	\$15 00
Gatton	50	5 00
Hess	50	5 00
Kentucky Tract Society	16100	90 00
Totals	16350	\$115 00

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Jones	225	\$22 50
Hess	20	2 00
Gatton	100	10 00
Taylor	10	1 00
Tatman	5	50
Potter	105	63
Kentucky Tract Society	50	5 00
Totals	515	\$41 63

With the Colporteurs

Brother Hickman reports \$80.25 in orders for seventeen hours' work.

Brother Warren Judson is making a delivery and says: "I find the people ready to take the books."

Brother Wilhelm visited the office Sunday and told us he found so many good Christian people who were anxious for the books that he was sorry when the end of the week came.

Brother Rowe has been having some interesting and thrilling experiences which he promises to relate for us in the very near future. From another source we learn that by request he spoke twice in a Methodist church last week.

Brother Miller writes: "I surely need your prayers in this county. The people, like the roads, are all very poor." While showing his book to a carpenter, the scaffolding upon which he had climbed suddenly gave way and Brother Miller suffered a painful accident. We are sorry for him, but if he got the order he will be partially repaid for his bruises.

Brother Hickman is starting a new recruit in the work this week, Brother Gaevort by name. Brother Gaevort is an artist and has been drawing a good salary at his profession, but has decided to take up field work. We wish him good success.

BURTON CASTLE.

The Work at Lockport

No doubt our brethren and sisters have been wondering how the work at Lockport is progressing. Since I have been here I have been following up an interest for miles around this country. It seems that God is surely searching out the honest in heart. Many people are interested in the truth and are manifesting inquiring minds as to the truths of the Bible.

The Lord has opened up the way for us to hold meetings in a church in a neighboring town, for which we are thankful.

I must not forget to tell you about our church school. This is the first one ever organized here. The public schools in the country seem to have been a complete failure. This has led the people to want to send their children to our school. We have eleven pupils, two of them from a home where the parents have not yet accepted the Sabbath. Many other people want to send their children, but we find it impossible to take them.

The children are all enjoying their work and are getting along very well. The people are watching us closely, especially to see if our school will be a success. One man has told one of our brethren that he would give us just six weeks to see our school

close. Surely we can see how hard Satan is working to undermine the work of God's people.

Let us pray that God will give us strength and wisdom to carry on his work in this place.

L. E. CHRISTMAN.

Louisiana Conference

Honor Roll

SHREVEPORT No. 1

Elder W. P. McLennan*****

T. S. Sligh F. W. Schmehl

M. S. Hubbell L. B. Spear

Mrs. A. H. McLennan

LAKE CHARLES

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

CONFERENCE

Mrs. J. W. Swimm** Mrs. J. H. Miller***

William Watson C. B. Dunham

NEW ORLEANS No. 1

Elder J. A. Morrow***** Elder C. N. Sanders*

Mrs. C. N. Sanders***** Mrs. Emma L. Morrow

Mrs. May Ulmer* C. B. Caldwell

A. Covert* Mrs. J. B. Collie*

Dr. A. K. Brown Edward Cain*

ALEXANDRIA

Mrs. H. W. Sellers J. H. Shasky**

Mrs. J. H. Shasky**

SHREVEPORT No. 2

Lacotte Green** R. Roberts*

Mary Roberts

NEW ORLEANS No. 2

E. Z. Schemell

News Items

Two new members were united to the New Orleans church No. 1 Sabbath, November 18, by baptism. One of them was a pupil in the church school.

Elder J. H. Lawrence, the union mission evangelist, is at present in New Orleans in the interest of the work there.

R. Roberts, of the Shreveport No. 2 church, is spending a few days in New Orleans.

Report comes from Elder Frank that the tent meetings at Fullerton are being fairly well attended.

A series of meetings has recently been opened at Plain Dealing by Elder McLennan.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Snow, who have been laboring in Honduras for the past eight years, recently spent a few days in New Orleans while on their way to Oregon.

Immorality of Debt

It has been a wonder to us why more emphasis is not put by preachers and moralists on debt paying. It is seldom referred to as a Christian obligation. We have even heard of churches that did not pay their preachers. If a member of a church was notoriously guilty of transgressing the commandment "Thou shalt not steal," he would, for the good name of the church, be disciplined. The fellow who continuously and deliberately takes others' goods and does not pay practically violates that commandment.—Sibley Tribune.

Mississippi Conference

Honor Roll

JACKSON	
Mrs. Ida Harrell	Mrs. Offut
VICKSBURG	
Mrs. Henry Balsbaugh	Henry Balsbaugh
CONFERENCE	
Mrs. Ethel Warren	Mrs. B. W. Watson
Mrs. J. N. McLeod	

Something for You

It will give you a good thought each morning.
 It will lead you to the Bible.
 It will guide you in systematic Bible study.
 It will teach you what the Christian life is.
 It will teach you how to live it.
 It will admit you to a world-wide prayer circle.
 It will invite you to pray.
 It will give you a place to record your daily missionary work.
 It will tell you when the sun sets each Friday.
 It will be a friend worth having.
 Do not try to get along without it.
 Its name is the Morning Watch Calendar.
 Five cents brings it to you. M. V. DEPARTMENT.

Tennessee River Conference

Honor Roll

\$5 OR MORE

NASHVILLE No. 1

James Bellinger	Mrs. M. J. Shockley
Mrs. James Bellinger	W. A. Harvey*****
M. F. Knox****	W. R. Elliott**
R. L. Pierce*****	
H. A. Varney	F. E. Pfeiffer*
Mrs. L. O. Moore	Mrs. James Haggard
Miss Anna Adams	Mrs. Fred Robert
Mrs. W. F. Alexander	Church School Children
J. W. Hoover	Mrs. J. W. Hoover

HAZEL

J. R. Kennedy***

JACKSON

Mrs. H. E. Howell S. J. Fry

PADUCAH

I. C. Pound	Mrs. I. C. Pound*
Mrs. C. C. Fetty	Thelma Hough

NASHVILLE No. 2

Lillian Harlins	Maggie Nicholson
Mrs. Garrett	Mrs. J. G. Dasent
Almetta Davis*	Mary Williams*
Alex Hyde	Frances Taylor
Tennie Abbey	Robert Wilson
Miss E. P. Berry	

Sabbath School Report for Quarter Ending September 30

Church	Mem.	Ave. Att.	13th Sab.	Total to Miss.	Ave. Per Mem.
Alexandria	10	10	\$ 4 77	\$16 73	\$ 1 67
Algiers No. 2	35	22	1 48	8 55	24
DeRidder	14	12	3 15	20 44	1 46
DeQuincy	17	12	2 00	11 33	67
Fullerton	17	13	1 98	11 20	66
Hobart	14	17	3 12	11 07	79
Hammond	21	16	1 41	23 49	1 11
Hammond No. 2	42	28	6 48	18 23	43
Lake Charles	28	22	9 21	24 94	82
Lena Station	4	4	1 00	3 66	91
Mansfield	23	18	5 00	18 03	78
Newellton No. 2	14	11	1 00	5 19	36
New Orleans	94	64	36 28	155 37	1 65
New Orleans No. 2	96	56	12 01	24 04	25
Ringgold	11	11	10 30	22 49	2 04
Sugartown	13	12	1 49	6 34	48
Seale	15	7	55	3 00	20
Shreveport	48	28	13 00	63 35	1 32
Shreveport No. 2	23	19	8 16	23 82	1 04
Welsh	21	19	10 83	29 90	1 42
Home Department	31	31	6 00	22 62	72

Totals 591 432 \$139 22 \$523 87 \$ 89

MRS. EMMA L. MORROW.

Harvest Ingathering Report Week Ending November 17

CONFERENCE

Church	Previous report	This Week	Total To Date
Ashland City	no report in 6 weeks		
Bon Aqua	no report in 6 weeks		
Cedar Grove	no report in 6 weeks		
Fountain Head	\$ 5 00	\$	\$ 5 00
Goodlettsville	no report in 6 weeks		
Hazel	23 42	51 58	75 00
Hustburg	11 30	25	11 55
Jackson	15 45	3 50	18 95
Lane	2 00		2 00
Lawrenceburg	8 00	1 20	9 20
Leach	13	4 78	4 91
Madison	no report in 6 weeks		
Memphis	no report in 6 weeks		
Nashville	469 55	95 00	564 55
Paducah	40 00		40 00
Springville	71		71
Trezevant	no report in 6 weeks		

Totals \$575 55 \$156 31 \$731 86

MISSION

Nashville	\$90 18	\$25 00	\$125 18
Memphis	26 94		26 94
Jackson	no report in 6 weeks		

Totals \$117 12 \$25 00 \$132 12
 Grand total \$863 98

"Higher education is an experimental knowledge of the plan of salvation, and this knowledge is secured by earnest and diligent study of the Scriptures."

Funds Remitted to the Southern Union Conference for Ten Months Ending November 1, 1917

CONFERENCE

Sabbath school offerings	\$2880 11
Weekly	3 40
Missions	699 24
Annual offerings	4 78
Midsummer offering	128 39
Weekly offering	92
Borneo offering	53 90
Harvest Ingathering	189 81
Total mission offerings	\$3960 55
Amount required for the year	7269 60

Net shortage for white membership \$3309 05

MISSION

Sabbath school	\$483 92
Weekly offerings	1 10
Mid-summer offering	9 75
Harvest Ingathering	67 05
Total mission offerings	\$561 82
Amount required for the year	936 00

Net shortage for the colored membership .. \$374 18

Net shortage for the entire conference \$3683 23

Comparative Tithe Report for Two Years

	1916	1917
January	\$ 988 55	\$ 641 75
February	655 33	1349 84
March	760 67	1200 34
April	974 73	1035 67
May	681 33	782 12
June	1008 25	1441 71
July and August	1551 20	2019 12
September	877 34	1325 84
October	1019 30	832 87
November	975 30	
December	1931 83	
Gross	\$11417 83	\$10629 26
Hazel Adjustment	84 83	
Net Tithe	\$11333 00	
1917 tithe — ten months	\$10629 26	
1916 tithe — ten months	8510 70	
Gain	\$2118 56	

According to the above schedule, we will pass by some \$2,000 last year's tithe record. This is indeed a good indication of the progress being made in our field.

Periodicals

Let our periodicals be devoted to the publication of living, earnest matter. Let every article be full of practical, elevating, ennobling thoughts, thoughts that will give to the reader help and light and strength.—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VII, page 155.

Let our periodicals contain no sharp thrusts, no bitter criticisms or cutting sarcasm.—*Id.*

Colporteurs' Report

Week Ending November 17

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
Hatton Ford*	BF	50	65	\$112 50	\$	\$112 50	\$
Edward Whittier*	BR	82	85	313 50	1 75	315 25	
Jeff Hickman	BR	2	5	21 50		21 50	3 50
R J Hyatt	BF	45	6	12 25	8 00	20 25	34 10
E Harp	BF	28	20	36 50	1 50	38 00	1 50
Jno W Wilhelm	BR	32	20	74 00	8 50	82 50	7 00

Totals (Agts. 6). 239 202 \$570 25 \$19 75 \$590 00 \$46 10

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Jas Turner	BR	30	12	\$43 50	\$	\$43 50	\$
R R Coble	BR	28	24	88 00		88 00	
M B Wilson	BR	48					176 50
John Harzman	BF	10					41 50
M S Hubbell	Misc	39			100 00	100 00	
Bibles				8 05		8 05	7 10

Totals (Agts. 5). 155 36 \$139 55 \$100 00 \$239 55 \$225 10

Henry Balsbaugh	BF, BR	29	7	\$16 50	\$ 2 00	\$18 50	\$ 2 00
Drue Bowen	BR	39					218 50
WE Covington	D&R	26			25	25	40 50
A L Hamm	D&R	48			12 00	12 00	421 50
Perthia Hampton	PF	50			1 20	1 20	111 75
Beauford Staton	BR	31			6 00	6 00	168 00
Virgil Smith	BR	40			1 25	1 25	253 00
E A Taylor	BR	45			50	50	169 50

Totals (Agts. 8). 308 7 \$16 50 \$23 20 \$39 70 \$1384 75

TENNESSEE RIVER CONFERENCE

Paul Keele	D&R	23	2	\$ 7 00	\$ 2 75	\$ 9 75	\$46 25
J N Womack	BF	30	25	39 50		39 50	
Mae Keele	Helps	13		19 75		19 75	6 80
R Y Howard	BR	33	14	49 00	25	49 25	15 25
R H Hazelton	BR	40	10	35 00	50	35 50	
Mollie Miller	Helps	7	3	2 50		2 50	1 50
Wm J Keele	D&R	47		145 50		145 50	35 00
W D Wade	BR	8	5				19 50

Totals (Agts. 8). 201 59 \$298 25 \$3 50 \$301 75 \$124 30

G'd Totals (A. 27) 903 304 \$1024 55 \$143 45 \$1171 00 \$1780 25

Summary to Date

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total
Alabama Conference	13921	\$17498 75	\$ 964 65	\$18463 40
Kentucky Conference	14053	22491 35	1752 01	24243 36
Louisiana Conference	6882	14696 60	720 85	15417 45
Mississippi Conference	13130	29377 80	1964 42	31342 22
Tenn. River Conference	11111	14904 00	1842 50	16746 50

Totals 58897 \$98968 50 \$7244 43 \$106212 93

"Impatient people," says Spurgeon, in a word of homely wisdom, "water their miseries and hoe up their comforts."

"When you receive a slight, look it over, and see if it is not so slight that you can overlook it."

* Two weeks.

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News Items

Elder I. M. Martin and family arrived in Nashville Tuesday, November 20, where they expect to locate for the winter. Elder Martin comes here to take charge of the union effort that will be conducted the first of the year.

Last week the school at Ooltewah received a carload of wheat, some seven hundred fifty bushels, 500 bushels of which had been donated by friends in Colorado. A nice bin, rat proof, has been erected, and the wheat stored in it. The school is expecting to buy a mill as soon as funds will permit, to grind its own flour. It will cost about \$130. Perhaps some one would be interested in donating the mill to the school, as it will cut the price of flour almost in two. The wheat is some of the finest we have seen.

Five hundred bushels of potatoes have been donated to the Southern Junior College and are now probably on their way. These also come from Colorado.

Last Tuesday, the twentieth, the college was made very happy by the local freight switching in a car containing a boiler. The boiler is now being erected, and we are hoping that heat will be on before long.

As a result of the appropriation recommended by the North American Division Conference to build the boys' dormitory this next year, the rest of the buildings were laid off while the committee was at the school this last week. Clearing and excavation have already begun for the industries building, and it is hoped that this building will be up and ready for use by spring. Just about enough money has been received for the building so far to put in the foundation. Now is the time for good large gifts to come in and materially assist in providing our young people with industries that will bring cash into the school.

Elder S. E. Wight left for field work last Sunday morning and will probably not return to the office for about three weeks.

How many Missionary Volunteers will give ten Morning Watch Calendars away and help ten persons to form the Morning Watch habit? Will you?

If there be no enemy, no fight; if no fight, no victory; if no victory, no crown.

Something New

With each new year our denomination has advanced step by step, until today under the guiding hand of God the work accomplished by Seventh-day Adventists is a marvel in its scope and character. Perhaps one of the greatest forces for carrying on the gospel work has been our publications, and in foreign lands where the colporteur has entered single-handed with the printed page whole companies have been raised up to stand with God's people.

Few of us fully realize the thought, the labor, the expense, and the prayers that have been necessary to make the printed-page gospel what it is today, and we as a people should unitedly place ourselves on the altar of service to scatter it abroad in a way never before attempted. An hour or two each week, exclusive of Sabbath, devoted to our publications will return a rich reward in souls.

The new January *Watchman* will contain some exceptional articles. One of them is, "The Great War: What Will Be Its Result?" This is a question on the mind of the world at large. Can it be answered? Among the interesting features of the pictorial section will be a page of pictures on the Red Cross at work. The cover is one of the most striking ever issued, appealing strongly to every patriotic American citizen. In fact, President Wilson would be glad to have a copy of the January *Watchman*, and there are many others who live right at your own doors who would enjoy reading this number. Four extra pages have been added, making 38 pages of intensely interesting reading matter profusely illustrated.

Such good magazines as the *Watchman* and the *Signs* monthly should have an extensive circulation. They are most attractive and appealing and when properly presented will sell by the thousands. Let our churches everywhere rally to the call, "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Ps. 68:11.

C. E. HOOPER.

The man who views life rightly glories in his success and forgets life's stings.

"Learn the lesson that there is nothing that so ennobles and dignifies a common nature as enthusiasm for a great cause."

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